

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

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

HELD IN
OAK ISLAND RESORT AND SPA
WESTERN SHORE, NOVA SCOTIA

JULY 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2008

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
“BEACONS OF LIGHT”

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, 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

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OUR SONGS: *For the Music of Creation (Voices United #535)*
No Man is an Island
Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment
Or any appropriate piece - we like all music

THEME SONGS: *Harbour Lights*
Anchor 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

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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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DIVINE SERVICE

The “*Beacons of Light*” ESTARL Church Service was held in Chester United Baptist Church in Chester, N. S., on Sunday, July 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

The service was conducted by Rev. Daniel J. Green, Minister assisted by Brother Whitman J. Giffin, Minister of Music and Worthy Grand Patron. The sermon was entitled “*Prayer and The Golden Rule*”. Brother Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain, led us in prayer at the end of the service. The Senior Choir of Chester United Baptist Church led in the singing of the very beautiful hymns throughout the service. They also sang an anthem “*I Wander By The Sea*” accompanied by guest flautist, Sister Loretta Dow, P.M., Composite Chapter No. 305, Florida. Brother Charles Teal, P.P., Mae #38, Bridgewater, sang “*Because He Lives*”. To conclude the service the Senior Choir sang “*The Irish Blessing*”.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$652.10** and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Programme.

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**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
INFORMAL OPENING
MONDAY EVENING, July 7, 2008**

5:15 p.m. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25):

PRESENTATION of the 2007-2008 GRAND FAMILY AND ESCORTS:

Sisters and Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my distinct pleasure this evening to introduce to you, the Worthy Grand Matron, her Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, Order of the Eastern Star in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

First we have **Sister Wilma Verge, District Deputy Grand Matron, District #4.** She comes to us from Emerald Chapter #58 in Halifax and is escorted by her friend, Brother Bruce Fleet, Worthy Patron of Emerald Chapter #58.

Next we have **Sister Stella Myra, District Deputy Grand Matron, District #5.** She comes to us from Grace Chapter #8 in Lunenburg, the home of the Worthy Grand Matron. She is escorted by her husband, Brother Laurie Myra, Past Patron.

Next we have **Sister Mabel Haynes, District Deputy Grand Matron, District #6.** She comes to us from Mayflower Chapter #2 in Kingston, and is escorted by her husband, Brother Richard Haynes, Past Patron.

Next we have **Sister Fran Harding, District Deputy Grand Matron, District #7.** She comes to us from Regent Chapter #52 in Prince Edward Island. She is escorted by her friend, Brother Rowan Caseley, Past Patron.

Our **Grand Sentinel, Brother Zeke Eaton**, of Crystal Chapter #1 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, whose duty it is to guard our chapter room to prevent untimely alarms. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Susan Eaton.

Our **Grand Warder, Brother George Hill**, comes to us from Laurel Chapter #67 in Berwick. He brings us peace and harmony by his symbol, the dove. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Ruth Hill, Past Matron.

Grand Electa, Sister Shirley Moir, from Armcrest Chapter #45. Her charity, hospitality and a strong belief in her Christian faith give us examples to follow. She is escorted by her husband, Brother David Moir, Grand Representative of Texas.

Grand Martha, Sister Margaret Fisher, from Queens Chapter #34 in Liverpool. Her belief in a life after death teaches us to believe in life eternal. She is escorted by Brother Ron Boudreau, Past Grand Patron.

Grand Esther, Sister Bernice Webb, from Kwebec Chapter #27 in Bedford. Her story teaches us light, purity and joy. She is escorted by Brother Kenneth Smith, Past Grand Patron.

Grand Ruth, Sister Phyllis Jarvis comes to us from Evangeline Chapter #15 in Kentville. The beautiful story of Ruth shows us the loyalty to family and friends. She is escorted by her husband, Wally Jarvis.

Grand Adah, Sister Vicki Perry, comes to us from Shoreham Chapter #59 in Chester, home of the Worthy Grand Patron. To retain your honour in any circumstance is a wonderful virtue. She is escorted by Brother Marvel Mattson,

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Past Patron.

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Grand Organist, Sister Eleanor Decker comes to us from Halifax Chapter #7. She provides us with beautiful music. Music plays a major role in our chapter rooms and in our daily lives. She is escorted by her husband, Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Our **Grand Marshal, Brother Jack Whalley**, comes to us from St. Mary's Chapter #35 in Digby. He is our leader in all processions giving us direction and purpose. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Amelia Whalley, Past Matron.

Our **Grand Chaplain, Brother Ray Zinck**, comes to us from Mystic Star Chapter #40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay. He leads us in our devotions at the altar and gives us thanks and gratitude at our banquet tables. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Mary Zinck, Grand Representative of Massachusetts.

Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Marion Buchan, comes to us from Laurel Chapter #67 in Berwick. As she starts her journey to the East of Grand Chapter, she knows that discipline is the key word in all she does. She is escorted by her son, Brother Shane Buchan, Past Patron.

Our **Grand Conductress, Sister Stella Trask**, comes to us from St. Mary's Chapter #35 in Digby. Plans and fulfillment of service are her watchwords as her footsteps take her along her trail. She is escorted by her husband, Murray Trask.

Our **Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy Powroz**, comes to us from Amethyst Chapter #28 in Halifax. Honesty and dedication are necessary for anyone working with our money. This will earn her the esteem of all members. She is escorted by her friend, Brother Robert Northup, Past Patron.

Our **Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan**, comes to us from Mystic Star Chapter #40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay. Pride and efficiency in her service to others is her daily commitment. She is escorted by her husband, Brian Loughnan.

Our **Associate Grand Patron, Brother Tabor Caulier**, comes to us from Kwebec Chapter #27 in Bedford. He is a star within a star, designating Divine Guidance. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Beverly Caulier, Past Matron.

Our **Associate Grand Matron, Sister Edith Conrod**, comes to us from Queen Esther Chapter #61 in Dartmouth. Her plans are laid and she is the lady in waiting. The effulgent sun with its light will give her sincerity and pride for all her words and actions. She is escorted by Brother Allison Mitchell, Past Grand Patron.

Our **Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin**, comes to us from Shoreham Chapter #59 in Chester. He is a supporter and counselor for our Worthy Grand Matron. He is a symbol of our Masonic Order in our Star. He is escorted by his wife, Sister JoAnne Giffin, Worthy Matron.

Now for the lady who has trained all these people, **Sister Annie Mae Backman, our Worthy Grand Matron**. She hails to us from Grace Chapter #8 in Lunenburg. She has reached the peak at the end of a long trail by her hard work, which results in achievements. All honours she has received are richly deserved. She is escorted by Brother David Waterbury, Past Grand Patron.

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Sister and Brothers, how do we greet our Grand Officers? APPLAUSE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

5:30 p.m.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Narrator:	Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.	(71)
Bible:	Brother Laurie Myra, P.P.	(8)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Gloria Turner, P.M.	(8)
Sheaf:	Sister Harriett Countway	(59)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Barbara Mosher, P.M.	(8)
Broken Column:	Sister Sheila Levy, P.M.	(8)
Cup:	Sister Dianne Levy, P.M.	(8)

"The Lighthouse in the Harbour"

Placing of the Bible and Emblems, written and narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.: On life's busy sea, each of us is tossed about by storms and unsettled weather. We try at all times to steer a straight course, to use the compass called Right, and aim toward the Harbour called Home.

To guard against all the hidden rocks and shoals, to escape the rough waters and lurking dangers, each of us depends upon the great Lighthouse along the shore and its never-ending signals to point us in the right direction.

Solo: "The Lighthouse" - first verse and chorus.

Emblem bearers move forward from the West to stand behind the Altar and Star Point pedestals during the solo.

Sister Eleanor: Our Holy Bible is the never-failing "Light" of our lives, our great "Lighthouse" which leads all the weary travellers on Life's busy sea to the safety of the Harbour, to be refreshed and renewed. From this sacred Book we chart our course and plan Life's voyage. **Brother Laurie Myra placed Bible on Altar.** Our Lighthouse casts many beams as the Beacon turns and turns, dispelling darkness and insecurity.

From the station that reflects the heavenly blue of the sky, the Beacon of Fidelity shines on all who search for the safe harbour of Truth, where promises are kept and obligations are sacred. **Sister Gloria Turner placed Sword and Veil.**

From the station that reflects the gold of the sun, the yellow Beacon of Constancy shines clear, that each of us may see the path of duty which is ours to follow as we strive to fulfill our various responsibilities. **Sister Harriett Countway placed Sheaf.**

From the station that reflects the white of the seashells and the silver of the sand, the clear white Beacon of Loyalty shines on all who depend upon us - our families, our friends, and our fraternal sisters and brothers. May ours be lives of righteousness, leading others toward a pure and upright life. **Sister Barbara Mosher placed Crown and Sceptre.**

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From the station that reflects the green of the ocean, the green Beacon of Faith shines clearly to all who are in despair and need to find a haven of Hope and the assurance of everlasting life after death. **Sister Sheila Levy placed the Broken Column.**

From the station that reflects the red of the sunset, the red Beacon of Love shines clearly on the pathway toward benevolence and charity for our fellow-man. Let our hands always reach out to help others. **Sister Dianne Levy placed Cup.**

*"Let us steer by the light of the Lighthouse that shines over a troubled sea.
Steadfast and bright throughout the shadows of night, a glorious guide it will be.
No tempest can darken this Beacon so fair, no cloud shall its light dim.
Follow its rays with hearts of praise, its Light will guide you to Him."*

Chorus *"The Lighthouse"* when emblem bearers retire.
This was sung by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61)

INFORMAL OPENING

5:45 p.m. Sister Sheila MacDonald, G.G.C.C.M. (14) and Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Sheila MacDonald, G.G.C.C.M.:

Brother David, Past Grand Patron, Honoured Dignitaries, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors. As we say in Cape Breton - Clad Mile Failte - One hundred thousand welcomes. What a beautiful sight!

Through the kind courtesy of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I have been given, along with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David Waterbury, the great pleasure and honour to be the first to welcome each of you to this 61st Grand Chapter Session. The Lighthouse which is a dependable guide along this rugged Atlantic Coast, has successfully visited each Chapter of our Jurisdiction and come home to preside over the *"Beacons Of Light Session"*.

Enjoy your time in this historic part of Nova Scotia. The town of Lunenburg is 255 years old and grew largely through Fishing and Ship Building. Perhaps you will have time to explore other parts of Nova Scotia and even cross the bridge to Prince Edward Island, the Garden of the Gulf. And don't forget the best part of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island.

This is a special year for our Grand Chapter in the Triennium of General Grand Chapter. Chick-chick-a-ma! We are especially honoured to have with us at this Session our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy

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Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, General Grand Officers including our adopted
Sister

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Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and many, many General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. A special welcome to my counterpart General Grand Chapter Committee Members, our own Sister Marion Conrad-Heart, Sister Isabelle Pearson- Visionquest, Brother Allen Denton-Shriners Hospital and Brother Bill Thompson- Chairman Eastern Star Journal. And of course, our Special Appointment, Friend of A Feather-Sister Betty Smith.

Brother David, eleven years ago at our "*Golden Cup of Love*" Session we found sharing the duties made for less repetition. I invite you to give your welcome at this time. Brother David

Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P.:

Good Evening Sister Sheila, and all other members and friends to whom you have made mention attending this special occasion.

I hear in my harmonic recollection that popular melody, "*Seems Like Old Times, being here with you*", Sister Sheila, as we share this Grand East again.

It is my pleasure to welcome the Honourable Judy Streach, Minister for Community Services in this Province and the MLA for this area. As you are undoubtedly aware, Madame Minister, concern for the people of its community is one of the foremost principles of each Chapter of this Order. And to you, Honourable Member and Parliamentary Secretary, Gerald Keddy, our thanks for taking time to come with us here this evening. Also, Warden Alan Webber, for the Municipality of Chester, your attendance with us is much appreciated.

Fraternally, Greetings and thanks for your attendance to Most Worshipful Roy Lively, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, who certainly lives up to his surname in the administration of his official Blue Lodge duties, Most Worshipful David Mosher, Grand Master of Masons for Prince Edward Island, who has a special place in the hearts of the members of this Order, he being the son of the late and well loved Past Grand Matron, Sister Ethel Corkum, Noble Shane MacFarlane, Potentate of Philae Temple, Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, (another outstanding community service performer, Madame Minister). Finally, fraternally, but by no means least, welcome to this Grand Session, Queen Ruby MacKenzie, of the Order of the Daughters of the Nile. You have been a past grand officer of this Order, and I especially greet you as a Past Matron of our Evangeline Chapter.

A hearty "Hello" to Michael Greek, CEO and President of Special Olympics Nova Scotia and Daveda Savory, a name of some latter day Masonic significance along this South Shore, who is the service Manager of this fine facility which will house this session, the Oak Island Inn. I have confidence, Distinguished Friends,

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that your attendance here now will be a pleasure to each of you. Sister Sheila.

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Sister Sheila, G.G.C.C.M.:

Welcome all Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to your own Grand Chapter and to our visiting members from across Canada and the United States. Enjoy meeting old friends and be sure to make many new ones. Enjoy the business and social functions and when you return home we hope you will have enjoyed yourself so much that you will want to return to our Grand Chapter again and again.

I now call to order this Informal Opening of the 61st Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "*Beacons of Light*" Session.

It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional and formations which will be narrated by Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Clark.

Grand Marshal you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Grand Pages, Grand Guards and others taking part in the Processional to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Brother Bill.

FORMATIONS: "*Beacons of Light*" Session Processional

Narration by Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24):

Within our beautiful Order we have many emblems and symbols. The most prominent is our beloved Eastern Star in the centre of which is our Altar with the open Holy Bible. These both are "beacons of light" which guide and direct us through our journey of life.

It is, therefore, appropriate that this year the lighthouse has been chosen as the symbolic emblem to represent who we are and our purposes in our own individual journeys.

In our Order, our Worthy Patrons are charged with seeing that our officers are proficient in their work and exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the chapter. They are, for this reason, our foundation on which we are built and our protection to ensure we remain true to the precepts of the Order.

Our Grand Guards have formed the roof of protection, the foundation on which we stand, and the railing to keep us from falling.

Our Worthy Matrons are charged with presiding over the meetings of our chapter and to see that its business is properly conducted and our authority in our chapter's affairs. They shed light of friendliness and hospitality to all who attend their meetings, and they are the framework within whom we can be assured of our future.

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Our Grand Pages have formed the light at the top of our lighthouse and the walls of protection.

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Most lighthouses have stripes of red spiraling up the sides to make them visible from great distances.

Our Grand Officers "ladies in red" have formed that spiral surrounding our chapters with the strength that binds us together.

Every lighthouse must have a door to ensure that we keep the light burning.

Our Grand Officers "gentlemen in black" have formed that door, closing out all the stormy elements that can from time to time assail our chapters.

The light from the lighthouse sheds its beacons over the stormy seas, through good weather and bad, to protect the ships from foundering on the rocks.

Our District Deputy Grand Matrons have formed the beacon as they have gone from Chapter to Chapter in their respective districts to send the light of our star and its teachings and guide our individual chapters in following our wonderful ritualistic work, and to keep those chapters from foundering on the rocks of indifference, pettiness and negativity.

Our Subordinate Chapter Secretaries have formed a protective shield above our lighthouse while our Subordinate Chapter Treasurers have formed a protective shield below the base of our lighthouse.

Our Secretaries: Keepers of the lifeline of our Order.

Our Treasurers: Our Harbour Belles and Beaus warning us from the shoals and rocks of financial distress.

These are our Honour Stations.

Encircling our Lighthouse are our Grand Representatives all of them links in our chain of friendship that extends throughout the world.

Sister Sheila, G.G.C.C.M.:

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin, at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit, Welcome home to your "*Beacons of Light*" Session. I know you have found the journey to this night has passed all too quickly but soon you will be able to relax with all your beautiful memories.

Sister Annie Mae, four years ago when you served as our District Deputy Grand Matron in District #1 Brother Jackie and I had the pleasure of having you stay with us. You were excited and full of future plans and questions. Would Lunenburg be large enough to hold a Session this size? Who would your running mate be? Would your health carry you through?

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Well, here we are tonight in this beautiful place and all your plans have come true. You were most happy with your running mate - he's only a stones throw from you. You have come through your health issues and feel better than you have in years and all your questions have been answered and become reality. Thank you for the honour of greeting you tonight. We have become friends and I hope the friendship continues for a long time.

Brother Whit, you have been outstanding in your journey with Sister Annie Mae and have preformed your duties with dedication. You have been her Advisor, her Chauffeur, her Secretary and at times her Doctor. I know that along with Sister JoAnne, you have formed a friendship that will never fade. Your years of dedication to this Grand Chapter have been long and faithful. Our only regret is that you may not be asked to be Grand Organist in the future.

Congratulations on a successful year and thank you both for reminding us to LIVE well, Love much and Laugh often. Brother David.

Brother David, P.G.P.:

Sister Annie Mae, this Grand East is now yours and rightly so. You are always a delight to "Have Around", especially on this "Mountain Peak" occasion. You have led us through a memorable and challenging year and we, especially of your own neighbourhood, are very proud of you indeed.

Brother Whit, as in the blue Lodge, so in this beautiful Order, you have brought good management and also original thinking to its proceedings and accomplishments. In your Lodge you have, almost single-handedly, reestablished the attention of Lodge Members on their special responsibility to Widows of deceased brothers. Here, your words and activities for the Special Olympics will surely be acknowledged by that good charity. Thank you, My Brother.

Sister Sheila, G.G.C.C.M.:

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

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

Brother David, 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 Sheila, G.G.C.C.M.:

Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you your Gavel. As you preside over the deliberations in the following days, may you enjoy every minute and may all your dreams come true.

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Brother Charles Teal, P.P. (38) sang a solo "*Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*" to Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Sister Sheila and Brother Dave. Thank you both so much for calling to order this 61st "*Beacons of Light*" Session. Tonight is the time we put aside to welcome in friendship and fraternal love all our distinguished guests. You are the perfect Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron to open this session as you at all times extend your love and friendship to all sisters and brothers. I am so very proud to consider you both dear friends. Sister Sheila, your home has always been open to me in all my travels to Cape Breton. Brother Dave, your dedication to the Masonic fraternity is admirable and your friendship and support are greatly appreciated and graciously accepted. Thank you for presenting my gavel to me - my wish is that I will use it wisely throughout our deliberations.

Sister Annie Mae presented a gift to Sister Sheila.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: May I also extend my sincerest thanks to you, Sister Sheila and Brother David, for opening this 61st Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We have been friends for many years. Sister Sheila, once I got the hang of how to find your home, it will not be forgotten and I thank you for your hospitality. Brother Dave, you and I have many other associations both masonically and in the Community and I want the sisters and brothers of this jurisdiction to know that Brother Dave was the one that made the motion that Shoreham Chapter support me in this journey to the East of our Grand Chapter. Thank you my friends.

Brother Whit presented a gift to Brother Dave.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

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

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Brother Ray Zinck, our Grand Chaplain, will give the Invocation.

Bro. Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain:

Most graciously Heavenly Father, as we gather together this evening, we give thee grateful thanks for the many Blessings you have bestowed upon us. For the friendships old and new and for being a part of this beautiful Order. We ask your blessing and guidance during the "*Beacons of Light*" session. Bless our Sisters and Brothers here assembled and especially our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, as they conduct the

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business of this Sixty-first Grand Session. We pray for your guidance in the important decisions and peace and harmony during the deliberations in your name we pray. Amen.

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Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Grand Marshal - you will proclaim this Informal Opening of the 61st Annual Grand Chapter, the "*Beacons of Light*" Session called to order.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: We will now have the presentation of the flags as outlined in your program. Brother George Crouch, Past Grand Patron, will preside.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

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

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (15) followed by the singing of "*O Canada*". The flag was then placed in the East. The tribute was given by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21):

Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sister, Brothers, and Friends

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving me the honour and privilege of paying tribute to the flag of our country, Canada.

What a sense of Pride we feel when the Canadian Flag is unfurled.
A rare and precious possession - our Flag - it is our treasure,
The feeling it brings - none can ever measure.
Living in one great brotherhood - united, together we stand,
The Maple Leaf represents "freedom" to all seeking refuge in our land,
There's peace within our borders and wealth for all to share.
To future generations, it show the world we care.
Red in the flag of our country represents the love of Canada we feel,
White, we know, means loyalty, and should fill our hearts with zeal.
Let's show the world the pride we feel, so they can truly see,
How proud we are, when we stand and sing,
"We stand on guard for thee".
Our home - our land - our Canada
May we forsake thee never,
But hold it high and proudly fly
The Maple Leaf Forever!

The **Union Jack** was presented by Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3) 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 Sister Sandra Caunt, P.M., New Jersey, followed by the singing of "*The Star Spangled Banner*".

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The flag was placed in the East and the tribute was given by Brother Frank Fenner, P.G.P., Massachusetts.

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Brother Frank Fenner, P.G.P.: For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's strength and unity. It has been a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. And the American Flag has been a prominent icon in our national history. Here are the highlights of its unique past.

On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was reorganized in accordance with a Congressional resolution which placed American forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill. It had 13 alternate red and white stripes and the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner.

In late May of 1776, Betsy Ross, a widow, who made her living upholstering furniture was visited by a secret committee from the Continental Congress who asked her to sew the first flag. General Washington showed her a rough design of the flag that included a six-pointed star. Betsy, clever with scissors demonstrated how to cut a five pointed star with a single snip and the committee agreed to use the five pointed star.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved: That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.

An Act of January 13, 1794 provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.

The Act of April 4, 1818, signed by President Monroe, provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state.

By Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 established the proportions of the flag and the arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

An Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

An Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 Colonies; the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor; White symbolizes Purity and Innocence; and Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor given to the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and to me in asking me to give this tribute to our American Flag. I am a veteran of World War Two and feel great pride

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whenever I see our beautiful Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze.

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The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Sister Donna White, P.M. (69).

The **Oklahoma** flag was presented by Brother Donald Medicraft, P.P. (31)

The **Choctaw Nation** flag was presented by Sister Colleen Babb, P.M., Oklahoma.

The **Christian** flag was presented by Brother Hillyard Shaffer, P.P. (40) and the **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57).

**WELCOME BY
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND
WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.:

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, distinguished and honoured guests. Tonight I fulfill a dream as I welcome you to the Informal Opening of our "Beacons of Light" Session. A special welcome to our Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. We are truly honoured by your presence. We welcome you in the spirit of friendship and hope your stay is most enjoyable. To our own members: Welcome to YOUR Grand Chapter Session. I truly felt wrapped in a "blanket of love and support" as I entered each chapter room on our Official Visits. It has been a most humbling and rewarding experience to be your Worthy Grand Matron and I welcome this opportunity to return your gracious hospitality. I would like to say thank you to Brother Adrian Pearson for his beautiful presentation of the Grand Family and District Deputy Grand Matrons, to Sister Eleanor Freeman for writing and narrating the emblem ceremony and to Brother Bill Clark for your narration of the formations.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.:

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished and Honoured Guests. We have arrived, our wonderful Eastern Star friends, at this our "Beacons of Light" Grand Chapter Session. What a wonderful journey this past year has been as you have welcomed us into your Chapters and homes - now it is our turn to make you feel at home, welcome, and do our part in guiding this, your Grand Chapter over the next few days. Let's keep our eye on the lighthouse so that we won't come to grief on the dangerous shoals of contention or indifference. Tell me, are you having fun, yet? OK, will each of you turn and give either a big hug or a hearty handshake to the person on each side of you! Didn't that feel good? Sister Annie

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Mae and I have looked forward to this time of service to you so now, let us get to work!

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PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and Brother William Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma were presented at the Altar and introduced. While they were being escorted to the Altar the Grand Choir sang "*Home in Oklahoma*".

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.:

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I welcome you to our 61st "*Beacons of Light*" Grand Chapter Session.

*May the rains of life that fall upon your spirit now and then,
leave behind them rivers of light to make life bright again.*

*Clear and shining rivers of life reflecting heavens of blue
and our Star to light the way for you.*

Best wishes go with you both as you travel world wide on the Eastern Star trail and God Bless you for being with us this evening.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.:

Indeed, I would have felt left out if I hadn't been given this opportunity to say a few words of welcome. Sister Barbara, we became friends during Sister Margaret Clarke's Session when you portrayed The Lord's Prayer in Native North American sign language, dressed in your Native best outfit. It was a very special time for me as I was the Assistant to the Grand Organist. Over the course of the next while, I had the opportunity on at least two more occasions to accompany you on the instrument. I will always appreciate your kind words and the opportunity to share with you. Brother Bill, when I discovered that you were to be Sister Barbara's running mate, I wondered if you, too, would show up at our Grand Session in Native North American garb - - somehow, I don't think you have the hair to braid, and I really don't think a breechelout would suit you! What do you think, Sister Barbara? A very big welcome from me to the both of you - may you enjoy your stay with us and safe journeys on your voyages through the General Grand jurisdiction.

Sister Barbara and Brother Bill were escorted to the East and Grand Honours were accorded to each of them.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We will now have two special musical selections by special musical guests:- Bill DeMille and Wayne Gay, accompanied by Eileen VanZoost.

They sang "*Look to the Lighthouse*" and "*No Man is an Island*".

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Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Thank you all so very much for travelling the distance to enhance our Informal Opening. This is appreciated more than words can express.

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Nine Elected and **six** Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers were presented at the Altar:

Elected General Grand Chapter Officers: Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Sister Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Matron of South Carolina; Sister Barbara “Bobbi” Browning White, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of West Virginia; Sister Helen Westmoreland, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Florida; Sister Betty Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Trustee Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Brother Michael Berry, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Patron of Kentucky; Sister Paula Argus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron of Utah.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Elected General Grand Chapter Officers. We are so proud of the jobs you are and will be doing at General Grand Chapter. It is my pleasure to extend a welcome to all of you. Brother Fred, we know how very special you are, but it's nice to know that other folks think so, too. As part of the General Grand Chapter, we are conscious of the high position you hold, but you hold an ever greater honour in this Grand Chapter. You hold a place in our hearts that only love can put there. We appreciate you very much and wish you every success as you journey the Eastern Star Trail. Sister Rennie, we are looking forward to the day when you and Brother Fred take over the helm. We wish you both safe journeys.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: My turn! A very heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you; however, I think you will agree that I must also give a special welcome to our own Brother Fred Clarke and NOW our own Sister Rennie Ofton. All of you - please enjoy your next few days with us - we know your busy schedule will interrupt your visit but remember you are always welcome!

The Elected General Grand Chapter Officers were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers: Sister Elizabeth Pullum, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Brother Dennis Paul Jordon, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand Patron of California; Sister Susan Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah and Past Grand Matron of New Hampshire; Sister Clara Wampler, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand Matron of District of

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Columbia; Sister Linda Hattrick, Worthy Grand Esther and Past Grand Matron of Idaho; Sister Audrey Well, Worthy Grand Warder and Past Grand Matron of North Dakota.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.:

*We are happy you could be with us,
We wish for you the kind of stay
That brings peace and love to fill each day.
May happiness be always near,
Enjoy yourself,
We're glad you're here.*

They were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Sister Elizabeth Smith, Worthy Grand Electa of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was presented at the Altar and graciously welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: What a wonderful word is “welcome”. It’s so warm and friendly too. And that’s exactly the way we feel in our hearts, as we welcome you.

While she was being escorted to the East the Grand Choir sang “*Bring Back My Bonnie*”. She was given 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)

Forty-one General Grand Chapter Committee Members were presented, introduced and welcomed at the Altar:

Ambassador to Northern Italy: Sister Joy Feit, P.G.M., Florida;

Ambassador to Saudi Arabia: Sister Esther Weber, P.G.M., District of Columbia;

Ambassador to Scotland: Sister Margaret Ann Hull, P.G.M., Oklahoma;

CANCER: Sister Elda Jackson, P.G.M., British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Jean Desisto, P.G.M., Massachusetts;

CREDENTIALS: Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Phyllis Ann Duncan, P.G.M., District of Columbia; Sister Barbara Morrison, P.G.M., Rhode Island

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Chairman, Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

EDUCATION: Sister Claire Wilder, P.G.M., Massachusetts;

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ESTARL: Brother Arnold Townsend, P.G.P., Ontario;

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: Sister Arlene Flohr, P.G.M., Pennsylvania;

HEART: Chairman, Sister Patricia Bartlett, P.G.M., Connecticut; Sister Marion V. Conrad, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Patricia Neely, P.G.M., Alberta;

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: Sister Shirley Ayers, P.G.M., Rhode Island; Sister Dorothy Brophy, P.G.M., Vermont;

JURISPRUDENCE: Sister Vivian May, P.G.M., Illinois; Brother William Homer Young, Jr., P.G.P., New Mexico;

MEMBERSHIP: Sister Ferne Launius, P.G.M., South Carolina; Brother Robert McDuffie, P.G.P., Massachusetts;

NECROLOGY: Brother Donald Devore, P.G.P., Oklahoma;

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Brother Alan Raby, P.G.P., Georgia;

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chairman, Sister Ann Morton, P.G.M., New Brunswick; Sister Elaine Wallace, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Massachusetts;

SHRINERS HOSPITAL: Chairman, Brother Robert Penoyer, P.G.P., Pennsylvania; Brother David Thompson, P.G.P. and Grand Treasurer, New Hampshire; Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY: General Chair, Sister JoAnn Sheppard, P.G.M., Oklahoma; General Co-Chair (Cordinators), Brother Thomas Benton, P.G.P., Oklahoma;

VISIONQUEST: Sister Barbara Harrington, P.G.M., Colorado; Sister Patricia Williams, P.G.M., Florida; Sister Gretchen Brisette, P.G.M., Maine; Sister Constance Vick, P.G.M., Massachusetts; Brother Douglas Swan, P.G.P., New Brunswick; Brother Elderic Thorne, P.G.P., New Brunswick; Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Louise Sumegi, P.G.M., Ontario; Sister Anita Young, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Quebec; Sister Meredith Pfefferle, P.G.M., Rhode Island;

YOUTH: Sister Mary White, P.G.M., British Columbia and Yukon.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We are so pleased that you were able to come and be part of our Grand Session.

As you travel down life's highway, learn the value of a smile.
If you bring joy to one person, you will find that life's worthwhile.
So travelling down that highway - on your face just wear a grin -
Then you will look good to others, and you'll feel good within.

A very special welcome to those whom we proudly claim as our own - Sister Marion, Sister Sheila, Sister Isabelle, Brother Allen and Brother Bill. We are so very proud of you and pleased that our Most Worthy Grand Matron has honoured our Grand Jurisdiction with your appointments.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: You represent the wheels of the General Grand Chapter vehicle. As you journey far and wide in your terms of service, you spread joy and goodwill to all with whom you come in contact. To our very own General Grand

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Chapter Committee Members, we are so proud of you and happy, indeed, that you are with us tonight.

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Response: Sister Ann Morton, G.G.C.C.M. - Public Relations:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished guests, sisters, brothers and friends:

It is indeed a joy and an honour to respond to the very cordial words of welcome given to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. We would like to express our pleasure in being present at your "Beacons of Light" session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Committee members, we thank you most sincerely for the many courtesies extended to us. We appreciate all that has been done for our comfort and pleasure.

We extend to you our sincere best wishes for a successful and harmonious Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you for the privilege of responding to the welcome of the General Grand Chapter Committee members presented today.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

ADDRESS

SISTER BARBARA BENTON MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron addressed the assembly and presented some very interesting facts about her native state of Oklahoma - the Sooner State - and noted that the 1943 musical "Oklahoma" is what comes to mind when one mentions Oklahoma. Sister Barbara has also researched some Canadian history and in particular the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. She noted that in 1958-1961 this jurisdiction had 62 chapters and a membership of 5,323 members. In 2003-2006 this jurisdiction has a membership of 2,472 members in 46 chapters.

Her pet project is membership and she encourages all members to bring in new members under the "Each One Bring One" program. The Rob Morris Jewel program is still in effect and all Grand Secretaries have forms available for this program. She also spoke about her special projects and the pins which are available for each of these - Heart, Cancer, Shriners Hospitals and Youth. Some of the money raised from the sale of these pins is returned to each jurisdiction. Among other fund raisers, the Worthy Grand Organist, Brother Dennis Jordon, has two tapes for sale: "Musical Moments" and "Musical Reflections". Sister Barbara also promoted the Eastern Star Journal, of which Brother Bill Thompson, Jr. of this jurisdiction is the Chairman. During this past year 3,431 subscriptions were sold in Canada and the United States and 227 foreign subscriptions were sold. She encourages members to continue submitting articles and pictures to the

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Journal and noted that in recent years and large number of these have been from this jurisdiction.

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Sister Barbara reminded members of the International Peace Garden Tour, August 8-10, 2008 and most especially the 100th Birthday gala at the International Headquarters to be held September 11-13, 2009 which is open to all members and information can be found on the website for this event.

Sister Barbara noted that General Grand Chapter is well represented from this jurisdiction by five Past Grands serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Members and one Special Appointment, "Friend of a Feather" as well as one General Grand Chapter Officer. She asked them all to stand and she thanked them for accepting these positions and working hard for General Grand Chapter. She expressed her best wishes to Sister Rennie Oton and Brother Fred Clarke as they prepare for their term in 2009-2012 as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

In closing, Sister Barbara thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for having the Oklahoma and Choctaw Nation flags presented and for all the courtesies to her during this visit. She wished Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit "a heart saturated with love, harmony and compassion as you complete your year".

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. thanked Sister Barbara for her most informative and interesting address.

ADDRESS BROTHER BILL OWEN MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron, addressed the members and visitors and brought greetings to this Grand Jurisdiction. He noted that this is his first visit east of Manitoba. Brother Bill also spoke on the need to increase membership in the Order of the Eastern Star in all jurisdictions and hopes to see this trend happening in the near future.

Brother Bill spoke about the 100th Birthday gala at the International Headquarters and of the renovations that have taken place over the years and the need to continue to keep this beautiful building in good repair.

Brother Bill reminded all members of the General Grand Chapter Assembly to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in October/November 2009 and hopes that a good number of members from this jurisdiction will be able to attend.

In closing, Brother Bill thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and all members for the courtesies extended to him and noted that this is one of the most beautiful places he has visited.

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Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. thanked Brother Bill for his interesting remarks.

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FEDERAL GREETINGS

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We are privileged to have with us tonight, the Honourable Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament, who will bring greetings to our members and visitors. We appreciate you taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us this evening. May we hear from you at this time.

The Honourable Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament, brought greetings from the Federal government and stated how honoured he was to be here this evening to witness part of this session. He hoped everyone would enjoy the deliberations and wished them a safe journey home. In closing, he thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for the invitation and to our visitors he said “once you get home don’t forget to come back”.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. thanked the Honourable Gerald Keddy for his kind words.

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We have with us the Honourable Judy Streach, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to bring us greetings on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia. May we hear from you, now.

The Honourable Judy Streach, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia brought greetings from the Premier and the government of Nova Scotia. She expressed her pleasure at being able to attend the opening ceremonies of the Grand Chapter. She wished everyone an enjoyable session and thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for inviting her to attend.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. thanked the Honourable Judy Streach for her words of greetings.

CIVIC WELCOME

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: It is a privilege for me to introduce to you **Mr. Allan Webber, Warden, Municipality of the District of Chester.** I have known you for a good many years, Allan, and we appreciate you taking time to be with us and bring us greetings from the Municipality of Chester.

Mr. Allan Webber, Warden, Municipality of the District of Chester: Good Evening. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

It is my pleasure on behalf of Council and the good people of Chester to welcome you to our community. I am delighted that you have chosen Oak Island as the location for this year’s Grand Chapter Session.

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I do not pretend to be well versed in the complexities of your organization. A brief online tour of your International Headquarters and a visit to the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island website has provided me with some information. I do know many Freemasons - my father and my colleague, Councillor Myra, among them.

Yours is an organization with a long history shrouded in great mystery in the minds of the unfamiliar. It seems most appropriate that you spend the next few days in the shadow of another great mystery - Oak Island (pirates gold, perhaps the Holy Grail, or other untold treasures).

If your schedule permits, explore our community, unlock it's secrets and be assured we are pleased to have you with us. Enjoy your stay and have a productive session.

Thank you.

The **response** was given by **Brother Zeke Eaton, Grand Sentinel:**

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

It is indeed an honour, a pleasure and a great privilege to be permitted, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to respond to the greetings of our Civic Leaders. How good and pleasant it is for us to meet along the shores of Lunenburg County. While the treasures reputed to be hidden far in the depths of the pit in Oak Island. remain unrecovered, the greater treasure is on display for all to see in the wharves and vessels; forests, fields and buildings, but most of all in the friendly warmth, kindness and hospitality of your people.

Mere words seem inadequate to express our appreciation for the welcome you have extended to us this evening, but they will have to serve.

We thank you all for your generous welcome and for having made a place in your busy schedules to attend our Informal Opening this evening, as well as for all the courtesies extended to us on this happy occasion.

HOST FACILITY

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We have with us Daveda Savory, Events Coordinator of Oak Island Resort and Spa. It has been 30 years since we have had our Annual Session on the beautiful South Shore and what a joy to be in this breathtaking setting. May we hear from you at this time.

Ms. Daveda Savory welcomed all members and visitors to Oak Island Resort and Spa and said what a pleasure it is for this facility to be chosen to host this Grand Chapter session. She stated that she has worked with Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit for the past three years to make sure everything will run smoothly. The staff will be most willing to assist in any way possible to make

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our stay enjoyable.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Thank you for your kind remarks.

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MASONIC GREETINGS**

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: It is a distinct honour and pleasure to introduce to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, Brother Roy Lively. Brother Roy, you were installed as Grand Master just one short month ago and we wish for you a year full of memories and good works. What a pleasure it was for us to be able to attend your Installation. We will now hear from you.

Most Worshipful Brother Roy Lively: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Visitors, Sisters and Brothers:

I want to thank you for the invitation and opportunity to address your membership and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and I thank you for the courtesies and kindness extended to my Lady Doreen and myself. I wish you every success in your deliberations this week and I congratulate your incoming slate of officers and wish you well.

Friendship is above price. Wherever it is found in reality, you find beauty and goodness and love. It is the lack of friendship from which the world is suffering today. These words came back to me as I was thinking during the evening what a wonderful opportunity lay before me and our Craft in fostering friendship between us to the fullest extent, an idea prompted by the genial atmosphere of your assembly and evident spirit of goodwill that pervades our chapters.

Every time I see a gathering of these lovely ladies, I go back to the first time I saw Eastern Star sisters confer their degrees, as I sat there entranced and saw the graceful, self-confident manner in which they performed, conducting the candidate in artistic circles or along geometric lines, forward here and backward there, it occurred to me that Masons, if they tried the same thing, would have all the furniture broken into stove wood and piled in the centre of the room.

Again, thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Again, Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure to introduce to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Brother David Mosher. I am indeed sorry that my church commitment prevented my attendance at your Grand Lodge. We also wish you well. We will now hear from you.

Most Worshipful Brother David Mosher: Worthy Grand Matron, Annie Mae Backman, Worthy Grand Patron, Whitman Giffin, Officers of the Grand Chapter Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, Guests:

I bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. Thank you for inviting my wife, Carolyn, and myself to this Grand Chapter Session. It

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seems only

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a few days ago your Worthy Grand Matron, Annie Mae Backman, attended our Grand Lodge Communication in Charlottetown where her talk on Eastern Star was well received.

I have known your Worthy Grand Matron for a long time as we both grew up on the same street in Lunenburg. When your Worthy Grand Matron was installed last year I knew the O.E.S. of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was in good hands and would have a very successful year. My year as Grand Master for Prince Edward Island started only three weeks ago and my first function was to be at the Installation of Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Connie and Allison MacDonald, of Crystal Chapter #1 in Charlottetown, what a great way to start your year. I wish your new incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a very successful year and looking forward to their visitation to Prince Edward Island.

Worthy Grand Matron, Annie Mae Backman, it gives me great pleasure to present through you to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star this Jewel dated 1965. This was my mother's Past Grand Matron's Jewel and I know with some changes will be worn by a Past Grand Matron in years to come.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. thanked Most Worshipful Brother David Mosher for presenting his mother's Past Grand Matron's Jewel. It will be placed in safekeeping. She also thanked him for bringing greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

SHRINE GREETINGS

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: On a wonderful Saturday afternoon in January, your Worthy Grand Matron and I were privileged to be present and witness the installation of Illustrious Sir Shane MacFarlane as Potentate of Philae Temple of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We know you have an extremely busy schedule and we wish you safe travel and many pleasant memories of this year. We will now hear from you.

Illustrious Sir Shane MacFarlane, brought greetings to Grand Chapter from the members of the Shrine in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In his address he thanked the Order of the Eastern Star for their generous support of the Shriner's Hospitals and their many charitable projects. He thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the invitation this evening and wished them a very successful Grand Chapter session.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We are pleased to have with us this evening Queen of Athena Temple #149. Queen Ruby MacKenzie. On behalf of the Worthy Grand Patron and me, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our Informal Opening.

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We were both so pleased to attend your Installation. May we hear from you at this time.

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Sister Ruby MacKenzie:

Protocol having been established, I would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin for the honour of being introduced at your Grand Chapter and for your invitation to speak about the Daughters of the Nile.

First I would like to ask the members of the Daughters of the Nile to stand. Thank you, please be seated.

We are a charitable fraternal organization, our members are all women, related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile.

Our sole charity is the Shrine hospitals, which provide free care for children, requiring treatment for burns and orthopedics. We have contributed over one million dollars to each of the 22 hospitals in Canada, the United States and Mexico. We have given over 2 million dollars to 11 hospitals (including the Canadian hospital in Montreal). We are very close to our next goal in Canada which is to place a third one million dollar plaque in the Montreal hospital.

This past year the Canadian Temples have supported the hospital in Montreal by donating \$182,135.00. As a whole, the combined amount donated by Daughters of the Nile to all 22 hospitals was \$1,447,135.00.

In addition, we also donate items that the hospitals need for their patients - 18,000 pre op dolls, quilts, robes, pillowcases, comfort kits, toys and games.

We collect pop tabs and Campbells soup labels which help the hospitals to purchase books and school materials for the children.

If you ever have the chance to visit a Shrine hospital you should do so. I myself have visited 4 hospitals 2 for burns and 2 for orthopedics and I have been amazed by the children. We had a Shrine child as a guest speaker at our convention in Seattle. She was born with a double cleft palate and many facial deformities, she endured many, many surgeries. She gives back to her community by making warm blankets that she distributes to the homeless in Seattle. She is nearly 18 and can't wait for her 18th birthday to become a Daughter of the Nile. There are millions of Shrine children and each has their story. The Shriners spend 64 million dollars a year (and every year that number gets larger) to provide the best care available for the children. Everything that they do and that we do is "for the children".

Again I would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin for the honour of this opportunity to speak and I would like to congratulate them on their Grand Chapter. I wish them both a successful Session and I hope that your year in the

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Grand East has been full of happy memories.

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The **response** was given by **Brother Ted Caulier, Associate Grand Patron:**
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most
Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Special Guests:
It is with pleasure that I respond to the greetings brought by our Distinguished
Guests.

We thank you for your attendance here tonight and we wish you well in your
future endeavours, we thank you for your kind words and fraternal greetings.

We are all part of the great Masonic Family and proud of this honourable
fraternity. Let us go down this road together for the advancement of our beloved
institutions. We all have the same goal, to make ourselves better and extend aid to
the victims of poverty and distress.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of
responding to the Masonic Greetings.

**PRESENTATION TO
SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA
AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Special Project of 2007-2008
By Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron**

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: I think one of the greatest thrills in the informal opening
at any of our Grand Chapter Sessions is the presentation of the donation to the
Special Project. Mr. Michael Greek is Chief Executive Officer and President,
Special Olympics, Nova Scotia. Mike and I have known each other since 1993
when we both worked at Bonny Lea Farm - a wonderful residential facility for
the mentally, physically and emotionally challenged. We became friends at that
time and always appreciated our association over the years. Mike is a Lunenburg
boy - excuse me, Mike, just had to say that!! He has a wonderfully
compassionate understanding of those folks in our communities with special
needs. Welcome, Mike, I will leave the "good stuff" for my cohort - Sister Annie
Mae - I know you will be very pleasantly surprised!!

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: It is indeed a great pleasure to present to you on
behalf of the members of every Chapter in this Jurisdiction a cheque in the
amount of **\$27,072.81**. There will be more coming after this session is finished.
We would be very pleased to have you speak at this time.

Mr. Michael Greek thanked Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit for choosing
Special Olympics as their Special Project for this year. He stated that he had no
idea of the amount of money that might be raised for this project and is, indeed,
extremely pleased to accept this most generous donation.

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Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: At this time, any distinguished guests and others who wish, may leave, but if you would like to remain, we would love to have you stay.

While the Distinguished Guests and visitors were leaving the Worthy Grand Organist, Brother Dennis Jordon, played “*When The Saints Go Marching In*” and was accompanied by the Grand Choir.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: To those of you who do NOT have luncheon tickets for either Tuesday or Wednesday, the Resort will serve a soup and sandwich alternative upstairs in the Anchorage Lounge at \$7.95 plus tax. In order to make sure you are served, you must go to the main desk the day before to tell them you will require lunch. You must sign up at our Registration Desk for both days.

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Eight Worthy Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Joann Heath, Florida; Sister Mary Jane Young, Iowa; Sister Susan Hawes, Maine; Sister Natalie Jenkins, Massachusetts; Sister Lynn Hatt, New Brunswick; Sister Lorraine Thompson, New Hampshire; Sister Helen Delaney, Ontario; Sister Brenda Stone, Quebec.

Five Worthy Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Gus Green, Florida; Brother John Baker, Iowa; Brother Burton Hall, New Brunswick; Brother Brian Smith, New Hampshire; Brother Art Shore, Quebec.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: There can be no greater joy to a Worthy Grand Matron than to have those serving in the same capacity attend her Grand Session. I know some of you have travelled many miles to be with us, but it has been said that the road to a friend's house is never long and we hope you consider us friends. So, welcome friends to our house. We are most pleased that you are here this evening.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Well, hello to you - our fellow travellers! We welcome you to our “Beacons of Light” Grand Chapter Session and sincerely hope that your stay with us will be both pleasant and full of fraternal love. Each of you is preparing for your own Sessions and we wish you well. As you travel and visit, we wish for you safe journeys and good health. Please remember my friends:

*It's the little things that bother us
And put us on a rack
You can sit upon a mountain,
But not upon a tack!*

The response was given by **Sister Brenda Stone**, Worthy Grand Matron of

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Quebec:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit:
Your "Beacons of Light" Session aptly represents your love of our Order. Lighthouses are lasting shore-line friends, important to any journey, and in a mystical vein, they say the wee folk - the brownies, water healers, and mermaids, avail themselves to those who follow the light. That's quite a flotilla!
This Jurisdiction prepares for very exciting times in 2012 when Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton of Texas and your Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, will be at the helm of General Grand Chapter. Quebec will be there supporting!

On a personal note: Sister Annie Mae, while not close geographically, we are wonderful inter-net/coffee klatch neighbours! Somewhere during our first meeting Mr. Bo-Jangles sprinkled his "Zippidy Doo Da" energy over us.

Our Dawning Stars family extend to you our love and best wishes.

It has been my honour on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, to respond to your gracious welcome. May your "Beacons of Light" Session be the culmination of a most wonderful year for you and your Grand Family.

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 Ruth Waterbury, Sister Eleanor Freeman, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Violet Blair, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Margaret Clarke, Sister Marian Durling, Sister Cheryl Denton, Sister Joan Campbell, Sister Carol Clark, Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Sister Marion Miller, Sister Gail Cook.

Ten Past Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Keith Pettigrew, Brother William Clark, Brother Adrian Pearson, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother David Waterbury, Brother John Newell, Brother George Crouch, Brother Allan Conrad, Brother Ron Boudreau.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Welcome, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, to this 61st "Beacons of Light" Session. Service, my friends, is the price we pay for the space we occupy. I greet you not only for the service you have given in the promotion and welfare of our Order for you come here year after year not to claim honours and privileges but because you understand the truths taught by our Star. Your presence is an inspiration to us all. I extend my heartfelt

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thanks to each of you who has shared with me the benefits of your wise counsel.

The **response** was given by **Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends,

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Thank you for the honour of representing the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of our Jurisdiction. On behalf of those of us assembled here, I thank you for the warm and cordial welcome. We hope that our love and support was evident to you as you travelled the "Star Trail" this past year toward your "Beacons of Light" Session and when this session is completed, we will be most happy to welcome you into the ranks of the Past Grands.

We commend you for the excellent manner in which you carried out your official duties, always expressing concern and love to all your Sisters and Brothers. We, your Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, are here to enjoy your Session and to assist you in any way we can.

We are proud to have a Past Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, serving in the General Grand Chapter as Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons serving on Committees of General Grand Chapter- Sister Belle Pearson on Visionquest; Sister Sheila MacDonald on Credentials; Brother Allen Denton on Shriners Hospital and Brother Bill Thompson on Eastern Star Journal. Our sincere congratulations are extended to each of you.

And now in anticipation may I say - May God's richest blessings be with you both in this your "Beacons of Light" Session. Thank you, Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron for this special privilege and honour.

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

Eighteen Past Grand Matrons presented were: Sister Winona Rouleau, Alberta; Sister Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas; Sister Glenda Payton, Arkansas; Sister Kathleen MacDonald, California; Sister Janice Albro, Connecticut; Sister Ellen Balko, District of Columbia; Sister Judy Wilson, Florida; Sister Tammy Clawson, Florida; Sister Helen Berry, Kentucky; Sister Virginia Charles, Maine; Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts; Sister Bonnie Zumalt, Massachusetts; Sister Debbie Hill, New Brunswick; Sister Marjorie Morgan, Ontario, Sister Brenda Radford, Quebec; Sister Judith Brightman, Rhode Island, Sister JoAnn Sugdin, Rhode Island; Sister Helen Walker, West Virginia.

Twelve Past Grand Patrons presented were: Brother Donald Hull, California; Brother Ralph Connolly, District of Columbia; Brother Pete Forrest, Maine; Brother Clifford Brightman, Massachusetts; Brother Frank Fenner, Jr., Massachusetts; Brother James Pattangall, Massachusetts; Brother Craig Wallace, Massachusetts; Brother Keith Post, Ontario; Brother Terence Radford, Quebec; Brother Henry Martin, Texas; Brother Donald Heiser, Wyoming; Brother Larry

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Farnham, Wyoming.

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Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Greetings to you, our friends. You are among the "been there - done that" group whom we all cherish. Your combined wisdom, guidance, and experience make each of you valued in your respective jurisdictions. May you have a happy and memorable stay with us and return often to renew friendships and make new ones. That's what this wonderful organization is all about! Welcome, welcome, welcome!

The **response** was given by **Sister Judith Fenner, P.G.M.:**
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

The visiting Past Grand Matrons are very pleased to be in the beautiful Province of Nova Scotia for the "Beacons of Light" Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Maritime hospitality is always so lovingly extended to each of us by every member of this fine jurisdiction. The lucky ones among us are able to return year after year! We wish for you a harmonious session as well as a lot of fun and thank you for all the courtesies extended to each one of us.

Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit, it is our hope that your dreams and plans for your year have all come to fruition and that this session will be the "icing on the cake". We will all be proud to welcome you to the line of PAST Grands.

On a personal note, Brother Frank and I are very proud to be Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter. In the spirit of "Beacons of Light": "May your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Thank you for the honor of giving this response.

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

Twenty-six Sisters and Brothers were presented: Sister Carol Ann Roberson, Associate Grand Matron, Arkansas; Sister Renee Perry, Grand Chaplain, Arkansas; Brother Millard Rolston, Grand Sentinel, Connecticut; Sister Jackie Green, Grand Chaplain, Florida; Sister Mary Jane Heist, Grand Marshal, Florida; Sister Deborah Farrow, Grand Adah, Florida; Sister Peggy Millard, Grand Esther, Florida; Sister Sandra Carreras, Grand Martha, Florida; Sister Lora Mae Kraymick, Grand Electa, Florida; Sister Sally Dietrich, Grand Marshal, Massachusetts; Sister Joan Tinkhem, Grand Organist, Massachusetts; Sister Florence Rouleau, Grand Esther, Massachusetts; Sister Patricia Darby, Grand Martha, Massachusetts; Sister Linda Cogswell, Associate Grand Matron, New

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Brunswick; Brother Robert King, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick;
Sister Lynn Hutchin, Grand Conductress,

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New Brunswick; Brother Ronald Hutchinson, Grand Marshal, New Brunswick; Sister Barbara Bona, Associate Grand Matron, New Hampshire; Sister Shelley Gullett, Associate Grand Conductress, New Hampshire; Sister Pamela Williams, Grand Marshal, New Hampshire; Sister Sally Chichester, Associate Grand Warder, New York; Brother William Jackson, Associate Grand Sentinel, New York; Sister Betty Shore, Grand Chaplain, Quebec; Sister Onetta Munkers, Grand Esther, Quebec; Sister Deborah Hayer, Associate Grand Conductress, West Virginia; Sister Barbara Bailey, Grand Martha, West Virginia.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: How nice it is to see each and every one of you! We are thrilled that you took the time to visit our Grand Jurisdiction, and we give you the heartiest of welcomes. You represent very special people in your own respective jurisdictions either through election of the membership or by very special appointment of your Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons. We hope you are enjoying your own particular Grand Families - these are friendships that once formed will last for the rest of your lives. Enjoy your stay with us.

The **response** was given by **Sister Lynn Hutchin**, Grand Conductress, New Brunswick:

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

Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Whitman, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, thank you for your kind words of welcome.

Having had the honour of working with you at our Exchanges, it is indeed a pleasure to be here with you this evening at the Informal Opening of your "Beacon's of Light" Grand Chapter Session. We all wish you both a wonderful session and thank you for your friendship and all courtesies extended to us.

*Follow the upward road today
Keep your face to the light
Think high thoughts as you go your way
Do what you know is right.*

Thank you for the honour given to me and the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick in giving this response.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, you will extend a hearty welcome to the elected and appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Elected and Appointed Grand Officers were extended a hearty welcome and

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escorted to the East.

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

The following were introduced: Sister Wilma Verge, District No. 4; Sister Stella Myra, District No. 5; Sister Mabel Haynes, District No. 6 and Sister Fran Harding, District No. 7 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Visiting: Sister Mickie King, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 2, New Brunswick; Sister Barbara McDuffie, Deputy Grand Marshal, Massachusetts; Sister Jean Calhoun, Instructor, West Virginia.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.:

Our Guiding Lights and visiting District Deputies. It gives us such joy to welcome you and to thank you for the loving service you have given to your Chapters. To the visiting District Deputies, please enjoy your stay with us. To our Guiding Lights, you have fulfilled your duties with dignity and honour. You will always hold a special place in our hearts with treasured memories time cannot erase.

Response: Sister, P. M. District #5

The **response** was given by **Sister Stella Myra, P.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron,

On behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for the honour and privilege of responding to your gracious welcome. The wonderful hospitality and friendship we received when we visited chapters in our districts on your behalf will always have a special place in our hearts. Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your District Deputy Grand Matrons in this beautiful Order.

We pray that you will sail through this "Beacons of Light" session remembering all your yesterdays, and may you both live your dreams for tomorrow with much love and laughter.

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

PRESENTATION OF EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Brother Cecil Decker, P.P. (55) of this Grand Jurisdiction was presented and introduced.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: The Worthy Grand Patron and I are pleased to welcome you this evening. We want you to know as the years go by that the ties of the past are true. And deep in our hearts, there's a place set aside that we'll always keep just for you. Welcome to this Grand Session.

Sisters and Brothers, you will give him a hearty welcome.

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Brother Cecil was then escorted to the East.

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

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

The following **thirty-seven** Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Iris Newman, Alabama; Sister Winna Smith, Alberta; Sister June Whitman, Arkansas; Sister Gladys Hobson, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Sylvia McCleave, California; Sister Edith Taylor, Delaware; Sister Hattie Hagen, District of Columbia; Brother Bill Bishop, Georgia; Brother John Calder, Idaho; Sister Sylvia Munroe, Illinois; Sister Judith Graves, Indiana; Sister Mary MacDonald, Maine; Sister Millie Wagner, Manitoba; Sister Mary Zinck, Massachusetts; Brother Hillyard Shaffer, Missouri; Brother Alfred Newell, Montana; Sister Irma Maxwell, Nebraska; Sister Evelyn Aulenback, Nevada; Sister Bonnie Boutilier, New Brunswick; Sister Lucy Josey, New Jersey; Brother Allen Reid, New York; Sister Sheila Levy, North Carolina; Sister Suzanne Aitken, Ohio; Sister Patricia Armstrong, Oklahoma; Brother Arnold Burhoe, Ontario; Brother Norman Card, Oregon; Sister Janet Hue, Puerto Rico; Sister Helen Hatt, Saskatchewan; Brother Robert Turner, Scotland; Sister Peg Lipskey, South Carolina; Sister Iris Coolen, South Dakota; Brother Jack Wheeliker, Tennessee; Brother David Moir, Texas; Brother Gary Bernard, Utah; Brother Stewart Fader, Vermont; Sister Mary Withrow, Washington; Brother Roy MacKinnon, Wisconsin.

Sister Edith Conrod, A.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all.

It is an honour and privilege for me to extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to our 61st Session "Beacons of Light".

You are our ambassadors of goodwill carrying the Eastern Star message of Love and Friendship from Jurisdiction to Jurisdiction. My wish for you is that your commission will extend to each of you one of the most memorable experiences in your Eastern Star life.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, I thank you for the privilege of extending this welcome and wish for you and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, that this Session will be all that you could have dreamed of or hoped for.

The **response** was given by **Sister Carol Nielsen, President of the Grand Representatives Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:**

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

On behalf of the Grand Representatives in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island of other Grand Jurisdictions it is a particular privilege to respond to you, Sister Edith, for your warm and gracious welcome. I thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, for the honour

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bestowed upon me and my Chapter, Queen Esther #61 of responding to this welcome. As sure as that light of a lighthouse shines on, so shall the love and friendships of these Grand Representatives endure and continue to grow and spread even after the conclusion of appointments. The bonds of these friendships are merely forged as you serve as Ambassadors of this Order and will grow stronger with time. The goodwill that you spread today will be added to each day of the year. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron these Grand Representatives extend to you their thanks and good wishes.

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

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

Sixteen Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Marsha Young, Arizona; Brother Bill Cheney, California; Sister Esther Gaisford, Florida; Sister Rilla Baker, Iowa; Brother Frederick Penney, Massachusetts; Sister Yvonne MacNeill, Nevada; Sister Jane Carter, New Hampshire; Sister Patricia Jackson, New York; Sister Barbara Shields, North Carolina; Sister Debbie Bralley, Ohio; Sister Edith "Dee" Guyer, Oklahoma; Sister Violet Page, Ontario; Sister DeAnna Williams, Pennsylvania; Sister Sharon Hill Adams, Texas; Brother Richard Comtois, Vermont; Sister Brenda Gaulke, Wisconsin.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Greetings, Sisters and Brothers! I extend to you a sincere and warm welcome to this Grand Jurisdiction. You are our fraternal connection in other Grand Jurisdictions and continue to add to the ever-increasing circle of Eastern Star Friends throughout the world. Sister Annie Mae and I wish for you a very pleasant stay, may the warm hand of friendship always be there for you to grasp and may your journeys always be pleasant ones.

The **response** was given by **Brother Frederick Penney, Massachusetts:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me by asking me to respond for the visiting Grand Representatives. While traveling through your lovely province for years on my way to Newfoundland, little did I think I would have this opportunity to address your Grand Chapter.

I know that a dear friend of mine, Cecil S. Dean, Past Grand Patron, is looking on us now and his Eastern Star light is shining down upon all of us today.

Speaking on behalf of all the visiting Grand Representatives we want you to know that we are enjoying your Grand Chapter and are looking forward to the rest of your session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, behold the visiting Grand Representatives who are the beacons of light for our Eastern Star in their jurisdictions and wherever they travel throughout the world.

Thank you again for this privilege. I am truly your humble Grand Representative

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Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will conduct our Grand Representatives to the East.

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

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Nine Sisters and Brothers were introduced: Sister Marlene Larsen, Alberta in California; Sister Kay Soutar, New Brunswick in Florida; Sister Mary Alice Main, Scotland in Florida; Sister Shirley Meerscheidt, Iowa in Texas; Sister Amber Mathisen, Iowa in Wyoming and Sister Connie Welt, Kansas in Ontario; Sister Gloria Cheney, Maryland in New Brunswick; Sister Linda Frazier, Sao Paulo in Louisiana; Brother Harold Guyer, North Dakota in Oklahoma.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We extend to you a sincere and heartfelt welcome for you hold a unique place in the Eastern Star. You are the links that bind the stars of every place and nation together. May your time of service bring harmony and love to others and may the bonds of fraternal friendship be strengthened. You will now be escorted to the East.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

“FRIEND OF A FEATHER”

Seven Sisters were introduced: Sister Betty Smith, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Constance Connolly, District of Columbia, Sister Carol Davis, Florida; Sister Sara Crow, Georgia; Sister Nancy Patterson, Massachusetts; Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, New Brunswick; Sister Eunice Heiser, Wyoming.

INTERNATIONAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION

Sister Mary Thompson - President, Oklahoma; Sister Phyllis Macon - First Vice President, Texas.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION

Brother Bill Bane, Texas.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: We extend to you a cordial welcome. Your presence shows that you love the Eastern Star as much as we do. A very special welcome to our very own Sister Betty Smith. We hope you make our Grand Chapter your fraternal home as long as you are with us in our beautiful province.

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PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Courtesy: Sister Helen Holden, Sister Tracey Hobson

Crafts and Treasures: Sister Dianne Levy, Sister Edna MacVicar, Sister Gail Rafuse

Credentials: Sister Joan Mills, Sister Helen Graham

Eastern Star Journal: Brother Dennis Hagen, Sister Carol Wooster, Sister Donna White

ESTARL: Sister Marion Robinson

Finance: Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, Brother Harry Daine

Historian: Sister Margaret Allen

International Headquarters: Sister Jean Coombes, Sister Geraldine Parker, Sister Rhoda Tupper

Librarian: Brother Ross Hagar

Membership: Sister Marie Parks, Brother Howard Ford, Brother Ralph Swinamer, Sister Susan Martin

Music: Sister Louise Seeley, Assistant to the Grand Organist

Program Booklet: Brother Kenneth Conrod, Brother Frank Cullen,

Publicity: Brother Edward MacLaren

Reception 2008: Sister Anna Ford

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project: Sister Gloria Turner, Sister Vivian Ingham, Sister Anna Cox

Visitors: Sister Opal Martin, Escort to Past Grand Patron, Texas;

Sister Janice Herridge, "Song of a Cardinal" Committee, Texas;

Brother Al Frazier, Louisiana;

Sister Evelina Owen, Escort to Most Worthy Grand Patron, Oklahoma;

Brother Michael Feit, Chairman of Sessions Committee, Florida;

Sister Loramie Reissner, Chairperson, Hospitality, Wisconsin;

Sister Shirley Raby, Escort to General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian, Georgia

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: My Sisters and my Brothers you are the "behind the scenes" workers of any Grand Chapter. Each of you was chosen with careful thought as you, indeed, also represent the hard workers within your own Chapters. Words are inadequate to express the appreciation of Sister Annie Mae and me for accepting your appointments and the hard work you have done this past year. You did us great honour in accepting. Congratulations on a job well-done and for all the hard work.

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

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PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Seventeen Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and **One Visiting** Secretary were presented, introduced and welcomed by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary:

Sister Marian Durling (3); Sister Barbara Myles (7); Sister Edna MacVicar (14); Sister Anna Carr, (1PEI); Sister Diane Hayman (24); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Beverly Caulier (27); Sister Iris Newman (28); Sister Emily White (30); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Cora MacKay (48); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Vicki Perry (59); Sister Jean Coombes (61); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Grace Boudreau (70) and Sister Eleanor Freeman (71); Sister Jeannette Vreeland, New Jersey.

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

It is an honour and a privilege for me to extend a welcome to the subordinate chapter secretaries. As the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have chosen as their honour stations this year, the secretaries and treasurers, it is an added pleasure for me to have so many dedicated sisters being introduced this evening.

You are the understanding link between your chapter and Grand Chapter and I sincerely thank you all for your support and encouragement as we work together to keep our records up to a high standard.

*May your days be filled with sunshine,
happiness and rainbows and
May you always have
Love to Share, Health to Spare
and Friends that Care.*

*Live well, Laugh often, Keep smiling and
May your troubles be less,
Your blessings be more
and nothing but happiness
Come through your door.*

Enjoy this "Beacons of Light" Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for giving me the opportunity to welcome the secretaries. May your "Beacons of Light" session be all you dreamed it would be.

The **response** was given by **Sister Grace Boudreau**, Secretary (70):
Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary.

Thank you on behalf of all the Secretaries gathered here. We thank you for being our "Lighthouse" shining out your "Beacons of Light" to guide us through

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troubled waters when we encounter them in our Chapters. Without your guidance
many of

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us would have foundered and been lost on the "Shoals" of Chapter business. Your kindness and helpfulness is much appreciated and we can never thank you enough for all the guidance you give us.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour you have bestowed upon me and my chapter, Crescent #70 in Lockeport, in allowing me to give this response.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Ten Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented and welcomed by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Grand Treasurer:

Sister Gail Rafuse (7); Brother Paul Keddy (8); Sister Frances Duncan (10); Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Sister Caryl Yates (26); Sister Donna Ball (27); Sister Iris Coolen (40); Sister Mary Perry (59); Sister Suzanne Aitken (69).

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

The welcoming of the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers is something I look forward to each year and this year is extra special as you have been one of Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit's honour stations. I was so pleased that they had chosen the stations of Secretary and Treasurer as no Chapter could run without them. I hope you've enjoyed this past year "living, loving and laughing" and for those of you who are just beginning a new year or who are new to the office I know you will enjoy keeping your Chapters riding the waves.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to Brother Cecil, our Grand Treasurer Emeritus, who constantly provides his support and has kept me off the shoals occasionally. In closing, I found this poem which I have to share:

I Am a Lighthouse

*I am a lighthouse in the harbour.
Showing you the way through winds of change.
I am a ray of light beaconing you home
When you feel your hope is gone.
When your days are filled with sunshine
You hardly notice I am here.
But I will always be standing strong,
To help you with your darkest fear.
I stand in the water casting my light,
Showing you the way between wrong and right
I am a lighthouse.
I am your friend.*

-Blendena Lewis

May you always have days filled with sunshine and enjoy this "Beacons of Light" session.

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Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you very much for allowing me to welcome the Treasurers.

The **response** was given by **Brother Paul Keddy**, Treasurer (8):

On behalf of the Treasurers present, it is my pleasure to say thank you to Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, for her kind words of welcome. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, for the honour to Grace Chapter #8 and to me in responding to this welcome. May your "Beacons of Light" Session be a happy and memorable one.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND ORGANIST, ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND CHOIR AND SOLOISTS

The Grand Organist - Sister Eleanor Decker, the Assistant Grand Organist - Sister Louise Seeley and members of the Grand Choir were welcomed by the Worthy Grand Patron:

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Having had my own experiences over the years as a musician, I realized the great difficulty in having you folk escorted and presented West of Esther's Chair. Will you please stand, where you are, and be recognized? Many of you we have heard in your own individual Chapters and we look forward to hearing you over the next few days as you bring the joy of music into our lives. They say that music soothes the savage breast - - my only comment is that I sincerely hope there won't be too many savage breasts that need soothing! To our Grand Organist, Sister Eleanor Decker, her capable Assistant, Sister Louise Seeley, and Choir Director, Sister Joyce Johnston, our sincere thanks for all your efforts as you prepared for these Grand Sessions. Both Sister Annie Mae and I have been Chapter Organists so you will know just how much we appreciate what you do.

The response was given by Sister Eleanor Decker, Grand Organist:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers -

On behalf of the Grand Choir, Assistant Grand Organist- Sister Louise Seeley, Choir Director-Sister Joyce Johnston, Soloists and myself, a warm thank you for your kind words of welcome. My sincere thank you to Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whitman, for giving me the honour of being your Grand Organist at the "Beacons of Light Session". Music has been an important part of my life for many years and I do hope we will fulfill with our music and singing, an enjoyable Grand Chapter Session. I do want to apologize to Brother Allan Conrad, Past Grand Patron, for leaving his name off the program, as one of the soloists.

May your "Beacons of Light Session" for the next couple of days hold many fond

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memories.

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PRESENTATION OF 2007-2008
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**

Twenty-seven Worthy Matrons and **Sixteen** Worthy Patrons were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Matrons: Sister Marianne MacMillan, Cedar #3; Sister JoAnne Newell, Keystone #5; Sister Barbara Mosher, Grace #8; Sister Georgie Dewey, Century #10; Sister Carole Newell, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Faye Calder, Evangeline #15; Sister Heather Boyd, Myrtle #21; Sister Jane Wooldridge, Crystal #1(PEI); Sister Agnes MacDonald, Harmony #25; Sister Barbara Nicholson, Munro #26; Sister Margaret Burhoe, Kwebec #27; Sister Marelene Clyke, Amethyst #28; Sister Anna Cox, Arbutus #30; Sister Hattie Hagen, Queens #34; Sister Heather Lynch, Mae #38; Sister Marion Conrad, Mystic Star #40; Sister Shirley Moir, Armcrest #45; Sister Margie Dow, Florence Fraser #47; 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 Marjorie Aitken, Montague #69; Sister Eleanor Freeman, Pearle #71. Visiting: Sister Sheila Thorn, #30, New Brunswick; Sister Joyce Chaney, #202, California.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Richard Haynes, Mayflower #2; Brother Edward Fralick, Grace #8; Brother Donald Duncan, Century #10; Brother Fred Lipskey, Evangeline #15; Brother Frank Cullen, Westville #24; Brother Joseph Fiander, Munro #26; Brother William Cox, Arbutus #30; Brother Edmund Davis, St. Mary's #35; Brother James Coolen, Mystic Star #40; Brother David Moir, Armcrest #45; Brother Larry Horton, Florence Fraser #47; Brother Rowan Caseley, Regent #52; Brother Ray Zinck, Shoreham #59; Brother Gordon Schultz, Queen Esther #61; Brother David Hobson, Laurel #67; Brother Raymond Freeman, Pearle #71.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Welcome my friends -

*Sometime ago you welcomed me
As a friend both warm and true
And now the table's turned, my friends
And I am greeting you.*

To all of you my heartfelt thanks for everything you've done to make my year as Worthy Grand Matron a truly joyful one.

The **response** was given by **Sister Marianne MacMillan**, Chairman, Grand Pages:

On behalf of the Grand Pages, it is my distinct pleasure to respond to your most gracious welcome.

It was an honour for all of us to have served as your Grand Pages this year. We extend to you many blessings, much love and friendship.

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I personally would like to extend my thanks for the privilege of being chair of the Grand Pages.

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Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Welcome to you! I used a friendship poem on many occasions during the past year and I think it most appropriate.

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.

A friend is someone we treasure for our friendship is a gift.

A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy and grace

And makes the world we live in a better and happier place.

All of you represent to me just that type of friend and I consider it an honour and privilege to be called your friend.

The **response** was given by **Brother Fred Lipskey**, Chairman, Grand Guards: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Patron it is with great pleasure I respond to your kind words of welcome at this, the "Beacons of Light" Session of our Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and I thank you for this honour.

We have a very willing crew for Grand Guards and it is our wish to be of what ever service we may to ensure the successful conclusion of this Session. Sister Annie May, Worthy Grand Matron, and yourself have put a great deal of effort into your year and the Official Visits to us were always a pleasure and usually a great deal of fun.

Soon all this will be memories and we sincerely hope they will be pleasant ones.

On behalf of my co-chairman, Brother Ed Fralick and all the Grand Guards, we thank you for the opportunity to serve and we wish you both fair winds and following seas.

PRESENTATION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS - CONVENORS, MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

Seventeen members of the Hostess Chapters - Convenors, Members and Committees were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: My dear friends, we sincerely appreciate the many hours you have laboured to make this Session one we will remember always.

When we think of faithful members

When we think of stars who are true

When we think of loyal workers

Then we think of friends like you.

To Brother Ray - Chairman, Brother Howard, Co-chairman, and all members a very sincere welcome from the bottom of our hearts.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Let's give them a big hand.

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Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters will be given by Brother Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain and Chairman of the Hostess Chapters.

Brother Ray extended a warm welcome to all visitors and all members of this jurisdiction. He wished everyone a pleasant stay and stated how pleased the members of the South Shore are to be able to host Grand Chapter in this beautiful location.

The **response** was given by **Sister Stella Trask, Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. It is indeed a privilege for me to respond to the very warm and friendly welcome given to us on behalf of the Hostess Chapters.

Many here realize it is an enterprising accomplishment to implement plans for a Grand Chapter Session and the members in this district have certainly attended to our every need and a very successful "Beacons of Light" Session.

On behalf of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction I wish to extend our heartfelt thank you for your warm and gracious hospitality and for all the courtesies extended to all in attendance.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, it is my sincere wish that this "Beacons of Light Session" will be everything and more than you ever dreamed and that your anchor will remain grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love as you preside over this 61st Session of our Grand Chapter.

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

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers will you join me in extending our thanks to our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress for a job well done. Thank you Sister Stella and Sister Marion.

CLOSING

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: - Grand Conductress: You will attend at the Altar informally.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: The collection from the ESTARL Church Service totalled \$652.10.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Grand Marshal: You will proclaim this Grand Chapter called from Labour to rest to reconvene Tuesday morning at 8:45 a.m.

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SHARP.

Good Night, Sisters and Brothers

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FORMAL OPENING
TUESDAY MORNING, July 8, 2008

8:45 a.m.:	Emblem Ceremony:
	Narrator: Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71)
	Bible: Brother Laurie Myra, P.P. (8)
	Sword & Veil: Sister Gloria Turner, P.M. (8)
	Sheaf: Sister Harriett Countway (59)
	Crown & Sceptre: Sister Barbara Mosher, P.M. (8)
	Broken Column: Sister Sheila Levy, P.M. (8)
	Cup: Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. (8)

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

9:00 a.m.: The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M. (15) and Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24).

Sister Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M.: It is indeed an honour for me, with Brother Bill Clark, to declare open this sixty-first session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

And to warmly welcome all distinguished guests, especially Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William (Bill) Owen and all General Grand Officers and Committee Members.

May I extend a rather special welcome to that smiling, well loved native son of this Province, Right Worthy Grand Associate Patron, Brother Fred Clarke as well as those other Members of this jurisdiction serving in distinguished offices, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Marion Conrad, Allen Denton, Sheila MacDonald, Isabelle Pearson, William Thompson, and Friend of a Feather, Sister Betty Smith.

And, of course, a true Bluenose welcome greeting to all "STAR" members from near and far. May you take an interesting and gratifying part in this Grand Chapter.

Brother Bill, may we have your words of greeting please.

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers:
Welcome to the official opening of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to share both the East and this opening with Sister Ruth Waterbury, Past Grand Matron. Sister Ruth, I had the pleasure of knowing

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and working with your Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Chester Turnbull. I just wish I could have learned to speak as slowly and as well as he did.

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Sisters and Brothers today we begin the work sessions of our Grand Chapter. We have a number of pieces of legislation to handle. As all of our members are able to vote it is essential that you be present and take an active part in the business of your Grand Chapter.

To our many visitors, please take the time to visit our local area as well as the town of Lunenburg, which is a United Nations world heritage site as well as the home of our Worthy Grand Matron. You will also enjoy the village of Chester, the home of our Worthy Grand Patron, which has many unique shops, quaint homes and some of the most expensive real estate in Canada.

Whatever you do please have a good time. Sister Ruth

Sister Ruth, P.G.M.: It is my pleasant duty to now call this formal opening of the "Beacons of Light" session for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to order in its sixty-first such annual gathering.

Sister Ruth, P.G.M.: It is the wish of Sister Annie Mae, that you remain seated while we enjoy the Formations.

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

FORMATIONS

Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers entered the Grand Chapter room.

The formations were done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

Sister Ruth, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin, at the Altar.

Sister Ruth, P.G.M.: Sister Annie Mae, what a real joy it is to welcome you now to your "Beacons of Light" Formal Opening. Long have I admired your musical gifts at your own and other chapters as well as appreciate your many other talents while still permanently employed, raising three fine children on your own. We, the members of Shoreham Chapter, especially greet you this morning

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as one of our own.

We know you will conduct and legislate wisely with courage and dedication the business of this Grand Chapter.

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Brother Whit, I will say "Ditto" to you as to musical contributions especially have I appreciated your help and direction while serving with Grand Chapters over the years. Enjoy these special days as you lead with Sister Annie Mae, here at historic Oak Island and store up precious memories.

Your words of welcome please, Brother Bill.

Brother Bill, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been fun working with you this past year. Even though most of the Eastern Star year we were in the sunny south, not Nova Scotia but our home in Florida. Phones and e-mail do work extremely well. We also enjoyed hosting you both along with Sister JoAnne at our home in Lyons Brook.

Sister Anne Mae, I seem to recognize one of your decorations - that wonderful little lighthouse. May it shine bright throughout your session.

I know you will have a very successful session, you will have fun and the music will be wonderful. If you do this well as we expect you will, you will have the distinct privilege of joining the illustrious Past Grands Club.

Enjoy your "Beacons of Light Session"

While the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were at the Altar, Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. (24), sang "*Look to the Lighthouse*" to them.

Sister Ruth, P.G.M.: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Conductress, please present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East.

As Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit were being escorted to the East, Sister Loretta Dow, Florida, guest flautist, played a beautiful tune accompanied by Sister Louise Seeley, Assistant to the Grand Organist, on the piano.

Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit were each accorded Grand Honours in the East.

Sister Ruth, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, I present you with this grand gavel with the absolute assurance that you will use it wisely and well.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. : Thank you, Sister Ruth and Brother Bill, for calling to order the Formal Opening of our "Beacons of Light" Session. You are both very dear friends and have always been an inspiration to me. Thank you for presenting my gavel and I pray I will use it wisely at all times. Sister Ruth, please accept this gift.

Brother Whit, W.G.P. Friends are always there when you need them. You, my

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friends, have always been there for me long before I made any attempt at this journey to the East of our Grand Chapter. Brother Bill, we have had many active

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discussions regarding a certain book and hopefully will continue to do so. We are so pleased you could assist in our Grand Chapter Session. Brother Bill, please accept this gift.

The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: "*For the Music of Creation*" was sung.

The Grand Marshal, Brother Jack Whalley, presented the Canadian Flag at the Altar and "*O Canada*" was sung. The Canadian flag was placed in the East.

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

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to welcome the members of this jurisdiction. You made my burdens lighter, my memories sweeter, my low times brighter, and my happy times happier because you were there to share this with me. A very special welcome to all distinguished guests from all of us. Having you at our session will give us many wonderful memories. Please enjoy your stay.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Good morning, everyone. Did anyone sleep last night? We sincerely hope that we weren't too late but as you all realize there are many things that have to be accomplished in a certain order. Thank you for your patience and participation. We are now ready to get down to business. To our distinguished guests, thank you so much for your presence - just look at this wonderful setting. Doesn't it make you feel good to be alive?

**PRESENTATION OF MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON,
SISTER BARBARA BENTON
AND
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON,
BROTHER BILL OWEN**

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron west of the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave, there are souls that are pure and true. They are giving to the world the best that they have and the best will come back to you. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, welcome to our Formal Opening. It is indeed an honour to have you with us.

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Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Especially nice is an opportunity twice to welcome friends like you. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you will take away pleasant memories of happy times spent.

After being escorted to the East of Grand Chapter, Grand Honours were given individually by the Worthy Grand Matron to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

At this time, Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49) sang “*You Raise Me Up*” to Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8) gave the following report:

Members registered from our Grand Jurisdiction:	271
Members registered from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>199</u>
Total attendance to date:	470

Sister Joan Mills moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31) and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Past Grand Matron, Sister Eleanor Mitchell and **Past Grand Patron**, Brother Allison Mitchell were presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where they received Grand Honours.

The following **Grand Representatives** of other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where they were given Grand Honours: Sister Arlene Riswold, Arizona and Sister Sharon Ward, Michigan. Sister Annie Mae thanked Sister Sharon for the beautiful solo to her and Brother Whit when they were presented at the Altar during the opening.

Grand Representative, Sister Marsha Young, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Arizona was presented at the Altar, welcomed by Sister Annie Mae, escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter Committee Member, Brother Donald Medicraft, ESTARL, was presented in the west, welcomed by Sister Annie Mae and escorted to his seat.

Worthy Matron, Sister Midge Medicraft, Annaval #31, was presented in the west, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to her seat.

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RULES OF ORDER

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

Standing Rules of the 61st 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 61st 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 immediately after obtaining the floor.

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

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registered delegates.

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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 majority of the votes cast for adoption. A majority of the votes cast is required for election to office, 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. Motions originating from committee reports requiring action by the Session shall be sent to the platform in triplicate (one for the presiding officer, the Grand Secretary and one for the Chairman of Jurisprudence).

A motion was made by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. and seconded by Brother Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain, that the report of the Parliamentarian be accepted. The motion was carried.

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ADOPTION OF 2007 MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), **Grand Secretary** moved the adoption of the 2007 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27). The motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: I have a most pleasant duty to perform at this time. Grand Conductress will you please come and get Sister JoAnne Giffin and escort her to the East on my side.

Sister Annie Mae presented Sister JoAnne with the Grand Representative Commission of Quebec. Sister Brenda Stone, Worthy Grand Matron of Quebec presented the pin to Sister JoAnne. This is a three year appointment expiring on July 1, 2011. As Sister JoAnne was being escorted to the Altar the Grand choir sang "*It's A Small World*". She was introduced and congratulated by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted back to the East where she was accorded Grand Honours.

REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2007-2008

SISTER ANNIE MAE BACKMAN

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

The sands of time have sifted through the hour glass and the great clock that never stops nor speaks to human ears has pushed the hands around again and marked another year. This year has been one of the busiest and most rewarding of my life. Those of you who have served as Grand Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and in all phases of our Chapters and Grand Chapter helped make many of my dreams come true. Because of you I never felt discouraged, for you opened your hearts, shared your love, and gave me opportunities to look up and laugh. A Grand Chapter is built on dreams of the future, memories of the past, strength and fraternal love and friendship for each other. I thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. With fraternal love and deep appreciation, I submit this report to you.

DEDICATION

This Session is lovingly dedicated 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 without whom membership in this Order for our Worthy Grand Patron

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would not have been possible and to all members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

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IN MEMORIAM

For the love and protection bestowed upon our Grand Family, we are extremely thankful; however, we were saddened by the loss of Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron. We mourn the loss of many Sisters and Brothers in our Subordinate Chapters, knowing that they all have passed to the Grand Chapter on High. We pause and give thanks that their lives touched ours for a while. We extend our deepest sympathy to all members who have been saddened by the loss of family members and friends in our Grand Jurisdiction and of sister Grand Jurisdictions. A loving tribute to our departed members will be given by the Grand Officers at our Memorial Service.

BIBLE AND BIBLE MARKER

My Bible was given to me by the members of my home Chapter, Grace #8, and presented at my Installation. The Bible Marker which rested between the pages was made and presented by Sister Stella Myra of Grace Chapter #8. It has been an honour for me to carry this Bible on my Official Visits throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron signed the Bible at the end of the evening.

GAVEL

My gavel was presented to me by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, on the night of our Installation. It was made by Brother Howard Ford, Past Patron of Pearle Chapter #71. On either end of the gavel are discs depicting our honour stations, that of Secretary and Treasurer.

TRAVELLING EMBLEM

My beautiful Lighthouse was presented to me by Brother Allen and Sister Cheryl Denton, a gift from the late Sister Mildred Denton, Past Grand Matron. This Lighthouse travelled with Sister Mildred to all of her Official Visits and it was her wish that I have it. The Lighthouse has travelled with me to every Chapter and will have a place of honour in my home when my term of Worthy Grand Matron is over.

OFFICIAL ACTS

One of the first tasks for my year was to select the Appointed Grand Officers. This was not an easy task for Brother Whit and me with so many wonderful Sisters and Brothers in our Grand Jurisdiction deserving of this honour. Each Officer was selected for a very special reason and most deserving.

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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Assistant to the Grand Organist Sister Louise Seeley (5)

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Also included in this group are our District Deputy Grand Matrons

District #4 Sister Wilma Verge (58)
District #5 Sister Stella Myra (8)
District #6 Sister Mabel Haynes (2)
District #7 Sister Fran Harding (52)

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

In accordance with our C.L. & R., a School of Instruction was held July 21, 2007, within two weeks of Grand Chapter for our Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. An invitation to the Jurisprudence Committee was extended to be in attendance. All Grand Officers were in attendance with the exception of Grand Warder. The day proved to be very productive. We thank the members of Shoreham Chapter for early morning brunch, and Sister JoAnne Giffin and Sister Mary Perry for preparing the lunch provided by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for our Grand Family.

There were three Schools of Instruction held for the Subordinate Chapters as follows:

Sept. 08, 2007 Pearle Chapter #71, Caledonia, N.S.
Sept. 15, 2007 Century #10, New Glasgow, N.S.
Sept. 22, 2007 Mystic Star #40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, N.S.

The Jurisprudence Committee was in attendance at all three Schools, and all were well attended. Questions and Answers followed each segment and discussions were informative. I thank each Chapter for hosting the Schools and for the beautiful lunches served to us. Thank you.

OFFICIAL VISITS

It is difficult for me to express just how much my Official Visits meant to me. I truly felt wrapped in a "cozy blanket of love and support" as I entered each Chapter room. It has been a most humbling and rewarding experience to be Worthy Grand Matron of so many dedicated and devoted Stars. Each member and each Official Visit has been a tremendous blessing to me. Due to ill health, all Official Visits in the month of November were cancelled. I thank those Chapters who so willingly accepted our visits later in the year. My heartfelt thanks to all of the Sisters and Brothers who so kindly took us into their homes. The beds were warm and cosy, the meals delicious and my love and friendship with each of you has grown.

The Worthy Grand Patron and Sister JoAnne accompanied me on Official Visits except for three. Sister Gloria Turner, Chairman of Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project, accompanied me on those visits as she did on other visits except

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for a few. We had wonderful support from our Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, as well as members from this Jurisdiction at all 43 Official Visits.

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Following is my Itinerary (2007-2008):

Aug. 2, 2007	Fairfield #22	Feb. 20, 2008	Laurel #67
Aug. 10	Cedar #3	Feb. 28	Amethyst #28
Aug. 15	Faith #54	Mar. 4	Queen Esther #61
Aug. 27	Crescent #70	Mar. 11	Elm #48
Sept. 4	Evangeline #15	Mar. 14	Ruth #57
Sept. 11	Keystone #5	Mar. 17	Halifax #7
Sept. 13	St. Mary's #35	Mar. 20	Queens #34
Sept. 17	Port Royal #1	Mar. 29	Atlantic #65
Sept. 18	Annaval #31	Apr. 3	Arbutus #30
Sept. 24	Victoria #19	Apr. 8	Florence Fraser #47
Oct. 3	Armcrest #45	Apr. 10	Harmony #25
Oct. 9	Mayflower #2	Apr. 12	Elmsdale #55
Oct. 11	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Apr. 15	Myrtle #21
Oct. 19	Queen Elizabeth #14	Apr. 21	Westville #24
Oct. 20	Munro #26	Apr. 22	Century #10
Oct. 24	Starlight #66	Apr. 24	Britannia #18
Dec. 5	Mae #38	Apr. 30	Pearle #71
Dec. 13	Grace #8	May 8	Scotia #49
Dec. 18	Shoreham #59	May 15	Montague #69
Jan. 7, 2008	Mystic Star #40	May 16	Crystal #1 (PEI)
Jan. 10	Emerald #58	May 17	Regent #52
Jan. 28	Kwebec #27		

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS' REPORTS

District #1 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Marion witnessed the initiation of one candidate in Victoria Chapter #19 and one possible pending candidate in Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14. Sister Marion visited all six chapters. Initiation work not done in one Chapter but obligation given at the Altar by the Associate Patron. One Chapter using mentors for their new members.

District #2 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Stella Trask, Grand Conductress.

There was one initiation in Century Chapter #10. Sister Stella visited all six chapters in her District, as well as deputizing a Chapter in District #6 as the District Deputy Grand Matron is Worthy Matron of her Chapter. Sister Stella presented a Fraternal Family Heritage Award to Ceta Cleveland of Elm Chapter #48. One Chapter had eight protems due to sickness.

District #3 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron. Sister Edith witnessed the initiation of two candidates in Scotia Chapter #49. Sister Edith visited all four Chapters in her District, as well as deputizing a Chapter in District #7 as the District Deputy Grand Matron is the Secretary of her Chapter. In one Chapter the Conductress carried a ritual during

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the initiation. In one Chapter new affiliated members signed the By-Laws.

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District #4 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Wilma Verge.

Sister Wilma witnessed the initiation of two candidates in Kwebec Chapter #27. In concurrence with Jurisprudence at the School of Instruction for Grand Officers, it was decided not to deputize Halifax #7 until consolidation took place and then to deputize the new Chapter. Consolidation did not take place; therefore, I gave permission for Sister Wilma to deputize that Chapter in the month of April. In one Chapter, instructress giving too many instructions to Officers during the meeting. Balloting could be practiced in a few Chapters.

District #5 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Stella Myra.

There were no new candidates initiated. Sister Stella visited all seven Chapters in her District. One Chapter used short form seven times. One Chapter did not have available the membership or O.E.S. Ledger.

District #6 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Mabel Haynes.

Sister Mabel witnessed initiation of one candidate in Evangeline Chapter #15. She visited seven Chapters. Her own Chapter was deputized by Sister Stella Trask as Sister Mabel is the Worthy Matron. Two Chapters struggling, one with four vacant offices, and one with six vacant offices. They depend on protems from visiting Chapters. One Chapter used short form six times. In one Chapter, the Secretary and Treasurer were new officers but working extremely well together.

District #7 – District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Fran Harding.

Sister Fran witnessed the initiation of three candidates; two in Crystal Chapter #1 and one in Britannia #18. Sister Fran visited five Chapters in her District. Her own Chapter was deputized by Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron as Fran is Secretary in her own Chapter. One Chapter used short form five times. Sideliners prompting with open rituals. One Worthy Patron read his work from copied Ritual and Secret Work.

All District Deputies were impressed with most of the work done and the efforts of each Chapter. Each enjoyed their visits and each was warmly welcomed.

ESTARL: CHURCH COLLECTION

District #1	\$344.00	District #4	\$321.00	District #7 (1) PEI	\$459.00
District #2	\$257.00	District #5	\$333.00	(2) NS	\$100.00
District #3	\$255.55	District #6	\$300.46		

TOTAL: \$2,370.01

IRREGULARITIES

Members talking to other members about Chapter business outside of the Chapter. What takes place within the Chapter, stays within the Chapter.

Too many rituals open in a Chapter room.

More than one member prompting.

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Too many Chapters have only two auditors instead of three.

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All copies of secret work not seen or not available.

Short form used too many times.

Chapters not set up according to Ritual - See Page 168

Warder joining prayer circle during initiation.

Most of the irregularities are reported year after year. Old habits are hard to break; we must keep trying.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES – Recommended and Appointed

Recommended: It was a privilege to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions Sisters and Brothers to represent their Jurisdiction in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We are blessed with many Sisters and Brothers who deserve and have earned this recognition. We sincerely hope that your travels will take you to the sister Grand Chapters and that you will enjoy every minute of your Appointment.

Nebraska	Irma Maxwell (67)
Wisconsin	Roy MacKinnon (66)
Connecticut	Diane Patterson (10)
Vermont	Stewart Fader (71)
California	Sylvia McCleave (27)
Utah	Gary Bernard (45)
Ohio	Suzanne Aiken (69)
North Dakota	Mary Ihasz (19)
Alabama	Iris Newman (28)
Scotland	Robert Turner (30)
New Brunswick	Bonnie Boutlier (61)
South Dakota	Iris Coolen (40)
Georgia	Bill Bishop (21)
Pennsylvania	Myra McNee (57)
Mississippi	April MacLean (37)
Delaware	Edith Taylor (8)
Tennessee	Jack Wheeliker (14)
Michigan	Sharon Ward (24)
South Carolina	Peg Lipskey (15)
Rhode Island	Jean Hardy (8)
Washington	Mary Withrow (22)
Illinois	Sylvia Munro (38)
Texas	David Moir (45)
New Hampshire	Bonnie Lowe (15)
Oregon	Norman Card (67)
New York	Allen Reid (25)
Maryland	Joyce Johnston (47)
Louisiana	Lola Pineo (15)
Manitoba	Mildred Wagner (28)
Quebec	JoAnne Giffin (59)
District of Columbia	Hattie Hagen (34)

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Appointed: 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.

Pennsylvania	Deanna K. Williams (to replace Dean Williams who died Sept. 3, 2007) to continue his term
Scotland	Margaret Pettigrew
Ontario	Mrs. Violet Page
B.C. & Yukon	Rhoda Basaraba
Alberta	Barb Stefiuk
Iowa	Rilla Baker
Nevada	Yvonne MacNeill
Arkansas	Marilyn Black
Rhode Island	Wendy S. Aylsworth
Indiana	Cheryl Pritt
Nebraska	Donna McCartney
Michigan	Alberta Handy
Oklahoma	Dee Guyer
Florida	Esther W. Gainsford
Washington	Theresa "Tess" Kent
South Dakota	Alvin Schmidt
New York	Patricia Jackson
Delaware	William Edwards
California	William A. Cheney
Oregon	Oliver Hardy
Massachusetts	Frederick S. Penney
Montana	Diana Gill
Georgia	Lennis Lott
Connecticut	Regina H. Kustwan
Maine	Miss M. Mike Wilson
Missouri	Carolyn Sue Sanders
Maryland	Sharon Earl
District of Columbia	Daniel L. Benn

One of the most pleasant duties that Brother Whit and I had was presenting the recipients with their Appointments and the reports of those who assisted us when we were unable to be there. This was one of the many highlights of our year.

DISPENSATIONS

During the year, I issued 26 dispensations.

Seven Dispensations were issued to change the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron:

- Cedar Chapter #3
- Munro Chapter #26
- Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14

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Queens Chapter #34
Atlantic Chapter #65
Pearle Chapter #71
Regent #52

Six Dispensations were issued to change District Deputy Grand Matrons visits:

Keystone Chapter #5
Faith Chapter #54
Elm Chapter #48
Fairfield Chapter #22
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14
Munro Chapter #26

Nine Dispensations were issued to change time of meetings:

Keystone Chapter #5
Cedar Chapter #3
Florence Fraser Chapter #47
Crystal Chapter #1, Prince Edward Island
Halifax Chapter #7
Halifax Chapter #7
St. Mary's #35
Keystone #5
Laurel #67

Four Dispensations were issued to change location of meeting

Munro Chapter #26
Britannia Chapter #18
Port Royal Chapter #1
Amethyst Chapter #28

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 6, 2007: I attended Grand Chapter of New Brunswick held in Fredericton. All line Officers except one were in attendance, as well as other members of the Grand Family and members from our Jurisdiction.

July 28, 2007: I was an invited guest at the Picnic held by the Unity Lodge in Lunenburg at the home of the Worshipful Master, Graham Shauffenburg.

August 18, 2007: Attended a Visionquest Conference held at the Masonic Hall, Truro

Sept. 15, 2007: Attended 60th Anniversary Dinner celebrations of Grand Chapter held in New Glasgow. With us at this time were Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lynn Hatt and Worthy Grand Patron, Burt Hall of the Grand Chapter of New

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Brunswick.

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Sept. 24, 2007: Brother Whit and I presented 50-year pins to two members, Sarah Burt and Margaret Dunbar in the Chapter room (Faith #54). Sister Edith Conrod, Associated Grand Matron, Sister Mary Smith, along with Sister JoAnne Giffin and Sister Ruth Digdon, Worthy Matron of Faith Chapter. Several members of Faith Chapter were in attendance.

Oct. 25, 2007: Along with the Associate Grand Matron, attended the 60th Anniversary exhibit being held at the Cumberland County Museum and Archives in Amherst. This exhibit was on display for one month and showed the present and past members of the Order of the Eastern Star with paraphernalia from Chapters in the District.

Oct. 26, 2007: I attended the International Weekend in Fredericton, N.B. and was presented at the banquet Saturday evening.

Dec. 2007: Attended the funeral service of Sister Shirley MacLean of Emerald Chapter #58.

Jan. 2008: Attended the funeral service of Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron, who passed away on January 7, 2008 in Kentville.

Jan. 19, 2008: I was an invited guest at the Shriners Installation where Brother Whit and I were presented along with other Concordant Bodies.

Jan. 26, 2008: Attended the 60th Anniversary of Amethyst Chapter #28 at C.F.B. Stadacona.

Feb 15, 16, 17, 2008: Attended the CAN-AM Weekend in Montreal, Quebec, with ten jurisdictions present. It was a great fun weekend. I escorted Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, in the presentation of our Nova Scotia flag. Sister Joan Mills and Sister Gloria Turner won third prize in the costume contest held after the main banquet.

April 5, 2008: Attended the 60th anniversary celebrations of Annaval Chapter #31.

April 2008: Attended the Installation of Daughters of the Nile and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter to Queen Ruby MacKenzie.

April 26, 2008: Attended Maine Maritime Exchange held in Presque Isle, Maine where 15 of our 18 Grand Officers were in attendance. I was Worthy Matron.

May 3, 2008: Attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Shoreham Chapter #59.

May 24, 2008: Attended the funeral of William "Bud" Leaman from Arbutus

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May 24, 2008: Attended Homecoming for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in Lunenburg.

May 31, 2008: Attended Maritime Exchange in Pennfield, N.B. with 16 of our 18 Grand Officers in attendance. I was Worthy Matron.

June 7, 2008: Addressed the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Truro.

June 14, 2008: Addressed the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, in Cornwall, P.E.I.

June 21, 2008: Attended the 60th Anniversary of Kwebec Chapter #27.

June 27, 2008: Attended the 70th Anniversary of Century Chapter #10.

50 YEAR JEWELS

I had the distinct pleasure of signing the approval of applications for thirty-one 50 year members and thirty-one 60 year members. Some of these I was able to present on my Official Visits along with my Worthy Grand Patron. To all of those wonderful Past Grands, Worthy Matrons, and District Deputies who presented pins on my behalf, Thank You. Your willingness to do so was greatly appreciated. A list accompanying this report will be printed in the proceedings.

Marjorie Davis, Scotia #49
Shirley Soucy, Halifax #7
Katharine Evans, Annaval #31
Sarah Burt, Faith #54
Margaret Dunbar, Faith #54
Eyleen MacLeod, Westville #24
William Vergie, Amethyst #28
Mary MacIntosh, Century #10
Lorna Spencer, Amethyst #28
Reta Palmer, Emerald #58
Anna Ruth Isnor, Emerald #58
Anne Watson, Ruth #57
Doris Atkinson, Crystal #1, PEI
R. Bruce Atkinson, PGP, Crystal #1, PEI
Frances Williams, Crystal #1, PEI
Shirley Conrad, Scotia #49
Jean Cox, Annaval #31
Cecil Decker, Elmsdale #55
Viola Smallwood, Crystal #1, PEI
Esther Beck, Westville #24
Alden Beck, Westville #24
Clara Mills, Shoreham #59

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Mary Perry, Shoreham #59
Marvel Mattson, Shoreham #59
June Cameron, Century #10
Everett MacDougall, Crystal #1, PEI
Mae MacDougall, Crystal #1, PEI
Carmena MacRae, Crystal #1, PEI
Gladys MacKay, Century #10
Jean Moore, Munro #26
*Margaret Clarke, Laurel #67

* To be presented at Grand Chapter.

60 YEAR JEWELS

Grace Young, Munro #26
Adrienne Patterson, Munro #26
Sybil Anderson, Munro #26
Media Lemoine, Munro #26
Flora MacDonald, Munro #26
Betty MacLeod, Munro #26
Isabel MacKean, Harmony #25
Isabel MacFarlane, Victoria #19
Olive MacKay, Victoria #19
Jean Grant, Victoria #19
Kathleen MacDermid, Victoria #19
Jonena MacLeod, Victoria #19
Alice Williamson, Amethyst #28
Dorothy McCarthy, Amethyst #28
Jean Foster, Amethyst #28
Effie Behie, Myrtle #21
Vesta Allan, Myrtle #21
Olive MacIntosh, Myrtle #21
Bernice Baltzer, Evangeline #15
Bernice Innes, Kwebec #27
Frances Johnsen, Ruth #57
Pauline Diadick, Annaval #31
Margurite Hankinson, Annaval #31
Carrie Sweeney, Annaval #31
Evelyn Middlemas, Mayflower #2
Frances Marie West, Mayflower #2
Jean Jamieson, Westville #24
Laura Blois, Elmsdale #55
Marion Freeman, Arbutus #30
Phyllis Moore, Arbutus #30
Myrtle Forbes, Arbutus #30

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CHARTER SURRENDERS

It is with extreme sadness that I report the closure of two Chapters this past year. We hope that these demitted members will seek to affiliate with other Chapters so that we may enjoy their company as members of our Order. The following Chapters surrendered their Charters:

1. Cobequid Chapter #39 June 30, 2007
2. Sunrise Chapter #50 June 30, 2007

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Grand Council met in Presque Isle, Maine on April 26, 2008, to give approval of the budget presented by the Finance Committee. It was well attended.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GIFTS

The letters, cards, notes, invitations and words of appreciation and encouragement have been precious to me. I will miss all of the mail I have been receiving. I have so many beautiful keepsakes and fun gifts that will remind me of this past year. Thank you all who expressed their love in such a kind and generous way. I will treasure all I have received.

During the year, the following letters were sent out:

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

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter greetings and farewell letter.

Letter to Chapters regarding surrender of Charter Sunrise #50 and Cobequid #39.

Letter to District Deputy Grand Matrons as to what their duties were as they visited Chapters in their District, as well as information regarding ESTARL Church Service in April 2008.

Letters to Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons in regards to Exchange Nights and proper dress code.

Letter sent out to Chapters announcing Appointments made following Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you letters to all Chapters following my Official Visit and thank you for all monies given to our Special Project.

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

Letters to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island accepting their invitations to attend Grand Lodge on June 7th and June 14th, 2008.

I approved all letters sent out by our Committee Members.

I approved all letters sent out by Associate Grand Matron, Sister Edith Conrod, re

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preparations for her year.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Under the Grey Book, Subordinate Chapter - Vacancies in Office - a Brother was elected Worthy Patron and passed away before being installed. What do they do?

A: Refer Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 10, Section 1, Page 9. It states "Any officer failing to be present for installation within 3 months after election. Hold your election at your stated meeting in September by ballot, the members having been given 10 days written notice of such election.

Q: Do we need a dispensation to hold a special meeting?

A: Article 7, Page 10, Third Paragraph. No Dispensation needed.

Q. A brother's membership is questioned in the Order. His Lodge closed in December 2007. He has a Demit but has not joined with another Lodge. Can he still be a member of the Star?

A. Refer to your Ritual , Page 165. Forfeiture of Membership. If a Brother does not seek membership in a Lodge, you will have to suspend him. He must be a Mason in good standing and this must be presented to the Chapter and duly noted in the minutes of the Chapter.

Q: If a member is in an elected office in another Chapter, they cannot be a trustee. Can a Worthy Matron be a trustee in her own Chapter?

A: See Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapter, Page 59, third paragraph. If the by-laws of a chapter require a trustee to be elected, then they cannot hold two elected offices at the same time. Therefore it depends on the chapter by-laws as to what procedure to follow

HONOURARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP

It was with great appreciation that I received life memberships from my home Chapter, Grace #8, and my affiliated Chapter, Shoreham #59. They are a most treasured gift and I want to thank the Members for honouring me in this way. Honourary memberships were received from Mystic Star #40 in St. Margaret's Bay, Adah Chapter #219 in St. Petersburg, Florida, Arbutus #30 in Milton, and from the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. I am extremely proud to be an honorary member of these Chapters and thank you all for this precious gift.

*Thank you dear friends for this honour true
For inviting me to be one of you
I'll visit your Chapter whenever I may
And cherish this gift of yours always.*

SPECIAL PROJECT

Our Special Project was Special Olympics for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, supported through the sale of ornaments and special date books.

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I am pleased with the generous donations made to our Special Project and I thank each Chapter, each Member, and friends for their support throughout our year.

A special thank you to Sister Gloria Turner, Chairperson, for all of her hard work. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated by myself and my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit.

To date we have raised **\$27,072.81** for this wonderful cause.

Since April 2005, all monies received for this project have been passed over to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, and then to our Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy, for deposit in a special account.

Tax receipts will be issued by Special Olympics for monies donated.

COMMITTEES FORMED - GRAND CHAPTER

Housing Committee Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, Chairperson
 Sister Carol Clark, PGM
 Brother Robert Northup, PP

Committee on Consolidation Brother Bill Clark, PGP, Chairperson
 Brother David Waterbury, PGP
 Brother Allan Conrad, PGP

Programme Booklet Brother Carson Jackson, PP, Co-Chairperson
 Brother Ken Conrod, PP, Co-Chairperson
 Brother Alex Nicholson, PP
 Brother Frank Cullen, PP
 Brother Shane Buchan, PP
 Brother Walter Blair, PP
 Brother John Cody, PP

Committee Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2009
 Chairperson Sister Diane Hayman, PGM,
 Social Events Sister Marion Miller, PGM
 Housing Sister Megan Church, PGM
 Transportation Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM
 Favors Sister Marian Durling, PGM

JURISPRUDENCE

I received approval for my Instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons in April 2007. Many times I have spoken with the Jurisprudence Committee. I thank them for their guidance and support on all issues throughout the year. On May 15, 2008, I gave each member of the Committee, a typed copy of my

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APPRECIATION

Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron: When you were elected Grand Sentinel, you added the perfect balance to our years of service. We have shared much my friend and we have formed a relationship that will continue through the years. You have always been there to listen, to advise and to support. Sister JoAnne, your lovely wife, has been by our side throughout the year, mainly taking care of me when I was so sick and as I improved, taking care of both of us. I have been richly blessed in having both of you as my dear friends.

Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron: As you continue your journey toward the East of General Grand Chapter, may you have good health and safe travels. We appreciate you very much and are proud of the high honour bestowed upon you. God speed in all your future endeavours.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Marion, Sister Sheila, Sister Isabelle, Brother Bill and Brother Allen, you have brought honour and happiness to our Grand Jurisdiction. We wish you much success as you continue to serve our beautiful Order.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:

I am glad you served before me, and made my pathway easier to find.

It's wonderful to have you as examples for you are that extra special kind

And now that my time is almost up and the end I now clearly see

It brings a special joy to my heart to know that one of you I will soon be.

Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, Sister Edith and Brother Ted: The joy and happiness in knowing and working with you will always be a precious memory.

May every blessing this life can hold

Be yours in the fullest measure

May content that is better than gems of gold

Fill your future days with pleasure

May clouds never gather above your way

Nor grief or gloom oppress you

And every hour and every day

May God befriend and bless you.

Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann:

Thank you for being so good to me when it was hard to know

The wisest course to follow, what to do and where to go

Thank you for the confidence when I had lost my way

Speaking the words that led me carefully through the day

Thank you for all you did and said to me

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Never intruding, there in the background helping quietly

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Many a lovely day and many a laugh we had
Thank you for being the kind of friend that
Shared the good and the bad.

Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy:
There are folks whose friendly cheer
Warms all the world around them
Whose loyalty is so sincere that none can ever doubt them
Folks we love because they're true
Special caring folks like you, Thank you, my friend.

Grand Conductress, Sister Stella; Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Marion;
Grand Sentinel, Brother Zeke:
May God give you strength for the tasks at hand
Time for the many things you've planned
Laughter and sunshine all the way
Hope to sustain you day by day
Wisdom to guide you and light to lead
Courage and faith in times of need
Health never failing friends to bless
And love to complete your happiness

Appointed Grand Officers:
There are many different reasons why I think so much of you
Your thoughtfulness, warmth, friendly smiles to name a few
And on this day I want to say you will always be
Those special someones who mean the world to me
You have brought honour to your respective Chapters and much credit to Grand
Chapter and to yourselves. Thank you for saying yes when we asked you to be
part of the Grand Family. I love each of you and God be with you always.

District Deputy Grand Matrons:
You promised to do the best you could
And oh, we knew full well you would
But even then we never guessed
Just how greatly we were blessed.
Thank you for your dedication and devotion. God Bless.

Grand Representatives:
It has been my pleasure and privilege to present or have presented many of your
Commissions. I hope that you will develop and maintain lasting friendships with
your counterparts. I wish you health and happiness as you travel the Eastern Star
World fostering friendship and understanding.
You scatter your smiles like sunshine,
You send out your songs in the wind,

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You share all your thoughts with each other
And travel to be with your friends
You are truly that strength of our Order,
Grand Representatives, wherever you are.
You travel from border to border in Love of our Eastern Star.

Grand Chapter Committee Members:

May you always have peace and gladness
For the good you have done
For your Eastern Star devotion
And the lasting love you have won.

Thank you for a job well done. You are the workers of Grand Chapter and without each one of you, our year would not have been so easy.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons 2007-2008

We've shared so much laughter
And one or two tears
We've a special kinship
Grown stronger this year
We're not Sisters and Brothers by birth
But we knew from the start
That God put us together, to be Sisters and Brothers by heart.

Thank you for your support and understanding. I was most impressed by so many of you for your dedication and devotion as you served your respective Chapters.

Hostess Chapters - 2008: Everything that has been done is so much appreciated and I can't begin to express my thanks. You have worked hard to make this Grand Chapter a success. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To my Chapters, Grace #8 and Shoreham #59:

I tried to find a glowing phrase that says what you mean to me
Those special words just right for you, that you could hear and see
But none sounds good enough for those on whom I so depend
Except to say to each of you, my heartfelt thanks,
God Bless you my friends.

Grand Organist, Grand Choir, Soloists: God gave us music that we might pray without words. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us.

Music is sweet contentment
It is written in every way
Music is an international language
To tell what we want to say.

I deem it an honour to have served as your Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand

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I move the adoption of this report. Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

**DONATIONS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA
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Special Project Committee	\$ 8,052.00
Other Special Fund Raisers	6,446.34
Personal Donations to the Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron	14,678.35
Chapter Donations to the Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron	9,129.67
Interest	211.55
Subtotal	8,517.91
Less Expenses	6,917.91
Total amount presented to Special Olympics	\$31,600.00

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2007-2008
BROTHER WHITMAN J. GIFFIN**

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

During my nearly 47 years as a member of our beautiful Order, frequently at Grand Chapter I would be asked "When are you submitting your name?" "You should take a turn as Worthy Grand Patron." Always, it never seemed to be right - possibly through my own perception that to properly serve our Grand Jurisdiction as an effective Worthy Grand Patron one's chosen vocations shouldn't interfere. I had always felt that my commitment as a Church Musician would not permit me to consider the possibility of doing what I have just completed.

At the Grand Chapter Session held in July 2004, when your Worthy Grand Matron was elected to line, before installation, I asked her what she would think if the following year, I offered for Grand Sentinel. It was on the strength of those words and the advice of two Past Grand Patrons that I asked my family, first, then my own Chapter, Shoreham #59, and the rest, as they say, is history. It was with God's ever-present help that I was blessed with good health and the means to carry out my duties which, I sincerely hope, will have been to your satisfaction. For this reason, it is to you, the members of our Grand Jurisdiction, that I owe a most sincere debt of gratitude for your understanding that my ability to perform

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had to be defined by my duties as a “working” Church Organist and Choir Director.

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My own Special Worthy Grand Matron, what an incredible journey this has been for me as we have worked together starting long before I was elected to the line. Our families have been extended by the friendship that has developed and I couldn't have been blessed with a more gentle, caring and understanding Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, my friend, for our continued friendship.

Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, how exciting and privileged we are in this jurisdiction to have you "primed and ready" for your launching as our Most Worthy Grand Patron in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 2009. I value your personal friendship and have appreciated your attendance at our Official Visits when your busy schedule permitted you to do so. I sincerely pray that you will continue to have the strength and health required to fulfill your responsibilities and wish you and Sister Margaret God's richest blessings.

To our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and, of course, the Special Appointment Friend of a Feather, from the smiles and happiness you radiate, it is very evident that you are continuing to enjoy those appointments. May you have a wonderfully fulfilling tenure in your appointments as you represent our Grand Jurisdiction.

To our elected Grand Chapter Line Officers, I say bravo for a year well spent. It has been a privilege and joy for me to get to know each of you better. I can do nothing more than to wish each of you as much happiness as you progress to the leadership of our Grand Chapter and pledge my personal support in your endeavours.

A very special word to our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, our Honour Stations for this year. Sisters Betty Ann and Dorothy - we have been Eastern Star friends for more years than I care to count. We chose our Honour Stations because we recognize that you two are the linchpins around which our Grand Chapter revolves. Without your dedication to the Order and especially to this Grand Jurisdiction, the structure of our Eastern Star World, as we know it, would fall into ruin and become utter chaos. We, in our Grand Chapter, owe you a very big debt of gratitude for the many extras that you do to keep our expenses to a minimum. Having been a paper pusher for most of my life, I think I can truly appreciate what you do and I say thank you for what you continue to do so well.

One of the many privileges accorded to me by your Worthy Grand Matron was to work along with her in the selection and appointment of our Grand Family which includes our special ladies in yellow - our District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Chapter Committee Members, and Grand Representatives. Every one of you has far exceeded our expectations and gone the extra mile for us. Your ready acceptance of your various appointments, your support and love, your dedication to our Grand Chapter has not gone unnoticed and you have each contributed in your own way to making our year very special and memorable. Thank you, thank

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you, thank you. We know we made wise choices.

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To the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and members of our Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the wonderful memories and support as we visited your Chapters. I have closets full of hugs stored up from all those visits. It was great making new friends and renewing old acquaintances - what wonderful memories for me. When it was necessary to reschedule the November visits, those Chapters involved were of the greatest help to me in problem solving and I personally say "thank you" for your understanding. It was with so much pleasure that I was able to accompany our Worthy Grand Matron on all but three of the Official Visits. I missed Mayflower Chapter and Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter when I was in British Columbia to play for my only niece's wedding. Ruth Chapter was an unexpected but unavoidable miss due to health issues at home which have since been resolved. I was able to visit Mayflower and Ruth Chapters at a later date and enjoyed those meetings. Mention must be made of the wonderful hosts and hostesses who gave us a bed to sleep in and wonderful meals when it was necessary for us to find overnight accommodation. These closer fraternal ties will bind us together for a lifetime and your hospitality was appreciated. This helped your Worthy Grand Matron and me to keep our travelling expenses to a minimum.

At many of our Official Visits, it was wonderful to see the support from our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. They are among the "been there - done that" support group and I am so thankful for their friendship and encouragement.

My vocation prevented my participation in the International Weekend held at the end of October 2007, and the Can-Am Weekend in Montreal in February 2008. It was my loss, I know, but unavoidable. However, let me say I was pleased to be able to attend both the Maine/Maritime Exchange in Presque Isle, Maine, and the Maritime Exchange in St. George, N. B. It was a pleasure, indeed, to be present at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Truro on June 6th and 7th. Of course, during the year, I had the privilege of attending many 50th, 60th and 70th Anniversary Celebrations in our Chapters and assist our Worthy Grand Matron in the presentation of service pins to those who reached that milestone.

What an honour and personal privilege it was for me to be the Church Organist and Choir Director for the Grand Chapter ESTARL Service held at my home church - Chester United Baptist Church. It was such a pleasure working with your Worthy Grand Matron and my good friend Pastor, Rev. Dan Green in putting together what we hope was a meaningful and spiritual experience for those who attended. I may well be one of the first Worthy Grand Patrons in office in the history of our General Grand Chapter who also was Church Organist and Choir Director for his own ESTARL Service.

A special thank you to Shoreham Chapter #59 in Chester, Nova Scotia, my home Chapter, who, without hesitation, endorsed me to start on line and have given me their undivided support throughout my journey. And my other affiliate Chapter,

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Mystic Star Chapter #40 in Head of St. Margaret’s Bay, Nova Scotia, thank you for your encouragement and love as I made this journey.

The support for our Special Project - Special Olympics for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - was overwhelming not only financially but because of the many words of encouragement for my son who is a Special Olympian. As most know, his curling team went to the National Winter Special Olympic Games in Quebec under great difficulty, curling with heavy hearts because of the sudden death of their coach, and came home with the Bronze Medal.

Monies received for our Special Project:

Personal gifts and memorial donations	\$ 5,270
Official Visits and Addenda	1,785
Total	\$ 7,055

During the year, it was with great humility and pride that I was presented with and accepted Life Memberships in Shoreham Chapter #59 and Mystic Star Chapter #40, as well as made an Honourary Member of Grace Chapter #8, as well as Arbutus Chapter #30. I cherish these and will support you as much as I possibly can for the rest of my Eastern Star life.

Finally, and most important, my sincere gratitude to my wife, Sister JoAnne Giffin, for her love and devotion during my trip to the East of our Grand Chapter. She did not wish to hold a Grand Office but Sister Annie Mae and I have fully appreciated that she probably held the most important and “unofficial” office there is - Grand Go-For to two, not just one. On most of our Official Visits, she oversaw our travelling goods - making sure the appropriate bible was on the altar, etc., and then following the meeting was often late for refreshment time while she repacked it all. Thank you, my love, for everything, I could not have done this without you.

My Official Acts for the year have consisted of approving changes in Chapter By-Laws and these are listed as follows:

Amethyst #28

Article 2, #1 be changed to “That Amethyst Chapter No. 28, Halifax, open its regular stated meetings at 7:30 p.m., beginning in September 2007.” Approved July 16, 2007

Keystone #5

Article II, Section 1. Change the meeting time from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Article IV, Fees and Dues, Section 2. Delete the current wording and replace with the following: “The yearly dues shall be an amount proposed from time to time by the Finance Committee, and agreed to by a majority vote of the Chapter. The amount of dues shall require the approval of the Worthy Grand Patron.”

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Article X, Section 3. The name "Yarmouth" shall be replaced with the name "Hebron"; the last sentence shall read "The Bank Deposits shall be

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in the name of Keystone Chapter No. 5, O.E.S., Hebron, Nova Scotia.”

Article X, Section 4(c): In the last line, replace the name “Yarmouth” with the name “Hebron”. The last sentence will then read, “Deposits and Investments shall be in the name of Keystone Chapter No. 5, O.E.S., Hebron, Nova Scotia.” Approved October 27, 2007

Queens #34

All regular monthly meetings to be held on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., September through June - to be closed during July and August. Approved March 20, 2008

Pearle #71

Article 1, Section 4, that Chapter time be changed from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (effective June 1, 2008). Approved April 14, 2008

Evangeline #15

Article 10, Section C. Education Scholarship number 2 to read “Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00).” Approved April 29, 2008

Keystone #5

Article XVIII, Seal, Sec. 1 Line 2 “Outer edge corrugated; around the inside of the outer circle shall appear in raised letters the words KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 5, O.E.S. YARMOUTH, N.S.” be changed to read “Outer edge corrugated; around the inside of the outer circle shall appear in raised letters the words KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 5, O.E.S. HEBRON, N. S.” Approved April 29, 2008

Grace #8

Article II, Meetings, Sec. 1. The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at the time of 7:30 p.m. Approved April 29, 2008

Evangeline #15

Article 10, Section C. Delete Sub-Section 3 and substitute therefore the following:

“Evangeline Chapter No. 15, O. E. S. shall pay the scholarship directly to the College/University of the student’s choice, one-half in September of the College/University year, and the remaining one-half in January of the College/University year, providing the recipient of the said scholarship had registered for the second term of the college year, and is attending classes.” Approved May 7, 2008

Elm #48

The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second Tuesday of each months of January and February, by vote of the Chapter, the hour of 7:30 p.m. Article 11 Section 1
Approved May 24, 2008

I move the adoption of my report. This report was seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. and the motion was carried.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE
ON PERMANENT LOCATION FOR GRAND CHAPTER

The Committee Members: Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67), Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24), Brother Robert Northup, P.P. (28).

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Sisters and Brothers, we would like to present this report before the Notice of Motion 1 A and B are presented. It could have a bearing on the Motion. Our findings varied. As a Committee we were asked and received proposals from Motel/Hotel in several locations and a University site. The mandate of the committee was to find "a facility that can house all the Eastern Star functions under one roof and has adequate, affordable housing where the session is being held".

Quote from the Best Western Motel, Truro has an \$800.00 charge for the conference room. They can only provide a 6 ft stage. We would have to provide our own Audio System. We found they did not have facilities large enough for the Past Grands Luncheon and the Grand Representatives Luncheon. Take down of the Chapter Room for the Banquet would require Chapter to be closed by 3 p.m. and may not be available for the 8 a.m. requirement the next day. Room rates started at approximately \$130.00 plus taxes for a single room, \$140.00 plus taxes for a double room, \$20.00 plus taxes extra per person over 2. We do not feel this will be an acceptable proposal.

Quote from Delta Hotel, Charlottetown, P.E.I., quote 5 year proposal. Room rates starting from \$189.00 plus taxes single/double through to 2015 starting from \$209.00 plus taxes single/double. Triple and Quad plus \$20.00 extra per person. Tax rate for Prince Edward Island is 10% Provincial tax, 5% Federal tax and a Tourism Accommodation levy of 2%. GST applies to the 2%. In 2011 closing night only 120 rooms available due to a tentative commitment now. They offer one (1) complimentary room for every fifty (50) paid room nights, underground parking at no cost. Meals in 2008 Breakfast \$10.00 - \$20.00, Lunch \$17.00 - \$30.00, Dinner \$36.00 - \$85.00. anticipate annual increase of 3 -5%. Their largest meeting room 12,075 sq feet, maximum meeting space 1500 persons, group banquet 1000 persons with 3 other rooms but no size quoted.

Quote Halifax area. Halifax area rates are high for this period of time especially with the Tattoo performances, however we had a 5 year quote from the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront. Room rates started at \$199.00 plus taxes plus a 2% Halifax Marketing tax levy. Room rental for the Conference Room stated a \$2759.00 if between 345-450 room nights, more rate would be 75% of that cost. Charge for a 24 hour room hold. Meal prices quoted Continental breakfast \$16.00 per person lunch from \$23.00 cold plate and \$25.00 hot plate, Dinner from \$35.00 - \$50.00 anticipated annual increase 3 -5%. They offered one (1)

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complimentary room for every fifty (50) occupied.

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Delta Halifax contacted did not have a large enough Conference Room to get a quote.

Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax. This Hotel is in the process of hosting the 2009 Grand Chapter and would offer the same with a 3 year proposal. Room rates based on a 400 room night rental would be \$169.90 plus taxes plus 2% Halifax Marketing tax single/ double occupancy, 2011 \$174.00 plus taxes, 2013 \$179.00 plus taxes. This is a 3% increase over the 2009 group rate, based on the fact we would sign a 3 year contract. We usually have a 6% increase. I will offer the additional considerations as included in the 2009 contract - Complimentary self-parking for in house delegates, 50% discount on self parking for delegates not stay with us, Complimentary Crown Suite for four (4) nights. Two (2) one bedroom suites upgrades at the group rate for four nights. 1/50 Complimentary room nights. Meeting room rental on a sliding scale based on guestroom pickup. Penalty if checking out early once room is occupied. Room for vendor - Craft and Treasures. Tea held in designated room. OES can bring food.

Quote Oak Island Resort and Spa, Western Shore, quote received for 2011 Guest room block and rates for 440 guest room nights based on the 2008 rate. Incremental increases not to exceed 4% per annum to a maximum of \$45.00 plus taxes single/ double and \$245.00 plus taxes for Chalets, extra for additional persons. There is not enough room to hold the Past Grands meeting and Luncheon and the Grand Representatives Luncheon. Registration and vendor area very small. The year 2011 will be another big year. There are no motels in the near area. Meal prices were not quoted. Not an ideal situation.

Quote Saint Xavier University, Antigonish. Quote was for 1-5 years. Accommodations consist of the following: Governors Hall Single suites with 1 double bed (2 persons) \$92.00 per night. Double suite - 2 separate rooms \$142.00 per night. Sommers/Powers Hall has 4 bedroom suites/2 bath with single beds each room for \$40.00 per person per night. The Keating Conference area is about 50 yards away. The centre has separate meeting rooms on the 2nd floor for Past Grand and Grand Representatives meetings and Luncheons. The Chapter room would not have to be disassembled. They will store our paraphernalia at no cost. Menu prices would increase by 3% in the years 2013 and again in 2015. Parking on Campus. There are motels in the town for those who did not wish University accommodations.

Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich. The Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich can provide what we require in rooms, meeting facility and acceptable rates. Their room rate quote was for 2011 at \$135.00 single/double and \$145.00 triple/quad with a 3% increase in the following years. The meal rates would be negotiable. There would be no charge for the conference room with a full Inn. They are able to store our paraphernalia for us which will eliminate our storage and transportation costs. We can do our own catering for the afternoon Tea with limitations. A

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prepaid box lunch could be provided on Tuesday, if the dining room was closed at noon. One(1)

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complimentary room for every forty-five (45) rooms booked.. The Old Orchard Inn has hosted Eastern Star on several occasions and in 2007 the complete Grand Chapter was held at the Inn. Mr. Wallace is prepared to negotiate a five (5) year contract.

Sister Margaret Clarke moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Isabelle Pearson, President of the Past Grands Club and Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., Past Grand Patron, were escorted to the East. Sister Isabelle moved that Honourary Memberships be presented to: Sister Loretta Dow, Past Matron and Brother George Dow, Past Patron of Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, Florida; Brother Donald F. Pierce, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Appeals and Grievances and Past Grand Patron of Maine; Sister Opal Martin, Past Matron and Brother Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sister Juanita Gregory, Past Matron and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sister Sharon Ampeff, Past Matron and Brother Vlade Ampeff, Past Grand Patron of Ontario; Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron and Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick; Sister Lynda Swan, Past Matron and Brother Douglas Swan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Visionquest and Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick. This motion was seconded by Brother Bill Thompson and the motion was carried.

Sister Loretta Dow, Sister Opal Martin and Brother Henry Martin were escorted to the East and presented with their Honourary Memberships to this Grand Jurisdiction by Sister Isabelle and Brother Bill. All expressed their thanks to the members for the honorary memberships.

Brother George Dow was escorted to the East and presented with his Honourary Membership by the Worthy Grand Patron.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The activities of the office of Grand Secretary are ongoing and I have endeavoured to carry out my duties in a timely manner this past year.

I attended to the correspondence and other related business as promptly as possible in order to keep the financial and membership records up to date.

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Once again I want to express my thanks to Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, for her promptness with the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. The subordinate chapter secretaries work diligently for their chapters and their dedication reflects in the Grand Chapter records and is greatly appreciated.

Grand Chapter was saddened this past year with the passing of many devoted sisters and brothers including one Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron. Brother Howie MacInnis passed away days before our Grand Chapter session in July, 2007 and he was remembered during the Memorial Service at that time.

During the past year two chapters - Cobequid Chapter No. 39 and Sunrise Chapter No. 50 surrendered their charters and we hope these members will affiliate with neighbouring chapters. Unfortunately, with the closure of chapters and the death of members, our membership number continues to decline.

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

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

1 June 2006 to 31 May 2007

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2006:		2,472
No. of Members Initiated:	56	
No. of Members Affiliated:	51	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>0</u>	<u>107</u>
TOTAL:		2,579
No. of Members Died:	79	
No. of Members Demitted:	89*	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>13</u>	<u>181</u>
No. of Members as of 31 May 2007:		2,398
No. of Chartered Chapters:	45	
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	2,398	
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	20	
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	26	

* Note: 48 of the members demitted were members of Honourable Joseph Howe Chapter, No. 20 whose charter was surrendered on June 30, 2006.

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Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007:

<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 31,2007</u>
Port Royal #1		1		1	1		26
Mayflower #2	3	3		1	2	2	60
Cedar #3		4			2		38
Keystone #5	1			2	1		40
Halifax #7				1	1	1	44
Grace #8		1					43
Century #10	1	1		3			76
Queen Elizabeth #14				1			53
Evangeline #15	2			2			91
Britannia #18	1	3			1		48
Victoria #19	1			4			87
Hon. Joseph Howe #20					48		0
Myrtle #21		1		3	3		70
Fairfield #22				1	1	2	37
Crystal #1 PEI	2			4	4		112
Westville #24	1			1	1		87
Harmony #25	4			7			71
Munro #26				3			50
Kwebec #27	6	1		2		2	82
Amethyst #28	1			2	1	2	62
Arbutus #30				2			42
Annaval #31	2	3		1	1		48
Queens #34		1		1			27
St. Mary's #35	1			1	1		56
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				2			55
Mae #38				2	3		41
Cobequid #39				1	3		64

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Mystic Star #40		2			1		49
Armcrest #45	2			3			55
Florence Fraser #47	1			2			47
Elm #48	1			5	3		42
Scotia #49	2	2		1	1		41
Sunrise #50				1	4	1	30
Regent #52	6	1		2			52
Faith #54				3			32
Elmsdale #55							41
Ruth #57	5	10		3			50
Emerald #58	1	4		4	1		55
Shoreham #59				3			34
Queen Esther #61		13		2			89
Atlantic #65	1						28
Starlight #66	1				2	2	30
Laurel #67	2				2		59
Montague #69	2						56
Crescent #70	6					1	58
Pearle #71				2	1		40

**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES
2007-2008**

ESTARL

(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

From Chapters and Members:

Port Royal #1	Chapter donation	494.64
	In lieu of gifts to Installing Officer	25.00

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	In lieu of gift on Official Visit of WGM/WGP	100.00
Mayflower #2		50.00
Keystone #5	In memory of Dorothy Hulsman	25.00
Halifax #7	Chapter donation	25.00
	In memory of Howie MacInnis	25.00
Grace #8	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of John Cody	25.00
Century #10	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	262.00
	In memory of Lenora Crockett	50.00
Queen Elizabeth #14	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Gordon Penny, Ida Phillips and Winnifred Townsend	75.00
	John and Carole Newell in memory of Dora Turnbull, Leta James and Gordon Penny	25.00
	A friend	15.00

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Evangeline #15	In memory of Elizabeth Pettigrew	50.00
	Doris Veinot in memory of Elizabeth Pettigrew	25.00
	Past Matrons Club in memory of Elizabeth Pettigrew	50.00
Victoria #19	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of David MacQuarrie	20.00
	Sister E. Bain	20.00
Myrtle #21	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of James Worthylake	25.00
Fairfield #22	Chapter donation	250.00
Crystal #1 PEI	Chapter donation	600.00
Westville #24	Chapter donation	500.00
	In honour of Bob and Nichole Meyers wedding	20.00
	In honour of Eyleen MacLeod, 50 year member	50.00
	In memory of Velma MacDonald and Wilena Ross	100.00
	In honour of 50 year members - Dorothy Levo and Esther Beck and	
	In honour of 60 year member, Jean Jamieson	200.00
	In honour of Frank Cullen, GCCM and Charles Paterson, ESTARL speaker	50.00
	In memory of John Palmer	50.00
Harmony #25	Chapter donation	200.00
	Chapter donation	10.00
	In lieu of gifts to visiting GCCM's on honour night	25.00
	Agnes MacDonald in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	20.00
Munro #26	In memory of Melba Gowda	50.00
Kwebec #27	Chapter donation	155.00
	In honour of Richard Snowdon, Grand Representative	
	25.00	
	Past Matrons Club	25.00
	Inez Daye in memory of Iris Hubley and Joyce Stewart and in honour of Cora MacKay's 80 th birthday	45.00
Amethyst #28	Chapter donation	300.00
	Clara Nieforth in memory of Larry Clark, Theresa Miller, Howie MacInnis, Rose Banfield, Carol Isfeld, Iris Hubley	
		30.00

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Clara Nieforth in memory of Florence McCaughey,

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	Gertrude Kent, Lenn Dunn, Shirley MacLean, Florence MacKenzie, Jean Parks, Elizabeth Pettigrew, Brian Isfeld	40.00
	Mr. Burchill MacQuarrie in memory of Irene Bangay	25.00
Arbutus #30	Chapter donation	50.00
Annaval #31	Chapter donation	25.00
Queens #34	Chapter donation	50.00
St. Mary's #35	Chapter donation	50.00
	Cheryl and Allen Denton in memory of Howie MacInnis	25.00
Mae #38	Chapter donation	50.00
	Norman & Janet Pentz Trust Fund	300.00
Mystic Star #40	Chapter donation	100.00
	Rhoda Tupper in memory of Evelyn Alders	25.00
Armcrest #45	In memory of Kathleen Longard	25.00
Florence Fraser #47	In memory of Pearl Helpard and Herman MacKeen	50.00
Elm #48	Chapter donation	300.00
	Chapter donation	300.00
Scotia #49	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	100.00
Regent #52	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Beverley June Rendell	10.00
	Worthy Matron's Special Project	112.25
	Worthy Matron's Special Project	140.00
	Melda Johnston in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	50.00
	Melda Johnston	40.00
Faith #54	Chapter donation	50.00
Elmsdale #55	Chapter donation	50.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
Emerald #58	Chapter donation	300.00

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Shoreham #59	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of John Cody	25.00
	In memory of Marjorie Tabor	25.00
	In memory of Hilda Ridgway	25.00
Queen Esther #61	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Rita (Dot) Duncan	50.00
	Isabel MacCuish in memory of Mr. Lawson Urguhart	50.00
Atlantic #65	Chapter donation	50.00
	Joan Oderkirk	30.00
Laurel #67	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of the Veterans	40.00
	In memory of Erma Ross	30.00
	In memory of Elizabeth Pettigrew	25.00
	In memory of Gertrude Buchanan	30.00
	Jean Durnnian in honour of Marion Buchan and George Hill, Grand Chapter Officers	10.00
Montague #69	Chapter donation	100.00
	Jean Annear in honour of Grand Representatives Luncheon, 2007	100.00
Crescent #70	In memory of Helen Laing	25.00
Pearle #71	Chapter donation	150.00
	Raymond and Eleanor Freeman in memory of Howie MacInnis	10.00

Other Donations to ESTARL:

District ESTARL Church Services: 344.00	District #1	
	District #2	257.00
	District #3	255.55
	District #4	321.00
	District #5	333.00
	District #6	
300.46	District #7 (P.E.I.)	459.00
	District #7 (N.S.)	100.00

Grand Chapter Church Service, July 2, 2007
652.10

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Grand Chapter	In memory of Howie MacInnis and Elizabeth Pettigrew	100.00
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Past Grands Club:	In honour of Marion Conrad's 80 th birthday	25.00
	In honour of Lewis and Maxine Smith's 50 th Anniversary	25.00
	In memory of Howie MacInnis	25.00
	In memory of Elizabeth Pettigrew	25.00
Grand Representatives Association		100.00
Maine-Maritime Exchange - one-third proceeds of Floral Fund		65.11
General Grand Chapter - Sale of Symbolism Books		95.29

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

Myrtle #21	50.00
Annaval #31	25.00
St. Mary's #35	25.00

CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION

Elmsdale #55	175.00	Worthy Matron's Special Project
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CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE

Laurel #67	100.00
Sales at Grand Chapter	641.25

HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION

Annaval #31	50.00
St. Mary's #35	25.00

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (TEMPLE FUND)

Victoria #19	100.00
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KIDNEY FOUNDATION

Annaval #31	50.00
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NOVA SCOTIA LUNG ASSOCIATION

Annaval #31	25.00
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IN APPRECIATION
GRAND SECRETARY

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

As I complete my tenth year as Grand Secretary I wish to express my sincere thanks for all courtesies extended to me over these years - which have really flown by at high speed! I deem it an honour to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity and I enjoy every minute of it.

I particularly want to thank the subordinate chapter secretaries for their co-operation, notes, phone calls and emails. It is a rare day that the postman does not leave me a box full of mail. It is a pleasure working with each of you and I thank you for your friendship.

I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere thanks to Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer. I value your friendship and am happy that you now have your feet on the ground for awhile. It is a pleasure working with you and can you believe you are just completing five years as Grand Treasurer?

To all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction I thank you most sincerely for your continued co-operation and encouragement.

To Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit, I wish you every success during this session and may it be a happy conclusion to a rewarding year.

I move the adoption of this report. This report was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) and the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. **Letters of thanks** from **Sister Jerri Holt, Past Grand Matron** and **Sister Virginia Charles, Past Grand Matron of Maine; Sister Betty St. Onge, Past Grand Matron of Ontario; Sister Glenda Meeks, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota** for the Honourary Memberships they received at the July, 2007 Grand Chapter Session.
2. **Thank you letter** from **Sister Katie Naghtin, Grand Representative of Oregon in Michigan** for the hospitality she received at Grand Chapter, 2007.
3. **Regrets** were received from: **Sister Carol E. Webber, G.G.C.C.M. on Visionquest.**

CLOSING

At 12:00 p.m. the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal

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proclaimed this Session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 8, 2008

1:55 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 Program Booklet was presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to his seat.

Sister Myra Bailey, Treasurer (45) was presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to her seat.

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 Carson Jackson: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers, Members, Visitors and guests of this Grand Chapter.

I wish to submit the following report of the Program Booklet Committee on behalf of the following members:

Brother Frank Cullen	District No. 2
Brother Shane Buchan	District No. 6
Brother Alex Nicholson	District No. 1
Brother Walter Blair	District No. 7
Brother Ken Conrod Co Chair	District No. 3
Brother Carson Jackson Co Chair	District No. 4
Brother John Cody (Deceased) during his term who represented	District No. 5

First, we all wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the opportunity of being appointed and working for this Grand Chapter on the Program Booklet Committee. Although it was very busy and time consuming because of a late start, we were determined to make the committee succeed in their quest. We all agreed to keep notes on our journey to be able to pass on to our successors. You will note several changes over last year's edition in order to make easier reading,

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save on money, and

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to be able to pull out sections from the middle if members didn't want to carry the booklet in their pocket and not damage the booklet. I trust the new committee will improve on this even more. While we feel the need to carry on this committee and because the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have already selected their team and are aware of the many pitfalls this committee must endure and work out to be successful therefore we will not need to go into details but have agreed to make ourselves available at anytime should the new committee require information that can assist them in the up coming year.

We wish to say thank you to all the Chapters, individual star advertisers, the many people and businesses who supported our booklet. As mentioned this venture is necessary to help the financial expenses of our Grand Chapter. To Allen Print who again this year did the setting up and printing for all the information and meetings with George Struthers, the president, and for being able to negotiate a fair price for the finished product and, I might add, are members of this Grand Chapter, big thank you.

The following is a break down of the financial situation:

Cash received and turned over to Grand Secretary	\$ 6,325.00
Cash to come in to Grand Secretary from invoices	450.00

Total income expected	\$6,775.00
Cost from Allen Print for 800 copies	\$3,561.76
Expected total profit	\$3,213.24

Finally, special thanks to all the committee members for their hard work and dedication to this project and above all for your understanding and cooperation. Without you none of this would be possible.

Brother Carson Jackson moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Kenneth Conrod and the motion was carried.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2008

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

The Jurisprudence Committee namely Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P. (24), Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) and myself, Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) have reviewed the Notices of Motion to be presented at this Grand Chapter and report as follows:

- **Notice of Motion #1A** presented by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) and dealing with a facility that can house Grand Chapter under one roof is in Order.
- **Notice of Motion # 1 B** presented by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67)

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dealing with Grand Chapter hosting Grand Chapter is in Order.

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- **Notice of Motion #2** presented by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) dealing with preparation of Annual Budget is in Order.
- **Notice of Motion # 3** presented by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) dealing with an Arrangements Committee for Grand Chapter is in Order.
- **Notice of Motion # 4** presented by Sister Anna Carr, P.M. (1PEI) dealing with pages amended at any Session shall be marked with a "Header" is out of Order and has been withdrawn.
- **Notice of Motion #5** presented by Sister Anna Carr, P.M. (1PEI) dealing with a committee to be struck to consider changing dates of Grand Chapter is in Order.
- **Notice of Motion #6** presented by Sister Frances Johnsen, P.M. (57) dealing with fifty year and over members being presented at the Informal Opening is in Order.
- **Notice of Motion #7** presented by Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24) dealing with the process to exit the Labyrinth when Balloting is in Order.
- **Notice of Motion # 8** presented by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary (40) regarding change of dates for getting Grand Chapter Annual Returns into General Grand Chapter is in Order.

I, Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee move the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P. (24) and the motion was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Beacons of Light" Grand Chapter Session, July 2008:

1A. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (2008) I will move or cause to be moved the following: **Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 7, "Sessions" page 4**, delete and replace Number 1 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 1st falls on Monday then it shall be held the following (2nd) 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."

Rationale: Our Grand Chapter is reaching a stage where our membership is aging. We need now to think of their comfort and needs, if we 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 becomes the financial backing of Grand Chapter and they are finding it harder and harder to carry this burden. Since we now have the all

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member vote so we should have all member participation. There will need to be proper motions to change and

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carry out this venture, which will be made within the proper time frame. This change, if passed, will take effect in the year 2011.

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61).

An amendment to this motion was made by Sister Margaret Clarke and seconded by Sister Marian Durling to delete the words "*except in the year when July 1st falls on Monday then it shall be held the following (2nd) week*". The amendment was carried.

An amendment to this motion was made by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) and seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) to insert between the words "can and house" "*wherever possible*".

An amendment to this amendment was made by Brother Owen Walton, P.P. (61) to add after the word "held" "*become effective July, 2011*". It was seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. This amendment was defeated.

An amendment to this amendment was made by Brother Bill Cox, P.P. (30) and seconded by Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. (58) to add after the word "held" "*to take effect in 2012*". This amendment was defeated.

The original motion with the first amendment was voted on and defeated.

1B. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of Grand Chapter I will move or cause to be moved the following: Add to **Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 7, "Sessions", page 4:**

"Grand Chapter will be the host of the Grand Chapter session. Cost of the same to be included in the annual budget."

Rationale: Same as above.

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. and **the motion was defeated.**

2. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (2008) I will move or cause to be moved **Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 3, Finances #1, page 27** be deleted and replaced with:

"Assist the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary in preparation of the annual budget which will include the costs associated with hosting the Grand Chapter Session and a provision for the reception for General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments."

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

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This motion was withdrawn by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.

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3. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved the following procedure for Grand Chapter "Arrangements Committee" **Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, page 33** insert the following after the General Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee:

"Arrangements Committee"

There will be an Arrangement Committee of six (6) consisting of the Chairperson, a Co-Chair, Housing Chair, Social Chair, Ticket Chair and Paraphernalia Chair, (all who would report to the Arrangements Chairperson). The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would also be included. The Worthy Grand Matron will plan her year as she always has done, and she will convey these plans to the Arrangements Committee.

Chairperson: will oversee the operation of the Grand Chapter and have sub committee report to the Chairperson.

The co-chair will be appointed by the Associate Grand Matron and will advance with the Associate Grand Matron (two (2) year appointment). The other Committee Members will be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron of the day.

Housing chair: Reservation will be mailed to this person to forward to the hotel and will work with the hotel staff.

Social Chair: will be the liaison between the hotel and the Worthy Grand Matron re pricing and menus and set up for food functions.

Ticket Chair: will receive all orders for tickets for those functions that are the responsibility of Grand Chapter.

Paraphernalia Chair: will be responsible for set up of the Grand Chapter Room and work with the Worthy Grand Matron's decorating committee.

Expenses:

1 Complementary tickets as per CL&R Laws and Regulations Article 11 page 38 #6.

2 Piano and adequate sound system (to include a hand free microphone for the Conductress to enable her do her work).

3 Any expenses to the rental facility.

4 Courtesy for distinguished guests to and including Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Jurisdictions.

5 Hospitality room for Members (Administered by each district starting with district seven (7)).

6 Reception for incoming Worthy Grand Matron Installation night \$150.00 maximum.

7 Decorations: \$300.00 maximum (anything more will be absorbed by the Worthy Grand Matron).

8 Printing - napkins for all functions (basic white with one color (anything extra to be absorbed by the Worthy Grand Matron), table programs, place cards, etc.

9 Afternoon tea.

10 Photographer.

11 Entertainment.

12 Grand Chapter favor (Main Banquet).

13 Miscellaneous Expenses (such as Housing Chairperson, postage,

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telephone, transportation, publicity \$500.00 maximum).

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The Worthy Grand Matron's Chapter will host the Main Banquet and the Master of Ceremonies will be the Worthy Grand Patron, if he wishes.

There will be one luncheon on the last day of Grand Chapter known as the Matron and Patrons Luncheon, with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as special guests. The Worthy Grand Patron's Chapter could host this function.

The General Grand Reception banquet will remain as is, as it is now the responsibility of Grand Chapter.

A budget will be prepared and presented to the Finance Committee not later than March 15th of the year prior to the event. This budget, in turn will be presented to the Grand Chapter by the Finance Committee, at the session immediately prior to the session."

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

This motion was withdrawn by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Anna Carr, PM of Crystal Chapter No. 1, will move or cause to be moved at the Grand Chapter Session in July, 2008 the following:

That Article 12, Section 2 of the Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 23, Section 8 of Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 14, Section 8 of the Book of Instruction for Grand Chapter, Article 32, Section 8 of the Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters and Article 44, Section 8 of the Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters be amended as follows:

"Further, each page amended at any Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be marked with a "Header" date of the year in which such amendments are approved."

Rationale: As Secretary of a Subordinate Chapter, I take responsibility for distribution for C.L. & R. amendments when received. If members don't immediately replace pages with new ones I believe there comes a time when such members may not have updated C.L. & R. references. Computer technology now allows automatic insertion of "Headers" or "Footers" when required. This readily available computer option of inserting the year will eliminate confusion as to whether pages to be inserted contain a current amendment or one from a previous Grand Chapter Session.

Anna Carr, P.M. (1PEI)

This motion was declared out of order.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Anna Carr, PM of Crystal Chapter No. 1, will move or cause to be moved at the Grand Chapter Session in July 2008 that a committee be struck to consider changing the dates of the Grand Chapter Session for Nova Scotia and Prince

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Edward Island **FROM:**

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... 'the first Tuesday and Wednesday, with the informal opening on Monday, of the first full week in July, except in the years when July 1st fall on Saturday or Sunday, the Grand Session shall be held on the first Wednesday and Thursday with and (sic) informal opening on Tuesday of the 1st full week in July' (Article 7, Section 1, page 4 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter) **TO**:

... **'the first Tuesday and Wednesday, with the informal opening on Monday, of the SECOND full week in July'**.

Rationale: As of December 31st, 2007 I will have completed an incredible journey as the Grand Representative of New Brunswick in this Grand Jurisdiction. I was privileged to attend all of the Grand Chapter Session of New Brunswick in July 2006 but at the same time was not able to attend the complete Session of our own Grand Chapter. Similarly, in 2007 I was not able to attend the full Sessions in either Jurisdiction. In 2006 and again in 2007 our Grand Chapter Session began with the informal opening on Tuesday and the Session closed with the Installation of the New Officers on Thursday night. Every year New Brunswick Grand Chapter Session has its informal opening on Thursday and closes on Saturday night. These Jurisdictions are side by side geographically. Given the declining membership in both Jurisdictions, it is my opinion that efforts should be made to strengthen the ties and one way would be to have the two Grand Chapter Sessions separated by a 'travelling day'. This day would allow members from both Jurisdictions to either return to their own Jurisdiction or travel to the other one. The majority of members in both Jurisdictions will never have the opportunity to attend a Grand Chapter Session in another Jurisdiction. Therefore, I believe this proposed change might encourage members to consider attendance at a Grand Chapter Session in New Brunswick at some time. According to the Annual Proceedings no other Jurisdictions (no date for Grand Chapter Sessions is noted for Bolivia) meet in July so this proposal would not interfere with any other Jurisdiction.

Let us work together to strengthen the bonds of fraternal friendship between these two neighbouring Jurisdictions.

Anna Carr, P.M. (1PEI)

Sister Anna Carr, P.M. moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27). **The motion was defeated.**

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island session to be held July 2008, I will move or cause to be moved:

“The fifty year and over members in years of service be presented at the informal opening having been seated together.”

Rationale: This would show the outside guests our Order is worthy of spending years of service to our beautiful Order. It would also allow our older members to be escorted by a non member, family or friend. We all realize most such members no longer care for driving alone especially at night.

Frances Johnsen, P. M. (57)

It was moved by Sister Frances Johnsen, P.M. and seconded by Sister Marion

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Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

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7. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the 2008 session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved the following:

**The Ballot from the Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapter Article 22
The Ballot page 42:**

-delete the following: "She steps back into the circle of Star Point Officers between Esther and Martha, then turn and bears the ballot box to the West as instructed by the Worthy Matron."

-replace with: "**She retires from the Labyrinth, by taking one step backward and turns (towards Martha's station) and walks out between the station of Esther and Martha. She then bears the ballot box to the West.**

Rationale: the process to exit the Labyrinth is now the same as it is when she brings the ballot box into the Labyrinth.

William F. Clark, PP, PGP (24)

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the sixty-first Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Western Shore, Nova Scotia on July 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2008, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 23, Returns, Page 19 to be amended as follows:

- a) Second line: **change** the date of **July 15th to June 30th**.
- b) Last line: **change** the date of **August 15th to July 31st**.

Rationale: The time frame for getting the Grand Chapter Annual Returns into General Grand Chapter has changed and these must be in their hands before July 31st each year. Our chapter year ends May 31st and no changes can be made to the Annual Return after that date, therefore all chapter Annual Returns should be returned to the Grand Secretary before June 30th. Over the last several years more and more returns are being handed in closer to the middle of July which makes it very difficult for the Grand Secretary to fill out an accurate Return and have it in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary before the deadline of July 31st.

Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40)

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

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

It has been an honour to serve this Grand Chapter for another year as your Grand Treasurer. A special thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing to honour the stations of secretary and treasurer this year. It was very near and dear to our hearts and Sister Betty Ann and I had much joy in being able to recognize the contributions of all these hardworking members. I also want to say thanks for your understanding of this "career woman" and for keeping me up to date with e-mails, especially when I was on the road. Now that I am happily grounded in a new job I look forward to spending more time with my sisters and brothers in this jurisdiction and beyond.

I cannot go without mentioning our Finance Committee and its' Chair Sister Mary Ellen Bishop. It has been a pleasure working with each of you this year as we discussed the present and the next four years.

I, of course, have to thank my Sister Betty Ann for another year of work, laughter, abuse, laughter, more work and more laughter. Our travels together this year, especially our trip to Presque Isle will hold many fond and funny memories, along with a thinner wallet and an appreciation for remote border crossings. Thank you, my friend.

Now to business; a few things to note: Financially we had a good year with no unforeseen expenses, keeping as closely to the 2007-2008 budget which included the redemption of a \$5,000 Guaranteed Investment Certificate. While we were able to re-invest \$2,000, the financial statements do not reflect expenditures after May 31, 2008 which were included in that budget. Most of those costs are associated with Grand Chapter.

As well, we did recover \$536 of our initial outlay of \$994 for the 60th anniversary dinner.

Port Royal Chapter, No.1, when surrendering their charter made a generous donation to the permanent fund of ESTARL of \$494.64. I recommend we round this up to \$500 in order to invest in a GIC so we may have a constant presence of our first Nova Scotia Chapter.

As we look to our future, especially the next four years while we must be prudent, we also want to celebrate the successes of our Brother Fred and the honours he and Sister Rennie will bring to our Grand Chapter.

In closing, I found this poem that I had to share:

"Lighthouse keepers have it easy;
All year long their homes are breezy.
Noises don't disturb their labours,

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For they haven't any neighbours!
They don't need nine holes or twenty,
They get exercise a plenty;
Each trip up the stairway
Equals three around the fairway.
Window shades? They're never needed;
Lighthouse keepers dress unheeded.
When I am old and don't need pity.
I shall leave the sullied city
Climb a lighthouse, bar the door
And trim the wicks forevermore."

I submit the financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2008 as distributed to the membership during registration and move their adoption.
Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (IPEI) seconded the motion and it was carried.

MOTION

I, Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. move to increase the donation to ESTARL from Port Royal Chapter #1 to \$500 and invest it permanently. This motion was seconded by Sister Jane Wooldridge and the motion was carried.

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. (2) kindly donated the amount to bring the donation up to \$500.00. Sister Marylyn was thanked for this kind gesture.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN
STAR OF NOVA SCOTIA AND
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

May 31, 2008

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, 2008 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 30, 2008

David Towers, CA
Hfx Consulting Inc.

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NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2008**

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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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
FINANCE

Sister Mary Ellen Bishop: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, we the Finance Committee of 2007-08 submit the following report for your consideration and approval.

I would like to first introduce the Committee, Brother Patrick O'Neill, P.P., Brother Harry Daine, P.P., and myself, Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M.

The Committee held three meetings during the year - October 28, 2007, March 16, 2008 and June 22, 2008. On each occasion we reviewed the financial standing of Grand Chapter and compared expenses to the budget. At each meeting the Committee reviewed and approved the bills and warrants for payment and between meetings, as deemed necessary, they were circulated by mail to the committee members for approval prior to being paid.

All three meetings were attended by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and we thank them for their assistance and support. Thanks are extended to Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan for making her home available for our meetings.

The March 16th meeting was also attended by the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. At this meeting we reviewed the budget for 2008-09 and adjustments were made as considered necessary.

We reviewed the expenses of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, as well as the District Deputy Grand Matrons. Following this review we recommend that the honorarium for the Grand Treasurer be increased by \$500, as there has not been an increase for three years. It was also felt that Office Rent should be increased because of the escalating costs associated with running an office. We recommend Office Rent be increased by \$300.

In Revenue we have budgeted for income of \$1,000 from the Program Booklet and are optimistic that this is a conservative amount as this year the profits exceeded our expectations and we know you will be pleased when you hear the Program Booklet Report. We recommend that the Program Booklet Committee be continued.

This budget was presented to Grand Council on April 26th for their consideration and was approved. Motions in regard to the recommendations contained in this report will be made following its adoption.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee. It has been an interesting and enlightening experience.

I move the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Harry Daine and the motion was carried.

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A copy of the 2008-09 Budget is attached to the Financial Statements.

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**Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Budget 2008-2009**

Revenue		
Per Capita Assessments	\$23,000	
Registration Fees	11,500	
Craft Sale	1,000	
Donations and Sundry	100	
Interest	2,500	
Sale of Supplies	1,600	
Program Booklet	<u>1,000</u>	
Total Revenue		\$40,700
Operating Expenses		
Printing, Postage & Office Expense	\$8,000	
Worthy Grand Matron Expenses	2,000	
Worthy Grand Patron Expenses	1,000	
Grand Secretary Expenses		3,600
Grand Treasurer Expenses	2,000	
Office Rent	1,500	
Insurance and Bonding	1,200	
Annual Proceedings	4,500	
Worthy Grand Matron & Patron Jewels	800	
Grand Officer Badges	1,000	
District Deputies Expenses	2,500	
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter	2,500	
Church Services	675	
Auditing	500	
Amortization Expense	<u>1,500</u>	
Total Operating Expenses	\$33,275	
Grand Session Expenses		
Printing and Supplies (Sessions)	\$1,500	
Assistant for Grand Secretary	300	
Recognition of 50 Year Members	200	
Minister and Church Service	100	
Moving Equipment	500	
Hostess Chapters	2,500	
Total Grand Session Expenses	\$5,100	
Total Expenses		\$38,375
Budgeted Net Income		\$2,325

I, Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. move that the Budget for 2008-09 as circulated be approved. It was seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. and the motion was carried.

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MOTIONS**

A motion was made by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. that the Honorarium for the Grand Treasurer be increased by \$500.00. The motion was carried.

Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. moved, seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. that the Office rent for the Grand Secretary be increased by \$300.00. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. that the Program Booklet be continued. The motion was carried.

At this point, Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, asked the Worthy Grand Matron to have Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P., Sister Rennie Oton, R.W.A.G.M. and Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. escorted from the room for a short time.

Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. made a motion that the amount of \$5,000.00 be budgeted for homecoming gifts. The motion was seconded by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and the motion was carried.

The Grand Conductress then escorted Brother Fred, Sister Rennie and Sister Margaret back into the room.

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

The ESTARL Committee Members:, Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26) Chairman; Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67), Brother George Myles, P.P. (28); Brother Donald Medicraft, P.P. (31); Brother Charles Paterson.

Sister Barbara Nicholson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

I would like to take a moment to introduce the members of my committee: Sister Marion Robinson, Brother George Myles, Brother Don Medicraft and Brother Charles Paterson and thank them for their service and dedication. And we, as your ESTARL Committee, thank you for the privilege of being able to do this important work of the Eastern Star.

During the last fifty-four years, we, as a Grand Jurisdiction, have raised around a half a million dollars in donations and presented over 900 awards to nearly 600 students - of all religious denominations - following a course of study leading to

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the ministry, religious education or church music.

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This past November the ESTARL Committee met at the Masonic Lodge in Bedford, and on your behalf, presented 16 awards of \$1250 each for a total of \$20,000.

Now, \$1250 is a modest sum, but it does help defray some of the costs incurred by those who seek to serve God in our communities. But more importantly, perhaps, these awards also serve as a token of our belief and our faith in these young people. I like to think that somewhere, in that dark of night, with a deadline pressing or an exam imminent, a weary student will draw some comfort and inspiration from the knowledge that he or she is in our thoughts and prayers. In this small way I believe we in the Eastern Star can share the burden these students are assuming, and the sacrifices they are making.

We are obligated, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, to act on the values we share. To dedicate a portion of our blessings to nurture leadership and serve the greater community of faith.

If I may paraphrase the great 16th century poet and churchman, John Donne; no one is an island unto themselves, every person's life affects everyone else. This ESTARL program is a pebble in a still pond, from whose initial action comes ripples that are felt not only in the lives of the recipients but also in the congregations and parishes in which they serve, and then outwards to the greater community and world.

On behalf of the ESTARL Committee, the award recipients, their families and all the communities of faith where they have been called to serve, I thank you for your generous and continued support.

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

Awards listed by University

Atlantic School of Theology:

Tammy Lynn Cress Hodge	Tracey Ramsay-MacLeod
Melissa Drummond	Lori Beth Sheffield
Janice A. Frame	Kyle Wagner
Nicholas Hatt	Kimberly Waite

Acadia Divinity College:

Chad Clements	_____	Karen Doucette
David Cumby	_____	

McGill Presbyterian College:

Andrew Scott MacDonald	Michael Rundle
Peter MacDonald	

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Emmanuel College:

Jennifer Carver

Knox College:

Michael Walker

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REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN**

Brother Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit;
I want to say thank you for this appointment and the honour it brought to my chapter, Mystic Star Chapter, No. 40.

I have tried to fulfill my obligations to your satisfaction and for the good of the Order.

To the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, I would like to say ‘thank you’ for all your help this past year.

During the last year I have sent out one hundred sympathy cards to other Grand Jurisdictions. I am sad to report that I sent eighty-four memorial cards to the chapters in our own jurisdiction on the passing of their members.

*Like ships that have left their moorings
and sailed bravely out to sea,
some of our dear ones have sailed away
in calm serenity
But there is a promise of greater joy
that each could have in store
for god has planned a richer life
beyond the unseen shore.*

Brother Ray Zinck moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, G.G.C.C.M., and the motion was carried.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE**

TRIBUTE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

PAST GRAND MATRON

SISTER ELIZABETH J. PETTIGREW

PAST MATRON OF EVANGELINE CHAPTER NO. 15

AND

WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1991-1992

PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 7, 2008

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**Tribute to
Sister Elizabeth J. Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Matron 1991-1992**

By Brother A. Allison Mitchell, Past Grand Patron

We pause to pay tribute to Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron who passed away January 7, 2008.

Born in Greenwich, Kings County, Nova Scotia, Sister Elizabeth's early working days saw her employed by Maritime Tel & Tel Company and Bell Telephone. She went on to eventually starting her own business -'Pandora's Specialties'. She was an active member of her church and she enjoyed singing in her church choirs and as a soloist.

In 1968, Elizabeth joined Evangeline Chapter No. 15 in Kentville, where she served as Star Point Ruth and Chaplain and as Worthy Matron in 1983-84. She was appointed Grand Chaplain in the 1985-1986 year. She enjoyed travelling and entertaining family and friends, and was an excellent cook and hostess.

In 1991, she was installed as Worthy Grand Matron and it was my pleasure to serve with her as Worthy Grand Patron for "*Light of Our World*" year, with our session held in Kentville, Nova Scotia in July, 1992. This forty-fifth year in the history of our Grand Chapter was most successful and all chapters visited, along with several other Grand Chapters visited.

She is survived by our Past Grand Patron, Brother Keith, three daughters, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Sister Elizabeth was a busy Eastern Star member who enjoyed life and she will be fondly remembered by many.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Keith and her family.

The following I think expresses very well the thoughts we share today -

*Just as the sun will set - then rise,
with each and every dawn,
The souls of those who lived life well,
eternally live on.
Now that the sun has seemed to set -
on one so very dear,
We know a soul who lived so well,
remains forever near.*

Goodbye - my friend.

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DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the Altar in loving memory of our Past Grand Matron.

Grand Chaplain: As we pause to pay Loving Tribute to our Past Grand Matron, Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew,

Let us be mindful that she brightened our pathways as she walked beside us. Loving Sympathy is extended to the Members, to Brother Keith and her Family, and all who are dear to her.

*To a beautiful Garden our Sister has gone,
to a Land of perfect rest.
Her work is done and the setting sun,
has sealed her life long Quest,
for a home beyond the sea.
Though she is gone, she still lives on
in our Garden of Memories.*

Amen.

Following the draping of the Altar, a Flute solo was performed by Sister Loretta Dow, Past Matron of Florida.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Grand Secretary, you will now read the scroll of departed members of our Subordinate Chapters.

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SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS: 2007-2008

PORT ROYAL #1

Sylvia Hebden
Alton Munro

MAYFLOWER #2

William Field

KEYSTONE #5

Dorothy Hulsman
Evelyn Gosling

HALIFAX #7

Howard MacInnis
Irene Hines
Annie MacDonald
Bernice Ring
Reta Lockhart

GRACE #8

John Cody

CENTURY #10

Lenora Crockett

QUEENELIZABETH #14

Gordon Penny
Ida Phillips
Winnifred Townsend
Raymond MacLeod
Georgina Boutilier

EVANGELINE #15

Elizabeth Pettigrew
Norma Peach

BRITANNIA #18

Eva Steel

VICTORIA #19

David MacQuarrie
Melba Gowda

MYRTLE #21

James Worthylake

FAIRFIELD #22

Lois Swinimer

Donald Cox

Susan Hennigar

CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)

Lorna George
Winnifred Cutcliffe
Ella Chappell
Marion Bagnall
Bonney MacEachern

Velma MacDonald

Wilena Ross

John Palmer

HARMONY #25

Shirley Arthur

Isabel MacKean

MUNRO #26

Melba Gowda

KWEBEC #27

Iris Hubley

Raymond Gray

AMETHYST #28

Florence McCaughey

Jean Parks

George McCaughey

ARBUTUS #30

Hazel Foley

William Leaman

ANNAVAL #31

Edith McKearney

Marguerite Dodge

William Field

Muriel Walker

Hildegard Isaac

Jean Cox

Elva MacKenzie

Roger Eisner

ST. MARY'S #35

Maurine Arnold

Sylvia Hebden

DR. GORDON

MACLEOD #37

Mary MacAulay

MYSTIC STAR #40

Evelyn Alders

ARMCREST #45

Cyril Thomas

Kathleen Longard

Virginia Fahie

FLORENCE FRASER #47

Katherine Fisher

ELM #48

James Worthylake

Joyce Stewart

REGENT #52

Hilda Fyfe

ELMSDALE #55

Jessie Morton

RUTH #57

Thomas Poolton

Lillian Hill

EMERALD #58

Howard MacInnis

Shirley MacLean

SHOREHAM #59

John Cody

Hilda Ridgway

Marjorie Tabor

QUEEN ESTHER #61

Rita Duncan

ATLANTIC #65

Joyce Stewart

LAUREL #67

Erma Ross

Gertrude Buchanan

MONTAGUE #69

John Buchanan

Edith Worth

Fred Aitken

CRESCENT #70

Helen Laing

Marjorie Hupman

PEARLE #71

Frances Kempton

Kenneth Fader

WESTVILLE #24

SCOTIA #49

Theresa Miller

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The Scroll was placed on the Altar by the Grand Marshal.

Brother Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain, read the poem "*At The Beginning*" while the Star Points went to the north east corner of the room and placed a rose depicting the colour of their station at the foot of the lighthouse on the side matching their colour. The lighthouse was in the shape of a pentagon and each side was in the star point colour. The Star Points then returned to their stations.

"At The Beginning"

Jesus is a Lighthouse
A tower in the dark
the one who holds the lantern
a great enduring spark

Like a flame that burns eternal
He's a torch, forever true
The one who holds the answer
When I don't know what to do.

He's the one who holds the candle
Over angry waves so steep
He's the lifeline that doth save me
In a raging sea, so deep

He's a strong and steady pilot
An answer to my plea
The one who throws the anchor
When I'm drifting out to sea.

He's a brightly shining Beacon
Always steady like a rock
A fortress when I'm weary
A Harbour on life's dock

Jesus is a lighthouse
To Him I will abide.
A hand when I'm ready
a never ending tide.

If it wasn't for the lighthouse
Where would this ship be.

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MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.

There's a ship sailing in a harbour
to a haven of comfort and rest;
It's a ship of God's fashion and making
And its journey by Him will be blessed.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.

As we watch it sail onward and outward
There's a tear of regret in our eye,
For our loved ones are sailing upon it.
And there's grief when we say our goodbye

Sister Vicki, Grand Adah

How deep the waves; how still the wind;
The mists hang low upon the sea;
As they sail on the ship of the Master
From here to eternity.
His wisdom will carry them safely
To the haven of the unseen shore.
Onward they sail in His keeping,
Guided by the Blue Beacon of Adah

Grand Adah placed her blue rose at the foot of the lighthouse.

Sister Phyllis, Grand Ruth

Those who are in God's keeping
Need fear no wind or wave;
For God is the mighty Pilot;
He has the power to save.
His voice shall still the waters
And bid the tumult cease.
Guided by the Yellow Beacon of Ruth
Our loved ones have found their peace.

Grand Ruth placed her yellow rose at the foot of the lighthouse.

Sister Bernie, Grand Esther

As they sail onward on their voyage
With "that harbour" as their goal,
They have fixed their faith in Jesus,
With the Master as their guide,
The White Beacon of Esther
Lighting their way
As they now with Him Abide.

Grand Esther placed her white rose at the foot of the lighthouse.

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Sister Margaret, Grand Martha

We should not mourn the ones we love;
Our hearts should be happy and free
For they only go before us,
On that ship that sails the sea.
And we must have the faith to believe
That sailing is joyful - not grim
Guided by the Green Beacon of Martha in his Love
they are now sharing in a closer, sweet contact with Him.
Grand Martha placed her green rose at the foot of the lighthouse.

Sister Shirley, Grand Electa

God's love is the heavenly Light
That guides that ship on its way.
Guided by the Red Beacon of Electa
There is assurance that they cannot go astray,
And they sail secure in the knowledge
of God's definite wisdom and care,
And we too will make the same voyage,
Some day we will join them there.
Grand Electa placed her red rose at the foot of the lighthouse.

Sister Annie Mae, W. G. M.

Beyond the far horizon, the ship has dipped its sail
a brighter harbour beckons, where peace and love prevail
our loved ones have received the call
to that peaceful harbour above,
they have found rest in that sheltered harbour,
filled with the beacon of God's light
of love for them all.

Brother Ray, Grand Chaplain

Our Heavenly Father, we look to thee for thy never-failing light to guide us to the safety of the harbour of peace and rest. Thou art our refuge and strength and upon thee we now call in the steadfastness of unfaltering faith, believing in thy boundless and all protecting love. As we bow in submission to thy divine will, we thank thee for the lives of our sisters and brothers, beloved of our Order, esteemed by their families and friends, who have passed through death to that safe harbour where thy beacons of light has guided them to rest with thee forever. Blessed are those that mourn. Grant us faith anew, so that we, too, may someday sail on that ship to eternity, until we meet again, find peace in heaven's hands, secure in thy love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

As the Grand Chaplain was returning to his station the Worthy Grand Patron read the following poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "*Crossing the Bar*":

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*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea..
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark:
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.*

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 Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 9, 2008

9:00 a.m.: Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24) and Brother William Thompson, Jr., G.G.C.C.M. (24) - for Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10) who was unable to attend.

Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M.: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this final morning session of the "Beacons of Light" Grand Chapter Session, and to share the East with Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Thompson who is filling in for Brother Murray who was not able to attend at the last moment.

To those of you who have travelled great distances to be with us this year, we trust you have enjoyed the time spent among us, that you will have a safe return home, and most importantly, you will come back again.

I extend a very special welcome to Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron, their General Grand Chapter Officers, especially our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, especially our own, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Isabelle Pearson, Brother Bill Thompson, and Brother Allen Denton, and special appointment, Sister Betty Smith.

To our own members, I hope that you, too, have enjoyed this Grand Chapter Session, making new friends, as well as renewing old acquaintances.

This morning a new slate of officers will be elected. We extend our very best wishes to them, that under their leadership our Grand Chapter will continue to prosper and flourish. Brother Bill, P.G.P.

Brother Bill Thompson, G.G.C.C.M.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. I am going to read Brother Murray's remarks for this opening.

"What a joy to be in the East this morning with Sister Carol, my Worthy Grand Matron, and along with her, I extend a warm welcome to all our Sisters and Brothers.

I trust that your time spent here on the South Shore gave you an opportunity to find the real treasure, and that is the old and new friends you have discovered in the short time you have been here.

This is an important day in the life of our Chapter, and we wish the new officers,

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great success as they guide us through the year ahead.” Sister Carol, Past Grand Matron.

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

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, welcome to this final day of your "Beacons of Light" Session, and please accept my sincere thanks for according me the opportunity of welcoming you both this morning. I also appreciate sharing the East once again with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray.

Sister Annie Mae, you and I have become good friends. You were one of our Committee Members on Crafts and Treasures, and we were very happy when you accepted that appointment. But we knew you would do a great job!

What a wonderful Worthy Grand Matron you have made. Your passion and dedication for our beautiful Order has shone like a beacon as you travelled throughout our jurisdiction and I know that you have enjoyed every moment of it. You have made us very proud and I sincerely hope all of your dreams have come true.

Brother Whit, you and I became good friends in the "Blueberry Year" and we certainly enjoyed your musical talents. The next year your lovely wife, Sister JoAnne, was a District Deputy Grand Matron for Brother Murray and myself, and our friendship continued to grow.

You, also, have been a wonderful Worthy Grand Patron. You should be very proud of all your accomplishments and dedication to our beautiful Order, and of course, we have enjoyed how "whitty" you are - no pun intended!!

Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit, my only wish for you is that you have blue skies, calm seas, and smooth sailing and may the beacon of light lead you safely home. Brother Bill, P.G.P.

Brother Bill, G.G.C.C.M.: "Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit let me thank you most sincerely for letting me take part along side of my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carol, on this your last day of your "Beacons of Light" Session. As you reflect back over this past year and you both gently "take your hands off the key board" may you both be commended for having a "fantastic" year."

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) sang "*No Man is an Island*" to Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

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

Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Carol, P.G.M.: Sister Annie Mae, it is with pride that I present you with your Gavel with my love and best wishes.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Thank you so much for opening our Session this morning, Sister Carol. Brother Whit, Sister JoAnne and I so enjoyed our overnight stays with you and Brother Bill this year. You were wonderful hosts and our friendships have grown in leaps and bounds. Brother Murray, our friendship goes back many, many years and I consider you a dear friend. Sister Carol, please accept this gift.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: To say "ditto" really would not be quite appropo,
Guess I had better add my own, and so
With friends like you
Very dear and true
I couldn't ask for more
Except my deepest thanks for not showing me the
door!!

Thank you, Sister Carol, for your friendship. It means much to me and you already know what a special place both you and Brother Bill hold in my heart. Brother Murray, here we go - right back to the blueberry patch!! We have come to appreciate one another's company whenever we meet. Please accept this gift.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: The Grand Officers will assume their Stations.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

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

Brother William M. Thompson, Sr., Past Grand Patron was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron, escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Brother William Bishop, Grand Representative of Georgia and Brother Allen Reid, Grand Representative of New York in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were welcomed at the Altar by the Worthy Grand Matron, escorted

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to the East and were given Grand Honours.

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Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15), Grand Chapter Committee on the **Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project** and **Brother Ross Hagar, Librarian** were welcomed in the West by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to their seats.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary read the abbreviated version of the minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session. She moved that the minutes be adopted as read. This was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary, announced that following the Tuesday afternoon session she was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$500 from Sister Marylyn, P.G.M. and Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. to be added to the \$500. ESTARL donation from Port Royal Chapter, No. 1. The amount of \$1,000 will be placed in a permanent fund under the name of Port Royal Chapter, No. 1.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee: Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) Chairman, Brother William A. Thompson, G.G.C.C.M. (24) and Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25).

Sister Cheryl Denton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. We, the Jurisprudence Committee, are pleased to present the following report.

The members of the Jurisprudence Committee are Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P. (24), Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P.(25) and myself Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) Chairman.

The duties of this committee are described in the CL&R Article 3, page27 of the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter for the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The members of this committee attended a School of Instruction for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons held at Shoreham Chapter in Chester, Nova Scotia, on July 21st, 2007. This was a partial informal School of Instruction and we, the Jurisprudence Committee, would recommend that future Worthy Grand Matrons refer to the CL&R, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article2, page3, item #9 - "that she shall cover all Ritualistic work and instructions according to the Ritual and CL&R."

Members of the Jurisprudence Committee were in attendance at the three Schools of Instruction held for the Subordinate Chapters:

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1. Pearle Chapter# 71, Caledonia on September 8th, 2007
2. Century Chapter # 10, New Glasgow on September 15th, 2007
3. Mystic Star Chapter #40, St. Margaret's Bay on September 22, 2007

The Grand Officers presented and performed their Ritualistic work in an exemplary manner. These schools were well attended and many questions were asked and answered favourably by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. One question was left unanswered and directed to the Jurisprudence Committee regarding introduction of 50 year members. As there was much confusion regarding this I contacted the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, to clarify and give us direction. Her response was " My interpretation of the one time 50 year members receiving their certificate or pin and receive Grand Honors is that they are escorted directly through the Labyrinth to the East and introduced there, receive their pin and given Grand Honors". This answer I received on October 8th, 2007 and promptly advised the Worthy Grand Matron of the response and requested that she send out letters to all the Chapters informing them of this clarification - and the Worthy Grand Matron did do this.

We received the Notices of Motion to be presented at this Session in a timely manner from the Grand Secretary and after carefully studying these and checking with the CL&R with a few minor changes found them to be correct. One Notice of Motion was withdrawn at this time.

All questions involving the CL&R were referred to the Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. and Brother Whit, W.G.P. contacted the committee several times throughout the year and we were pleased to assist and confirm their decisions.

Questions asked of the Jurisprudence Committee by Worthy Grand Matron from the membership:

1. Can a 50 year Member of Prince Hall, Order of the Eastern Star, visit our Chapters? The Jurisprudence Committee could find nothing in the CL&R or the Red Book to answer this question so I contacted the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton. Her reply was "Yes they can attend our meetings so long as they can take the Test Oath, Examination of a visitor and have current membership status-dues card".
2. Port Royal # 1 cancelled their December meeting due to a storm and requested permission to hold the meeting at a members home (for members only of that Chapter) because the Masons were closing the building the next day for the winter months. We said yes to this request as we deemed it to be an extraordinary circumstance.
3. Halifax Chapter #7 cancelled their meeting in January due to the lack of a quorum. They were scheduled to have a practice the following Sunday at which they expected to have a quorum. Question was can they make that a scheduled

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meeting? Again we said yes as this was an extraordinary circumstance.

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4. Halifax # 7 -regarding Notice of Motion to surrender their Charter and sending out notification to the Membership. The CL&R, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 15, page 42 states (a) written Notice of Motion be given to all members not less than 30 days prior to such meeting. In this particular case there was only 28 days between meetings and we agreed that the intent of this ruling was from meeting to meeting which was not only for expediency sake but was common sense.

We received the Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters and for the District Deputy Grand Matrons from Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron and found all to be in good order and I met with Sister Edith regarding these on May 24th, 2008.

We have received and reviewed the Worthy Grand Matron's Report and concur with the dispensations granted and agree with answers to questions asked of her. We draw your attention to the Irregularities stated in her report. The Worthy Grand Matron, due to illness, had to cancel some of her Official Visits but was able to reschedule them and indeed made these visits.

We received and reviewed the Worthy Grand Patron's Report and concur with the By-law amendments he approved.

We congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their dedication and service to duty during 2007-2008 and say to them both "Well done thy good and faithful servants". Their co-operation with this committee has been much appreciated.

We also wish Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Ted Caulier, Associate Grand Patron every success and happiness, who in a few short hours will take over the leadership of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron we thank you for the privilege of working on this committee. I wish to personally thank Brother Bill and Brother Adrian for their assistance this past year and my best wishes go to you both as you continue your service to our Order.

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M.: I move the adoption of this Report.
This was seconded by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Joan Mills, P.M., Chairman of Credentials gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61) and carried.

Members:	298
Visitors:	<u>201</u>
for a total registered to date:	499

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MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25) and seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) to ratify the action of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron that **Honourary Memberships were presented to Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron at the Banquet last evening** and that Brother Tom Benton and Sister Evelena Owen be given Honourary Memberships. The motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

Brother Tom Benton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Triennial Assembly Coordinators 2006-2009 and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma and **Sister Evelena Owen, Past Matron of Oklahoma** were escorted to the East and presented with Honourary Memberships. Brother Tom and Sister Evelena thanked Sister Annie Mae and the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the honour.

At **9:50 a.m.** the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers and appointed the tellers.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (35)

Co-Chairman: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Group A

Sister Sylvia Munro, P.M. (38)

Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. (70)

Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28)

Brother Bill Bishop, P.P. (21)

Group B

Brother Robert Turner, P.P. (30)

Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. (28)

Brother Kirk Whitman, P.P. (35)

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. (48)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2008-2009: Sister Edith Conrod, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Tabor Caulier, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Stella Trask, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Zeke Eaton, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress.

The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (1PEI). Sister Jane was elected by acclamation.

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Frank Cullen, P.P. (24), Brother Donald Medicraft, P.P. (31) and Brother Wendell Dawson, P.P. (1PEI)

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

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Sister Jane Wooldridge was elected Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Frank Cullen was elected Grand Sentinel

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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, Worthy Grand Patron, members of this Grand Chapter: we, the Committee on Reception Arrangements for 2008 for our Elected General Grand Chapter Officer and our General Grand Chapter Appointed Members, submit the following report.

The Reception Banquet was held at Oak Island Inn on Sunday, July 6th, 2008 at 6:00 PM with 270 in attendance.

We thank everyone who contributed in any way to make it a successful celebration, especially our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, for her assistance to this committee, Sister Janet Merry for her work with the tickets, Sister Kim Tidgwell for the favours, Sisters Brenda Johnston-Giles and Joyce Johnston for their singing and music, Brother Harry Daine for creating the floral arrangements and Brother Frank Cullen for the sound system.

Some important points we would like to mention are - the committee should make every effort to contact the Hostess Chapters as soon as possible to avoid conflict regarding location, price of meal, what is being served, etc. Also it is very important that the cut off date for tickets be observed. Late orders cause undue stress to the committee and the caterers. The tentative itinerary should state Canadian Funds for ticket price.

Financial report -		
Revenue received -	Sold 252 tickets at \$40.00 each =	\$10,080.00
	US exchange gained =	<u>2.76</u>
	Total revenue =	\$10,082.76
Expenses -		
	Paid Oak Island Inn for 270 tickets	\$ 9,462.84
	Programs	\$ 47.46
	Tickets	\$ 22.08
	Stamps	\$ 13.47
	Flowers	\$ 61.45
	Ink cartridge	\$ 39.00
	Paper	\$ 5.00
	Telephone calls	\$ 8.03
	Favour material	<u>\$ 3.42</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 9662.75
	Balance to Grand Chapter	\$ 420.01

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Work to complete task -

Check CL&R, L&R Grand Chapter, Page 48, Article 21 re duties of this committee. Check with Grand Secretary, Betty Ann, re: Grand Chapter presentation.

When checking location and caterer for banquet - hall rental charge, deposit required, layout of hall, total number that can be seated, head table size, is head table elevated, size and shape of other tables and how many seats at each, location of podium, sound system, location of piano (keyboard?), table stands and numbers, decorations, floral centerpiece, deposit required for caterer, caterer charge per meal (gratuity & tax included?), meal served or buffet, what is the menu, serviettes supplied, cut off date for caterers (last possible date will accept change in numbers), does caterer need tickets used at banquet. When can favours and decorations be put on tables? When can people enter hall for meal? Set ticket price - allow for complimentary tickets and other expenses. Set up bank account for ticket money. Appoint ticket convener.

Get name of Banquet from WGM / WGP.

Need person to give toasts (the Queen, Office of the President of the United States). Need person to say grace.

Need member from Past Grands Club to bring greetings.

Check with honourees to see if they have preference for person to give tribute.

Need letters sent to people giving tributes to honourees, saying grace, toasts, greetings from Past Grands Club, WGM and WGP for welcome, MWGM and MWGP for remarks, chapters of honourees to see if they are going to make a presentation. Necessary complimentary tickets- honourees, WGM, WGP, MWGM and MWGP. Possible complimentary tickets - sound system person if required, organist, soloist, ticket convener, favour creator and Master of Ceremonies.

Suggestions: - Organist can play for head table guests to march in if not having piper. Have soloist sing one verse of honouree's song during presentations time.

Head table - honourees, WGM, WGP, MWGM, MWGP, Master of Ceremonies.

Have WGM and WGP give welcome at beginning.

Have MWGM and MWGP give remarks at end.

Seat people making tributes and spouses, also spouses of honourees, at tables near head table. Seat other GG Officers, GGCCMs, visiting WGMs and WGP's throughout the room. After head table introductions, have each of these groups stand, welcome them and give them a hearty welcome.

Possible other expenses - Postage and letters to speakers, chapters of honourees, etc., printing tickets and program leaflets, place cards for head table, long distance telephone calls, stands and numbers for tables, table favours, decorations, head table centerpiece, corsages and boutonnieres for honourees, sound system, door prizes. We were fortunate to have many items and services donated and therefore saved on expenses.

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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to serve and to report on the Reception. Recently I heard that the first lighthouse was built

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in 280 BC and lasted for 1500 years. Our wish for you and your officers is that the happy memories of your Beacons of Light Session will remain with all who attended, maybe not for 1500, but for many, many years.

Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Anna Ford, P.M. and the motion was carried.

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.

For this fiscal year we only had two applications for assistance. Both applications were approved and letters of appreciation were received.

The financial statement will be found in the Treasurer's report. At this time we wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their quick response to our requests. When the monies are needed it is usually an emergency and a fast response is appreciated.

Once again we ask the membership to please let us know of any need where we can be of help to our sisters and brothers. All requests must be made in writing, giving the mailing address of the person needing assistance, and your committee will give it immediate attention. All requests are kept in the strictest confidence.

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.

HISTORIAN

Sister Margaret J. Allen, P.M. (3) presented the following report.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. Due to the time restraints we are experiencing I wish to recommend that the Historian Report be included in the proceedings and be adopted as written. I move the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3) and the motion was carried.

60th "MUSICAL GALES" SESSION

OLD ORCHARD INN

GREENWICH, NOVA SCOTIA

July 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2007

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

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Gail Cook

Ron Boudreau

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GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2006- 2007

Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Gail Cook (67)
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Ron Boudreau (70)
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Annie Mae Backman (8)
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Whitman Giffin (59)
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	Ms. Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Edith Conrod (61)
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Stella Trask (35)
Grand Chaplain	Mr. Fred Lipskey (15)
Grand Marshal	Mr. Frank Cullen (10)
Grand Organist	Mrs. Joyce Johnston (47)
Grand Adah	Mrs. Carolyn Galley-Card (67)
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Katharine Evans (31)
Grand Esther	Mrs. Joanne Newell (5)
Grand Martha	Mrs. Linda O'Hearn (71)
Grand Electa	Mrs. Emily White (30)
Grand Warder	Mr. Richard Pineo (15)
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Tabor (Ted) Caulier (27)

EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Secretary Emeritus -	Mrs. Hazel MacLeod (45)
Grand Treasurer Emeritus -	Mr. Cecil Decker (55)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1	Mrs. Stella Trask (35)
District #2	Mrs. Edith Conrod (61)
District #3	Mrs. Annie Mae Backman (8)
District #4	Mrs. Clara Nieforth (28)
District #5	Mrs. Grace Boudreau (70)
District #6	Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)
District #7	Mrs. Connie MacDonald (1 PEI)

"MUSICAL GALES" DEDICATION

This 60th Annual Session 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 in peace; the mountains and hills will burst forth 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

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Emblems: Broken Column and Dove
Colors: Black and White, Red
Special Project: CNIB - Digital Talking Books
Flowers: Daffodils, Red Roses, Laurel Flower and Leaf
Fun Symbols: Lady Bugs, Wolves, Music Notes
Fun Songs: "The Wayward Wind" and "Music, Music, Music"
Project Pin: Dove and CNIB

Musical Selections: Worthy Grand Matron

"Master of the Wind" *"Church in the Wildwood"*
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" *"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"*
"The Wind Beneath My Wings "

Worthy Grand Patron

"Edelweis" *"Let There Be Peace On Earth "*
"The Lord's Prayer" *"Come, Come In And Sit Down"*
"A Song of Peace "

The "Musical Gales" Session began with the ESTARL Church Service at St. Pauls and St. Stephens United Church, Kentville, on Monday, July 2nd , 2007. Offering for the service was \$641.85 which was given to the ESTARL program. At 6:30 p.m. that evening a "Walk Down Memory Lane" banquet was held at the Legion in Kentville.

On Tuesday, July 3rd, 2007 at 5:45 p.m. the Grand Officers and their escorts were introduced in an impressive ceremony by Sister Marion Miller, PGM. This was followed by the entrance of the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S., Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and other distinguished guests. Following this was the placing of the emblems under the direction of Barbara Bowser, PGM.

Those Sisters taking part were:

Narrator	Sister Barbara Bowser, PGM (61)
Bible	Sister Millie Aker, PM (67)
Sword and Veil	Sister Edna Levy (2)
Sheaf	Sister Midge Medicraft (31)
Crown and Sceptre	Sister Jeanette Rawding, PM (71)
Broken Column	Sister Kathryn Acker (70)
Cup	Sister Elinor Sanford, PM (22)

The meeting was called to order by Sister Megan Church, PGM and Brother Lewis Smith, PGP.

The formations were narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, PGM. A solo, "Master of the Wind" was sung for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron by Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19). The invocation was given by Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Chaplain.

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Flag presentations were under the direction of Brother George Crouch, PGP and tributes were given to the Canadian and American Flags.

Introductions of distinguished guests followed and included:

Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Sister Rennie Ofton. Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

Our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Isabelle Pearson, Brother Allen Denton and Brother William A. Thompson plus five from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Federal Greetings were brought by Mr. Scott Bryson, Member of Parliament, Ottawa.

Provincial Greetings were brought to the session by Mr. David Morse, MLA, Kings South, Minister of Human Resources.

Civic Greetings were brought by Ms. Paulette Scott, Warden Municipality of Shelburne County.

Masonic Greetings were brought by:

the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, Daniel Campbell and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Herb Ross.

Greetings from the Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were given by Noble Phil Beeler. Greetings from the Daughters of the Nile were given by Queen, Arlene Antle. Representing the Old Orchard Inn was Mr. Bill Wallace, Assistant Manager.

At this time the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S., Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia was introduced. Thelma Low was then presented and given a presentation by the Lieutenant Governor. Thelma was the Grand Chapter Mother for the year 2006-2007.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron welcomed the representatives of CNIB, Tony Croft and Terry Kelly and on behalf of the Grand Jurisdiction presented a cheque for \$20,000. with another \$9,000. to be added in September.

Marian Durling sang "Go Now in Peace" followed by a short intermission.

At this time **two** Worthy Grand Matrons and **three** Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced; **eighteen** Past Grand Matrons and **twelve** Past Grand Patrons including our own **three** eldest: Megan Church, Sarah Doty and Jessie Nutter; **six** Past Grand Matrons and **eight** Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions; **eleven** elected and appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions and **one** Emeritus Grand Officer.

Four District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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and **two** from Other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced; **sixty-one** Grand
Representatives in total were introduced; **three** General Grand Chapter Special

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Appointments, "Friends of a Feather" including our own Sister Betty Smith; **forty- eight** Grand Chapter Committee Members; **thirty-one** Worthy Matrons and **seventeen** Worthy Patrons; Grand Chapter Committee Members and Hostess Chapters Committees.

Wednesday morning, July 4th, 2007 was the formal opening of Grand Chapter and was preceded by the placing of the emblems. Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Violet Blair, PGM and Brother Allen Denton, PGP. Parliamentarian for the session was William Clark, PGP who read the Rules of Order.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented and accepted. The Jurisprudence Report on Notices of Motions were then received.

Twenty-three subordinate Chapter Secretaries and **thirteen** subordinate Chapter Treasurers were introduced followed by the report of our Grand Secretary, Betty Ann Loughnan (40) and Grand Treasurer, Dorothy Powroz (28).

Through the generous donations of the chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction fourteen ESTARL Awards were presented to deserving students. Each award amounted to \$1,425.00.

The subordinate Chapter Marthas and Warders, the Honour Stations this year were presented for introduction.

Remarks were given by the following:

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke
General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Brother Allen Denton, Shriner's Hospital, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., Eastern Star Journal, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Marion Conrod, Heart, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Credentials, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Isabelle Pearson, VisionQuest.

Wednesday afternoon, July 4th, 2007

Notices of Motion:

1. 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 Easter Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. " Margaret Clarke (67)

Motion Carried.

2. Article 41, Page 71, Instructions to Subordinate Chapters, Draping of Altar to the last paragraph and the words **"but at least a hymn should conclude**

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the ceremony."

Motion Carried.

Margaret Clarke (67)

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3. 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 the Altar shall be draped".
Margaret Clarke (67)

Motion Carried.

4. Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 30, Page 25, add a new paragraph #5:

"When a 50 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).
Margaret Clarke (67)

Motion Carried.

5. 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."
Betty Ann Loughnan (40)

Motion Carried.

6. Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Duties of Officers, Page 10, DDGM's: #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 Associate 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 Chapter, 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 in their District. "

Rescinded

Whitman J. Giffin (59)

7. Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 10, page 36, "Revenue of Grand Chapter, "amended to read":

"Special amendment 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

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meeting. "

Defeated.

Gordon O'Hearn (34)

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8. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 2, Section 1 "Revenue of Grand Chapter" amended 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 (34)

Motion Withdrawn

9. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 22, page 19, "Fees, Dues and Assessments" be amended 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." Gordon O'Hearn (34)

Out of Order because #8 was defeated

Notices of Motion 10, 11, 12, and 13 were moved in block.

10. Laws & Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 23 Amendments be amended to read:

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 the thirty (3) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed and could be declared out of order at the Session.

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. A vote shall be taken on all such

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amendments, alterations or and additions which shall require a clear majority (50% +

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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. William F. Clark, PGP (24)

11. Book of Instruction, Grand Chapter, Article 14 Amendments be amended to read:

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.

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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 (2/3) 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. William F. Clark, PGP (24)

12. Laws & Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 32 Amendments:

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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

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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.

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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.

William F. Clark, PGP (24)

13. Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 44 Amendments

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.

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correction as to form.

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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 of order at the Session.

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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.

William F. Clark, PGP (24)

Reports of Committees were as follows:

- Finance and Publicity followed by the report of the Grand Chaplain.

Ten sisters entered the labyrinth and formed a circle around the altar and to the music of the Lord's Prayer performed the Liturgical Dance. This was very impressive.

The Memorial Service followed. Tributes were paid to three Past Grand Matrons: Sister Claretta Palmer, Sister Dora Turnbull, and Sister Adline Purves and one Past Grand Patron, Brother Howard MacInnis.

There were seventy-eight names read from the scroll of departed members representing thirty-four chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction.

Thursday morning, July 5th, 2007

Election of officers took place on Thursday morning and during the election the following reports were given: ESTARL, Benevolent, Jurisprudence, Historian, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Special Project, Temple Fund, Librarian, Eastern Star Journal, Fred's Crew, Membership, Program Booklet, Reception Arrangements for 2008, Publicity, Fraternal Relations and CL&R Review.

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The following 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

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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 elected for the ensuing year:

Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Conductress
Brother R.G. (Zeke) Eaton, Grand Sentinel

Thursday Afternoon, July 5th, 2007

Thursday afternoon heard the following reports: Courtesy, Fraternal Correspondence, Crafts and Treasures (\$1,442.00), Webmaster and the partial report of Credentials.

The 50-Year and 50-Year Plus members were presented, lovingly remembered and presented with a red rose. There were **twenty-three** in total. Also presented were the Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Grand Choir and Soloists.

Thursday evening, July 5th, 2007

Thursday evening the final report of the Credential Committee was given with a grand total of **474**.

Farewells were given by Sister Gail and Brother Ron followed by the recessional of 2006/2007 Grand Officers. A touching ceremony to retire the badges was narrated by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM.

The installation of the 2007-2008 Grand Officers followed with Sister Eleanor Freeman, PGM as Installing Grand Officer, assisted by several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. A new slate of Grand Officers were installed for the ensuing year.

Sister Annie Mae Backman and Brother Whitman Giffin were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Twenty-six Worthy Matrons and **thirteen** Worthy Patrons were welcomed by Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

Highlights of the year:

Three Schools of Instruction were held and were hosted by Queen Esther Chapter, #61; Mae Chapter, #38, and Starlight Chapter, #66 together with Faith Chapter, #54.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron attended Grand Chapters in Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick and Texas, CNIB Golf Tournament, and several Chapters celebrating anniversaries.

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Visited with Sister Adline Purves, Past Grand Matron who was 102 years old at the time of the visit. She has since passed away.

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Attended General Grand Chapter, Philae Shriners, Daughters of the Nile Installation, several Honour Nights and Teas, homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Received five Honourary Memberships

Attended Maritime Exchange, hosted by Westville Chapter, #24 on April 28th

Congratulations Sister Gail and Brother Ron on the "Musical Gales" 60th Annual Session. This has been a wonderful, musical and happy year in our Grand Jurisdiction. May the love, harmony and peace that were your watchwords continue to work for the good of our Order.

Your work has not ended, as you will be called upon many times in the future as you travel the Star Trails. May the friendships you have made have a lasting impression upon both your lives.

It was moved by Sister Margaret Allen and seconded by Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3) that the Historian's report be accepted as printed in the proceedings.

The motion was carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Special Olympics of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The Committee Members: Sister Gloria Turner, P.M. (8) Chairman; Sister Anna Cox, P.M. (30); Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15); Sister Elsie Brinkschulte, P.M. (57); Sister Vivian Ingham, P.M. (10); Sister Shirley MacTavish, P.M. (18); Sister Dolena Matheson, P.M. (19).

Sister Gloria Turner, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, we are pleased to submit the following report on your Special Project.

The total of \$9,052.00 was realized from the sale of the special ornaments, date books, tickets and donations to the Committee and this amount was submitted to the Grand Secretary.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour you bestowed on us and our respective Chapters in appointing us to serve on this most worthwhile project. All Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction participated in the sale of items and on behalf of myself and the Committee Members, I would like to thank each Chapter for their participation. It was only with your assistance that this project was successful.

Sister Gloria Turner moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister

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Vivian Ingham, P.M. and the motion was carried.

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MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) and seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) that the seats on the north and south side be reserved for family and chapters of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the open Installation this evening. The motion was carried.

PUBLICITY

The members of the Publicity Committee: Sister Barbara Myles, P.M. (7), Chairman, 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).

Sister Barbara Myles gave a brief verbal report and stated that the scrapbooks will be presented this afternoon to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Barbara Myles moved the adoption of this report. Brother Ed MacLaren, P.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BY

**BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE
RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON
AND
SISTER RENNIE OFTON
RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

At this time Sister Rennie and Brother Fred announced, with much pleasure, the appointments they have made in this Grand Jurisdiction for General Grand Chapter 2009-2012 when they will preside as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Sixteen Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Brother Adrian Pearson, Jurisprudence;
Brother John Newell, Payroll;
Sister Marion Miller, Benevolence;
Sister Carol Clark, Registration;
Brother Murray Gardner, ESTARL;
Sister Marian Durling, Ritual;
Sister Gail Cook, Necrology;
Sister Joan Campbell, Chairman of the Executive Committee for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

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Sister Cheryl Denton, Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee for Nova Scotia
and Prince Edward Island;

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Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., Chairman, Eastern Star Journal;
Sister Violet Blair, Ambassador to Alaska;
Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Ambassador to New York;
Brother Allan Conrad, Membership;
Brother George Crouch, Shriners Charities;
Brother Keith Pettigrew, Scottish Rite Charities;
Brother Ron Boudreau, Chapter Restoration.

Three Special Appointments:

Sister Dorothy Powroz, Finance Committee for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
Sister Irma Maxwell, Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron;
Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, Assistant to the President, International Grand Representatives Association, Canada.

Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer:

Sister Margaret Clarke appointed as Worthy Grand Esther.

Inadvertently omitted from the list and announced at a later date was:

Brother David Waterbury, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Public Relations.

A total of 22 members from this Grand Jurisdiction will serve General Grand Chapter in 2009-2012.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (formerly TEMPLE FUND)

The Committee Members are: Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. (61) Chairman; Sister Geraldine Parker, P.M. (28) and Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40).

Sister Jean Coombes: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward island.

During the year two letters were sent to all subordinate Chapters. The first letter was sent in November, 2007 with a brief history of the International Headquarters. A second letter was sent in April, 2008 reminding Chapters to remit funds for affiliated and new Members.

It has been an honour to serve on this Committee, and we wish to thank Sister Annie Mae Backman, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Whit Giffin, Worthy Grand Patron for this privilege.

Sister Jean Coombes moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Sister Geraldine Parker, P.M. and the motion was carried.

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REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE
RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON**

Prior his address, Brother Fred presented to Grand Chapter the gavel which had been used by the Home Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Visitors Sisters and Brothers; Good afternoon,

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to address my Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and our visitors.

Well another year has come and gone and we are reaching closer and closer to the summit of that mountain Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and I are attempting to climb. But with the help of our Sisters and Brothers a wonderful support group are preparing the road here in our Jurisdiction and in the Jurisdiction of Texas. Without them this venture would be impossible. I would like to introduce some of those who are the key movers and shakers. In Texas, Brother Henry Martin P.G.P. and his wife, Opal P.M. and Henry's right hand person, Sister Janice Herridge P.M. who are doing a fabulous job of bringing the Convention Center, Hotel and food functions together into a cohesive unit, so we will have a very successful General Grand Chapter Assembly in Fort Worth in 2012. Our Chairman and cochairman Joan Campbell P.G.M. and Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. of our Executive are working with the Texas Executive to make this function happen. Behind the scenes are two support groups - The Texas Cardinals headed by Jerry Martin P.G.P. and a wonderful team of workers. In Nova Scotia we have a support group called Fred's Crew headed by Marion Durling P.G.M. and she also has a great Executive and a group of workers who are raising funds to support the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in this endeavour. Sister Rennie R.W.A.G.M. and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do to support this venture. Our Grand Chapter can be proud of our endeavours. We never need to take a back seat to anyone. We, of our Grand Jurisdiction, take great pride in our workmanship in all we do. I guess what I am trying to say is that I am very proud of our membership and thank all who support the Grand Chapter in this endeavour. I want to congratulate our Committee Members on a job well done and a very successful conclusion to your years of service to the General Grand Chapter. It is nice to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William "Bill" Owen visit with us and hope you have enjoyed your time with us as we have enjoyed having you. It is also nice to see

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so many of our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee here as well. I am sure it is a great feeling for our M.W.G.M. to have this show of support. I hope you too have enjoyed

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your time with us and please return again. You would be most welcome. As we say in Nova Scotia a hundred thousand welcomes. We had over a hundred of our visitors join us for lunch at the trade center and the Tattoo on Saturday, which from all reports everyone enjoyed. If anyone asks where Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is I am not long informing then that we are the anchor that keeps North America from floating away and we are not part of the Arctic.

Our most important asset is our membership and we have been trying to get everyone's attention about whose responsibility membership is. It is everyone's. You and me, we are all responsible. If every member took responsibility to replace themselves, just think how quickly we would grow. But we have to get everyone 's attention and to those who are eligible we need to do a great selling job. But to do so we have to know our product. A beautiful Order whose main function is to look after the needs of others.

Education, information is the key. We have a long history and symbolism. Our leaders need to have a program informing our membership all about our accomplishments and our principles and practices, so the membership will be prepared to sell our Order to those who are eligible. A salesman cannot sell a product that he knows nothing about. We need to help ourselves.

Reminds me of a story I would like to leave you with. It is of a young Executive who had just bought a new Jaguar and was travelling down a neighbourhood street a little fast but still watching for children who might dart out between parked cars. He thought he saw something, instead a brick smashed into the side door of the new Jaguar. He stopped and backed up and stormed out of the car and grabbed the nearest child and pushed him against a parked car, asked what is this all about? Why did you throw the brick? The boy answered I am sorry but I didn't know what else to do. No one would stop. With tears dripping down his chin he pointed to a spot between two parked cars. It's my brother, he rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheel chair and he is hurt and I can't lift him up, he is too heavy for me. Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow rapidly the swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the boy back into his wheel chair and checked his scrapes and bruises. A quick look told him that the boy would be all right. Thank you and God bless you, the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook for words the man simply watched the boy push his brother down the street towards their home. It was a long slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never had it repaired. He kept the dent to remind him of this message. Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention.

It's not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us strong.
Not what we gain, but what we have that makes us rich.
Not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned.
And not what we profess, but what we practice that makes us

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Good Eastern Stars. Thanks, Worthy Grand Matron.

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SISTER RENNIE OFTON
RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members all.

My yearly visits are like family reunions and as I get to know more of you, my days with you become more and more important.

It has been a pleasure for me to visit many areas of Nova Scotia and to have several visits to Prince Edward Island. One of these days, maybe, I'll be going to visit Cape Breton.

One thing that is greater than the beauty of all the places I have visited, is the sincerity of the welcomes and encouragement of the membership. As your own Brother Fred Clarke and I progress toward our service of leadership in General Grand Chapter, it is a real comfort to know you are walking with us. We sincerely thank you for that support.

Worthy Grand Matron, Annie Mae and Worthy Grand Patron, Whit, I wish for you a continued happy session with treasured moments to remember. Your kindnesses to me are greatly appreciated.

Sisters and Brothers, it has been an honor and privilege to visit with you again and I wish for each of you special care and blessings from our heavenly Father, always.

BROTHER ALLEN DENTON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
SHRINER'S HOSPITAL

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and all Distinguished Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for this opportunity to speak for a moment on the committee of which I am a part of – the Shriner's Hospital Committee.

I especially want to welcome Sister Barbara Benton, M.W.G.M. and Brother Bill Owen, M.W.G.P. to our Jurisdiction and hope they will enjoy this session and leave with many fond memories. I thank you sincerely for granting this honour upon, not only myself, but also this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and for my Chapter St. Mary's # 35, Digby, Nova Scotia. I pray that I will be able to carry out my duties and responsibilities to the best of my

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ability and to your satisfaction.

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I congratulate all the other appointees from our Jurisdiction and am very pleased to be a part of this distinguished group. I extend special congratulations to Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. on your election to this high office and wish you good health and safe travels. I am sure with Sister Margaret by your side you will reach your most treasured goals and dreams. Sister Rennie is a very special person and a very special welcome to you as always - besides you are now one of us and how very proud we are to say that.

Again I welcome Brother Robert Penoyer, Chairman of the Shriner's Hospital Committee and congratulate you on your recent selection as candidate for Right Worthy Grand Sentinel by Sister Helen Westmoreland. I must admit I was proud as punch when I heard the news and it has been an honour to serve on this committee with you.

The Shriner's Hospital Committee 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. Also, I would like to congratulate all the new appointments recently announced by Sister Rennie and Brother Fred.

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.

**BROTHER WILLIAM A. THOMPSON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
CHAIRMAN, EASTERN STAR JOURNAL**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, sisters and brothers.

Its hard to believe that here we are with my term half over as serving on the Eastern Star Journal Committee. The first few months was a most interesting

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experience

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once our first issue hit the mailboxes and I had some disgruntled subscribers. It was due to lack of coverage of the last triennial assembly and after some telephone and email communications, lots of patience and some purposely delayed responses, the problems were solved. I had actually received a thank you from two complainants and felt guilty in being thanked for doing nothing. (Did not tell them that.)

I have an excellent Committee to work with in general and they have been out working hard in their regions. All but one committee member uses the computer technologies to communicate and this works well in our business.

We have produced six issues of the journal and so far they are have gone out with all articles that were received being printed. Interestingly enough, the old rule was to print a 40 page booklet. It is interesting to note that the latest issue has just gone to the printers and it includes 56 pages with 16 articles from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

I am very happy to report that the Eastern Star Journal is self supporting and does not accept any public or private advertizing to help offset the printing cost. All financing and subscriptions are handled buy the O.E.S. staff at the International Headquarters and their dedicated work is greatly appreciated..

As you are probably aware, the Journal is compiled from articles submitted by you, the readers. It is your input that makes the Journal a successful magazine. We only edit for space requirement and try to ensure the articles are in a state that will not do harm to our beautiful Order. As I have said in the past, "if you like the Journal, tell someone else". If you do not like the Journal, tell me or one of the committee".

At this time I would officially like to thank Sister Barbara Benton and Brother Bill Owen for having faith in me and giving me the appointment to this special position. I have made a lot of new acquaintances and do appreciate all the support I get especially from our own Grand Chapter. It is almost our quarterly newsletter with the number of articles submitted.

Sisters and Brothers, take a moment to stop by the Eastern Star Journal booth in the display room and say hi! and thank the Journal Committee for all the work they have done in this Grand Jurisdiction.

My sisters and brothers, at this time I must encourage each and every one of you both here at home and those who are visiting with us to go out and spread the Good news that our starlight is shining in our Journal. Buy a subscription and share it with a friend. Get the word out we have a Journal that lets us know what is happening.

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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for giving me this opportunity to report to my sisters and brothers. I congratulate you on a splendid year and wish you all God's blessing in the years ahead.

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**MARION V. CONRAD
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
HEART**

Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Barbara, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Bill, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to express my appreciation for the honour of representing our Grand Jurisdiction as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Heart.

I wish to thank Sister Barbara, M.W.G.M. and Brother Bill, M.W.G.P. for the appointment as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member. As I said earlier this is an honour that not only comes to me but to our own Grand Jurisdiction, as well. Due to ill health, I have not been able to fully meet the challenge presented to me, but hope that I will soon be able to meet that challenge with greater success.

It has been a privilege to associate with the other General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Belle Pearson on Visionquest; Sister Sheila MacDonald on Credentials; Brother Allen Denton on Shriners Hospital and Brother Bill Thompson on Eastern Star Journal. As I have travelled to each Chapter I have been warmly welcomed and extended many courtesies.

Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, your messages to our Subordinate Chapters have been an inspiration. We wish you good health. You are giving distinguished leadership in our beautiful Order. I wish you and Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, good health and much happiness in all your endeavours.

May you have the strength of eagles wings,
The faith and courage to fly to new heights,
And the wisdom of the universe to carry you through.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**SHEILA MacDONALD
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
CREDENTIALS**

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

It is hard to believe that this is my second greeting to you as your General Grand

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Chapter Committee Member on Credentials. What a joy to have our Most Worthy

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Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron with us and to be able to thank them publicly for this great honour to me, to my Jurisdiction and to my Chapters, Queen Elizabeth #14, Sydney and Munro Chapter #26, North Sydney. Thank you Sister Barbara and Brother Bill.

During this past year the highlight for me was to attend the Homecoming of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron on October 13, 2007 at the Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City. It was a lovely time. A very well attended dinner and entertainment. We were professionally entertained by Brother Dennis Jordon, Worthy Grand Organist from California and Brother Don Synder of California. About 600 members enjoyed the evening. It was nice for Brother Jackie and me to meet up with Brother Fred and Sister Margaret as well as Sister Violet and Brother Alvin Blair at the Cowboy Museum.

We were also able to attend the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma at the beautiful Masonic Temple in Guthrie. We were housed about ½ hour drive from the temple but we were bussed or driven by car and well looked after. Brother Harold Guyer drove us several times and told us his wife received a Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I said, "You should come to our Grand Chapter." He said they were thinking about it as they had never been this way. They are here with us.

Between sickness, a major leak in our basement and some serious renovations, I couldn't leave home too much over the winter. But when information came in February about the Pilgrimage to the Peace Gardens, I was delighted. Since my early days in Eastern Star I have always wanted to go to the Peace Gardens but it never seemed to happen. Here was my chance! I told Jackie I would like to spend my Birthday in August at the Peace Gardens and we could even spend a few days in British Columbia visiting our Grandson. He thought about it for a while and suddenly remembered he has two weddings on August 9th. It looked like I never would get to the Peace Gardens. But I decided that I would go on my own. I would fly into Winnipeg, rent a car, and be gone just for the weekend. Now I want to tell you how wonderful Eastern Star Members are. I called Cathy Iwanicki, the registrar for Canada for information. After some conversation she said there was no need for me to rent a car, there were only two members going with her and there would be room for me; she would pick me up at the airport and take me to the Peace Gardens. I was delighted in not having to drive in a strange big city. I then tried to book my Plane Ticket for Friday, but the first plane into Winnipeg arrives at 2:15 which would not get us to the event on time. I would have to go on Thursday and get a hotel in Winnipeg. I found a hotel and emailed Cathy to ask if this hotel would be convenient for her to pick me up. She emailed me back and said if I hadn't booked it yet, would I consider staying with her and her husband. She would bring me back Sunday night and get me to the Airport Monday morning.

Now I ask you, in what other organization would a member take a complete

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stranger from the far "east" in and look after her so royally? Cathy is a new Past Grand Matron and I think Manitoba is lucky to have her.

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I like to end with a little story, sometimes not quite the truth. Today I have an honest to goodness, it really happened, true story. Not mentioning any names, just that Brother Jackie and I had two Sisters from Alberta visit us for a few days last week, one a Past Grand Matron and the other a General Grand Chapter Committee Member. At the Dinner table some stories were being shared, but the General Grand Chapter Committee Member out did everyone else. She told us she has her own car and after some time decided that it was getting quite dirty on the inside and decided to have it cleaned professionally. She took it to a company that was in this business. They told her it would take several hours and they would call when the car was ready. She asked if they had a courtesy car to take her home. The man said, "Yes, it just outside the door." Sister walked outside, saw the car, jumped in the front seat, smiled at the driver and said, "I guess you want to know where I live?" The driver stammered and stuttered while turning red and finally replied, "Noooo. I'm just waiting for my wife!" A true story!

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to share with my Sisters and Brothers how much I am enjoying my Appointment.

**ISABELLE PEARSON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
VISIONQUEST**

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

May I extend a special greeting to my fellow General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Good to have you with us.

During the past year I coordinated a successful "Visionquest Conference" in Truro. This was well attended. My thanks to Myrtle Chapter No. 21 for hosting and to the members of our Grand Chapter Membership Committee who assisted with presentations. Especial thanks to G.G.C.C.M., Brother Doug Swan, P.G.P. of New Brunswick and Northeast Regional Chairman for Visionquest, who took time from his busy schedule to assist.

For the Conference I compiled a Booklet of information and advice which is of benefit to new and existing members. The format is similar to those being used in other Jurisdictions.

I recommend that our Grand Chapter consider the publication of this Booklet for our members. I have been presenting a copy to the Worthy Matron of each Chapter I visit.

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As well, I have been invited to several Chapters to speak on Visionquest and am always available upon request.

Membership and attendance remain our major concern. Please spread the word to our Masonic Brothers and the eligible female relatives.

The future of our beautiful Order depends on it.

Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star has been declining over the past number of years. We must be innovative and try new methods, providing they fall within our guidelines. We urge that new members be closely guided by those who recommended them, so they can become active members.

It is important that there is a community awareness about the Order and the good work that we do. We must strive to promote our Order through our publicity committees as well as through individual members.

My sincere thanks to Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, for conferring upon me this honour, an honour not only for me but for this Jurisdiction - Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and for my Chapter, Harmony No. 25, Stellarton, Nova Scotia.

I was pleased to be part of the beautiful banquet held in our honour on Sunday evening. It was a lovely evening and very much appreciated. Thank you Sister Diane for the lovely tribute you gave me. My thanks also to Grand Chapter for the monetary gift present to me.

I extend congratulations to Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, as they continue their journey to the East of the General Grand Chapter. We are all looking forward to 2009. My congratulations to the new appointees.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to give my second report on Visionquest.

I would like to close with this: "One good turn gets most of the blanket".

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Sister Lola Pineo, P.M. (15) was escorted to the East and Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron, presented her with a Grand Representative commission of Louisiana in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Sister Lola was then escorted to the Altar, welcomed, escorted back to the East and accorded Grand

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Honours.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

LIBRARIAN

Brother Ross Hagar, P.P. (45): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Due to a misunderstanding on my part, my Librarian's letter did not get to the Grand Secretary in the fall.

This year, I had two requests for material. One request was for humorous stories. There was none in the library so I called Sister Frances Hunter from Queen Esther Chapter #61 who supplied me with nine stories. Now the library has a new file. The second request was for outgoing Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

When Halifax Chapter #7 closed, Sister Lynn Thurber wrote a heartfelt poem for the occasion. She sent me a copy which I have added to the library.

I thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing me as Librarian. I have enjoyed the position and hope that the next Librarian will enjoy it as much as I have.

Brother Ross Hagar, P.P. moved the adoption of his report. This was seconded by Sister Shirley Moir, P.M. (45) and the motion was carried.

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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 2007-2008:

There were forty-two articles/photos submitted through the Chairperson to the editor, Jean Keller. This year there were also a number of submissions from O.E.S. Members directly to the editor. (The exact number is unknown as we are only aware of the published ones that appear in the Eastern Star Journal.)

As before, new subscriptions to the Journal were encouraged and it appears that more members are interested in acquiring copies for themselves.

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.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to present this report.

Brother Dennis Hagen moved the adoption of this report, Sister Donna White,

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P.M., seconded the motion and it was carried.

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HOMECOMING FOR BROTHER FRED CLARKE**

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) spoke on the Homecoming plans for Brother Fred Clarke which will be held in 2010. A motion was made at Grand Chapter in July 2007 that this event be held at Acadia University. These plans have changed and the Old Orchard Inn has agreed to hold this event.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) and seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) that the motion to hold the Homecoming at Acadia be rescinded and that the Homecoming in 2010 be held at the Old Orchard Inn. The motion was carried.

FRED'S CREW

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: Well, it seems like yesterday that I, along with Brother Bill Thompson, Jr. assumed the Chairmanship of Fred's Crew! Our Committee have succeeded with the help of all the members, chapters, sales and other promotions to meet our Financial Obligations for the Installation of Officers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and our share of General Grand Chapter expenses in Fort Worth, Texas, 2012. At Grand Chapter last year it was moved that Fred's Crew would look after expenses occurred for the Most Worthy Grand Patron's homecoming in July 2010. Doesn't that sound great! Imagine our Grand Chapter hosting such an event. However, this does not cover the cost of the dinner tickets. Sister Vi and Sister Cheryl presented a budget to our committee which we were pleased to approve.

When Sister Rennie, whom we love so dearly, asked Brother Fred to be her running mate, some people said it couldn't be done but they overlooked the spirit of our Grand Chapter members. Now that the financial obligations have been met, its time to get down to the nitty-gritty. We need your fingers, ideas and encouragement to prepare for the biggest and best Installation of General Grand Chapter Officers. I would like to see a sea of flags there--Canadian, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island flying all over the place. We are asking the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick to join the "Maritime Connection" and we are asking them to bring their flag also. Next year, I would ask that you all bring at least one small flag with you and it would be fun to sign them and we will hand them out. So even if you can't be with us in person, your spirit will be. Just think maybe someone from Florida or California will be taking part of us home with them. On

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Sunday and Monday we met with Henry Martin and Janice Herridge, head of the Texas hard working group. They have to be commended for all the "wheeling and dealing" they have done and I know you will hear all about it later.

We have had a table set up outside for Fred's Crew and there are some special "Intention forms" there. These will indicate your interest in going to Tulsa. Please give serious thought about attending and please put your name down. We need these forms to give us an indication of the accommodations required. As I have said before, it is amazing to see the remarkable transformation from one Session to another! It will be out with the "Teepees" and in with whatever Fred and Rennie have selected. I'm sure there will be Bluenose somewhere.

We are planning a general meeting of Fred's Crew in the fall and hope to be able to let you know what is being planned and what we want from you! We want and need everyone's help and hope to have representation from all Chapters. We will let you all know when and where this meeting will be held. Let's show our support for Fred as he embarks on a first for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., moved that this report be adopted. This was seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

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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1:50 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.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PIN

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. was escorted through the labyrinth to the East to receive her 50 year pin. Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. spoke on Sister Margaret's 50 years of service in the Order of the Eastern Star and presented her with the pin. Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. pinned the 50 year pin on Sister Margaret. Grand Honours were then given to Sister Margaret. Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. approached the East and presented Sister Margaret with a bouquet of flowers from her chapter, Laurel #67.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR and 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Twenty-eight 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)-63 years, Sister Doris Veinot (15) 63 years, Sister Frances Johnsen (57)-60 years, Sister Kathleen Boutilier (47)-60 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-59 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-59 years, Sister Sarah Doty (5)-58 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-58 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-56 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-56 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-55 years, Sister Jessie Nutter (21)-55 years, Sister Thelma Low (45)-55 years, Sister Rhoda Tupper (40)-55 years, Sister Georgie Dewey (10)-54 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-54 years, Sister Janet Merry (27)-54 years, Sister Edna MacVicar (14)-53 years, Sister Alena Buchanan (69)-53 years, Sister Helen Holden (38)-52 years, Sister Hattie Hagen (34)-51 years, Sister Mary Perry (59)-50 years, Sister Katharine Evans (31)-50 years, Sister Shirley Conrad (49)-50 years, Sister Margaret Clarke (67)-50 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-59 years, Brother William Thompson, Sr. (24)-54 years and Brother Cecil Decker (55)-51 years, .

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: I am very happy to have so many of you with us today. You are the dedicated members of our Order. We honour you for what you have done, we love you for what you are, we praise you for your service to our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

While they were being presented each with a silk rose Sister Kay Horton, P.M. and Brother Ray Horton, P.P. sang "*O Radiant Star*" to them.

Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. (22) thanked the Worthy Gand Matron and Worthy

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Grand Patron for this honour and stated how proud they are to be known as Eastern Stars and she thanked Sister Kay and Brother Ray for the beautiful music and duet.

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Brother Henry Martin, P.G.P., Texas and Sister Janice Herridge, P.M., Texas accompanied Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21), Chairman of Arrangements for this jurisdiction, to the East to speak on the preparations needing to be done for the Installation of Brother Fred and Sister Rennie in Tulsa in November 2009. Sister Joan spoke on the support from our members needed in Tulsa to assist with the Installation preparations and setup. Many members will be required to help and she hopes those members who plan to attend the session in Tulsa will offer to help. This would greatly help in the planning to make the Installation Ceremony run smoothly. Sister Joan thanked all members who have offered assistance at this time.

Brother Henry Martin spoke on the General Grand Chapter Triennium to be held in Fort Worth, Texas in the first week of November 2012. Many plans have been made to insure that the Session be a successful one and our jurisdiction will be informed of plans and needed assistance. He also spoke on the area of Fort Worth and the services and attractions available. The cost ratio to put on this Triennium will be 90% Texas and 10% this jurisdiction.

Sister Janice Herridge also spoke on the need to have the members from this jurisdiction participate in the planning and fulfilling of the plans for 2012. She looks forward to working closing with our members over the next four years.

Sister Joan Campbell announced that banquet for Brother Fred on the Wednesday evening is the responsibility of this jurisdiction. Help will be needed to organize this event as well.

MINUTES

The motions of the Wednesday morning session were read by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary. It was moved by Sister Betty Ann and seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) that the minutes be adopted as read. This motion was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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), Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (31), Sister Karyn Grant, P.M. (55), Sister Susan Martin, P.M. (24).

Sister Marie Parks: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters And Brothers. The Membership Committee submits the following

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Letters were sent to all subordinate Chapters advising that the Rob Morris Memorial Jewel and the Fraternal Family Heritage projects are still available .

For this Triennium 2006-2009, if a member already has a Jewel and earns an additional 300 points they can submit a form and receive a 'canoe' drop down instead of the bar. Form to be filled out by Chapter Secretary.

A new program is available and was established by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron that is called 'EACH ONE BRING ONE'. If a member brings in just one petition and sends \$5.00 a unique pin designed for this program will be sent to you.

The Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Certificate is eligible to any family having a direct line of three generations of members in the Order of Eastern Star. Since July 2004 twenty-one families have received certificates. Our member this year has two certificates:

1. Sister Ellen Swan -- initiated in Crystal #1 and now a member of Myrtle chapter #21 Eaton Family (Father)
2. Maternal Family (Bradley Family)

A special thank you to Sister Lynn and Brother Darrell Thurber for their donation of the certificates. It is very much appreciated and I thank you both.

In August, 2007 the Membership Committee was invited to speak at the Visionquest Conference in Truro hosted by Sister Isabelle Pearson P.G.M. It was a well planned and informative meeting. Special speaker was Brother Doug Swan, G.G.C.C.M., Visionquest Chairman for the North Eastern Region. It was noted that our membership has problems and action has to be taken so our organization can survive. Some of our Membership Committee have spoken to their chapter on membership. As of May 31, 2007 we had a membership of 2,398.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thanks for the opportunity to serve on the Membership Committee.

We wish you and your Grand Officers a successful "BEACONS OF LIGHT SESSION".

Sister Marie Parks moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Brother Charles Graves, P.P. and the motion was carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Sister Marjorie Stevenson Dawson, P.M. (1 PEI) spoke on the Eastern Star in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and thanked Grand Chapter for

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acknowledging and showing respect to Prince Edward Island and thanked them for their leadership.

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Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) asked that the first two rows in the West be reserved for the 2008-2009 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Brother Whit, W.G.P., presented Brother Zeke Eaton, Grand Sentinel, with the Membership Certificates for Sister Ellen Swan. Brother Zeke thanked the committee and said it is an honour to accept the certificates on behalf of his daughter, Sister Ellen.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

Sister Edith, A.G.M.: This has been an exciting year of travel for your Fraternal Correspondents Committee: consisting of Sister Stella Trask Grand Conductress, Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Conductress and myself, Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron.

We were privileged to travel to many Grand Jurisdictions by means of Grand Chapter Proceedings which our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, was kind enough to provide us with.

Through our travels we have learned that we are basically all the same, but each Jurisdiction has its own unique personality. The Holy Bible rests upon the Altar at every Grand Session and all invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon its labours. The Flag of the Country is always a Guest of Honour - It may be the Maple Leaf of Canada, Stars and Stripes of the United States or others. The love of Country is deep in the hearts of members everywhere.

What many of our members may not realize is the large amount of money that is donated to charity every year. Just about all Jurisdictions support the ESTARL program. Some of the other charities supported are: Children's Hospitals, Cancer, Youth, Special Needs Children, Diabetes, Masonic Homes, Dyslexia, Alzheimer's, Heart and Stroke, ALS, Children's Wish Foundation. Total amount of donations runs into millions of dollars.

It was exciting to find the names of our own members visiting and being presented at other Grand Chapter Sessions.

The part of our Journey that was most disheartening is the net loss of membership in all Jurisdictions despite many efforts being made in the hope of finding new members.

We hope that after you return home that you will take the time to read our full report which has been printed and was passed out at the registration desk.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, we thank you for the privilege of serving as your Fraternal Correspondents Committee.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Edith Conrod , A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Stela Trask, Grand Conductress. The motion was carried.

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PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Joan Mills, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

Members: 317 Visitors: 203 Total: 520

Sister Joan Mills moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61) and the motion was carried.

COURTESY

Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67), Chairperson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

This is the Courtesy Report for "Beacons of Light" Grand Chapter Session, July 6,7,8, 9 2008.

I have the pleasure of introducing the members on this Committee, Brother Ron Boudreau, Past Grand Patron, Sister Helen Holden, Past Matron and Sister Tracey Hobson, Past Matron, and myself, Past Grand Matron Gail Cook, and we are pleased to have the added assistance of Sister Grace Boudreau, Past Matron and Sister Mary Smith, Past Matron.

The Session was held at Oak Island Resort. We began this Session with an ESTARL Church Service held Sunday afternoon July 6th at Chester United Baptist Church with Rev. Dan Green officiating. Then in the evening we held "Anchors-A-Weigh" Banquet honouring our General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Fred W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Brother William Thompson on Eastern Star Journal, Sister Sheila MacDonald on Credentials, Sister Marion Conrad on Heart, Brother Allen Denton on Shriner's Hospital and Sister Isabelle Pearson on Visionquest.

We had the honour and pleasure of welcoming our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma. We also greeted and welcomed many other distinguished guests -- among those guests were: Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and our own Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister Barbara White, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Helen Westmoreland and other elected and appointed General Grand Officers.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron extended greetings to Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament for South Shore-St. Margarets, Judy Streach MLA for Lunenburg, Alan Webber, Warden of Municipality of Chester, Daveda Savory, Liaison for Oak Island Resort, Grand Master of Masons for Nova Scotia, Roy Lively, Grand Master of Masons for Prince Edward Island David

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Mosher, Potentate of Philae Shriners, Shane MacFarlane, Queen of Daughters of the Nile, Ruby MacKenzie.

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The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron presented a cheque for \$27,000.00 to Michael Greek, CEO and President of Special Olympics for Nova Scotia with a portion of the monies to go to Special Olympics Prince Edward Island.

We were pleased to welcome to the "Beacons of Light" Session -

- 1 Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 1 Most Worthy Grand Patron.
- 0 Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
- 15 General Grand Chapter Officers
- 1 Worthy Grand Electa of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland
- 41 Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 13 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 31 Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 30 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 26 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 1 Grand Officers Emeritus
- 7 District Deputy Grand Matrons and other Deputies
- 40 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdiction in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 17 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 9 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 10 Friends of a Feather, Special Appointments by the Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 1 President and 1st Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association
- 2 Visiting Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
- 40 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island,
- 2 Grand Chapter Committee Members from other Grand Jurisdictions
- 34 2007-2008 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

I would like to thank the Credentials and Registration Committee for helping to compile this list. On behalf of Brother Ron and myself, we would like to thank our Committee, also a special thanks for Sister Grace and Sister Mary, who were so helpful to our Committee.

Hospitality was provided to members and our guests at The Oak Island Resort

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with an afternoon Tea, Luncheons, Banquets and an evening of entertainment.
Thanks to the staff of the Oak Island Resort for courtesies extended to us.

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We especially want to thank all our visitors and guests who made this Session one to be remembered. We thank you for taking time to be with us. We wish you safe journeys. Go in God's care and return to us again.

Sister Gail Cook, Past Grand Matron moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Ron Boudreau, Past Grand Patron. The motion was carried.

CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. (8) Chairman, 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).

Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. (8), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As a member of the Crafts and Treasures Committee, I am pleased to report that \$661.25 was realized from the sale of items donated by the members of the subordinate chapters. It was through their efforts that we were able to achieve this amount.

The members of this committee would like to express their thanks for making our Grand Chapter table a success.

Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. Sister Gail Rafuse, P.M. seconded this motion and it was carried.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ARRANGEMENTS

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I wish to present a very brief report on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee. First please let me introduce the Committee: Social: Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M.; Housing: Sister Megan Church, P.G.M.; Transportation: Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M.; and Favors: Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.; and myself, Sister Diane Hayman. P.G.M., Chair.

The committee members have had a meeting. but as of this date, we have received no information re the General Grand Chapter Sessions to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 30-November 5, 2009.

Sister Marylyn Swinamer has already been checking into air travel, but we as yet have no definite numbers of those wishing to travel as part of a group. We trust that those who are hoping to go with us to Tulsa, have already, or will today, sign the sheet that Sister Marylyn has left outside the main Chapter room.

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As it is not possible to get air flight prices for October 2009 now, on June 22 I went online to Air Canada and put in the dates of October 29-November 6, 2008, to see what it would cost for a trip to Tulsa out of Halifax, with one change in Chicago, and the price given was \$809.93. The night before coming to Grand Chapter, I went on line again, using the same flights and times, and the cost of the ticket was then \$851.07. This is just to give you an idea of how the prices fluctuate. Booking as a group would allow us all to share in a better price.

Correspondence will go to the Chapters as soon as we have information to share; and in the meantime, if you haven't already decided, God willing, to be in Tulsa to see Brother Fred installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron, we hope, that when you return home, you will give it lots of thought, and plan to be a part of this exciting event.

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Marylyn Swinamer P.G.M. The motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. announced that \$626.00 has been realized on Fred's Crew Silent Auction. She thanked everyone for their contributions.

Sister Eleanor Decker, P.M. (7) presented a donation of \$500.00 on behalf of Halifax Chapter No. 7 to the Special Project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, in honour of the chapter whose charter was surrendered on June 30, 2008.

PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

Sister Barbara Myles, Chairman, Publicity Committee and Brother Edward MacLaren, P.P. were escorted to the East.

Sister Barbara Myles: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman. It is an honour and a privilege for me to present you with your "Book of Memories" of the pictures and articles collected by the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction during your year as Worthy Grand Matron.

Also, at this time I would like to thank the members of the Publicity Committee for their help during the past year.

Brother Ed MacLaren: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whitman Giffin. It is an honour and a privilege for me to present you with your "Book of Memories" of the pictures and articles collected by the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand

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Jurisdiction during your year as Worthy Grand Patron.

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NEW BUSINESS**

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Anna Carr, PM of Crystal Chapter No. 1, will move or caused to be moved at the Grand Chapter Session in July, 2009 the following:

That

- Article 12, Section 2 of the Constitution Grand Chapter be amended as follows:

All amendments to any section of this Constitution "are to be identified with a bracket reference to indicate the Grand Chapter Session at which the amendment was made - [i.e. (A.M. 2009)] and each page amended at any Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be marked with a "Header" date (i.e. at the TOP of each page) of the year in which such amendments are approved."

and

- Article 23, Section 8 of Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter be amended as follows:

All approved amendments to the Laws and Regulations "are to be identified with a bracket reference to indicate the Grand Chapter Session at which the amendment was made - [i.e. (A.M. 2009)] and each page amended at any Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be marked with a "Header" date (i.e. at the TOP of each page) of the year in which such amendments are approved."

and

- Article 14, Section 8 of the Book of Instruction for Grand Chapter be amended as follows:

All approved amendments in the Book of Instruction "are to be identified with a bracket reference to indicate the Grand Chapter Session at which the amendment was made - [i.e. (A.M. 2009)] and each page amended at any Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be marked with a "Header" date (i.e. at the TOP of each page) of the year in which such amendments are approved."

and

Article 32, Section 8 of the Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters be amended as follows:

All approved amendments to the Laws and Regulations "are to be identified with a bracket reference to indicate the Grand Chapter Session at which the amendment was made - [i.e. (A.M. 2009)] and each page amended at any Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be marked with a "Header" date (i.e. at the TOP of each page) of the year in which such

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amendments are approved."

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and

- Article 44, Section 8 of the Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters be amended as follows:

All approved amendments to the Book of Instruction "are to be identified with a bracket reference to indicate the Grand Chapter Session at which the amendment was made - [i.e. (A.M. 2009)] and each page amended at any Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be marked with a "Header" date (i.e. at the TOP of each page) of the year in which such amendments are approved."

Rationale: As Secretary of a Subordinate Chapter, I take the responsibility for distribution for C.L. & R. amendments when received. If members don't immediately replace pages with new ones I believe there comes a time when such members will not have updated C.L.& R. references and indeed may have groupings of amendments from several years 'waiting to be inserted in their copy of the C.L.& R'. Computer technology now allows for automatic insertion of "Headers" or "Footers" when programmed to do so. This readily available computer option of inserting the year should eliminate confusion as to whether pages received from the Grand Chapter Secretary via the Chapter Secretary contain the most recent amendments or contain amendments from a previous Grand Chapter Session.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. thanked the Hostess Chapters and all involved in this Grand Chapter Session and congratulated the Worthy Grand Matron on the lovely session.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sister Edith Conrod, A.G.M. and Brother Ted Caulier, A.G.P. approached the East. Sister Edith presented Sister Annie Mae with a gift from the Grand Family, District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Brother Ted presented Brother Whit with a gift from the Grand Family, District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit thanked Sister Edith, Brother Ted and the group for the gifts.

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.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 9, 2008

6:30 p.m. The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of the "*Beacons of Light*" Grand Chapter Session.

Narrator and those placing the Emblems were:

Narrator:	Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.	(71)
Bible:	Brother Laurie Myra, P.P.	(8)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Gloria Turner, P.M.	(8)
Sheaf:	Sister Harriett Countway	(59)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Barbara Mosher, P.M.	(8)
Broken Column:	Sister JoAnne Giffin	(59)
Cup:	Sister Dianne Levy, P.M.	(8)

6:45 p.m. The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21) and Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14).

Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M.: Good Evening, Sisters and Brothers. This is a "Cherished Day" as I share the Grand East once again with MY Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John.

Welcome to this final session of "*The Beacons of Light*" Grand Chapter Session, which adds another chapter in the history of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This evening also marks the beginning of a new chapter as we witness the installation of a new slate of officers who will be guiding the destiny of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star in this Grand Jurisdiction for the coming year, 2008-2009.

We extend a very cordial and warm welcome to each and every one. To our own members, I thank you for your continued interest and support of the Grand Chapter, to our visitors, we sincerely hope that you are enjoying every minute of your visit with us, and when you leave, may you have only pleasant memories of our South Shore hospitality and a greater love for our beautiful Order.

Brother John, P.G.P.: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guests, and Visitors. It is my great honour and privilege, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, to open this final evening of "*The Beacons of Light*" Grand Chapter Session. I am especially thrilled and delighted to share the Grand East, once again, with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joan. It is hard to believe that it has been eight years since we were bringing to a close our own Grand Chapter Session in which Brother Whit served as our Grand Organist.

Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron, I hope that as you travelled throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and carried out your various responsibilities, you were able to stay in the present moment, enjoying each meeting day as it came, and that you lived out your watchwords of

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"Live, Love, and

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Laugh". I know you have stored up for yourselves many wonderful memories from this year of service while you were 'Beacons of Love' to all whom you have met along the Star Trail.

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that all remain seated during the formations. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

FORMATIONS

Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24) presided over the Formations. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar. Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron, it is, indeed, an honour and a privilege to call to order and to welcome you to this final session of the 61st Annual Session of Grand Chapter. It makes it all so special having Brother John sharing this privilege with me. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since I took part in your installation.

Sister Annie Mae, from the earliest days of history in these provinces, the gleam of our coastal lighthouses have shone forth a beacon of light and you have done just that this year for our chapters. I have some idea about how you are feeling tonight; you're happy and a little sad also. This evening marks the summit of your many happy hopes and dreams. Very shortly, you will be joining the ranks of the Past Grands, and you will have time to look back and reflect upon your accomplishments, friendships and joy.

Brother Whit, what can I say? You are very special to me, and I was so pleased when you accepted the appointment of Grand Organist in our "Cherish Today" year. This past year we discovered that not only can you tickle the ivories but that you possess a keen sense of humour, which, along with your stories, brought much laughter to our sisters and brothers within our chapter rooms. I congratulate you on being Worthy Grand Patron; you were always there supporting the Worthy Grand Matron and nothing more could be asked of a very faithful brother.

Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Whit, Worthy Grand Patron, I congratulate you both on a very successful year. May the years ahead be filled with much happiness and good health.

Brother John, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, I am honoured to welcome you both to this your

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final session. You are a credit to yourselves and to this Grand Jurisdiction for the way you have carried out your duties this past year. Thank you both for shining a bright

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light on the "Special Olympics". I know that your special project has brought heightened awareness to many people throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and beyond. All of us will be looking at our 'Special Olympians' through different lenses from now on and this is a very good thing!

In a short time you will relinquish the reins of authority and join the ranks of the Past Grands where you will begin a new phase of your Eastern Star journey. My best wishes to both of you!

Again, I thank you for this opportunity of assisting in your "*Beacons of Light*" Session and for allowing me to share the East with Sister Joan.

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

Grand Honours were accorded to both Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

The Grand Choir sang "*Harbour Lights*" to Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron, you have used this beautiful gavel presented to you at your installation wisely and well over the past several days. Now for the last time, I present it to you with my love.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: Sister Joan and Brother John.

If Past Grands were judged at country fairs
It's plain who'd be the winners.
The judge would pin the ribbons right on you both
and then go home to dinner.

Thank you, doubly, for opening this final 61st "Beacons of Light" Session, the last as your Worthy Grand Matron. I want to say sincerely what a wonderful journey Brother Whit and I have completed. Many thanks for presenting to me my gavel. God Bless.

Sister Annie Mae presented Sister Joan with a gift.

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: Sister Joan and Brother John - Mummy and Daddy Blueberry. Did you ever think for one minute in the year 2000 that eight years later you would be opening the final session of your "Blueberry Lyre's" Grand Chapter year. My dear friends, we seem to always have time for a chuckle, good conversation and plenty of hugs whenever we meet. You are the "icing on the cake" of what has been a fabulous Eastern Star journey for me. Brother John, please accept this gift.

Both Sister Joan and Brother John thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy

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Grand Patron for the gifts.

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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 Joan Mills, P.M. (8) , Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61) and Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31).

Sister Joan Mills, 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 2007-2008 "BEACONS OF LIGHT" Session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members of this Grand Jurisdiction: 323
Members of other Grand Jurisdictions: 204
GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE: 527

It is with pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the Credentials and Registration Committee, namely Sister Helen Graham, P.M. of Queen Esther Chapter #61, Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. of Annaval Chapter #31 and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Whit, 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 Committee and we congratulate you both on a very successful Grand Chapter Session.

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 acknowledge them at this time. They are: Sister Sylvia Munro, P.M. (38), Sister Reta MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI), Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1PEI) and Sister Jean Beckwith, P.M. (35).

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 Joan Mills moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister

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Helen Graham, P.M. (61) and the motion was carried.

<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Port Royal #1	2	Queens #34	5
Mayflower #2	5	St. Mary's #35	11
Cedar #3	8	Dr.GordonMacLeod#37	0
Keystone #5	7	Mae #38	7
Halifax #7	4	Mystic Star #40	9
Grace #8	16	Armcrest #45	12
Century #10	8	Florence Fraser #47	4
Queen Elizabeth # 14	3	Elm #48	2
Evangeline #15	24	Scotia #49	8
Britannia #18	0	Regent #52	4
Victoria #19	7	Faith #54	0
Myrtle #21	6	Elmsdale #55	7
Fairfield #22	4	Ruth #57	5
Crystal #1 PEI	17	Emerald #58	11
Westville #24	14	Shoreham #59	9
Harmony #25	9	Queen Esther #61	24
Munro #26	3	Atlantic #65	0
Kwebec #27	14	Starlight #66	4
Amethyst #28	13	Laurel #67	12
Arbutus #30	7	Montague#69	8
Annaval #31	5	Crescent #70	5
		Pearle #71	8

Total Number of Chapters: 43

Number of Chapters attending: 39

TOTAL Members:	323
Other Jurisdictions	<u>204</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>527</u>

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

Sister Joyce Johnston, Grand Representative of Maryland in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, was presented at the Altar, escorted to the East and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron. She was accorded Grand Honours and escorted back to her seat while all members sang "*It's a Small World*".

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**FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Annie Mae Backman**

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.:

*May the winds of God blow softly,
May the winds of God blow true,
May they blow today
From far away
The peace of God's love to you.*

*May they blow to the North your troubles,
May they blow to the South your fears,
And from the East and West
Bring you all the Best
Both now and in the coming years.*

And remember my friends to: **LIVE, LAUGH AND LOVE**

*Live well dear friends, in all you do
Tho' paths be old or paths be new
But to yourself be ever true.
LIVE WELL.*

*Laugh often friends, the passing years
Brings sometimes smiles and sometimes tears
For mirth forever warms and cheers.
LAUGH OFTEN*

*Love much dear friends for love will bring
The healing joy and hope of spring
Where pain and fear may never dwell
Nor anguish touch*

*And so, **LIVE WELL, LAUGH OFTEN**
But more dear friends
LOVE MUCH*

God Bless and Farewell.

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WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother Whitman J. Giffin

Brother Whit, W.G.P.: The time has come, the walrus said -----

What an incredible voyage this has been for us! I could not have wished for a better travelling companion on this voyage of ours! Our journey has accomplished everything we ever could wish for and much more.

My Sisters and Brothers, words are inadequate to express the love, appreciation and gratitude I feel towards you for being with me on this fantastic journey.

Sister Annie Mae, we have followed our Beacons of Light, passed the rocky shoals and rough waters, and have now entered the safe haven of a calm and peaceful harbour. You can now go back to finding your own way!! Your friendship has encircled our family so that now you are part of us as we are part of you. As a farewell gift, I give this to you so that you will remember our wonderful year together. This is from Sister JoAnne and me and we would like you to open it!

As they say, here along the shore

We done right some good, you!!!

Remember, Sisters and Brothers, always remember:

A HAPPY HEART SOON BRINGS ON A HAPPY FACE!

While Brother Whit was giving his Farewell speech the music "*Blow the Man Down*" was playing softly in the background.

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Brother Whit presented Sister Annie Mae with a handcrafted map of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island showing the location of all the chapters in this jurisdiction. This beautiful map was handcrafted by Brother Charles and Sister Georgie Dewey.

Sister Nan Cole and Sister Mab Cole Smith were escorted to the East and presented Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the sales of Fifth Avenue Jewellery during the Grand Chapter session. This money will go to their Special Project, Special Olympics.

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Brother Whit announced that the beautiful lighthouse arch at the entrance of the labyrinth was built by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71).

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Brother Whit announced that the large wooden backdrop in the East was designed and painted by Sister Sheila Findlay, who is 87 years of age. Sister Sheila is a member of Shoreham Chapter No. 59 in Chester - the home chapter of the Worthy Grand Patron.

At this time Brother Whit and Sister Annie Mae thanked these members for their hard work - which have been admired by all who have attended this session.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M.: It is my pleasure to present Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., Installing Grand Officer.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Installing Grand Officer announced the names of those members assisting her in the Installation Ceremony.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

RECESSIONAL OF 2007-2008 GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) narrated a beautiful ceremony to retire Badges as follows:

CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

The Grand Officers formed a semi-circle at the Altar and Sister Barbara, P.G.M., narrated the following as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar.

No storm clouds gathered as you sailed under fair skies and on quiet seas and through your efforts have reached port safely.

The glow of the sunset upon a calm sea,
Creates a reflection of true harmony
As evening advances, the cares of the day
Just like the horizon are fading away
We face tomorrow with love in our hearts
Which will sustain us all while we are apart.

The Bibles that rested on the altar of this Grand Chapter have been your guide this year. You will now sign your names to the pages of the Bible to signify our trust for today, tomorrow and always.

Sister AnnieMae

Our Worthy Grand Matron is the first to sign
Her year of dedication and service was God's design.

Brother Whit

Our Worthy Grand Patron follows with honour and pride
He walked this year at our Worthy Grand Matron's side.

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Sister Edith, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Ted, Associate Grand Patron
Sign together as the duo they soon will be
As they pledge their devotion and fidelity.

Sister Betty Ann and Sister Dorothy
Our Grand Secretary signs in honour of her responsible station
Kept records and correspondence weaving fraternal relations.
Our Grand Treasurer is next to sign
As our finances she kept in line.

Sister Stella, Grand Conductress and Sister Marion, our Associate Grand
Conductress
Always worked as a team for our Order so true
Introducing our members and visitors too.

Brother Ray, Grand Chaplain
Though our visions may fade, we will always see
The Master who wandered old Galilee.

Brother Jack, Grand Marshal
Your duties were varied as you guided our way
And made the proclamations day after day.

Sister Eleanor, Grand Organist
You've added to our work and enhanced our lessons
By uniting music and poetry to make lasting impressions.

The Grand Star Points have ably portrayed our heroines as their lessons you've
heard. Together they will sign their names in the Book of His Word.

Sister Vicki, Grand Adah
Sometimes the star gleams a heavenly blue,
As we think of a daughter, with love so true.

Sister Phyllis, Grand Ruth
Sometimes the star seems to glisten pure gold,
As we think of a widow, dependant and old.

Sister Bernie, Grand Esther
Sometimes the Star has a snowy white sheen,
When we think of a slave who became a Queen.

Sister Marg, Grand Martha
Sometimes from our star a soft green light is shed,
Then we think of a sister who wept for her dead.

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Sister Shirley, Grand Electa
Sometimes the Star glows as red as a rose
As we think of a mother who loyally chose.

Brother George, Grand Warder and Brother Zeke, Grand Sentinel
You've guarded our doors, we've relied upon you,
A privilege that comes to just a few.

Our District Deputy Grand Matrons
Our District Deputy Grand Matrons are a fantastic group
In our eyes you are a number one troop,
As our Guiding Lights you've all been known,
Imparting knowledge with seeds of kindness sewn.

The 2007-2008 Grand Officers retired.

INSTALLATION OF 2008-2009 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.

8:30 p.m.: Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.
Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67) attended at the Altar informally and Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P (70) led the members in prayer.

Installing Grand Officer: Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61)
Assisted by:
Installing Grand Marshal: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Assisting in the East: Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. (61) - Installing the Worthy
Grand Matron
Brother Allen Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) - Installing the Worthy Grand Patron
Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) - Installing the
Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand
Patron
Sister Isabelle Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. (25) - Installing the
Grand Secretary
Sister Marion Conrad, G.G.C.C.M. (28) - Installing the
Grand Treasurer
Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) - Installing the Grand
Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress

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sang "*Precious Memories*" to Sister Marianne MacMillan.

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STAR POINT CEREMONY
SNOWFLAKES

After the Grand Star Points have been installed, as the Grand Marshal is conducting them to their stations he will stop at the Marshal's station and have the Star Points turn to face the West.

The Worthy Grand Matron will go to the Star Points to present gift to each one as the Installing Officer reads the verse. The gift each received was a flower - the colour of their station and a booklet on the heroine each represents.

Sister Barbara Bowser, Installing Officer:

One of the most precious examples of God's handiwork in nature is found as we watch the SNOWFLAKES fall.

Patterns are designed by God's own hand, no two the same, each with its own individual design falling gently from the clouds. Handcrafted by His own fingers, they are a constant source of wonderment and pleasure.

Grand Adah, as you marvel at the SNOWFLAKES as they fall, be aware of how each is a special shape, how each is different from the other. From our Ritual, you were a daughter like no other, one who protected a promise, quite unmindful of the future.

Grand Ruth, beautiful SNOWFLAKES from heaven falling gently but steadily hour after hour will remind you of the quiet but constant purpose of Ruth the Gleaner who never faltered in the responsibilities that were hers.

Grand Esther, pure, white, crystal-clear SNOWFLAKES changing Nature's whole complexion as the seasons progress will cause you to reflect on how the purity of Queen Esther changed the whole future for her family and friends and those who trusted her.

Grand Martha, as Nature's emerald beauty receives an abundance of beautiful SNOWFLAKES to transform the landscape, so we can recall how Martha of Bethany received grief and sorrow and transformed it into hope and faith knowing that it had been sent down from her Heavenly Father.

Grand Electa, dainty wee SNOWFLAKES gently falling all around you making a design on your windowpane and everywhere about you, will help you to recall how Electa was moved to share the loving kindness in her heart to fulfill God's design for her life.

My Sisters, SNOWFLAKES, delicate and perfect are a beautiful example of God's handiwork. As you marvel at their simplicity and their gentle beauty, be alert to the message they carry for each of you.

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The Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. led us in prayer following the Installation of the Grand Officers.

Sister Kay Horton, P.M. (66) sang "*Pathway to the Stars*" upon the completion of the Installation Ceremony. This beautiful song was written by Brother Ray Horton, P.P. (66) and newly installed Grand Organist.

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 **2008-2009**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Edith Conrod	(61)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier	(27)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Stella Trask	(35)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Zeke Eaton	(1PEI)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Marion Buchan	(67)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Jane Wooldridge	(1PEI)
Grand Chaplain	Sister Marianne MacMillan	(3)
Grand Marshal	Brother Larry Ingham	(10)
Grand Organist	Brother Ray Horton	(66)
Grand Adah	Sister Shirley Walton	(61)
Grand Ruth	Sister Audrey Farquharson	(1PEI)
Grand Esther	Sister Lorraine O'Neill	(61)
Grand Martha	Sister Doreen Edgar	(58)
Grand Electa	Sister Gail Kay	(25)
Grand Warder	Sister Ethel Brown	(55)
Grand Sentinel	Brother Frank Cullen	(24)

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

2008-2009

Sister Edith M. Conrod

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:

What an honour and privilege the Members of this Grand Chapter have bestowed upon me and my Chapter, Queen Esther # 61, by electing me to the office of Worthy Grand Matron. I thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in me. I am fully aware of the great responsibility that comes with this honour and pledge that with the help of our Heavenly Father I will strive to do my best for this Grand Chapter and the members of this Grand Jurisdiction. I ask for your prayers, love and support during this year.

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Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, I am so pleased and grateful to have you at my side for this year. We have worked well together making plans over the past two years. I thank you and Sister Bev for your support and cooperation and know that we will have a Fantastic year together.

At this time I would like to thank my husband, Bob, for his love and support. Four years ago when I talked to you about putting my name up for Associate Grand Conductress and you said go for it, I told you that I would be away from home a lot but I know that I have been gone much more than you thought I would be. Just one more year and then I will be back to spend more time with you.

To our Installing Grand Officers: This was truly a wonderful Installation. It is a memory that I shall treasure forever, what a beautiful sight to look down and see all of my Grand Officers in their stations.

Sister Marian Durling, little did I think that I would be standing here as Worthy Grand Matron when I chaired your Hostess Committee in 1998, as you prepared for your year as Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for doing such a terrific job, but I knew you would when I asked you to be the Installing Grand Officer.

Brother Ken, thank you for the wonderful job you did as Installing Grand Marshal. A special thank you to Brother Ron, the Installing Grand Chaplain and Sister Gail, Installing Grand Conductress.

Sister Eleanor, I thank you for installing me as Worthy Grand Matron, and for your friendship, love and support. You are always there whenever I call. It seemed appropriate that you would be the one to install me as thirty years ago you were installed as Worthy Grand Matron on the South Shore following Sister Alice Cole, Past Grand Matron, who was a member of Grace Chapter; as I am following Sister Annie Mae Backman also a member of Grace, with both you and I being from Queen Esther Chapter.

Bro Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, I thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be here.

Sister Barb, I thank you for installing the Grand Star Points, and for your participation in the SNOWFLAKE ceremony. Your Grand Session in 1988 was the first one that I attended and I have not missed many since.

Also special thanks to Sisters Marion Miller, Isabelle Pearson, Marion Conrad, Margaret Clarke, and Brothers Allen Denton, Allan Conrad, Lewis Smith, Allison Mitchell for taking part in my Installation, you are all very special to me for various reasons.

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Brother Ed, thank you for the beautiful music and as Assistant Grand Organist, I look forward to hearing more from you. Sister Julia, the solo was wonderful. Brother Graham, I always enjoy hearing your music. Sister Kay, that was fantastic. To our piper, Dr. David Moore, I thank you for taking the time to come and pipe us in to the Grand Chapter room.

To our elected Grand Officers, I congratulate you on your election and I am so pleased to have each of you as part of our Grand Family, a special welcome to our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Jane Wooldridge and Grand Sentinel, Brother Frank Cullen.

To the appointed Grand Officers, you have each been chosen with love and care and are special to me I hope that you will enjoy your year and make many new friends as you visit the chapters.

District Deputy Grand Matrons, I know that I have chosen well and that you will do a fantastic job of representing us as you make your Official visits to the chapters. I hope that you will have many happy memories of this year.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you are an inspiration to me. I thank you for the support you have given on my journey to the east of Grand Chapter and for your dedication to our beautiful Order. You are always willing and ready to render a helping hand whenever asked.

Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae and Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Whit, I congratulate you for having a beautiful session and on your year of service to this Grand Chapter. I look forward to seeing you on our visits next year. (Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit were then escorted to the East).

Will the members of Queen Esther Chapter #61 please stand. I am so proud to be a member of Queen Esther Chapter and I thank you for your love and support.

Will the members of the 2009 Hostess Chapters please stand. I know that I have one of the best Hostess Chapters as you are always ready and willing to do anything that is asked of you.

At this time I would like to introduce my family and friends that are here. Would you please stand when I say your name. My husband, Bob, daughter Margaret. My daughter Lisa, Grandchildren Austin & Alisha, had planned on being here but were unable to make it due to a medical appointment. My son Dana and his family in Bermuda were unable to be here tonight. Daughter Roberta, husband Scott, Granddaughter Kailey.

My Brother Jim, from Fredericton. His wife, Kathy, was unable to be here. Brother Glen and his wife, Denise, of Moncton.

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Four Special friends of mine - Iris Bolton, Sheila Durling , Barb Morrison and Rose Atwell. I thank all of you for coming it means a great deal to me that you are here. Also special thanks to Claude Smith for coming.

At this time I would like to recognize Sister Luanne Walton, the Supreme Deputy in Canada, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is the daughter of our Grand Adah, Sister Shirley Walton. Luanne flew in from Ottawa today so that she could be here to see her Mom installed.

A special welcome to Erin O'Neill, the daughter of Grand Esther and a future Eastern Star Member.

Also here this evening is Menna MacIsaac, the Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia, which will be my Charity this year. I ask for your support by purchasing our calendars and forget me not pins. We will also be selling tickets on a painting donated by the artist, Sister Clara Nieforth. These will be available after the meeting tonight. Sister Mary Smith, chair of the Special Project will have the pins and calendars available for sale immediately following the Installation. Also would a representative of each Chapter please see Sister Mary to pick up pins and calendars to take back to their chapter. The Cookbook compiled by the Hostess Chapters is now ready and will be for sale at the price of \$10.00. There are some great recipes in this book. Sister Nora Moxsom will have these.

Our session this year will be called "*Memories of Christmas*" and will be held at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax on July 6th, 7th & 8th, 2009. Make your reservations early.

This year is being lovingly dedicated to the Officers and Members of Queen Esther Chapter #61 and Kwebec Chapter #27.

My honour station is Esther in memory of two dear friends of mine, Sister Valerie Clarke who was Grand Esther in 1978-79 and Sister Carol Boutilier who was to have been Grand Esther in 2003-04.

The rest of our information has been printed in our program. I thank Sister Nora Moxsom and family for the excellent job they did in preparing our programs.

This year I would like to have the Flag of our country presented at Chapter meetings in Honour of the men and women who are serving this country in Afghanistan. I know that many of our Sisters and Brothers have family members serving in Afghanistan.

I thank each and every member and visitor for being with us this evening.

It is now my pleasure to invite the Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ted to say a few

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words.

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**ADDRESS OF THE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
2008-2009**

Brother Tabor "Ted" J. Caulier

Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Special Guests:

I feel very proud, honoured and privileged to have been elected and installed in this high office of Worthy Grand Patron. I thank the members of this Grand Chapter for placing your trust in me and giving me the opportunity of being your personal representative within and without this Grand Jurisdiction. I give my pledge to you, that I shall give this Grand Chapter my complete attention and energy to perform all my duties and responsibilities of the office to the best of my skill and ability.

Sister Edith, let me be the first to congratulate you. It will be a great honour and a very pleasant duty to serve at your side. I would like to congratulate all the elected Officers on their advancement and wish you well on your future endeavours. The Worthy Grand Matron has chosen well in her appointed officers and I look forward to the fellowship and good times in our travels. To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, you will be our eyes and ears as a link of communication between the Chapters and the Grand Chapter and we thank you for excepting this special appointment.

I can only offer my sincere thanks to the Sisters and Brothers who have accepted the important positions of Committee Members and also the ones who are continuing on. You are the dedicated and hard workers who will make our Grand Chapter a success.

A well deserved thank you to the Installing Officers. I know our members and special guests have been impressed with the Installation Ceremony. Thank you, Brother Allen Denton, Past Grand Patron, for installing me in this high office.

One important part of an Installation Ceremony is the music. I thank the choir and accompanying organist which has made this possible. Thank you, Sister Brenda Johnston Giles, Worthy Matron from my own Chapter, for one of my favorite musical selections.

To Right Worthy Brother, Dr. David Moore, a Grand Piper for many Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, thank you for piping in our Grand Chapter Officers this evening.

I would like to thank the members of Kwebec Chapter #27 for their support during the past few years and to Sister Janet Merry who has been my presenter.

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Our Special Project will be the Alzheimer's Society, a subject of great importance to us all. As I travel to the Chapters I will have an opportunity of explaining the Society's purpose, aims and goals.

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A very special thank you to my wife, Sister Beverly, who has accompanied me on our many visitations during the past few years. We have found it very comforting that we have made so many new friends and have enjoyed the fellowship immensely.

Before I proceed to close, one only hopes that members of the immediate family could be here this evening but due to work and travel distances it is not always possible but they have conveyed their best wishes. I have with me this evening some close personal friends from my Lodge and other Lodges and their lovely ladies. I will introduce them and ask them to stand when their names are called.

Eric Yates and his wife Maude, Frank Venoit and his wife Christine, Jim Taylor and his wife, Geraldine and Dr. David Moore and his wife June, thank you for attending this evening.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

And finally, Sister Edith, I take this opportunity to present to you this Crown and Sceptre and travelling case, the emblem of your honour station. I know it will travel with you on all our Official Visits. I look forward with anticipation to the coming year and may our year be a very prosperous and rewarding year. Thank you.

Sister Edith presented Brother Ted with a beautiful travelling case for his Bible. This case was handcrafted by Brother Charles Dewey (10).

Sister Phyllis Vallis, W.M. (61) presented Sister Edith with her Bible - a gift from her chapter, Queen Esther No. 61.

Sister Mary and her husband, Claude Smith, presented Sister Edith with a beautiful Bible case which was handcrafted by Don Wooldridge, husband of our newly installed Associate Grand Conductress.

Sister Brenda Johnston Giles, W.M. (27) presented Brother Ted with his Bible - a gift from his chapter, Kwebec No. 27 as well as a beautifully wood carved Penguin - his fun symbol this year. This penguin was hand carved by Sister Brenda.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell presented Sister Edith with a carrying case made by Brother Charles Dewey and her gavel to use during her year. This gavel belongs to Sister Eleanor and was used by her during her year as Worthy Grand Matron. She also presented Sister Edith with a guest book - a gift from Brother Allison and herself.

Sister Lorraine O'Neill, on behalf of the Past Matrons Club of Queen Esther Chapter No. 61 presented Sister Edith with a gavel and sounding block. These

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were made by Brother Zeke Eaton, Associate Grand Patron.

Both Sister Edith and Brother Ted thanked the members and chapters for all the beautiful gifts, which will certainly be used with care and pride this year.

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INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Sister Edith, W.G.M.: I have made a change in the Districts and have added one District Deputy Grand Matron. There is now not a district with more than 6 chapters in it.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2008-2009 were presented in the west, introduced and escorted to the East. The five appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons are: Sister Evelyn MacDonald, Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Sister Marion Tizard, Sister Beverly Caulier and Sister Joan Mills.

Sister Edith, W.G.M. and Brother Ted, 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 Evelyn MacDonald, P.M.	(19)
District No. 2	Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M.	(48)
District No. 3	Sister Marion Tizard, P.M.	(57)
District No. 4	Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M.	(27)
District No. 5	Sister Joan Mills, P.M.	(8)
District No. 6	Sister Marion Buchan, G.C.	(67)
District No. 7	Sister Stella Trask, A.G.M.	(35)
District No. 8	Sister Jane Wooldridge, A.G.C.	(1PEI)

The appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons wore two piece emerald green gowns, the same style as the gowns of the Grand Officers.

Sister Edith, W.G.M.: You look fantastic in your Green Gowns, and I am delighted that all of you accepted your appointments. Sister Marion (Tizard), I am so pleased that you are able to be here with us this evening.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
For 2008-2009

STANDING COMMITTEES
FIVE YEAR Appointment:

E.S.T.A.R.L.: Sister Nora Moxsom, P.M. (55)

THREE YEAR Appointments:

Credentials: Sister Tracey Hobson, PM. (67)

Finance: Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49)

Jurisprudence: Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28)

I have received the resignation of Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P. and have appointed Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. as Chair to fill the one year vacancy.

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Membership:	Sister Wilma Verge, P.M.	(58)
	Sister Velda Forrest, P.M.	(71)
	Brother Rowan Caseley, P.P.	(52)

Eastern Star Journal:	Sister Doris Hillier, P.M.	(58)
	Sister Elizabeth Dean, P.M.	(30)

These two sisters have been appointed to fill the one year vacancy.

I have received the resignations of Sister Doreen Edgar and Sister Dorothy Jewers.

ONE YEAR Appointments:

Courtesy:	Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M.	(8)
	Brother Whit Giffin, P.G.P.	(59)
	Sister Darlene Amirault, P.M.	(49)
	Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M.	(61)

Crafts and Treasures:

Sister Linda MacKay, P.M. Chairman	(61)
Sister Katherine Crawford, P.M.	(19)
Sister Mary Reid, P.M.	(25)
Sister Freda Shaffer, P.M.	(40)
Sister Gloria Turner, P.M.	(8)
Sister Midge Medicraft, P.M.	(31)
Sister Elinor Sanford, P.M.	(22)
Sister Eileen Paul, P.M.	(3)
Sister Fran Harding, P.M.	(52)

International Headquarters Fund:

Sister Bernice Webb, P.M. - Chairman	(27)
Sister Marves Mansfield, P.M.	(45)
Sister Helen Fisher, P.M.	(48)

Librarian:	Sister Janet Merry, P.M.	(27)
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Music:	Brother Ed MacLaren, P.P.	(69)
	Assistant Grand Organist	
	Sister Kay Horton, P.M.	(66)
	Choir Director	

Program Booklet:	Brother Peter Kay, P.P. - Chairman	(25)
	Brother Donald P. MacDonald, P.P.	(19)
	Brother Kenneth Conrod, P.P.	(61)
	Brother James Coolen, P.P.	(40)
	Brother Charles Teal, P.P.	(38)
	Brother Jack Whalley, P.P.	(35)

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Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P.

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Brother Walter Blair, P.P. (3)
Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI)

Publicity: Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. - Chairman (70)
Sister Maxine Smith, P.M. (66)
Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M. (10)
Brother Donald Cooke, P.P. (49)
Sister Marelene Clyde, P.M. (28)
Sister Emily White, P.M. (30)
Brother Ralph McKay, P.P. (18)
Sister Helen Nicholson, P.M. (1PEI)

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:

Sister Mary Smith, P.M. - Chairman (57)
Sister Ruth Digdon, P.M. (54)
Sister Heather Boyd, P.M. (21)
Sister Shirley Moir, P.M. (45)
Sister Linda O'Hearn, P.M. (34)
Sister Brenda Clarke, P.M. (5)
Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. (15)
Sister Barbara Ferguson, P.M. (65)
Sister Jean Annear, P.M. (69)

PRESENTATION OF THE 2008-2009 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

At this time **twenty-three Worthy Matrons and eighteen Worthy Patrons** for 2008-2009 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Edith and Brother Ted:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Margie Allen, Cedar #3; Sister JoAnne Newell, Keystone #5; Sister Gloria Turner, Grace #8; Sister Gale Langille, Century #10; Sister Nora Bishop, Evangeline #15; Sister Gladys Hobson, Fairfield #22; Sister Connie MacDonald, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Susan Martin, Westville #24; Sister Susan Lorimer, Harmony #25; Sister Barbara Nicholson, Munro #26; Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles, Kwebec #27; Sister Clara Nieforth, Amethyst #28; Sister Anna Cox, Arbutus #30; Sister Charlene Davis, St. Mary's #35; Sister Shirley Moir, Armcrest #45; Sister Shirley Conrad, Scotia #49; Sister Marilyn Lisk, Regent #52; Sister Nora Moxsom, Elmsdale #55; Sister Mary Smith, Ruth #57; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Shoreham #59; Sister Phyllis Vallis, Queen Esther #61; Sister Jean Annear, Montague #69; Sister Velda Forrest, Pearle #71.

The Worthy Matrons looked lovely in their two piece royal blue gowns. The top is beaded and the skirt is chiffon.

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Worthy Patrons: Brother Richard Haynes, Mayflower #2; Brother Alfred Newell, Keystone #5; Brother Kenneth Langille, Century #10; Brother Richard Pineo, Evangeline #15; Brother David Hobson, Fairfield #22; Brother William Clark, Westville #24; Brother John Lorimer, Harmony #25; Brother Joseph Fiander, Munro #26; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother William Cox, Arbutus #30; Brother Ralph Swinamer, Annaval #31; Brother Ted Davis, St. Mary's #35; Brother Charles Teal, Mae #38; Brother Kenneth Josey, Scotia #49; Brother Rowan Caseley, Regent #52; Brother Ray Zinck, Shoreham #59; Brother Kenneth Conrod, Queen Esther #61; Brother Hayward Meisner, Crescent #70.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East and received a hearty welcome and then escorted back to their seats.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Sister Nan Varner, Sister Mab Cole Smith and Sister JoAnne Giffin, were escorted to the East for the presentation of jewels to Sister Annie Mae Backman, Junior P.G.M. and Brother Whit Giffin, Junior P.G.P.

Sister Nan Varner presented her mother's Past Grand Matron's Jewel to Sister Annie Mae and Sister Mab Cole Smith pinned it on her. Both Sister Nan and Sister Mab were pleased and proud to present and pin this jewel and knew that their mother, Sister Alice Cole, P.G.M. would be very proud to know that it will be worn by a Past Grand Matron from her own chapter, Grace #8.

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M. thanked both Sister Nan and Sister Mab for the jewel and stated that she is honoured to have it and will wear it with pride.

Brother Ted Caulier, W.G.P. presented Brother Whit with his Past Grand Patron's jewel. Sister JoAnne Giffin, P.M. said she was honoured and proud to pin the Past Grand Patron's jewel on him as this jewel belonged to Brother Ray Schwartz, P.G.P. of Grace Chapter #8.

Brother Whit thanked them for this jewel which he will wear with pride and honour as he knew Brother Ray for many years.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. presented Sister Edith Conrod, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction. Sister Edith thanked Sister Annie Mae for presenting this jewel.

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Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. presented Brother Ted Caulier, 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 Ted thanked Brother Whit and stated he will wear it with pride.

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. and Brother Whitman Giffin, 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.

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER, 2008

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, 2009 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Grand Officers retired with an outgoing march.

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“MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS”

GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

To be held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 6, 7 and 8, 2009

Dedication: To all members of Queen Esther Chapter #61 and Kwebec Chapter #27

Theme: Christmas

Aim: Work together in harmony to rebuild our chapters and increase membership

Motto: If we could live Christmas everyday there would be peace on earth

Watchwords: **Peace** (on earth)
Purity (of heart)
Joy (of Christmas)

Honour Station: Esther - *in loving memory of Sister Valerie Clarke who held the station of Grand Esther in 1978-79 and Sister Carol Boutilier who was to have been Grand Esther in 2003-04*

Emblem: Crown and Sceptre

Scriptures: WGM: 23rd Psalm
WGP: 15th Psalm

Colours: Red, Green and Royal Blue

Flowers: WGM: Red Rose and Poinsettia
WGP: Daisy

Fun Symbols: WGM: Snowmen and Angels
WGP: Penguins

Special Project: Alzheimer Society

Project Pin: Forget Me Not

Musical Selection: WGM: *I Walk With His Hand in Mine*
Love Lifted Me
Precious Memories

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WGP: *Danny Boy*
 This Little Light of Mine
 I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

WGM/WGP Selection: *One Day At A Time*
 All Christmas Music

Theme Songs: *Frosty the Snowman*
 Jingle Bells

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DECORATIONS

The nautical theme in keeping with the name of the session "Beacons of Light" was carried out throughout the Grand Chapter room. Suspended in the East was a large hand-painted copy of the Special Ornament in full colour. This beautiful artwork was done by Sister Sheila Findlay, a member of Shoreham Chapter No. 59 in Chester. It showed the Lighthouse with beacon and geese in full flight. The emblem of the Grand Chapter was in the upper right hand corner. The oval was encircled with white marine rope. On the extreme right and left in the front corners of the stage were large urns of flowers in colours of white, yellow and deep red. In front of the Worthy Grand Matron's chair next to the podium was her travelling lighthouse and in front of the Worthy Grand Patron's chair next to the podium was his travelling Canada goose. At the back of each Star Point chair was a beautiful pot of mums in the Star Point colour. Each of the fence posts marking out the floor area for the Officers was surmounted by a lighthouse made by Brother Donald Hardy, and tole painted by Sister Jean Hardy, with the assistance of members of Grace Chapter No. 8. There was also a similar lighthouse on the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's desks. The gate in the west - fashioned by two lighthouses joined by a sign with the wording "Beacons of Light" was the handiwork of Brother Howard Ford, P.P., Pearle Chapter No. 71. All these decorations complemented the view seen from the large windows. The sea and the islands completed the setting.

GRAND CHAPTER GOWNS

The sisters wore two piece burgundy gowns. The tops were beaded with chiffon skirts. The brothers wore white jackets (in the summer months) and black trousers and Black Tuxedos (in the winter months) with burgundy vests and matching crossover ties. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore two piece yellow gowns in the same style as the Grand Officers.

FORMATIONS

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Within our beautiful Order we have many emblems and symbols. The most prominent is our beloved Eastern Star in the centre of which is our Altar with the open Holy Bible. These both are "beacons of light" which guide and direct us through our journey of life.

It is, therefore, appropriate that this year the lighthouse has been chosen as the symbolic emblem to represent who we are and our purposes in our own individual journeys.

In our Order, our Worthy Patrons are charged with seeing that our officers are proficient in their work and exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the chapter. They are, for this reason, our foundation on which we are built and our protection to ensure we remain true to the precepts of the Order.

Our Grand Guards have formed the roof of protection, the foundation on which

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we stand, and the railing to keep us from falling.

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Our Worthy Matrons are charged with presiding over the meetings of our chapter and to see that its business is properly conducted and our authority in our chapter's affairs. They shed light of friendliness and hospitality to all who attend their meetings, and they are the framework within whom we can be assured of our future.

Our Grand Pages have formed the light at the top of our lighthouse and the walls of protection.

Most lighthouses have stripes of red spiraling up the sides to make them visible from great distances.

Our Grand Officer "ladies in red" have formed that spiral surrounding our chapters with the strength that binds us together.

Every lighthouse must have a door to ensure that we keep the light burning.

Our Grand Officer "gentlemen in black" have formed that door, closing out all the stormy elements that can from time to time assail our chapters.

The light from the lighthouse sheds its beacons over the stormy seas, through good weather and bad, to protect the ships from foundering on the rocks.

Our District Deputy Grand Matrons have formed the beacon as they have gone from Chapter to Chapter in their respective districts to send the light of our star and its teachings and guide our individual chapters in following our wonderful ritualistic work, and to keep those chapters from foundering on the rocks of indifference, pettiness and negativity.

Our Subordinate Chapter Secretaries have formed a protective shield above our lighthouse while our Subordinate Chapter Treasurers have formed a protective shield below the base of our lighthouse. Our Secretaries: Keepers of the lifeline of our Order. Our Treasurers: Our Harbour Belles and Beaus warning us from the shoals and rocks of financial distress. These are our Honour Stations.

Encircling our Lighthouse are our Grand Representatives all of them links in our chain of friendship that extends throughout the world.

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SOCIAL EVENTS**

Sunday, July 6, 2008

4:00 p.m. ESTARL Church Service was held in Chester United Baptist Church, 84 King Street, Chester, Nova Scotia. The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

6:00 p.m. “*Anchors A-Weigh*” Banquet honouring the General Grand Chapter Officer and General Grand Chapter Committee Members. This was held in Salons A and B, Oak Island Resort.

Monday, July 7, 2008

11:00 a.m. The Past Grands Club held their meeting in the Mahone Room of the Oak Island Resort. This was followed by their Luncheon at **12:00 p.m.** in St. John’s Anglican Church Hall, Chester Basin.

11:30 a.m. The Grand Representatives Association held their meeting in the Lunenburg Room, Oak Island Resort.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Afternoon Tea was held in the Fireside Lounge and Deck, Oak Island Resort and was well attended with many of our members having the opportunity to enjoy the abundant refreshments while chatting with friends.

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

7:15 a.m. The Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast was held in the Mahone Room at the Oak Island Resort.

12:30 p.m. The “*Scribes & Pursers*” Luncheon (Secretaries and Treasurers) was held in the Main Dining Room, Oak Island Resort.

12:30 p.m. The Grand Representatives Luncheon was held in the Fire Hall, Western Shore.

6:30 p.m. The “*Harbour Lights*” Main Banquet was held in Salons A and B, Oak Island Resort. Entertainment followed in the Banquet Room.

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

7:15 a.m. The Grand Family Breakfast was held in the Mahone Room, Oak Island Resort.

12:30 p.m. The “*Ships Crew*” Luncheon (All Members) was held in the Main Dining Room at the Oak Island Resort.

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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. Ilse 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

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Mrs. Loretta Dow, Past Matron, Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, Florida	July 2008
Mr. George Dow, Past Patron, Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, Florida	July 2008
Mr. Donald F. Pierce, G.G.C.C.M. and Past Grand Patron of Maine	July 2008
Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas	July 2008
Mrs. Opal Martin, Past Matron, Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959, Dallas, Texas	July 2008
Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas	July 2008
Mrs. Juanita Gregory, Past Matron, Travis Chapter #472, Austin, Texas	July 2008
Mr. Vlade Ampeff, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 2008
Mrs. Sharon Ampeff, Past Matron, Satellite Chapter #318, Brampton, Ontario	July 2008
Mr. Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 2008
Mrs. Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 2008
Mr. Douglas Swan, G.G.C.C.M. and Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 2008
Mrs. Lynda Swan, Past Matron, Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock, New Brunswick	July 2008
Mr. Thomas Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mrs. Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and P.G.M. of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mr. William Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron and P.G.P. of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mrs. Evelina Owen, Past Matron of Oklahoma	July 2008

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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	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 Mine, 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, 449 Portland Hills Dr., A206, Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6R9	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
Mrs. Annie Mae Backman, 95 Windward Ave., R.R.#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0	2007-08

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, 71 Palon Dr., Kentville, N.S., B4N 0B1	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

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Mr. Adrian A. Pearson, P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	1992-93
Mr. James Dickie, 260 Rte.223, R.R.#1 Little Narrows, N.S., B0E 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, 6041 Camro Place, Apt. 3, Cambridge, N.S., B0P 1G0	2002-03
Mr. C. Allen Denton, 5127 Rte. 217, Little River, N.S., Digby Co., B0V 1C0	2003-04
Mr. Allan R. Conrad, 59 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
Mr. Whitman J. Giffin, P.O. Box 494, Chester, N.S., B0J 1J0	2007-08

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 12th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0H2
 ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Ruth Brannan, 4600 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
 ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Rosemary Messersmith, PGM, 610 Royal Lane, Bentonville, AR, 72712
 AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Lorraine Ellison, PWM, Box 574, Lithgow, NSW, 2790, AUS.
 BOLIVIA - Mrs. Maria Eugenia de Landivar, Calle, Barachavi No. 230, Barrio Urbari, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

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BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON - June - Mrs. Sheila Carlson, 20604 - 95A Ave., Langley, BC, V1M 1H8
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 - Miss Jane F. Grolig, 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. Helen Ohlsson, 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 - Mr. Glen Carlson, PGP, 11501 Masonic Home Dr., Bloomington, MN, 55437
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. - Mr. Rafael Rondon, PGP, 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 203, Bradley, WV, 25818-0203
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

Iris Newman (28)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2009
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
Sylvia McCleave (27)	California	Dec. 31, 2009
Rhonda Fader (71)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2008
Diane Patterson (10)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2009
Edith Taylor (8)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2010
Hattie Hagen (34)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2010
Albert Timmons (52)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2008
William Bishop (21)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2009
Jack Calder (15)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2008
Sylvia Munro (38)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2010
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
Lola Pineo (15)	Louisiana	July 01, 2010
Mary MacDonald (69)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2009
Mildred Wagner (28)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2010
Joyce Johnston (47)	Maryland	June 15, 2010
Mary Zinck (40)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2008
Sharon Ward (24)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2010
Shirley Rydholm (70)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2008
April MacLean (37)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2009
Hillyard Shaffer (40)	Missouri	June 16, 2009
Alfred Newell (5)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2009
Irma Maxwell	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2009
Evelyn Aulenback (34)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2008
Bonnie Boutilier (61)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2009
Bonnie Lowe (31))	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2010
Lucinda Josey (49)	New Jersey	Jan. 01, 2009
Linda Townsend (67)	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2009
Allen Reid (25)	New York	May 01, 2010
Sheila Levy (8)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2009
Mary Ihasz (19)	North Dakota	Jan. 01, 2009
Suzanne Aitken (69)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2009
Patricia Armstrong (71)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2009
Arnold Burhoe (IPEI)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2008

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Norman Card (67)	Oregon	May 01, 2010
Myra McNee (57)	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2009
Janet Hue(58)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2009
JoAnne Giffin (59)	Quebec	July 01, 2011
Jean Hardy (8)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2010
Kenneth Crook (2)	Sao Paulo	Dec. 31, 2008
Helen Hatt (30)	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2008
Robert Turner (30)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2009
Peg Lipskey (67)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2010
Iris Coolen (40)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2009
Jack Wheeliker (14)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2009
David Moir (45)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2010
Gary Bernard (45)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2009
Stewart Fader (71)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2009
Lucille Langille (65)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2008
Mary Withrow (22)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2010
Donald Doucet (8)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2008
Roy MacKinnon (66)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2009
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
Barb Stefiuk	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2009
Marsha Young	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2008
Marilyn Black	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2009
Pamela Sangwell	Australia	Dec. 31, 2008
Rhoda Basaraba	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2009
William Cheney	California	Dec. 31, 2009
George Estep	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2008
Regina Kustwan	Connecticut	May 07, 2010
Maria Peterson	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2009
Daniel Benn	District of Columbia	June 30, 2010
Esther Gaisford	Florida	Dec. 31, 2009
Lennis Lott	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2009
Glenn Kinlock	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2008
Evelyn Harris	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2008
Cheryl Pritt	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2009
Rilla Baker	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2009
Leland Denton	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2008
Thelma Prater	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2008
Wanda Hagemeyer	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2008
Martha "Mike" Wilson	Maine	May 31, 2010
Peggy Moore-Oakley	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2008
Sharon Earl	Maryland	June 01, 2010
Frederick Penney	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2009
Alberta Handy	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2009
Beth Young	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2008
Elizabeth Reeves	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2009
Carolyn Sue Sanders	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2010
Diana Gill	Montana	Dec. 31, 2009
Donna McCartney	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2009

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Yvonne MacNeill	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2009
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
Patricia Jackson	New York	Dec. 31, 2009
Barbara Shields	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2009
Meredith Mitskog	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2008
Debbie Bralley	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2008
Edith "Dee" Guyer	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2009
Violet Page	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2009
Oliver Hardy	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2009
Deanna Williams	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2008
Ruperto Negron	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2009
Elaine Wilson	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2008
Wendy Aylsworth	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2009
Maria L.S. Alves	Sao Paulo	Oct. 31, 2007
Ivy McNamee	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2008
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2009
Doug O'Shields	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2008
Alvin Schmidt	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2009
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
Theresa Kent	Washington	Dec. 31, 2009
Mary Virginia Primm	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2008
Brenda Gaulke	Wisconsin	May 01, 2009
Shannon Stewart	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2008

**SECRETARIES
OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
2007-2008**

<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. Gayle Smith 13 Beverly Avenue Truro, N.S., B2N 4Y5	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. Emily White Box 277 Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 st Thursday
Annal #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	Mr. William Hilden 32 Morganville Road Bear River, N.S., B0S 1B0	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
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
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

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Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Ethel Brown 114 Hemlock Drive Elmsdale, N.S., B2S 1B8	2 nd Wednesday
Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Linda Grainger 23 Atholea Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3A5	2 nd Friday
Emerald #58	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9	2 nd Thursday
Shoreham #59	Chester	Miss Vicki Perry 2816 Hwy #3 R.R.#1, Chester N.S., B0J 1J0	3 rd Tuesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Jean Coombes 10 Horizon Ct., A. 1504 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 0A4	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. Yvonne Fox 397 Hwy 19 Newtown, N.S., B9A 1J2	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. Grace Boudreau P.O. Box 342 Shelburne, N.S., B0T 1W0	2 nd Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Anna Ford R.R.#2, Caledonia N.S., B0T 1B0	4 th Thursday

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