

**Grand Chapter**

**Order of the Eastern Star**



**Nova Scotia**

**and Prince Edward Island**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**GRAND CHAPTER**

**OF**

**NOVA SCOTIA  
AND  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD IN**

**WESTIN NOVA SCOTIAN HOTEL  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA**

**JULY 6, 7 and 8, 2009**

**MRS. EDITH M. CONROD  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**MR. TABOR J. CAULIER  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**MRS. BETTY ANN LOUGHNAN  
GRAND SECRETARY**

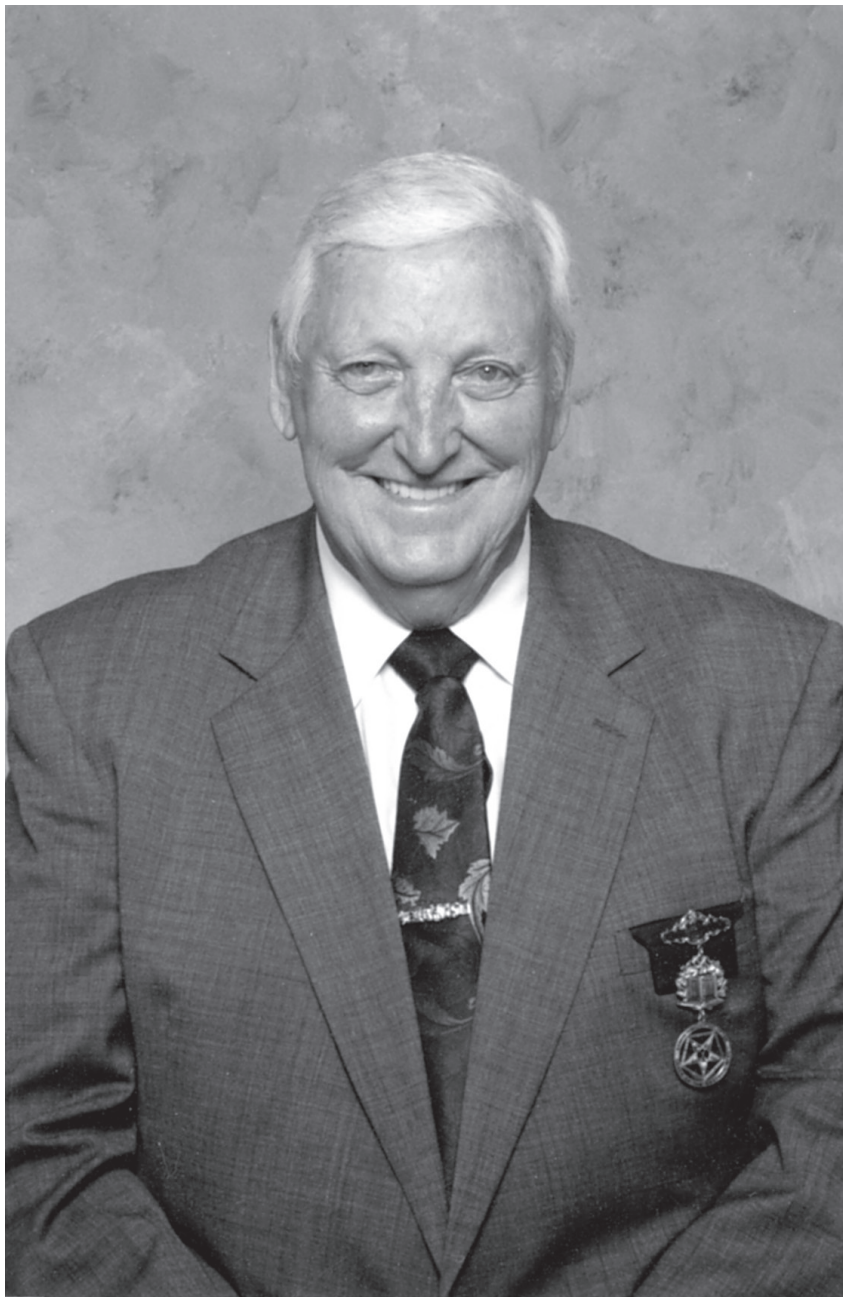
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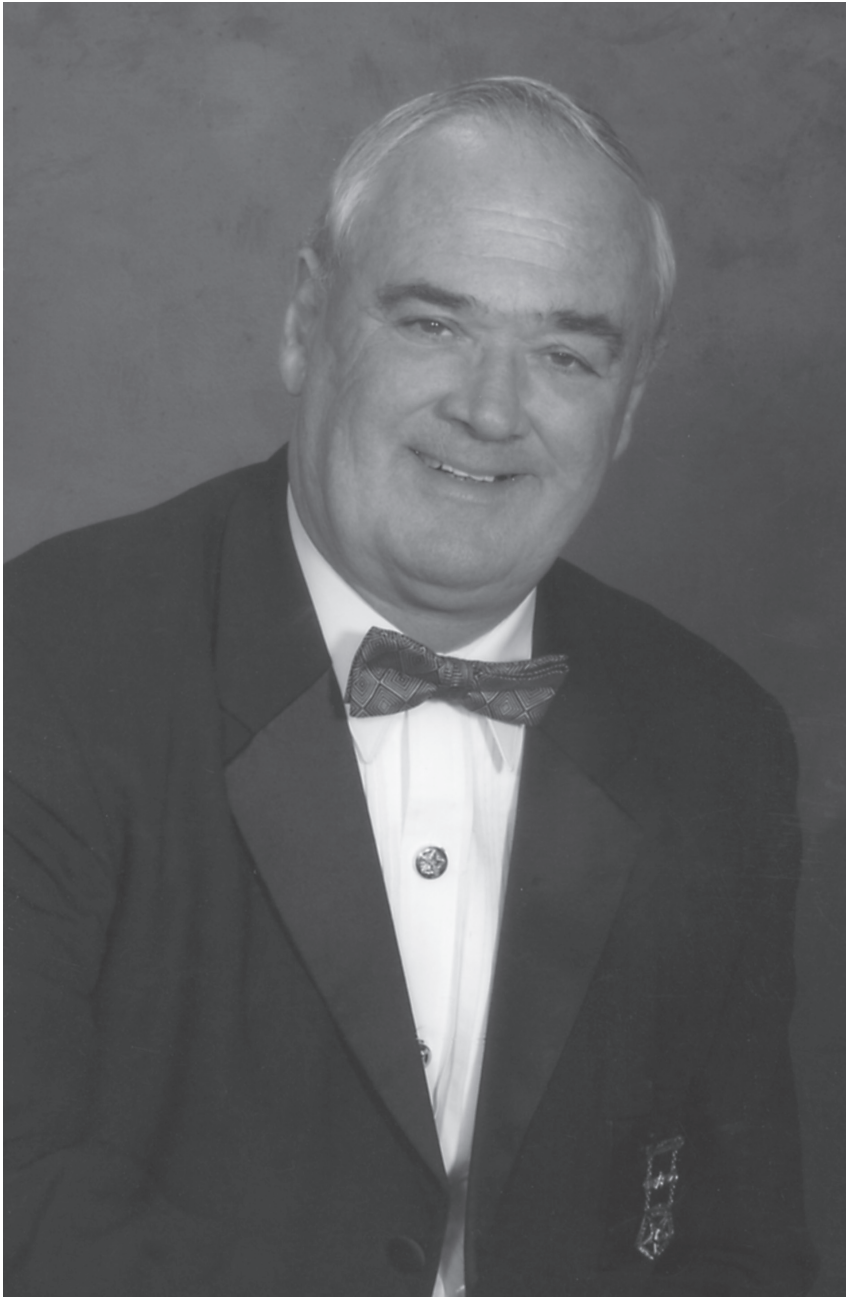
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<b>Grand Marshal</b> - Mr. Larry Ingham R.R.#3, New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 5C6	(10)
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## GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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#### Jurisprudence

- Mrs. Cheryl Denton, P.G.M., 5127 Rte. 217, Little River, N.S., B0V 1C0 (35)  
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### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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- Mrs. Diane Hayman, P.G.M., Chair, P.O. Box 853, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0 (24)  
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R.R.#2, Kingston, N.S., B0P 1R0  
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N.S., B0K 1E0

#### Benevolent (Permanent)

- Mrs. Helen Connors, P.G.M., Garden Suites, Unit 9, 390 Marsh Street, (24)  
New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 4S6  
Mr. Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P., 155 Fox Hill Avenue, Kentville, N.S., B4N 5B4 (15)  
Mr. Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P., 271 Milne Avenue, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C9 (67)

#### Eastern Star Journal (3 year)

- Mr. Dennis Hagen, P.P., 469 Oldham Road, Oldham, N.S., B2T 1C2 (61)  
Mrs. Carol Pettigrew, P.M., 155 Fox Hill, Kentville, N.S., B4N 5B4 (15)  
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Mrs. Violet Fraser, P.M., P.O. Box 164, Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0 (47)  
Mrs. Elizabeth Dean, P.M., P.O. Box 47, Brooklyn, N.S., B0J 1H0 (30)  
Mrs. Donna White, P.M., Guernesey Cove, Murray Harbour, P.E.I., C0A 1V0 (69)

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### **E.S.T.A.R.L. (5 year)**

- Mrs. Marion Robinson, P.M., 454 Lake Drive, Cambridge, N.S., B0P 1G0 (67)  
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Mr. Donald Medcraft, P.P., P.O. Box 627, Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0 (31)  
Rev. Charles Paterson, P.P., 8 Lindsay Hill, Bedford, N.S., B4A 1N4 (55)  
Mrs. Nora Moxsom, P.M., 8565 Hwy 14, Hardwoodlands, N.S., B0N 1Y0 (55)

### **Historian of Grand Chapter**

- Mrs. Margaret Allen, P.M., 1431 Fox Harbour Rd., RR#2, Wallace, N.S., B0K 1Y0 (3)

### **ONE YEAR APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Courtesy**

- Mrs. Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M., 95 Windward Ave., R.R.#2, Lunenburg, N.S., (8)  
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Mr. Whitman J. Giffin, P.G.P., P.O. Box 494, Chester, N.S., B0J 1J0 (59)  
Mrs. Darlene Amirault, P.M., P.O. Box 91, R.R.#2, Seaforth, N.S., B0J 1N0 (49)  
Mrs. Carol Nielsen, P.M., 275 Prince Albert Rd., #217, Dartmouth, N.S., B2Y 1M9 (61)

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- Mrs. Linda McKay, P.M., 36 Old Enfield Road, Enfield, N.S., B2T 1C9 (61)  
Mrs. Katherine Crawford, P.M., P.O. Box 188, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0 (19)  
Mrs. Mary Reid, P.M., 313 Mark Road, R.R.#1, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0 (25)  
Mrs. Freda Shaffer, P.M., 29 Elva Court, Tantallon, N.S., B3Z 4M4 (40)  
Mrs. Gloria Turner, P.M., P.O. Box 706, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0 (8)  
Mrs. Midge Medcraft, P.M., P.O. Box 627, Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0 (31)  
Mrs. Elinor Sanford, P.M., 5804 Hwy 215, R.R.#1, Newport, N.S., B0N 2A0 (22)  
Mrs. Eileen Paul, P.M., R.R.#1, Collingwood Corner, N.S., B0M 1E0 (3)  
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- Mrs. Bernice Webb, P.M., 52 Parkland Dr., Apt. 312, Halifax, N.S., B3S 1S9 (27)  
Mrs. Marves Mansfield, P.M., 142 Frederick Avenue, Halifax, N.S., B3N 2L3 (45)  
Mrs. Helen Fisher, P.M., 34 Camden Road, R.R.#3, Brookfield, N.S., B0N 1C0 (48)

#### **Librarian**

- Mrs. Janet Merry, P.M., 31 River Lane, Apt. 403, Bedford, N.S., B4A 3V7 (27)

#### **Music**

- Mr. Edward MacLaren, P.P., Assistant Grand Organist, 2 Cedar Avenue,  
Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 6K3 (69)

#### **Program Booklet**

- Mr. Peter Kay, P.P., P.O. Box 1377, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0 (25)  
Mr. Donald P. MacDonald, P.P., P.O. Box 416, Baddeck, N.S., B0E 1B0 (19)  
Mr. Kenneth Conrod, P.P., 2 Lexington Avenue, Dartmouth, N.S., B2X 3L8 (61)  
Mr. James Coolen, P.P., 13265 Peggy's Cove Rd., Upper Tantallon, N.S., B3Z 2J8 (40)  
Mr. Charles Teal, P.P., 2-115 Jubilee Road, Bridgewater, N.S., B4V 2A7 (38)  
Mr. Jack Whalley, P.P., P.O. Box 746, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0 (35)  
Mr. Fred Lipskey, P.P., 89 Nichols Avenue, Kentville, N.S., B4N 2G9 (67)  
Mr. Walter Blair, P.P., P.O. Box 189, Wallace, N.S., B0K 1Y0 (3)  
Mrs. Connie MacDonald, P.M., P.O. Box 253, Winsloe, P.E.I., C1E 1Z2 (1PEI)

#### **Publicity**

- Mrs. Grace Boudreau, P.M., P.O. Box 342, Shelburne, N.S., B0T 1W0 (70)  
Mrs. Maxine Smith, P.M., 39 Cemetery Road, Port Hastings, N.S., B9A 1K5 (66)  
Mrs. Georgie Dewey, P.M., P.O. Box 625, Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X0 (10)  
Mr. Donald Cooke, P.P., 3965 Hwy 7, Porter's Lake, N.S., B3E 1E5 (49)

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- Mrs. Marelene Clyde, P.M., 2035 Creighton Street, Halifax, N.S., B3K 3R3 (28)  
Mrs. Emily White, P.M., P.O. Box 277, Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0 (30)  
Mrs. Rowena Marsters, P.M., 98 Wharf Road, Summerville, N.S., B0N 2K0 (22)  
Mr. Ralph McKay, P.P., 23 Fletcher Drive, Amherst, N.S., B4H 4T9 (18)  
Mrs. Helen Nicholson, P.M., 132 Cameron Rd., Cornwall, RR#3, P.E.I., C0A 1H0 (1PEI)

**Worthy Grand Matron's/Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project**

- Mrs. Mary Smith, P.M., 11 Delwood Place, Dartmouth, N.S., B2V 1S4 (57)  
Mrs. Ruth Digdon, P.M., 487 Main St., Box 225, Mulgrave, N.S., B0E 2G0 (54)  
Mrs. Heather Boyd, P.M., 269 Belmont Road, Belmont, N.S., B0M 1C0 (21)  
Mrs. Shirley Moir, P.M., 104 Forest Village Rd., RR#1, Hubbards, N.S., B0J 1T0 (45)  
Mrs. Linda O'Hearn, P.M., P.O. Box 185, Greenfield, N.S., B0T 1E0 (34)  
Mrs. Brenda Clarke, P.M., 41 Huntington Street, Yarmouth, N.S., B5A 2S2 (5)  
Mrs. LaVerne Porter, P.M., 36 Pelton Mountain Rd., Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7 (15)  
Mrs. Barbara Ferguson, P.M., 123 Ferguson Brook Rd., Rte. 5, Tatamagouche,  
N.S., B0K 1V0 (65)  
Mrs. Jean Annear, P.M., Montague R.R.#2, P.E.I., C0A 1R0 (69)

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**GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS**

- Mrs. Hazel MacLeod, P.M., 1822 Robie Street, Halifax, N.S., B3H 3G3 (45)

**GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS**

- Mr. Cecil Decker, P.P., 103 Doull Avenue, Halifax, N.S., B3N 1Z1 (55)

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**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER**

- Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, P.G.P., Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron (67)  
271 Milne Avenue, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C9

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2006-2009)**

- Miss Marion Conrad, P.G.M., Heart (28)  
2100 Poplar Street, Halifax, N.S., B3L 2Y7  
Mr. Allen Denton, P.G.P., Shriner's Hospital (35)  
5127 Rte. 217, Little River, N.S., B0V 1C0  
Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M., Credentials (14)  
14 Oland Avenue, Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1  
Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M., Visionquest (25)  
P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0  
Mr. William A. Thompson, P.G.P., Chairman, Eastern Star Journal (24)  
2387 Picken Street, R.R.#2, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0

**SPECIAL GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENT**

**Friend of a Feather**

- Mrs. Betty Smith, P.M., 100 Union Street, Bedford, N.S., B4A 2B7 (27)

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### “MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS”

#### DEDICATION

This Sixty-Second Annual Session, “*Memories of Christmas*”, is dedicated to all members of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 61 and Kwebec Chapter, No. 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:** W.G.M.: *23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*  
W.G.P.: *15<sup>th</sup> Psalm*

**COLOURS:** Red, Green and Royal Blue

**FLOWERS:** W.G.M.: Red Rose and Poinsettia  
W.G.P.: Daisy

**FUN SYMBOLS:** W.G.M.: Snowmen and Angels  
W.G.P.: Penguins

**SPECIAL PROJECT:** Alzheimer Society

**PROJECT PIN:** Forget Me Not

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS:** W.G.M.: *I Walk With His Hand in Mine*  
*Love Lifted Me*  
*Precious Memories*  
W.G.P.: *Danny Boy*  
*This Little Light of Mine*  
*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

W.G.M./W.G.P.: *One Day At a Time*  
All Christmas Music

## GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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### DIVINE SERVICE

The “*Memories of Christmas*” ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, N. S., on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. and was well attended.

The service was conducted by Rev. Bro. Charles McPherson, P.P. Brother Ray Horton, Grand Organist and the Grand Choir provided us with beautiful music during the service. Readings were done by Sister Nora Moxsom, G.C.C.M. on ESTARL, Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain and Sister Mary Lou Higgins, D.D.G.M., District No. 2. The sermon was entitled “*Choose Wisely*”. To conclude the service the Christmas hymns “*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night*” and “*Joy to the World*” were sung.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$1,111.58** and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Programme.

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### INFORMAL OPENING MONDAY EVENING, July 6, 2009

6:15 p.m.

#### PRESENTATION of the 2008-2009 GRAND FAMILY AND ESCORTS:

**Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61):**

Good evening Sisters, Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my distinct privilege this evening to introduce to you the members of the Grand Family of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for 2008 - 2009. I ask you to please hold your applause until all have been introduced.

**District Deputy Grand Matron, District #1** Sister Evelyn MacDonald of Victoria Chapter #19, Baddeck, a 45 year member initiated March 1964, escorted by Brother John Newell, Past Grand Patron, of Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14, Sydney.

**District Deputy Grand Matron, District #2** Sister Mary Lou Higgins of Elm Chapter #48, Upper Stewiacke, a 20 year member initiated October 1988, escorted by her cousin Brother Murray Gardner, Past Grand Patron, of Century Chapter #10 and Elm Chapter #48.

**District Deputy Grand Matron, District #3** Sister Marion Tizard of Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth, a 45 year member initiated November 1963 in Westwood Chapter #63 Dartmouth, escorted by Brother Wayne Beno, Grand Chapter Committee Member, of Ruth Chapter #57.

**District Deputy Grand Matron, District #4** Sister Beverly Caulier of Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford, wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, a 20 year member initiated 1989, escorted by Brother Ken Smith, Past Grand Patron, of Kwebec Chapter #27.

**District Deputy Grand Matron, District #5** Sister Joan Mills of Grace Chapter #8, Lunenburg, and Mae Chapter #38 Bridgewater, an 18 year member initiated 1991, escorted by her son, Peter Mills.

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**Grand Sentinel** Brother Frank Cullen of Westville Chapter #24, Westville, a member for 30 years initiated 1978, our Grand Chapter sound system operator since 2000, escorted by his wife, Sister Doris Cullen, Past Matron of Westville Chapter #24.

**Grand Warder** Sister Ethel Brown of Elmsdale Chapter #55, Elmsdale, a member for 21 years initiated February 1988, escorted by her son, Master Warrant Officer Wayne Brown, who among his many postings has served **three terms in Afghanistan**. Let's show him our thanks by giving him a hearty welcome right now.

**Grand Electa** Sister Gail Kay of Harmony Chapter #25, Stellarton, a member for 14 years initiated 1995, escorted by her husband, Brother Peter Kay, Grand Chapter Committee Member, of Harmony Chapter #25.

**Grand Martha** Sister Doreen Edgar of Emerald Chapter #58, Halifax and Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth, a member for 43 years initiated January 1966, escorted by Brother Bruce Fleet, Past Patron of Emerald Chapter #58.

**Grand Esther** The honour station for this year, Sister Lorraine O'Neill of Queen Esther Chapter #61, Dartmouth, a member for 15 years initiated May 1994, escorted by her husband, Brother Patrick O'Neill, Grand Chapter Committee Member, of Queen Esther Chapter #61.

**Grand Ruth** Sister Audrey Farquharson of Crystal Chapter #1 PEI Charlottetown, a member for 13 years initiated in 1996, escorted by her husband, Lowell Farquharson.

**Grand Adah** Sister Shirley Walton of Queen Esther Chapter #61, Dartmouth, a member for 36 years initiated in New Brunswick in 1973, escorted by her husband, Brother Owen Walton, Past Patron of Queen Esther Chapter #61 and currently Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

**Grand Organist** Brother Ray Horton of Starlight Chapter #66, Port Hawkesbury and Peace River Chapter #30, Arcadia, Florida, a member for 32 years initiated in 1977, escorted by his wife, Sister Kay Horton, Past Matron of Starlight Chapter #66 and Choir Director for this Grand Chapter.

**Grand Marshal** Brother Larry Ingham of Century Chapter #10, New Glasgow and Elm Chapter #48, Upper Stewiacke, a member for 17 years initiated in 1992, escorted by his wife, Sister Vivian Ingham, Past Matron of Century Chapter #10.

**Grand Chaplain** Sister Marianne MacMillan of Cedar Chapter #3, Wallace, a member for 41 years initiated April 1968 in Victory Chapter #17, Pictou, escorted by her son, Scott MacMillan.

**Associate Grand Conductress** Sister Jane Wooldridge of Crystal Chapter #1 PEI, Charlottetown, a member for 45 years initiated in November 1964, escorted by Brother Rowan Caseley, Past Patron of Regent Chapter #52 and currently Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

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**Grand Conductress** Sister Marion Buchan of Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick, a member for 19 years initiated in October 1989 by our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke and his mother, Sister Dorris Clarke, Past Matron, escorted by her son, Robert Buchan.

**Grand Treasurer** Sister Dorothy Powroz of Amethyst Chapter #28, Halifax, a member for 33 years initiated in April 1976 at a Maine - Maritime Exchange meeting, escorted by William Clark, Past Grand Patron, of Westville Chapter #24.

**Grand Secretary** Sister Betty Ann Loughnan of Mystic Star Chapter #40, St. Margaret's Bay, a member for 46 years initiated in February 1963, Grand Secretary for 11 years, escorted by her husband, Brian Loughnan.

**Associate Grand Patron** Brother Zeke Eaton of Crystal Chapter #1 PEI, Charlottetown, a member for 45 years initiated in Starlight Chapter #66 in 1964, escorted by his wife, Sister Susan Eaton of Crystal Chapter #1 PEI.

**Associate Grand Matron** Sister Stella Trask of St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, a member for 36 years initiated January 1973, escorted by Brother Ted Davis, Past Patron of St. Mary's Chapter #35.

**Worthy Grand Patron** Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier of Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford, a member for 20 years initiated June 1989, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, escorted by Sister Janet Merry, Grand Chapter Librarian, of Kwebec Chapter #27.

And now last but not least and certainly most important our

**Worthy Grand Matron** Sister Edith Conrod of Queen Esther Chapter #61, Dartmouth, a member for 24 years initiated June 1985, escorted by Brother Ken Conrod, Grand Chapter Committee Member, of Queen Esther Chapter #61.

Grand Family members, my wish for you this week is that you will have one of the merriest Christmases ever.

Sisters, Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen please show your appreciation for our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and their escorts.

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**6:40 p.m.**

### EMBLEM CEREMONY

Narrator:	Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M.	(67)
Bible:	Sister Michelle Boutilier	(61)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring	(55)
Sheaf:	Sister Beverley Wentzell	(27)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Linda McKay, P.M.	(61)
Broken Column:	Sister Marilyn Parker	(61)
Cup:	Sister Helen Fredericks	(57)

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### **Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M.:**

The Emblems of our Order are given to us as reminders of the virtues which should adorn our lives. Each emblem has a special significance. It is not just an object of wood, metal or cloth but a shining symbol of a great truth. If inculcated into our lives, these symbols will reflect through the GIFT OF LOVE. The Points of our Star are represented by remarkable women. We know the stories well. The lessons remind us of the teachings of Jesus. The gifts that our Heroines have left for us are tremendous examples of FIDELITY, CONSTANCY, LOYALTY, FAITH and LOVE. These women were affected by the time in which they lived. The deep spiritual lessons portrayed by their lives can bring us personal enrichment today. If we will but remember that we, also, are children of God, made in the image of the Creator, one with women of Faith in every time and place. If we give of ourselves in living the principles of our Order, our lives will be examples to guide all inquirers to a new life.

We find the word of God a way of life, for none of us could have made the travel of the past or those of the future without it. The Bible is our guide, as we walk through the Labyrinth of Life. God's word is there for us when we need help on our journey. We read it to find strength, comfort and wisdom. We must believe in it to be safe and strong and above all else we must practice it to be Christian. We dedicated our session with the FAITH and HOPE that from above God will shower us with His blessings and LOVE. As the Holy Bible is placed upon the Altar we humbly pray that God will guide and direct our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they preside over the deliberations of the Grand Chapter.

The Bible is placed by Sister Michelle Boutilier, Queen Esther Chapter #61

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

The Sword and Veil is placed by Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring, Elmsdale Chapter #55

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

The Sheaf is placed by Sister Beverley Wentzell, Kwebec Chapter #27

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

The Crown and Sceptre is placed by Sister Linda McKay, P.M. Queen Esther Chapter #61

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

The Broken Column is Placed by Sister Marilyn Parker, Queen Esther Chapter #61

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

The Cup is placed by Sister Helen Fredericks, Ruth Chapter #57

### INFORMAL OPENING

**6:50 p.m.** **Sister Eleanor J. Mitchell, P.G.M.** (61) and **Brother A. Allison Mitchell, P.G.P.** (61) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

**Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.:**

Good Evening - What a great pleasure is mine this evening through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to call to order this Informal Opening. Also, a very special pleasure is mine tonight as I share the East with my husband, our Past Grand Patron, Brother Allison.

To each of you I extend a most sincere and loving welcome to this "*Memories of Christmas*" Session - the Sixty-Second Session of this Grand Chapter. We are pleased indeed that each of you have joined us here in Halifax; we meet again in this beautiful hotel, in our capital city of Nova Scotia. We truly hope you will find some

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time to visit and enjoy its many beautiful and outstanding places of interest in the city and in the province. We now look forward to each exciting day of this Session. This informal opening is always of great interest as we enjoy the formations, beautiful attire, lovely decorations, the presence of distinguished guests and most certainly to enjoy our opportunities to renew our friendships and to make new friends, all adding to our excitement and pleasure.

We are honoured to have with us this evening Provincial, Civic and Fraternal Leaders. As well as members of our General Grand Chapter, and visitors from many other Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States.

Distinguished Guests: Provincial: Dr. Leonard Preyra, MLA Halifax Citadel-Sable Island; Civic: Mr. David Hensbee, Deputy Mayor, Halifax Regional Municipality; Right Worshipful Brother Owen Walton, Deputy Grand Master - representing the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; Right Worshipful Brother Rowan Caseley, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island; Noble Peter Kay - representing the Potentate, Philae Temple; Sylvia McCleave - Queen of Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile.

And, it is a great pleasure to welcome General Grand Chapter Officer, our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and also to welcome the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, our own Sisters Isabelle Pearson, Sheila MacDonald, Marion Conrad and Brothers Allen Denton and Bill Thompson, as well as all visiting Distinguished Guests. I extend our sincere welcome and hope your stay here will be most pleasant. To each of our own members of this Grand Jurisdiction be assured you are appreciated for all you do for this Order and to you I extend a most loving welcome, enjoy your Session.

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

### **Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P.:**

Good evening, Sisters and Brothers, and friends. It is a privilege for me to be in the East of our Grand Chapter once again and to welcome all our Members, friends and distinguished guests, and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you will enjoy the few days here in our midst and have the opportunity to enjoy some Nova Scotian hospitality.

To Brother Fred Clarke, our General Grand Chapter Officer and all of our own General Grand Chapter appointments we wish you well as you prepare to attend the General Grand Chapter Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I extend a most sincere welcome to our Provincial, Civic and Masonic Leaders, and all honoured guests from near and far. A special welcome is extended to each of our members. I hope you will enjoy the next few days and participate in our deliberations.

Sister Eleanor, it has been a special pleasure to assist you in opening this informal session.

**Sister Eleanor, P.G.M.:** I now call to order this informal session of the 62nd Session of this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "*Memories of Christmas*" Session.

It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional and formations, which will be narrated by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.

Grand Marshal - You will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, 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. - Sister Marian.

**FORMATIONS**

***"Memories of Christmas" Session Processional***  
**Narrated by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61)**

The Grand Officers (Sisters) entered carrying green tulle and a lighted candle and formed the Christmas tree. The Grand Officers (Brothers) formed the trunk of the tree. As they entered Sister Marian read "*The Legend of the Christmas Tree*":

*On the day of Christ's birth  
All came with gifts to bear,  
Except a little tree who cried  
For all he had nothing to share.*

*Hearing his distress  
God's angel from above,  
Sent twinkling stars to grace the tree  
And shine with all their love.*

*Evergreens appeared  
Upon the limbs once bare,  
The gift of everlasting life  
That Jesus would declare.*

*So remember when you see  
A Christmas tree so bright,  
That God's love shines for us  
In every twinkling light.*

The District Deputy Grand Matrons formed the Star on top of the tree as Sister Marian read: "*The Legend of the Christmas Star*":

*After Jesus was born  
In the city of Bethlehem,  
Three wise men came  
Looking for Him.*

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*Along their journey, behold,  
They saw a star above!  
It guided them as it twinkled  
Over the young Christ with love.*

*“We have seen His star  
In the East”. They proclaimed.  
“We have come to worship Jesus,”  
The three wise men exclaimed.*

*So remember at Christmas  
Wherever you are,  
To let him be your guiding light  
When you see this shining star.*

The Subordinate Chapter Esthers formed the base of the tree and Sister Marian read “*The Base*”:

*Our Royal Ladies come next  
The third point of our Star  
They come from afar  
To hold our tree upright.*

*Our Ladies teach the ray of White  
Of loyalty, truth and right,  
To them we learn so many truths  
To our kindred, be kind and true*

The Grand Pages formed the presents under the tree and the Grand Guards the ribbon on the gifts. As they entered Sister Marian read “*The Christmas Gifts*”:

*The Legend of the Christmas Gift  
Started over 2000 years ago  
When wise men following a Star  
Telling them where their gifts should go.*

*The tradition has stood the test of time  
And continues to this day  
When each year we give our gifts  
In Celebration of Christ's Birthday.*

*When we give our gifts with love  
And receive them with humility  
We extend this great tradition  
For all Eternity.*

To complete the Christmas scene, the Grand Representatives formed a wreath around the tree and the gifts while Sister Marian read

“*The Legend of the Christmas Wreath*”:

*Long ago an orphan boy  
Sought comfort from the cold  
In church where all bore gifts...  
Riches of silver and gold.*

*Though the boy had no gift,  
He would not despair,  
For his life had been filled  
In blessed grace and prayer.*

*In a nearby forest  
He found a holly tree,  
With leaves of evergreen,  
Rich and holy majesty.*

*He took a branch and tied  
A circle in a crown  
Then brought it to the church  
And at the altar, laid it down.*

*The wreath began to sparkle  
As brilliant berries glowed above,  
A testament to the strength of prayer  
And God's encircling love.*

**Sister Eleanor, P.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith Conrod and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier, at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron, to you, I am sure this day and this moment has been a dream away, yet, here you are now ready to preside at your own, "Memories of Christmas" Session. I have been a most interested observer of your progress as you continued your Grand Chapter journey, starting years ago, leading to this office. You have displayed a strong sense of leadership and caring for the traditions and teachings of the Order in your jurisdiction. There is no doubt that the Grand Chapter has benefitted from your dedicated service and appreciates your devotion and service.

I compliment you for your efforts. You are special to me for many reasons. Just a short year ago, I installed you into your present office; you are a friend, Chapter sister, and also one of Brother Allison's special Worthy Matrons and of course, I could go on....

I truly hope that you have a feeling of satisfaction, a sense of peace and with joy in your heart, as you happily reflect on a very pleasant and successful year.

I know I am proud of you and your accomplishments, welcome to this your Grand Session.

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Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, Here you are also, at the very threshold of your “Memories of Christmas” Session. I hope you too have a feeling of satisfaction and pleasant thoughts, knowing you have been faithful to your duties. No doubt this year has proven to be a challenge considering your many Masonic duties and those of Eastern Star, but your Sisters and Brothers have appreciated your efforts. You know, your fun symbol, Sid, the Penguin, has been a real winner, this year, and along with the Worthy Grand Matron's, Frosty the Snowman and Angels, has brought many a smile to the membership and we know, smiles are the windows of the heart.

**Brother Allison, P.G.P.:** Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, congratulations on your year of service to our Grand Chapter and to our Order.

I hope the next few days of your term are most enjoyable for you and your Grand Family. Thank you for this privilege to assist Sister Eleanor in opening this Informal Session.

**Sister Eleanor, P.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Worthy Grand Matron, behold your Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Matron and salute her with Grand Honours.

**Brother Allison, 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 Eleanor, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am so pleased to present to you “our” gavel, with loving best wishes from all assembled here. I know you will use it wisely and well.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sister Eleanor and Brother Allison, thank you for opening The “*Memories of Christmas*” Session. We have been friends for many years. It was through your encouragement and guidance that I decided to take this giant step, so it only seemed fitting that you and Brother Allison preside for the opening of the Informal Session. Sister Eleanor thank you for presenting me with the gavel you used thirty years ago at your “Galaxy of Stars” Session. May God give me the wisdom and guidance to use it wisely. Please accept this small gift.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Sister Eleanor and Brother Allison, you have travelled a long way to be with us this evening and a heartfelt thank you for presiding over our Informal Opening. Brother Allison, please accept this token of my appreciation.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

Brother Ray Horton and Sister Kay Horton, (66) sang a duet “*Let This Be Your Prayer*” to Sister Edith and Brother Ted.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar informally.

**Invocation**

**Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain:**

O Gracious God, in whom we move and have our being, we are here before you this evening, very thankful for the many blessings we have received during this Order of the Eastern Star year "*Memories of Christmas*".

We have been so blessed to have the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted who have guided us well in working together to help rebuild our chapters and increase our membership.

May our Grand Chapter Session reflect the watchwords Peace (on earth), Purity (of heart), Joy (of Christmas).

We ask also for a special blessing to all who have travelled to be with us in fraternal love and fellowship.

And now may our deliberations reflect the Spirit of Christmas and Honour Your Holy name, all of which we ask in Jesus Christ our Lord, our Advocate and Mediator. Amen

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the Informal Opening of the 62nd annual Grand Chapter Session, "*Memories of Christmas*", called to order.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** We will now have the presentation of Flags, Brother Ron Boudreau, Past Grand Patron, you will direct the Flag presentations.

**PRESENTATION OF FLAGS**

under the direction of Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. (70)

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (31) followed by the singing of "*O Canada*". The flag was then placed in the East.

**The tribute was given by Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49):**

Tonight I have been given the honour and privilege to pay tribute to the flag of our country "Canada".

A red maple leaf on a white field with a broad vertical red strip at each end represents our 10 provinces and 3 territories. Our nation's flag was designed by George Stanley of Sackville, New Brunswick, and was adopted by the Canadian parliament in 1965. The Canadian flag is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation; and a symbol of our undying devotion to our country. The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. It is a symbol of our nation's vast natural resources found within its borders. The red

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maple leaf reminds us of the blood shed by our men and women who have gone to battle in wars in order to protect all Canadians. Today with so many adversities facing us, with the ongoing threat of terrorism, we confidently go about our lives knowing the presence of those serving our country, are always prepared, as our national anthem reads, "to stand on guard for thee". May we long remember our history whose foundation was built on our faith in God. We should be proud to wave our flag with integrity. It is a symbol of our devotion to our country. It is truly God's gift to mankind.

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

Thank you Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Tabor, Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour of paying tribute to the flag of Canada, our homeland.

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

The flag of the **United States of America** was presented by Right Worthy Brother William Jackson, New York, followed by the singing of "*The Star Spangled Banner*".

The flag was placed in the East and the tribute was given by Brother Irving T. Nicoll, P.G.P., Massachusetts.

### **Brother Irving Nicoll, P.G.P.:**

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

Over 230 years ago, this flag of mine, this piece of cloth of colors three, had its beginning in the parlor of a young seamstress named Betsy Ross. Oh sure, it doesn't look the same now as it did then, for the circle of thirteen stars in a field of blue, with alternating stripes of red and white has given way to what you see today as a square of fifty stars, one for each state in our union, set in alternating rows of sixes and fives in a field of blue coupled with a series of seven red and six white stripes, representing our original thirteen colonies. The design may have changed, but what it stands for remains as vibrant and impressive today as it did those many years ago.

Over the years, this flag of mine has been battered, bloodied, and even burned. It has been spat on, ground under foot, and viewed by some with such distaste that those of us who served her well in her hours of need were sickened by these sights. Yet, she still flies high and many of those who have scorned her have fallen by the wayside.

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She has stood the test of time; she has seen her highs and her lows; she has shed tears of anguish at places called Shiloh, Gettysburg, and Cemetery Ridge---where brother fought against brother with the blue against the grey---but she survived to fly on high.

More tears were shed by my "old glory" as she watched over her sons in the trenches of France during the "war-to-end-all-wars"; but again, she survived to fly on high.

Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Corregidor, Wake Island, Anzio, Normandy---brought her to tears once again as so many of her sons and daughters answered freedoms' lasting call---but she survived to fly on high.

Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq in Desert Storm, Bosnia, September 11 - New York City, Iraq again, Afghanistan---all have brought tears to her eyes as once again, the trumpets of conflict sounded and millions more of her children answered their country's call ---but she survived to fly on high.

This flag of mine has shed those tears and yet, has survived to continue to fly over this land of the free and this home of the brave.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, may the "Stars and Stripes" of my country continue to fly together with the "Maple Leaf" of yours; one never higher than the other, over two of the greatest countries this world has ever known and may our common border never be closed in strife, but remain open in the spirit of freedom and democracy for all.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this personal honor of allowing me to pay tribute to the flag of the United States of America and for the additional honors given to the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and to my own chapter, Stella Chapter, No.3. I thank you and wish you well for this session.

The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Sister Helen Szucs (49) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Sister Marjorie Stevenson Dawson, P.M. (1 PEI) together at the Altar and placed in the East.

The **Christian** flag was presented by Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67) and the **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Sister Susan Lorimer PM (25) together at the Altar and placed in the East.

Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. thanked Sister Edith and Brother Ted for the honour to co-ordinate the flag presentations.

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### WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** My Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, what a pleasure it is for me as Worthy Grand Matron to extend a sincere welcome to all who are here for the Informal Opening of the 62nd “Memories of Christmas” Grand Chapter Session. I thank you for coming and hope you will enjoy our hospitality.

May the spirit of Christmas, its joy and good cheer, fill your heart with love and remain with you throughout your stay here.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends, I extend to you a most cordial welcome, we trust that you will have a most enjoyable and informative stay in our fair city.

### PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

#### ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

**One Elected General Grand Chapter Officer:** Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented at the Altar:

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, it is an honour to welcome you to our 62nd Grand Chapter Session. I am so glad that you are able to be with us this evening. We are looking forward to your installation as Most Worthy Grand Patron in November. This Jurisdiction is very proud of your accomplishments.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, it is quite an honour to receive you this evening; you have spent many years and travelled extensively in our Order. You have brought recognition to our Grand Chapter and we are very proud of your accomplishments. Thank you for being here this evening.

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

Brother Ray and Sister Kay Horton sang “*Suddenly There’s a Valley*” to Brother Fred.

#### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

Christmas time reminds us that happiness and satisfaction do not depend upon wealth or material possessions, but rather upon an inner strength of soul that comes from a quietness and confidence deep within ourselves.

**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)**

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

**CREDENTIALS:** Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

**EASTERN STAR JOURNAL:** Chairman, Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Shirley MacDonald, P.G.M., New Brunswick;

**EDUCATION:** Sister Betty St. Onge, P.G.M., Ontario;

**HEART:** Sister Marion V. Conrad, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Marianne Shenefelt, P.G.M., Wyoming;

**SHRINERS HOSPITAL:** Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

**VISIONQUEST:** North East Region Co-Ordinator, Brother Douglas Swan, P.G.P., New Brunswick; Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** General Grand Chapter Committee Memebers - including our own Sisters and Brothers, it is a privilege for me to welcome you this evening on behalf of our membership. I am delighted that you are here and hope you will have an enjoyable stay with us.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Thank you for being here this evening. Your term is almost over and we trust that you have had a very successful and rewarding journey. It was always a pleasure to meet with you on our visits and to hear your words of wisdom.

**Response: Sister Isabelle Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. - Visionquest:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, all Sisters and Brothers and Guests:

It is my privilege to respond on behalf of the attending General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Our "Sincere Thanks" for your hospitality and welcome. Your Hostess Committee have been most kind and thoughtful - we are delighted to be here.

I know that I speak for all the General Grand Chapter Committee Members who, like myself, have enjoyed the Triennial appointment. In our travels we meet nice folks like you, who make our visits a time to remember. We will cherish your "Memories of Christmas" Session and the opportunity to renew old friendships and cultivate new associations.

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On their behalf, I wish you an enjoyable and fruitful Session. You have worked diligently and deserve to reap your rewards. Thank you for the honour of giving this response.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

May the Christmas spirit surround you and those you love with, PEACE, JOY and GOOD WILL.

### **PRESENTATION OF 60 YEAR PINS**

**Three members: Sister Florence Dares, P.M. (61), Sister Violet Fraser, P.M. (47) and Brother Scott Fraser, P.P. (47)** were escorted through the labyrinth to the East to receive their 60 year pins. Sister Edith, W.G.M. presented Sister Florence with her pin and Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. pinned it on her. Sister Edith, W.G.M. presented Sister Violet with her pin and Brother Ted, W.G.P. presented Brother Scott with his pin. They were accorded Grand Honours. Sister Violet Fraser spoke briefly and stated that 60 years is a long time but the best thing has been meeting a lot of friends during that time.

### **PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR and 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS**

**Thirty-nine** 50 year and 50 year plus members were assembled in the West by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and introduced - giving their years of service. They were: Sister Megan Church (22)-64 years, Sister Effie Behie (21)-62 years, Sister Leta Graham (61)-62 years, Sister Frances Johnsen (57)-61 years, Sister Kathleen Boutilier (47)-62 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-60 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-60 years, Sister Florence Dares (61) 60 years, Sister Violet Fraser (47)-60 years, Sister Sarah Doty (5)-59 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-59 years, Sister Hazel MacLeod (45)-58 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-57 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-57 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-56 years, Sister Lyda Fisher (48)-56 years, Sister Jessie Nutter (21)-56 years, Sister Clara Hines (49)-56 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-55 years, Sister Janet Merry (27)-55 years, Sister Freda Ells (14)-55 years, Sister Edna MacVicar (14)-54 years, Sister Alena Buchanan (69)-54 years, Sister Ada Turner (14)-54 years, Sister Kay Hyson (22)-53 years, Sister Hattie Hagen (34)-52 years, Sister Margaret Allen (3)-51 years, Sister Virginia Cameron (61)-51 years, Sister Shirley Conrad (49)-51 years, Sister Margaret Clarke (67)-51 years, Sister Eleanor Mitchell (61)-50 years, Sister Sylvia Munro (38)-50 years, Sister Vesta Allan (21)-50 years, Sister Anne Watson (57)-50 years, Sister Shirley Jennings (57)-50 years, Brother Scott Fraser (47)-60 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-60 years, Brother William Thompson, Sr. (24)-55 years and Brother Charles Teal (38)-50 years.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** My dear Sisters and Brothers, what an honour and pleasure it is for me to welcome you, our fifty year plus members, to the informal opening of the "*Memories of Christmas*" Session. I extend a heartfelt thank you for the many years of faithful and dedicated service you have given to our beautiful Order.

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**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** I am pleased that so many of you were able to attend this evening. Fifty years and fifty years plus is a prestigious event in ones life. We congratulate you and hope to have you with us for many years to come.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

May peace be your joy at Christmas and your blessing all year through.

They were escorted to the East and each was presented with a beautiful glass red rose by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

### PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** I received an e-mail late Friday afternoon with regrets from Premier Darrell Dexter as he has another commitment for this evening. He has extended his greetings and best wishes to all the membership. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Dr. Leonard Preyra, MLA Halifax Citadel-Sable Island to bring Provincial greetings .

**The Honourable Dr. Leonard Preyra, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia:** Good evening.

It is a pleasure to be here at the opening of the sixty-second session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Let me begin by thanking the Worthy Grand Patron, Tabor "Ted" Caulier, and the Worthy Grand Matron, Edith Conrod, for making this a "Memories of Christmas" session and for bringing the spirit of Christmas to Halifax in July. I would also like to thank our wonderful choir and musicians for keeping that spirit very much alive here this evening.

On behalf of the Honourable Darrell Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia, I welcome you all to Halifax and Nova Scotia.

I was thrilled when the Premier asked me to attend this evening's celebration.

One of my most rewarding jobs as a MLA, is meeting individuals who are making a difference, people and groups who share our common vision of a better community and who are committed to making life better for our neighbors and families. People like Guido Kerpel, who shares the stage with me today, Mr. Kerpel, along with his team of chefs at the Westin Nova Scotian, has helped feed the hungry and the homeless through the Mission Beans programme in downtown Halifax. On behalf of our community, thank you Mr. Kerpel and your team of volunteers at the Westin.

And that is really what the Order of the Eastern Star organization is all about. Your commitment to the people in your communities is a blessing to the many men, women, and children who have benefitted on an ongoing basis and in a variety of ways from your charitable works.

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Whether it is helping to make a wish come true for a terminally ill child through the Children's Wish Foundation, or assisting in funding research for the Canadian Cancer Society, each individual in this room has made an effort to build a better society.

This year, I understand that your organization will be working with the Alzheimer's Society. More than fourteen thousand Nova Scotians are currently diagnosed with dementia. Your work to help them cope with this disease will go a long way in building a better life for dementia sufferers and their families.

On behalf of Premier Darrell Dexter and the Government of Nova Scotia, I want to thank you for your work with the Alzheimer's Society and all the other groups that you have helped over the years. You are making a difference and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Before I conclude, I would like to recognize The Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Frederick W. Clarke of New Minas who will soon be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron. Congratulations Mr. Clarke, and thank you for your hard work and your years of dedication and service to the Order of the Eastern Star and the people of Nova Scotia. I wish for you all the energy and support you need to accomplish the lofty philanthropic goals of this vast and generous Order, and your aim to work together in harmony and to strengthen the membership base of your chapters.

I am told that people have travelled from all over Canada and the world to be here. I hope you are enjoying your time in Halifax and Nova Scotia and that you will come back and visit the province again very soon.

Once again, I want to thank your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for giving us the opportunity to welcome you to Halifax, to acknowledge your contributions and to celebrate this important event with you.

On behalf of the Honourable Darrell Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia, and the Government of Nova Scotia, all the best for a most successful "Memories of Christmas" Session. Thank You.

### CIVIC WELCOME

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is now my pleasure to welcome the Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, Mr. David Hendsbee; I am delighted that you were able to take time out of your busy schedule to be with us this evening. Could we hear from you now?

**Mr. David Hendsbee** brought greetings from the Halifax Regional Municipality on behalf of the Mayor, Mr. Peter Kelly, who was unable to attend this evening. He welcomed our members and our visitors who have travelled great distances to attend this Grand Chapter Session. He hoped that time would allow the visitors to take in some of the historic sites in this area.

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Mr. Hendsbee was so impressed with the events of the Informal Opening and the Eastern Star as a whole, that he remained for the entire evening and spoke with members individually after the meeting closed.

**Response: Brother Frank Cullen, Grand Sentinel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with great pleasure I respond to the warm welcome received from our Provincial and Civic Leaders.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we thank you for the time you have taken from your busy schedules to be with us.

Dr. Preyra, we thank you for your kind words and warm remarks. Mr. Hendsbee, our members have enjoyed the hospitality of your beautiful city and some of the public events presented.

Thank you both for being with us this evening.

### MASONIC GREETINGS

**Brother Ted, W.G.P:** It is with pleasure that I introduce Right Worshipful Brother Owen Walton, the Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia. Brother Owen is a member of Queen Esther Chapter #61 and his lovely wife, Sister Shirley, is our Grand Adah this year. Brother Owen and I have known each other for many years and it is always a pleasure to be in his presence. Deputy Grand Master may we hear from you at this time.

**Worshipful Brother Owen Walton:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I feel greatly honoured to have been asked by the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, Most Worshipful Brother Reno P. Favretto to represent him at this Sixty-Second annual Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. His motto this year is "Proud to be a Mason". I bring you his best wishes along with those of all the 5,000 Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

While residing in Moncton, New Brunswick back in the 1970's, my wife, Sister Shirley and I, along with my Father and Mother were travelling to Newcastle, New Brunswick to attend a Grand Family Night. During the course of the conversation that day in the car, my father made a remark, which has stuck with me to this day. He said that he really enjoyed attending Lodge but Eastern Star is more complete as women and men both can attend. I feel there are a lot of brothers and their wives who are missing out on a great thing by not being members of Eastern Star. And in saying that I fully realize that I am speaking to the converted.

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I feel that some Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters are not working as closely together as they might. In situations where a lodge or lodges and a chapter meet in the same building there could, in some instances be more "working togetherness" if I may coin a phrase. I know of a situation in a sister grand jurisdiction where the Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay are one big family. This is, in my view, as it should be. "Let's make Masonry A Family Affair".

Both Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters have seen declining membership over the past few years but I feel the tide is turning. A number of lodges in Nova Scotia are experiencing a resurgence, which is due in some part to the promotion of events outside their regular meetings, which can get somewhat boring. They are having Ladies Nights, Dinner Dances, Golf Tournaments and Monthly Noon Lunches and of course The Mentor Program, to name a few. There are also fund-raising events, such as Breakfasts. The benefit of these breakfasts is not only earning money for the various lodge purposes, it is the brethren working elbow to elbow in the kitchen and really getting to know each other and equally as important, the craft is getting exposure to non-masons. But regardless of the reasons, I feel that our time is now.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, on behalf of the Masons in Nova Scotia, I wish you well this fall in Tulsa and during your Triennium.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am honoured to be with you on this occasion and wish you well in all your deliberations.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** It is also a pleasure that I introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, Most Worshipful Brother Rowan Caseley.

Brother Rowan is a member of Regent Chapter #52 in Central Bedeque. I do believe it was in the spring of 2005 that I was present at your chapter meeting and you received the Heritage Certificate Award. Your mother and daughter were present also to receive the reward, congratulations to you and your family. Brother Rowan, thank you for the invitation to attend your Grand Lodge and for all the courtesies we received on our visit with you, we had a most enjoyable time. Most Worshipful Grand Master may we hear from you at this time.

**Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island Brother Rowan B. Caseley:**

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Edith Conrod, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ted Caulier, Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers, Visitors:

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Thank you for the opportunity to bring fraternal greetings to your sixty-second annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It is my honour to be bringing you greetings from the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. It was also my honour to have served as Worthy Patron in Regent Chapter No. 52 during your wonderful year of leadership.

I thank you for the invitation to be with you today and also thank you for the invitation for my lady Melissa to join me. Unfortunately since she is still working she was not able to get the time off work to enjoy this time with you.

Let me congratulate you on a great year and my wish for this annual session to be both enjoyable and productive. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the incoming slate of officers and especially two of those officers which we trust will be elected later during your session and are from Prince Edward Island, Brother Zeke Eaton and Sister Jane Wooldridge. It is great to see members from Prince Edward Island providing leadership in this Grand Chapter.

Again, thank you for the invitation and may you both enjoy the next few days of this annual session.

### **SHRINE GREETINGS**

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** It is with pleasure I introduce Noble Peter Kay of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Brother Peter is a member of Harmony Chapter #25 in Stellarton and Chairman of our Program Booklet Committee. Brother Peter, convey to your Potentate a thank you for the invitation to attend the Installation of Officers of Philae Temple; we enjoyed the ceremonies very much. Brother Peter may we hear from you at this time.

**Noble Brother Peter Kay:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Platform Guests, Sisters and Brothers and Visitors.

I bring you greetings from the Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and our Potentate Illustrious Sir Basam Nahas - III. Sir Sam sends his regrets for not being here himself as he had to attend our Imperial Council Session in San Antonio, Texas.

As Membership Chairman for Philae, I am truly concerned about our declining membership. Since January 2009 we have lost 15 members. I am also aware that the Order of the Eastern Star shares with us this common problem within your membership.

I would like to encourage and challenge all Brothers present here this evening to give careful consideration to becoming a Shriner, one of the largest fraternities with the worlds greatest philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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I will continue to urge all Shriners to become members of the largest and most wonderful fraternity in the world for men and women - the Order of the Eastern Star. I enjoy the privilege of being both a Shriner and Worthy Patron of Harmony Chapter #25, O.E.S. in Stellarton.

Tonight I feel especially honoured to have the opportunity to represent Philae Shriners at this 62nd Annual Session, "Memories of Christmas". We congratulate you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted on your very successful year and wish you all the best in future endeavours.

This has been a truly great year of friendship, fellowship and fun for Sister Gail, who is Grand Electa, and myself as we have visited most of the chapters throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you and God Bless.

### DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** It is with pleasure I introduce the Queen of Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile, Queen Sylvia McCleave. Sister Sylvia is a member of my chapter, Kwebec Chapter #27 in Bedford. Thank you for the invitation to attend your installation. May we hear from you at this time.

**Sister Sylvia McCleave:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:  
Would the members of Daughters of the Nile please rise.

I bring you greetings from Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile in Halifax. We are an all woman organization who is related to a Master Mason or a Shriner.

Our sole project is the Shriner's Hospital in Montreal and next week we will place the 3<sup>rd</sup> gold plaque in the hospital which represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> million dollar donation from the twelve Canadian Temples.

Our Supreme Queen this year, Vesta Marshall, is a Canadian from London, Ontario.

I would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to bring greetings.

The **response** was given by **Brother Zeke Eaton, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.  
It is an honour and a privilege to respond to the greetings extended to this Grand Chapter by our Most Worshipful Masonic brethren.

Owen Walton, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, I thank you for your kind words on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and I am confident that Freemasonry in Nova Scotia will prosper under your guiding hand. Thank you for taking time to be with us this evening.

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Most Worshipful Brother Rowan B. Caseley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, let me thank you for coming across the water at this very busy time in your schedule to attend this session of our Grand Chapter, and for your words of greeting. Your previous tenure as Grand Secretary, as well as your active membership in our Order give me confidence that Freemasonry in Prince Edward Island is in good hands.

Sister Sylvia McCleave, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, thank you for sharing your time with us.

Brother Peter Kay, I also thank you for being here to represent the Potentate of the Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for extending to me the privilege of responding to the greetings of our Masonic Brethren. May the Great Architect guide us along the right path and bless us all.

### **HOST FACILITY**

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** At this time I will introduce Mr. Glen Bowie of the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. It is a pleasure to be back with you again. I invite you to address our group.

**Mr. Glen Bowie** brought greetings from the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel on behalf of Mr. Guido Kerpel, General Manager. He expressed their pleasure at having the Order of the Eastern Star hold their Grand Chapter Session in this facility once again. He wished us a successful session and a pleasant stay.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** I thank you for your words of welcome.

### **PRESENTATION TO ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY Special Project of 2008-2009**

**By Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Mary Ross Balkam of the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia.

Three years ago while deciding on the Charity to support I met with Menna MacIsaac, the executive Director of the Alzheimer Society and Mary for coffee at a restaurant in Dartmouth and no, it was not Tim Horton's. At that meeting everything that was mentioned fit in so well with our plans, I knew that it was in the stars that the Alzheimer's Society would be our Special Project. Since that eventful day we have all worked closely together in support of the Alzheimer's cause.

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**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Mary, it has been a wonderful experience in communicating to our members the importance of knowing the symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease and we are thankful that your Society is ready to help and provide research to combat this dreaded disease.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Mary, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star are a very charitable lot and have once again come through in support of the Special Project. I have the honour of presenting you with a cheque in the amount of **\$33,478.95**. There will be more to come after the close of this Session.

Mary, we would like to hear from you now.

**Mary Ross Balkam, Executive Consultant, Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia:** I would like to begin by extending a huge thank you to all of you who together worked in support of the Alzheimer cause over the past year. On behalf of the Society's Board, the staff, volunteers...and all those we serve each and every day, I hope that you will know how much your contribution means.

Three years ago, the Society's former Executive Director, Menna MacIsaac, and I met with Edith Conrod to present a compelling case about Alzheimer's and to encourage her to consider identifying this important cause as a focus during her tenure as your Worthy Grand Matron. Alzheimer's touches the lives of so many - estimated at over a hundred thousand throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Many of those impacted are women who are generally the caregivers and healthcare providers.

With the knowledge that our population is aging, and that the risk of Alzheimer's increases with age, the Society understands that we will play an increasingly important role in helping people deal with the effects of this disease. Whether the need is for information, referral, education or support, the Society is ready to help people each and every day. We do so through a toll-free call-in line and our popular website, through public education sessions and our public library systems, and through a strong network of Support Groups.

And, the annual contributions we make to our nationally managed Dementia Research Fund are also key. We understand the need to find the causes and cures for this disease, and to look for improved ways to provide treatment. The Society has established the most effective and efficient way to distribute our valuable research dollars so that they are used wisely.

We work tirelessly to offer **Help for Today ... and Hope for Tomorrow**.

Many of you may already know that the Society receives no core government funding, so we are only able to deliver on our mission (and provide important programs and services) as a result of the generosity of the community. Please know

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that your collective support - as evidenced by the cheques that you are presenting today - will enhance the quality of life for the thousands of people who are affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias here in Nova Scotia and in Prince Edward Island.

Over the past year, you have connected with hundreds of people and raised awareness about Alzheimer's. This is as important as are the donations you received.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to your Worthy Grand Patron, Ted Caulier, and to Mary Smith, who both played such an important role in support of this cause throughout the past year. Success requires strong leadership and so it is no surprise that with Edith, Ted and Mary leading the way, and so many of you dedicated to this cause, that we are able to celebrate such a successful year.

Thanks for inviting me to join you this evening. And thank you again on behalf of all those we serve. If we can help you in any way, please feel free to call us.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Thank you for the informative talk, Mary.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Any distinguished guests who wish, may leave at this time; however, you are more than welcome to stay.

While the Distinguished Guests were leaving the Grand Organist, Brother Ray Horton, accompanied by the Grand Choir, entertained us with beautiful Christmas music.

### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION**

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.** asked the Grand Conductress to escort Brother Gordon Schultz, P.P. (61) to the East. Sister Edith presented Brother Gordon with a Grand Representative Commission to Saskatchewan which became effective on July 1, 2009. Brother Gordon expressed his surprise at receiving this honour and thanked Sister Edith.

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

**Sister Julia Dunn, P.M. (61):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

On behalf of the Hostess Chapters, Kwebec #27, Scotia #49, Elmsdale #55, Ruth #57, and Queen Esther #61, that I as your chairperson and Sister Bonnie Boutilier, my Co-Chair of this Hostess Chapter extend to each of you a very warm welcome to this 2009 Grand Session, "*The Memories of Christmas*".

Over the past three years we have spent many hours together planning, preparing and fundraising for this Grand Session. The Hostess Chapters have aimed to work in harmony and hope that you will agree, that through co-operation, that we will have met or exceeded the needs and wants of our Grand Chapter and all who have come to take part in this Grand Chapter session.

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For those who have travelled from other Grand Jurisdictions, welcome to our beautiful city. I hope the fog retreats long enough for you to enjoy some of our wonderful sites and to enjoy our hospitality. We hope that many memories will be made by all and you will be able to look back fondly on the “Memories of Christmas” Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, I wish to thank you for the privilege of extending this welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, it is with fraternal love that I wish you Peace, Purity and Joy and many happy memories during this “Memories of Christmas” Session.

### **The response by Sister Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

It is indeed a pleasure to respond to the warm welcome given on behalf of the Hostess Chapters.

We, the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, appreciate the planning, the time and your efforts to make this Grand Chapter a success. Working together creates wonderful results.

On behalf of the Sisters and Brothers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, "thank you" for the many courtesies extended to all in attendance here.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, I hope and pray that your "*Memories of Christmas*" Session will be very rewarding. May your Christmas angels be with you as you preside over the 62nd Session of this Grand Chapter. You have had a wonderful year and I would like to wish you both a very “Merry Christmas”.

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

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

**Three Worthy Grand Matrons** were presented: Sister Cindy Wardlaw, Colorado; Sister Phyllis Blakely, Maine; Sister Linda Cogswell, New Brunswick.

**Four Worthy Grand Patrons** were presented: Brother David M. Wilcox, Colorado; Brother Carl Larson, Connecticut; Brother John E. Wardwell, Maine; Brother Bob King, New Brunswick.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, what a joy it is to extend a sincere welcome to you. It is wonderful to have some of our counterparts with us.

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**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Thank you for attending our “Memories of Christmas” Session. Thank you for all the hospitality you have shown us on our visits. We hope that you will have a most pleasa and enjoyable stay in our historical city of Halifax.

The **response** was given by **Sister Linda Cogswell**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick:

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

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, it is my distinct pleasure to give the response to your warm words of welcome. We wish you and Brother Ted an enjoyable and successful “Memories of Christmas” Session. May your session leave you both with many happy and rewarding memories. I know you have had a great year and should be very proud of your accomplishments.

In a few short days you will be joining the Past Grands and I trust you will get to rest and enjoy some relaxation time.

Thank you for giving me the honour of responding for the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you spent - around April 15<sup>th</sup> of the next year.

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

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

**Eighteen Past Grand Matrons** were presented: Sister Megan Church, Sister Sarah Doty, Sister Jessie Nutter, Sister Helen Connors, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Violet Blair, Sister Margaret Clarke, Sister Marian Durling, Sister Cheryl Denton, Sister Joan Campbell, Sister Carol Clark, Sister Inez Daye, Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Sister Marion Miller, Sister Gail Cook, Sister Annie Mae Backman.

**Seventeen Past Grand Patrons** were presented: Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Keith Pettigrew, Brother Reginald MacRae, Brother Vincent Ells, Brother William Clark, Brother Allison Mitchell, Brother Adrian Pearson, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother David Waterbury, Brother William M. Thompson, Sr., Brother John Newell, Brother Murray Gardner, Brother George Crouch, Brother Allan Conrad, Brother John Patterson, Brother Ron Boudreau, Brother Whitman Giffin.

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**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** What a wonderful sight to behold. It is a real pleasure to greet so many of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction. I thank you for your love and support over the past four years. Each of you with your leadership and dedication have made a significant contribution to this Grand Jurisdiction.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I entertained no doubt that many of you would be here this evening. You have been very faithful to our Grand Chapter. Your experience and your dedication has helped us travel along this road and not too long from now we will be pleased to join you.

The **response** was given by **Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Jurisdiction here assembled, it is my privilege to thank you for the gracious welcome extended to us for your “Memories of Christmas” Session. I extend to you our very best wishes for fraternal good will as you preside over the deliberations completing your term of office and then also when you join us as “Past Grands”.

Thank you for this honour that you have given me to respond to your cordial welcome. It is our wish that you have a congenial, happy and prosperous session. Thank you.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. The only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely.

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

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**Eleven Past Grand Matrons** presented were: Sister Gladys Pierce, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Kathleen MacDonald, California; Sister Ruth Fletcher, and Grand Lecturer Emeritus, District of Columbia; Sister Virginia Charles, Maine; Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts; Sister Hilda Shaffer, New Brunswick; Sister Marjorie Colton, New Brunswick; Sister Donna Allen, New Brunswick; Sister Marjorie Morgan, Ontario, Sister Brenda Stone, Quebec; Sister Judith Brightman, and Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in Rhode Island, Rhode Island.

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**Thirteen Past Grand Patrons** presented were: Brother Everett Pierce, British Columbia and Yukon; Brother Gordon Girod, Colorado; Brother Vernal Blakely, Maine; Brother Clifford Brightman, Massachusetts; Brother Frank Fenner, Jr., Massachusetts; Brother James Pattangall, Massachusetts; Brother Irving Nicoll, Massachusetts; Brother John Howard, Massachusetts; Brother Clinton Shaffer, New Brunswick; Brother John Murray, New Brunswick; Brother Calvin Thomas, Ontario; Brother Rodney Jenne, Quebec; Brother Glenn Boughton, Saskatchewan.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is indeed an honour to have you with us this evening. We hope you will enjoy your visit and take home many pleasant memories of our Christmas session.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Thank you for attending our "Memories of Christmas" Session. It was a pleasure to meet you on our visitations to the other jurisdictions, may you have a very pleasant and enjoyable stay in our fair City.

**The response** was given by **Sister Donna Allen, P.G.M.:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, thank you for the kind words of welcome at the Altar this evening. Our wish is that you have a harmonious and rewarding "Memories of Christmas" Session. We know the amount of planning and work you have done. You both have shown a great love and devotion for our Order this year. Take time to enjoy the next few days. They will finalize the memories of your year.

Thank you for honour and the privilege given to me and to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick for responding to your welcome. We have enjoyed being with you and your Grand Family at our exchange and at some of your Official visits and know that our friendship will continue over the years.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

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

**Five Elected Sisters and Brothers** were presented: Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Brother Ebby Kuhn, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick; Brother Armand Lono, Associate Grand Patron, Quebec; Sister Shelley Gullett, Grand Conductress, New Hampshire; Sister Nancy Jackson, Associate Grand Conductress, New Hampshire.

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**Seven Appointed Sisters** were presented: Sister Connie Pittenger, Grand Marshal, Colorado; Sister Mezzy MacKenzie, Grand Marshal, District of Columbia; Sister Janet Mallory, Grand Adah, New Brunswick; Sister Lois Robertson, Grand Ruth, Maryland; Sister Diana Spurrell, Grand Ruth, Massachusetts; Sister Virginia Mitchell, Grand Ruth, New Hampshire; Sister Shirley Girod, Grand Electa, Colorado.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, I extend a warm welcome to you. I hope you will have time to meet with your counterparts and take home cherished memories of the time spent with us.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** In the past three years we have come to know quite a few of you and it was a pleasure to be with you and enjoy your fellowship.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

From home to home and heart to heart, from one place to another, the warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other.

The **response** was given by **Sister Shelley Gullett**, Grand Conductress, New Hampshire:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to respond to the gracious and kind welcome extended to the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. I especially appreciate this honor as Nova Scotia has a very special place in my heart and will always be HOME for me.

As you well know we share a special bond with each of our counterparts and we, like you, look forward to our journey to the Grand East.

Our wish for you is that all your dreams will be realized during your “Memories of Christmas” Session. May the good Lord Bless you and fill your hearts with many, many wonderful memories.

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

### PRESENTATION OF EMERITUS GRAND OFFICER

**Grand Secretary Emeritus**, Sister Hazel MacLeod, P.M. (45) of this Grand Jurisdiction was presented and introduced.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Welcome to the “Memories of Christmas” Session. You have given many years of service and devotion to our Order. Thank you for being with us.

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**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Sister Hazel, you are well known by the members of this Grand Chapter. You have performed your duties in a most excellent and honourable manner and are well deserving of your title. Welcome and thank you for being here.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

The best of all gifts around your Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

Sisters and Brothers, you will give her a hearty welcome. Sister Hazel was then escorted to the East.

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

The following **District Deputy Grand Matrons** were introduced: Sister Evelyn MacDonald, District No. 1; Sister Mary Lou Higgins, District No. 2; Sister Marion Tizard, District No. 3, Sister Beverly Caulier, District No. 4 and Sister Joan Mills, District No. 5 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Visiting:** Sister Debra Knott, Grand Lecturer, Colorado.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is with pleasure that I welcome you here this evening. To my own District Deputy Grand Matrons, you did a super job this year and represented me well. I am proud of each of you. To the visiting Grand Lecturer, we are glad you came to visit. Thank you all for being here and I hope you enjoy the “Memories of Christmas” Session.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** District Deputies, here you are again. We could always count on seeing three or four green dresses on our Official Visits. We congratulate you in regard to your attention to your duties, your support and dedication. A most hearty welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of your District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Lecturer, it is my pleasure to reply to your gracious welcome. We have enjoyed performing our duties as we travelled throughout our Districts this year and have developed a closer bond with our chapters as well as with each other.

Sister Edith, you made things easy for us and were always ready to reply to our many questions. We thank you for this as well as for the honour you bestowed upon us and our chapters when you chose us as your District Deputies. Brother Ted, thank you for making us feel very welcome as part of your Grand Family. We appreciate the friendliness you have shown us throughout the year. May God's blessings be with you both as you guide this Grand Chapter Session and make it a memorable conclusion to a wonderful year. Thank you.

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### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

Christmas is a time for sharing warm thoughts with special people.

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

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

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

**Thirty-five Grand Representatives** were introduced: Sister Iris Newman, Alabama; Sister Goldie Chisholm, Alberta; Brother William Cox, Arizona; Sister Susan Wroe, Australia; Brother Joseph Fiander, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Sylvia McCleave, California; Sister Shirley Jennings, Colorado; Sister Diane Patterson, Connecticut; Sister Edith Taylor, Delaware; Sister Hattie Hagen, District of Columbia; Sister Hilda Allen, Florida; Sister Sylvia Munroe, Illinois; Sister Rosamond Campbell, Indiana; Sister Julia MacKinnon, Kentucky; Sister Lola Pineo, Louisiana; Sister Frances Burgoyne Jackson, Maine; Sister Mildred Wagner, Manitoba; Sister Joyce Johnston, Maryland; Sister Helen Wamboldt, Massachusetts; Sister Sharon Ward, Michigan; Sister Maureen Weeks, Missouri; Sister Colleen McPherson, Montana; Sister Irma Maxwell, Nebraska; Sister Bonnie Boutilier, New Brunswick; Sister Bonnie Lowe, New Hampshire; Sister Mary Ihasz, North Dakota; Sister Suzanne Aitken, Ohio; Sister Clara Nieforth, Oklahoma; Sister Marjorie Conrod, Ontario; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Quebec; Brother Gordon Schultz, Saskatchewan; Sister Peg Lipskey, South Carolina; Sister Iris Coolen, South Dakota; Brother Harold Ferguson, Virginia; Sister Helen Hazeldine, West Virginia.

**Sister Stella, A.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honour and a privilege on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session "Memories of Christmas". You are our travelling ambassadors of good will. Your correspondence and visits to other jurisdictions have strengthened the bonds of fraternal friendship that encircles our Eastern Star world.

We are proud of the service you are giving to our Order and we are delighted to have you with us. May you continue to enjoy your commission and please convey the greetings of this Grand Chapter to your respective Grand Jurisdictions.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour of welcoming our very own Grand Representatives. May all your snowmen and penguins cover you with a blanket of love and friendship as you continue your deliberations.

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The response was given by **Sister Frances Burgoyne Jackson:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers and Sister Stella Associate Grand Matron.

It is with profound pleasure, that I, on behalf of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, sincerely thank you for your warm and friendly words of welcome. We bring greetings from our respective Grand Jurisdictions. As individual ambassadors we will strive to strengthen the bonds of Love and Friendship among the Sisters and Brothers of our beautiful Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, our appointment as Grand Representative is an honour, one which we will hold close to our hearts forever. Our wish for you both is that your year in the Grand East has been fulfilling and your “Memories of Christmas” Session will hold all the special moments you had hoped for.

Sister Edith, I thank you for my commission and for the honour afforded myself and my home chapter, Elm Chapter #48 for the privilege of responding to the welcome this evening.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

May hopes brighten our paths, may love be born in our hearts and may peace reign in our world at Christmas and always.

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

**Fourteen Grand Representatives** were introduced: Brother Robert Chard, Alabama; Sister Barbara Stefuik, Alberta; Sister Regina Kustwan, Connecticut; Sister Patricia Hiester, Illinois; Sister Sharon Earl, Maryland; Brother Frederick Penney, Massachusetts; Sister Alberta Handy, Michigan; Brother Larry Gullett, New Hampshire; Sister Patricia Jackson, New York; Sister Harriet Wright, North Carolina; Brother Rodney Jenne, Quebec; Sister Mary Nell Smedley, Tennessee; Sister Jeanne Jordon, West Virginia; Brother William Biggs, Wyoming.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is such a pleasure to welcome the Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions who are representing Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to the “Memories of Christmas” Session. You are our representatives in many Grand Jurisdictions and some of you have travelled great distances to be here. Thank you all for coming.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Some of you have travelled great distances to be here with your counterparts. I think that is the great joy of being a Grand Representative; to have the opportunity to travel to other jurisdictions to visit other chapters and to form a friendship that will last forever.

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The **response** was given by **Brother Larry Gullett, New Hampshire**:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Edith, thank you for the honor and privilege of responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

We sincerely appreciate your gracious words of welcome!

We congratulate you on a successful year and we wish for you a very successful "Memories of Christmas Session". We know we will leave here with our stockings full of many fond memories all of which are thanks to the warm hospitality bestowed upon each of us by you and your elves!

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

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

### PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

**Eight Sisters and Brothers** were introduced: Sister Jane Franklin, New Brunswick in Alabama; Sister Marlene Larson, Alberta in California; Sister Genie Wilcox, New Hampshire in Colorado; Sister Donna Larson, Georgia in Connecticut; Sister Elaine Wardwell, Ohio in Maine; Sister Juanita Leese, Minnesota in Maryland; Sister Margaret Howard, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in Massachusetts; Brother Edwin Geffken, Rhode Island in New Hampshire.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** I bid you welcome. It is so nice to have you with us. May your travels bring you many friends and happy memories.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Welcome. We hope your stay will be pleasant and rewarding; and enjoy good fellowship with your reciprocals.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

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

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS "FRIEND OF A FEATHER"

**One Sister** was introduced: our own Sister Betty Smith, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is a special pleasure to welcome you to our “Memories of Christmas” Session. Sister Betty, our own Friend of a Feather, thank you for attending all 41 of our visits this year. You are indeed a special person. The Most Worthy Grand Matron made a fantastic choice in choosing you.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** I guess it would be fair to say that I know you pretty well since you come from my home chapter, Kwebec Chapter #27. You attended all 41 of our Official Visits. I would say you have been faithful not only to us but to General Grand Chapter. We thank you for your support and your dedication.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred and friends. Then we are better throughout the year for having in spirit become a child again at Christmas.

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

### PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

**Crafts and Treasures:** Sister Freda Shaffer, Sister Fran Harding

**Eastern Star Journal:** Brother Dennis Hagen, Sister Carol Pettigrew, Sister Doris Hillier, Sister Donna White

**ESTARL:** Sister Marion Robinson, Brother George Myles, Sister Nora Moxsom

**Finance:** Brother Harry Daine, Sister Shirley Conrad

**Historian:** Sister Margaret Allen

**International Headquarters:** Sister Marves Mansfield

**Librarian:** Sister Janet Merry

**Membership:** Brother Wayne Beno, Brother Ralph Swinamer, Sister Susan Martin, Sister Wilma Verge, Sister Velda Forrest, Brother Rowan Caseley

**Music:** Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist

**Program Booklet:** Brother Peter Kay, Brother Kenneth Conrad, Brother James Coolen, Brother Walter Blair, Sister Constance MacDonald

**Publicity:** Sister Grace Boudreau, Sister Maxine Smith, Sister Marelene Clyde, Sister Emily White, Sister Helen Nicholson

**W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:** Sister Mary Smith, Sister Heather Boyd, Sister LaVerne Porter, Sister Barbara Ferguson, Sister Jean Annear

**Visitors:** Sister Pamela Brooks, District Lecturer, District #26, Virginia and Sister Valerie Layman, Chair of Distinguished Guests, Virginia

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Committee members are the workers behind the scenes of this Grand Chapter. I sincerely appreciate the dedication and hard work you have put into the past year. I thank you for being here and hope you will have some time to enjoy the session.

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**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** I cannot thank you enough for accepting your appointments. Thank you for your efforts, your hard work and dedication in making this Grand Chapter a success.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it is always young.

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

### PRESENTATION OF 2008-2009

#### WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

**Twenty-six Worthy Matrons, Seventeen Worthy Patrons and two Visiting Worthy Patrons** were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**Worthy Matrons:** Sister Margaret Allen, Cedar #3; Sister Gale Langille, Century #10; Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Nora Bishop, Evangeline #15; Sister Constance 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 Christine Ryan, Mystic Star #40; 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 Carol Whitlock, Emerald #58; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Shoreham #59; Sister Phyllis Vallis, Queen Esther #61; Sister Inez Daye, Atlantic #65; Sister Linda Foote, Laurel #67; Sister Jean Annear, Montague #69; Sister Leota Meisner, Crescent #70; Sister Velda Forrest, Pearle #71.

**Worthy Patrons:** Brother Richard Haynes, Mayflower #2; Brother Kenneth Langille, Century #10; Brother Richard Pineo, Evangeline #15; Brother William Clark, Westville #24; Brother John Lorimer, Harmony #25; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother William Cox, Arbutus #30; Brother Ralph Swinamer, Annaval #31; Brother James Malyk, Queens #34; Brother Edmund Davis, St. Mary's #35; Brother James Coolen, Mystic Star #40; Brother Rowan Caseley, Regent #52; Brother Walter Tingley, Elmsdale #55; Brother Bruce Fleet, Emerald #58; Brother Ray Zinck, Shoreham #59; Brother Kenneth Conrod, Queen Esther #61; Brother Hayward Meisner, Crescent #70.

**Visiting Worthy Patrons:** Brother James Pattangall, Pilgrim #89, Massachusetts and Brother William Jackson, Cairo #380, New York.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers, you were so gracious when we made our visits to your chapters. It is now time for us to extend a sincere welcome to the "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session, and to thank each of you for the excellent way you led your chapter during the past year. I hope you will enjoy the session.

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**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** This year I was fortunate to have known all the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and it made our visits much more pleasant and most of all we had fun.

The **response** on behalf of the Grand Pages was given by **Sister Nora Bishop**, Chair, Grand Pages: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers,  
Thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon me, of being selected as the Chairperson of the Grand Pages.

Your visit to our chapters was the highlight of our year and we wish your session will bring you many happy memories of your year in the Grand East.

The **response** on behalf of the Grand Guards was given by **Brother Ralph Swinamer**, Chair, Grand Guards: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.  
On behalf of the Worthy Patrons of your “Memories of Christmas” Session, we thank you for your kind and sincere welcome.

Sister Edith and Brother Ted, you have obviously enjoyed your year in the Grand East, and we wish for both of you, continued good health and happiness.

Thank you for honouring my chapter, Annaval #31, by appointing me as Chair of the Grand Guards. Brother Ted, you are always full of surprises. God bless both of you.

### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

Christmas waves a magic wand over the world and behold everything is softer and more beautiful.

## HOSTESS CHAPTERS AND COMMITTEES

**Twenty-eight** members of the Hostess Chapters and their Committees assembled in the west and were welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** My Sisters and Brothers, it is hard to put into words the appreciation I feel for all of the hard work and dedication you have put into the last three years to make the “Memories of Christmas” Session a success. I sincerely thank you.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Thank you for taking on such an important task. You have worked diligently to see that this Grand Chapter accommodated not only our members but our visitors from afar. You have provided us with the necessary tools to make this session a memorable occasion. From the bottom of my heart - thank you, thank you, thank you.

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The **response** was given by **Sister Bonnie Boutilier, Co-Chair, Hostess Chapters:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, for allowing me to respond to your kind words. It has been our privilege to work together preparing for your “Memories of Christmas” Grand Chapter Session. The next two days will be extremely busy for you and we are here to help in any way possible.

On behalf of the members of your Hostess Chapters, we wish both you and Brother Ted a very enjoyable and memorable session.

### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

During the holidays may you be surrounded by everything and everyone you love.

The Hostess Chapters and Committees were given a hearty vote of thanks.

## CLOSING

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

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will proclaim this Grand Chapter called from Labour to rest to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## FORMAL OPENING TUESDAY MORNING, July 7, 2009

<b>8:45 a.m.:</b>	<b>Emblem Ceremony:</b>	
	Narrator:	Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67)
	Bible:	Sister Michelle Boutilier (61)
	Sword & Veil:	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring (55)
	Sheaf:	Sister Beverley Wentzell (27)
	Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Linda McKay, P.M. (61)
	Broken Column:	Sister Marilyn Parker (61)
	Cup:	Sister Helen Fredericks (57)

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 Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) and Brother William M. Thompson, P.G.P. (24).

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**Sister Marian, P.G.M.:** Good Morning Sisters and Brothers:

Welcome to your "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session. Brother Bill, it is a great thrill to have you by my side once again. It has been 11 years since we presided at our "Beside Still Waters" Session right here in HRM.

It is with pride and pleasure, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, that we call this Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to order.

It is with pleasure that I welcome you all here today. A very special welcome to our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred. We are so proud of you and are so looking forward to Tulsa, Oklahoma this November when you will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron. Our thoughts and prayers go with you as you prepare for this event. A warm welcome to our own General Grand Chapter Members, Sisters Marion Conrad, Sheila MacDonald, Isabelle Pearson, Brothers Allen Denton and Bill Thompson, and to our "Friend of a Feather", Sister Betty Smith. We know that you have represented our Jurisdiction in a grand manner and we wish you well as your term of office winds down.

To our own members, the business of this Grand Chapter begins this morning and we sincerely hope that our aim this year of working together in Harmony will prevail and we will know Peace on Earth.

Brother Bill: Would you please add your words of welcome to our assembly?

**Brother Bill, P.G.P.:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers and a "Merry Christmas". Welcome to the Official opening of this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be in the East this morning with my own Past Grand Matron, Sister Marian "the Best", at this sixty-second session of Grand Chapter "Memories of Christmas".

We welcome all the visitors from other jurisdictions to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and our own General Grand Chapter members and members of this Grand Chapter, as we start a new Grand Chapter Session.

**Sister Marian, P.G.M.:** I now call to order this Formal Opening of the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, "Memories of Christmas" Session.

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

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

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### FORMATIONS

**Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.** (61) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Representatives, Chapter Esthers entered the Grand Chapter room.

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

The musical selection was "*Joy to the World*" at this time.

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

**Sister Marian, P.G.M.:** Sister Edith and Brother Ted: How pleased I am to be welcoming you here to the Formal Opening of your "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for this honour and for the privilege of having Brother Bill by my side. Sister Edith and Brother Ted, you have had a most wonderful, successful, peaceful year. It's been the longest Christmas Celebrations that I have ever seen.

Sister Edith, as a fellow member of Queen Esther Chapter, may I say how proud we are of you and how you have conducted yourself this year. You have certainly travelled near and far. We were all delighted when you chose Esther as your Honour Station, especially in memory of Sisters Valerie and Carol, both wonderful members of our Chapter. Brother Ted, I know the members of Kwebec Chapter feel the same way about you!

May you have a most harmonious, productive Grand Chapter, full of Peace, Purity and Joy.

**Brother Bill, P.G.P.:** Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron:

Welcome to your "Memories of Christmas" Session.

You had a great year and your meetings were well attended. It was a great honour and privilege to share the East with Sister Marian. I wish you both a great session - and we can't forget Brother Ted's (penguins). Again thank you, Sister Edith, for allowing me to share the East with Marian.

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

Sister Edith and Brother Ted were each accorded Grand Honours in the East.

**Sister Marian, P.G.M.:** Sister Edith, I present you with your gavel.

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**Sister Edith, W.G.M. :** Sister Marian and Brother Bill, what an honour to have you preside at the Formal Opening of the “Memories of Christmas” Grand Chapter Session. I was chair of the Hostess Chapters for your “Beside Still Waters” Session in 1998. You are both very dear to me and I value your friendship. Sister Marian, thank you for presenting my gavel. I pray that Our Heavenly Father will give me the wisdom to use it wisely. Please accept this gift.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.** Sister Marian and Brother Bill, thank you for presiding at our Formal Opening, our first full day of Grand Chapter business. It has always been a pleasure to meet with you on our travels. Brother Bill, please accept this token of my appreciation.

The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

Sister Beth Brett and Brother Shane MacFarlane sang “*Precious Memories*” to Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Ray Horton, Grand Organist, sang “*How Could It Be*” to Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron.

### OPENING CEREMONY

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: “*Let There Be Peace on Earth*” was sung.

The Grand Marshal, Brother Larry Ingham, presented the Canadian Flag at the Altar in honour of our men and women who are serving our country in Afghanistan. “*O Canada*” was sung and the Canadian flag was placed in the East.

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

### WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers, as we begin our deliberations this morning may warm hearts and cool heads prevail. Welcome to your session.

### PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

**Grand Representative - Brother Jack Kuhl** of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in New Jersey was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and escorted to the East where he was accorded Grand Honours.

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**Grand Chapter Committee Members:** Sister Midge Medicraft, Crafts and Treasures; Sister Helen Graham and Sister Tracey Hobson, Credentials; Brother Donald Medicraft, ESTARL; Brother Jack Whalley, Program Booklet were presented in the west and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and escorted to their seats.

**Worthy Matron,** Sister Joan Mills, Mae #38, was presented in the west, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and escorted to her seat.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

1. The best part of Christmas is being surrounded by everything and everyone you love.
2. Christmas is a race to see which gives out first - your money or your feet.

**PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61) gave the following report:

Members registered from our Grand Jurisdiction:	373
Members registered from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>127</u>
Total attendance to date:	500

Sister Helen Graham moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) and the motion was carried.

**RULES OF ORDER**

**Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25), Parliamentarian** read the Rules of the Order as follows: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron - Thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your "Memories of Christmas" Session. Sisters and Brothers, as we approach the Business of Grand Chapter, let the Spirit of Christmas prevail in our words and actions.

Officially, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to our deliberations.

Following are ten selected items:

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the Presiding Officer.
2. All motions must be seconded before discussion.
3. No one shall speak more than twice to a motion.
4. No one shall speak longer than two minutes at any one time.
5. The mover is entitled to speak last to his/her motion.
6. No one is entitled to speak a second time on a motion until those wishing to speak have been heard once.
7. All motions shall be in the affirmative.
8. A motion may be withdrawn with agreement of the seconder.
9. A standing vote may be called upon request.
10. Roberts Revised Rules of Order shall prevail on all matters.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**ADOPTION OF 2008 MINUTES**

**Sister Betty Ann Loughnan**, P.M. (40), **Grand Secretary** moved the adoption of the 2008 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59). The motion was carried.

**REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2008-2009  
SISTER EDITH M. CONROD**

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

When I started this journey four years ago I knew that God would guide me along the way and he has been with me every step of the way on this incredible journey. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since Installation last July. This has been the experience of a lifetime and I now have many treasured memories of this very special year. I have felt truly blessed by the feelings of love and support from the sisters and brothers that I experienced as I travelled around this Grand Jurisdiction. I thank you for the honour and privilege of allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron.

**WELCOME**

I sincerely welcome all who have come from near and far to attend our “Memories of Christmas” Session. I hope that you will enjoy your stay and take home treasured memories of the time spent with us.

**DEDICATION**

This year has been lovingly dedicated to all members of my home chapter, Queen Esther Chapter #61 and to the members of the Worthy Grand Patron’s home chapter, Kwebec Chapter #27.

My Bible was a gift from my chapter, Queen Esther Chapter #61 and has travelled with me to all of the 41 chapters in our district, and has been signed by each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

The beautiful Bible Marker was made by Sister Shirley Daine and was a gift from Sister Shirley and Brother Harry Daine of Emerald Chapter #58.

The Bible Carrying case with the beautiful angel on it was crafted by Donnie Wooldridge, husband of Sister Jane, our Associate Grand Conductress and was presented to me by my dear friend and travelling companion, Sister Mary Smith and her husband, Claude.

My Honour station Esther has been dedicated in loving memory of two special Star friends of mine, Sister Valerie Clarke who was Grand Esther in 1978-1979 and Sister Carol Boutilier who was to have been Grand Esther in 2003-2004.

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My travelling Emblem, the Crown and Sceptre, was a gift from my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted and has rested at the station of Esther in all 41 chapters during our Official Visits.

This year I have carried two gavels and sounding blocks to each chapter; one that was used by Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M., when she served as Worthy Grand Matron 30 years ago. This was presented to me at installation by Sister Eleanor and Brother Allison Mitchell along with a carrying case crafted by Brother Charles Dewey of Century Chapter #10. My other gavel and sounding block was crafted by Brother Zeke Eaton, our Associate Grand Patron and presented to me by the Past Matrons of Queen Esther Chapter #61.

My special request this year was that the flag of our country be presented in honour of the men and women who are serving this country in Afghanistan. The flag was presented in all but two of our subordinate chapters when we made our Official Visits and I thank the members for presenting our flag in such a dignified manner to honour these brave men and women.

### IN MEMORIAM

We have been deeply saddened by the loss of Sister Ruth Waterbury, Past Grand Matron.

We mourn the loss of many sisters and brothers in the subordinate chapters and extend deepest sympathy to all those who have experienced loss. Loving tribute will be paid to all of these members during our Memorial Service.

### OFFICIAL ACTS

One of the most interesting and exciting duties of a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is the selection of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. After much deliberation, consideration, deep thought and love we appointed:

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)

District Deputy Grand Matrons:

District # 1	Sister Evelyn MacDonald (19)
District #2	Sister Mary Lou Higgins (48)
District #3	Sister Marion Tizard (57)
District #4	Sister Beverly Caulier (27)
District #5	Sister Joan Mills (8)

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It was my pleasure to travel to the chapter of each Sister and Brother to announce their appointment. The Worthy Grand Patron accompanied me to most of the chapters for the announcements.

### **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

In accordance with the CL&R, a School of Instruction for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, with all ritualistic work being done, was held at Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford on July 19, 2008.

There were three Schools of Instruction held for all members:

Saturday, September 13, 2008 hosted by Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth

Saturday, September 20, 2008 hosted by Century Chapter #10, New Glasgow

Saturday, September 27, 2008 hosted by Annaval Chapter #31, Middleton

The Jurisprudence Committee was present at all four schools and I thank them for their attendance and assistance. The Grand Officers performed all of the Ritualistic work at each of the Schools, followed by a Question and Answer period, with many worthwhile questions being asked.

All the Schools were well attended and I thank the chapters for hosting them and providing delicious lunches.

### **DISTRICTS**

After much thought and consideration due to the distance between chapters, I made a change in the Districts and added one District Deputy Grand Matron.

#### District # 1 (6 chapters)

1. Queen Elizabeth #14, Sydney
2. Victoria # 19, Baddeck
3. Munro #26, North Sydney
4. Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37, Whycocomagh
5. Faith #54, Mulgrave
6. Starlight #66, Port Hawkesbury

#### District #5 (6 chapters)

1. Grace #8, Lunenburg
2. Arbutus #30, Milton
3. Queens #34, Liverpool
4. Mae #38, Bridgewater
5. Shoreham #59, Chester
6. Pearle #71, Caledonia

#### District #2 (6 Chapters)

1. Century #10, New Glasgow
2. Myrtle #21, Truro
3. Westville #24, Westville
4. Harmony #25, Stellarton
5. Florence Fraser #47, Sherbrooke
6. Elm #48, Upper Stewiacke

#### District # 6 (4 chapters)

1. Keystone #5, Hebron
2. Annaval #31, Middleton
3. St. Mary's #35, Digby
4. Crescent #70, Lockeport

#### District # 3 (4 chapters)

1. Scotia #49, Musquodoboit Harbour
2. Elmsdale #55, Elmsdale
3. Ruth #57, Dartmouth
4. Queen Esther #61, Dartmouth

#### District #7 (4 chapters)

1. Mayflower #2, Kingston
2. Evangeline #15, Kentville
3. Fairfield #22, Windsor
4. Laurel #67, Berwick

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### District #4 (5 chapters)

1. Kwebec #27, Bedford
2. Amethyst #28, Halifax
3. Mystic Star #40, St. Margaret's Bay
4. Armcrest #45, Bedford
5. Emerald #58, Halifax

### District #8 (6 chapters)

1. Crystal # 1 PEI, Charlottetown, PEI
2. Cedar #3, Wallace
3. Britannia #18, Amherst
4. Regent #52, Central Bedeque, PEI
5. Atlantic #65, Tatamagouche
6. Montague #69, Montague, PEI

## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

**District #1:** Sister Evelyn MacDonald, District Deputy Grand Matron, was well received in all chapters and found the books in good order. These Chapters are all struggling, some more than others; however, they were all eager to do their best in carrying out the ritualistic work. There were three new members initiated and three affiliations.

**District #2:** Sister Mary Lou Higgins, District Deputy Grand Matron, visited the chapters in this District with the exception of Elm #48 which was deputized by Sister Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress as Sister Mary Lou is Conductress in this chapter. The District Deputy Grand Matron was well received and found that the work was very well done in most chapters and books were in order. In one chapter the Worthy Matron did her own work plus the Worthy Patron's lecture with the exception of the Obligation and the Associate Patron's lecture from memory. There was one affiliation.

**District #3:** Sister Marion Tizard, District Deputy Grand Matron, was well received in all chapters, found the work generally well done, with some reading from the Ritual, at which time the prompters closed their books. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were in order.

**District #4:** Sister Beverly Caulier, District Deputy Grand Matron, deputized all chapters in this district with the exception of Kwebec Chapter #27 where she is secretary. In place of this she changed with Sister Joan Mills and deputized Mae #38. Sister Bev found that all work was performed in a professional manner and to the best of the officers' ability and that the books were in order. Sister Bev witnessed the initiation of two new members.

**District #5:** Sister Joan Mills, District Deputy Grand Matron, deputized all chapters in this district with the exception of Mae #38 of which she was Worthy Matron. In place of this she changed with Sister Bev Caulier and deputized Kwebec #27. Sister Joan was well received in all chapters and found that most Officers work hard to keep up with their work. Sister Joan was fortunate to witness the initiation of seven new members.

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**District #6:** Sister Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress, deputized all chapters in this district plus Elm #48. Sister Marion was warmly greeted and found all books in order; several of the chapters had pro tems. She witnessed the initiation of five new members.

**District #7:** Sister Stella Trask, Associate Grand Matron, reported that all members of the chapters she visited are striving to do their work well with many members serving as Officers in two chapters. Two new members were initiated.

**District #8:** Sister Jane Wooldridge, Associate Grand Conductress, found that a few of the chapters are struggling, but try to do their best. One of the chapters initiated three new members. Books of Secretary and Treasurer were in order.

### IRREGULARITIES

Irregularities noted by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matrons during 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year:

1. Members and Officers not standing when addressing the Worthy Matron.
2. Copying from the Ritual instead of reading directly from the Ritual.
3. More than one Ritual being open at a time.
4. Short form being used on more than four occasions.
5. Not having three auditors.
6. All four copies of the secret work not being available on the night of the District Deputy Grand Matrons visit.
7. Chapter not holding 10 stated meetings in a year.
8. Some Chapter secretaries not sending chapter notices to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.
9. Members and Officers not standing when moving or seconding motions.

### DISPENSATIONS

Thirty-three dispensations were issued this year for satisfactory reasons:

Five to change stated meeting to accommodate visit of Worthy Grand Matron:

Victoria #19, Baddeck  
Faith #54, Mulgrave  
Queen Elizabeth #14, Sydney  
Keystone #5, Hebron  
Kwebec #27, Bedford

Four to accommodate visit of District Deputy Grand Matron:

Fairfield #22, Windsor  
Keystone #5, Hebron  
Mayflower #2, Kingston  
St Mary's #35, Digby

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Sixteen to change time or date of meeting:

Grace #8 Lunenburg, July	Munro #26 North Sydney, January
Grace #8 Lunenburg, October	Fairfield #22 Windsor, May
Cedar #3 Wallace, December	Westville #24 Westville, June
Britannia #18 Amherst, November	St. Mary's #35 Digby, June
Britannia #18 Amherst, December	Mayflower #2 Kingston, June
Florence Fraser #47 Sherbrooke, December	Laurel #67 Berwick, June
Harmony #25 Stellarton, February	Florence Fraser #47 Sherbrooke, June
Amethyst #28 Halifax, December	Atlantic #65 Tatamagouche, June

Three to permanently change place of meeting to new Freemasons hall, Fairview:

Amethyst #28 Halifax  
Armcrest #45 Bedford  
Emerald #58 Halifax

Three to change place of meeting:

Cedar #3 Wallace, July  
Armcrest #45 Bedford, January  
Harmony #25 Stellarton, March

Two to move paraphernalia and change place of meeting for January and February meetings due to Lodge Hall being closed for the winter months:

Annal #31 Middleton  
Mayflower #2 Kingston

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was indeed a pleasure to make recommendations for the following sisters and brothers to be Grand Representatives, and whenever possible I thoroughly enjoyed being able to present them in person, with the aid of my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted.

I received the resignation of Carolyn Deegan (18) Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in June, 2009.

Grand Representatives Recommended:

Kansas	David Clarke (5)
B. C. & Yukon	Joseph Fiander (26)
Indiana	Rosamond Campbell (49)
Saskatchewan	Gordon Schultz (61)
North Carolina	Malcolm Matheson (37)
Minnesota	Ethel Pearston (21)
Nevada	Christene MacLeod (19)
Florida	Hilda Allen (24)
Virginia	Harold Ferguson (65)
Alberta	Goldie Chisholm (21)
Arizona	William Cox (30)

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New Jersey	Leora Enslow (70)
Idaho	Olga Beno (57)
West Virginia	Helen Hazeldine (45)
Ontario	Marjorie Conrod (61)
Colorado	Shirley Jennings (57)
Kentucky	Julia MacKinnon (66)
Massachusetts	Helen Wamboldt (61)
Wyoming	James Estey (58)
New Mexico	Ralph Donaldson (55)
Australia	Susan Wroe (27)
Oklahoma	Clara Nieforth (28)
Arkansas	Kevin Bonn (22)
Maine	Frances Jackson (48)
Iowa	Morgana Brownell (10)
Montana	Colleen McPherson (25)
Pennsylvania	Leslie Graham (48)
Sao Paulo	Cordell Levy (2)
Puerto Rico	Muriel Elliot (47)
Bolivia	Edna Fox (52)
Missouri	Maureen Weeks (1PEI)

Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island appointed in other Jurisdictions:

Texas	Lyndel Campbell
New Hampshire	Larry Gullett
New Jersey	John F. Kuhl
Kansas	Kathleen Ferris
North Carolina	Harriet Pitts Wright
Arizona	Dorothy Henley
Pennsylvania	H. David Myers
South Carolina	Gale Rickert
Vermont	F. John Lake
Australia	Barbara Andresen
Tennessee	Mary Nell Smedley
Manitoba	Vasti Lamb
Minnesota	Allen Porter
Virginia	Eugene W. Wiggins
New Mexico	Betty Thyron
Saskatchewan	Myrna Kissick
Quebec	Rodney Jenne
West Virginia	Jeanne Jordan
Idaho	Paul Lesneski
North Dakota	Joanne Curl
Wyoming	William Biggs
Colorado	Edwin "Ed" Chase

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Utah	Virginia Ficker
Illinois	Pat Hiester
Alabama	Robert Chard
New Brunswick	Janet Tower
Louisiana	Dorothy Mouton
Ohio	George Manning
Mississippi	Sherry Kendall
Wisconsin	Hilda Lipsy
Sao Paulo	Heloisa Vargas De Silva Custodio
Puerto Rico	Francisco S. Velez

### GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following Grand Chapter Committee Members were appointed to fill vacancies:

Brother Donald Cooke Scotia #49 - Publicity

Brother Jack Whalley St. Mary's #35 - Program Booklet

Sister Violet Blair, PGM, Evangeline #15 - Arrangements General Grand Chapter 2009, Housing

### OFFICIAL VISITS

The first Official Visit was made to Crescent Chapter #70 in Lockeport on July 28, 2008. We finished at Montague Chapter #69 in Montague, P.E.I. on May 9th, 2009. The Worthy Grand Patron accompanied me on all forty-one visits. Sister Betty Smith, Friend of a Feather, was also present at every visit and I thank her for the support.

We celebrated Christmas at every chapter this year. It was amazing to see the ingenuity of the decorations and the addendums in the different chapters. We were royally received when we arrived and appreciate the work that each chapter went to in preparing for our visit.

All of the visits were well attended. The food, fellowship and fun that we shared were certainly appreciated and leads to many treasured Memories of my year. I thank all of the members for their love and support.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Official Visits:

July 28, 2008	Crescent #70 Lockeport
August 7, 2008	Fairfield #22 Windsor
August 8, 2008	Cedar #3, Wallace
August 14, 2008	Grace #8, Lunenburg
September 4, 2008	Arbutus #30 Milton
September 10, 2008	Victoria #19 Baddeck
September 11, 2008	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 Whycocomagh
September 15, 2008	Westville #24 Westville
September 16, 2008	Shoreham #59 Chester
September 25, 2008	Pearle #71 Caledonia

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October 2, 2008	Munro #26 North Sydney
October 3, 2008	Queen Elizabeth #14 Sydney
October 6, 2008	Mystic Star #40 St. Margaret's Bay
October 14, 2008	Mayflower #2 Kingston
October 15, 2008	Laurel #67 Berwick
October 22, 2008	Starlight #66 Port Hawkesbury
October 23, 2008	Faith #54 Mulgrave
November 4, 2008	Evangeline #15 Kentville
November 12, 2008	Keystone #5 Hebron
November 13, 2008	St. Mary's #35 Digby
November 18, 2008	Annaval #31 Middleton
November 20, 2008	Queens #34 Liverpool
November 27, 2008	Britannia #18 Amherst
December 2, 2008	Queen Esther #61 Dartmouth
December 10, 2008	Elmsdale #55 Elmsdale
December 11, 2008	Scotia #49 Musquodoboit Harbour
December 12, 2008	Ruth #57 Dartmouth
December 16, 2008	Kwebec #27 Bedford
January 12, 2009	Armcrest #45 Fairview
January 28, 2009	Emerald #58 Fairview
February 26, 2009	Amethyst #28 Fairview
March 10, 2009	Elm #48 Upper Stewiacke
March 12, 2009	Harmony #25 Stellarton
March 17, 2009	Myrtle #21 Truro
April 8, 2009	Mae #38 Bridgewater
April 14, 2009	Florence Fraser #47 Sherbrooke
April 22, 2009	Atlantic #65 Tatamagouche
April 28, 2009	Century #10 New Glasgow
May 7, 2009	Regent #52 Central Bedeque PEI
May 8, 2009	Crystal #1 PEI Charlottetown PEI
May 9, 2009	Montague #69 Montague PEI

### SPECIAL EVENTS

During the year I attended many Eastern Star Services and funerals for our departed members whenever the schedule would allow. I also attended many chapter meetings in addition to the Official Visits, honour nights for Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives and Grand Chapter Committee Members.

The following is a list of other functions I attended:

July 10-12, 2008 attended Grand Chapter of New Brunswick

July 15, 2008 attended first summer meeting of Elm Chapter #48

July, 2008 met with Brother Bill Bishop, the Web Master, to discuss plans for the web site.

August 16, 2008 attended open house of new Freemasons Hall, Coronation Avenue.

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- September 29, 2008 Daughters of the Nile Banquet for visit of Supreme Queen extended greetings on behalf of Grand Chapter.
- October 8-11, 2008, attended Grand Chapter of Quebec in Granby along with 12 other Members from this Jurisdiction, including the Worthy Grand Patron and Brother Fred Clarke, RWAGP.
- October 25, 2008 walked in the parade with all of the Masonic Bodies to the Cornerstone laying and dedication ceremony of the new Freemasons Hall on Coronation Avenue, where I was presented at the altar and escorted to a seat in the East. I had the privilege of cutting the Eastern Star ribbon previous to entering the hall. The Worthy Grand Patron and other Eastern Star members were present as well.
- January 17, 2009 attended the installation ceremony of Illustrious Sir Bassam Nahas and the divan Officers of Philae Temple at the Westin Nova Scotian.
- February 12-15, 2009: Bus trip to attend all New England Eastern Canada Exchange in Bangor, Maine. Forty-five of us travelled by bus and had a wonderful time. Two others arrived by car. Sister Gail Kay, Grand Electa, took part in the Initiation and did a fantastic job.
- March: had to send regrets to Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for the first Masonic Grand Levee in honour of the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racism as I was attending a tea honouring two sixty year members in Westville on that day.
- March 21, 2009 attended a tea at Westville Chapter #24 to present two sisters with their 60 year pins.
- April 4, 2009 attended open Installation of Officers of Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile and extended greetings to Queen Sylvia McCleave on behalf of Grand Chapter.
- April 18, 2009, 2-4 pm attended honour tea for Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress. 6:00 pm attended Dinner to celebrate Queen Esther Chapter #61 50th anniversary, where I extended greetings from Grand Chapter.
- April 21, 2009 attended ceremony and reception at The Red Chamber, Province House for Volunteers of Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia by invitation of The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S. D Huml Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.
- April 25, 2008 took part in Maine Maritime Exchange afternoon in Riverview, N.B. There were 6 candidates initiated.
- May 2, 2009 attended St. Mary's Chapter #35 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, brought greetings from Grand Chapter and presented two sixty year pins.
- May 16, 2009 attended TRAC Seminar at the Shrine Centre, Connolly St. by invitation of Illustrious Sir Sam Nahas, Potentate.
- May 23, 2009 attended Maritime Exchange, Masonic Centre, Dartmouth.
- May 28, 2009 attended the final meeting of Britannia #18, Amherst who have surrendered their Charter.
- May 30, 2009 joint homecoming of WGM & WGP
- June 1, 2009 Funeral service for Sister Ruth Waterbury, PGM
- June 6, 2009 Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Truro

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June 13, 2009 attended Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island where the worshipful Grand Master, David Mosher, presented me with his gavel and gave me the honour of calling up the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. This was the gavel his mother, Sister Ethel Corkum, P.G.M. used at her session, forty-four years ago.

June 20, 2009 attended honour tea in Digby for Sister Stella Trask, Associate Grand Matron

June 21, 2009 attended 60th anniversary of Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37, Whycocomagh

June 25, 2009 attended Annual Meeting of Alzheimer's Society and did a brief talk on Eastern Star.

When I was outside the Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary was notified and the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask or Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. were presiding.

### FIFTY AND SIXTY YEAR PINS

Throughout the year I had the pleasure of signing for thirteen 60 year pins and twenty-three 50 year pins. Whenever possible I tried to present them myself, and was able to present twenty-five pins. Three are to be presented at Grand Chapter.

Some jewels were given to the following Sisters to present: Sister Marion Conrad, GGCCM, Sister Sheila MacDonald, GGCCM and Sister Joan Mills, DDGM. Several were given to Secretaries as the members lived outside of the jurisdiction.

Those receiving 60 year pins:

Vivian Irving	St.Mary's #35
Jean Beckwith	St.Mary's #35
Shirley MacEwan	Westville #24
Esther Baker	Westville #24
Pearl C. Lockhead	Amethyst #28
Jean Tobey	Kwebec #27
Ruth Fiander	Queens #34
Elizabeth Dean	Arbutus #30
Georganna Waters	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37
Florence Austen	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37
Florence Dares	Queen Esther #61
Violet Fraser	Florence Fraser #47
Scott Fraser	Florence Fraser #47

Those receiving 50 year pins:

Sylvia Munro	Mae #38
Georgie Gosbee	Montague #69
Miriam Cameron	Crystal #1 PEI
Katherina Rankeillor	Century #10
Helen Comeau	Century #10

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Margie Allen	Cedar #3
Gloria Ross	Harmony #25
Joyce Fraser	Munro #26
Blair Weatherdon	Amethyst #28
Rev. J Edmiston	Amethyst #28
Shirley Smith	Arbutus #30
Charles Teal	Mae #38
Margaret Warren	Emerald #58
Carl Duncan	Queen Esther #61
Ruth Pring	Queen Esther #61
Dora Bateson	Queen Esther #61
Augusta Douglas	Queen Esther #61
Virginia Cameron	Queen Esther #61
Margaret Teasdale	Queen Esther #61
Marian Dickie	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37
Emma Isner	Amethyst #28
Eleanor Mitchell	Queen Esther #61
Donald Richards	Arbutus #30

I was also fortunate in being able to present Sister Betty Smith, Friend of a Feather, with her 35 year pin. I also presented several 25 year pins along with Rob Morris Membership Jewels and Canoes.

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I was delighted to receive Honorary Memberships in Evening Star Chapter #28, West Burke, Vermont; Adoniram Chapter #22, Manchester Center, Vermont; Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

I was honoured to be presented with a Life Membership from my home chapter Queen Esther Chapter #61, Dartmouth.

### GRAND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Four Grand Council meetings were held during the year to discuss various matters. All members were in attendance except for the December meeting, when the Grand Treasurer was away.

July 19, 2008 following Grand Officers School of Instruction in Bedford

September 13, 2008 following School of Instruction in Dartmouth

December 2, 2008 previous to Official visit in Dartmouth

May 23, 2009 following Maritime Exchange in Dartmouth

### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

I met with Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM chair of Jurisprudence in May of 2008 and had my instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons approved. During the year I discussed several matters over the phone. I thank the members on this committee for their advice and support. A special thank you to Sister Cheryl for serving on this committee for an extra year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

During the year letters were sent out as follows:

Letter to the chapters following installation outlining plans for the year  
Sent out Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Farewell letters to the chapters  
Queen Esther # 61 in September asking for them to host Maritime Exchange on May  
23, 2009.

Letter re Closure of Port Royal #1 and Halifax #7

Letter re change of date of all New England Canada Exchange

Letter changing dates of January visits due to these two chapters relocating

Letter naming new Committee members

Letter to Subordinate Chapter Esthers inviting them to take part at Grand Chapter  
Letters of Invitations to Provincial, Civic, Government, Grand Lodge of Nova  
Scotia, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Shrine, Daughters of the  
Nile, Representative of Westin Nova Scotian, and Alzheimer's Society to  
bring greetings at Grand Chapter

Letter to chapters reminding them of Motion re presentation of 50 + Members

Approved Letters sent out by Sister Stella Trask, AGM in preparation for her year.

Approved all letters sent out by committee chairs.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. Can Electa's lecture be read at a funeral service without reference to sign and pass made?  
Yes, after consultation with Jurisprudence committee
2. If the Masons close a lodge hall for the winter months does the chapter have to hold meetings?  
Yes, a chapter must hold 10 stated meetings a year and the chapter was already closed for the months of July and August.
3. If meeting is postponed due to inclement weather and a quorum is not present for the makeup meeting must the meeting be held?  
Yes, chapters must hold 10 stated meetings a year.
4. A Grand Representative was asked to present the flag in another Jurisdiction and asked if she could just present the Prince Edward Island flag.  
Both the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island flags should be presented as this Jurisdiction represents two provinces. Since you are only able to carry one, perhaps your reciprocal or someone travelling with you could present the other one.
5. A member living out of the Province would like to affiliate with a chapter in Nova Scotia does the member have to attend a meeting in order to sign the bylaws?  
Referred to CL&R, L&R of Subordinate Chapters, Art. 12 By-laws must be signed within one year. A petitioner for affiliation must also sign the

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by-laws within one year, however those because of age and or infirmity who are unable to sign them in the chapter room may have the by-laws taken to them for signing in the presence of a committee of chapter members including the Worthy Matron and Secretary.

6. We have lost two members of our chapter by death do we drape the charter once for both reading the memorial for each one, using each name when applicable or do we drape the charter separately for each one?

Drape once with a separate memorial for each sister.

7. In our chapter room we have clusters of flowers that can be hung from something somewhere, where should they be hanging?

Red Book Bk. of Inst. Pg 31<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Covers of the five colours or white and flowers may also be used on the pedestals. It does not say where to hang them so I would say that it is up to the individual chapter.

### **CHARTER SURRENDER**

It was with regret that I had to notify the membership that Port Royal #1, Annapolis Royal and Halifax #7, Halifax surrendered their Charters effective the end of 2007-2008 year.

It is also with regret that I report Britannia # 18, Amherst has surrendered their charter effective May 30, 2009.

### **SPECIAL PROJECT**

The special project this year is the Alzheimer's Societies of both Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I thank the members for their generous support of this project. Income tax receipts will be issued to individuals for donations. A special thank you to Sister Clara Nieforth, for painting and donating the picture on which we have been selling tickets all year. A detailed list of all donations will be printed in the proceedings following my report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

I recommend that the duty of compiling the Fraternal Correspondent report be taken out of the duties of line Officers and that a committee of three be formed for this duty.

### **APPRECIATION**

Brother Ted, my Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for your support over the past three years as we made plans together for this year. We have had a lot of fun together; you have been with me on every Official Visit and for other special occasions that we were invited to attend. We have had a wonderful year. Sister Bev, I have tried my best but you are getting him back unchanged. I know that the friendship we have developed will last a lifetime.

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Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred, in a few short months you and Sister Rennie will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. I wish you all the best and good health during the next three years as your travels take you to many parts of the world. It has been a pleasure to have you on our visits whenever your busy schedule would allow it. I am sorry that Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, had to change her plans and is unable to be with us.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Sheila MacDonald (Credentials), Brother William A Thompson (Eastern Star Journal), Sister Marion Conrad (Heart), Brother Allen Denton (Shriners' Hospitals), Sister Isabelle Pearson (Visionquest) it has been a joy to have you with us whenever possible and I thank you for the support. All the best to you and safe travels as you attend General Grand Chapter this fall.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you have been an inspiration to me over the years, I certainly appreciate the love and support that I have received from you over the past few years. Hopefully you will allow me to join the Past Grands Club.

Associate Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Associate Grand Patron, Brother Zeke in a few short hours you will be taking over the reigns of this Grand Chapter. I wish you all the best and will do what I can to be of support to you.

Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, I am grateful for the friendship that we have developed over the past few years. Thank you for always being so ready and willing to help and supply what was needed whenever I called.

Sister Dorothy, our Grand Treasurer, what would we do without some one to handle our finances as expertly as you do. You and Betty Ann make quite an awesome pair.

Sister Marion, Grand Conductress and Brother Frank, Grand Sentinel, you are busy making your plans for next year. Thank you for all of the support you have given to us this year.

Sister Jane, Associate Grand Conductress, we have become great friends over the past four years and I truly value your friendship. In a few short hours we will be electing your partner and then your plans can really begin to take shape.

Appointed Grand Officers: Sister Marianne, Brother Larry, Brother Ray, Sisters Shirley, Audrey, Lorraine, Doreen, Gail and Ethel, each of you were chosen for special reasons and you are all dear to me. You have been the best Grand Officers that any Worthy Grand Matron could ever hope for.

Appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons: Sisters Evelyn, Mary Lou, Marion, Bev, and Joan, each of you represented me and did a wonderful job as you fulfilled your

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duties over the past year. I am proud of each of you. It was a real pleasure to look down at most of the Official Visits and see those green dresses. Sister Evelyn, because of the distance you were not always able to be with us in person, however we know you were there in spirit.

I would like to thank each member of the Grand Family for the wonderful support over the past year. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you better. We have truly become a family and I pray that we will be able to stay in touch with each other over the years.

Grand Representatives: One of my great joys this year was to present a commission and see the surprise on the recipient's face. I hope that you will all enjoy the appointments and make lasting friendships with your reciprocals.

Grand Chapter Committee Members: You are the workers of our Grand Chapter. It is your dedication and hard work that helps to make each year a success. Thank you for accepting these appointments and all of the extra work you do behind the scenes to keep our Grand Chapter running so smoothly.

To my Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, you are the ones that help to keep our chapters going. Without your guidance and leadership a chapter would not be able to survive. You treated us royally as we made our Official Visits to your chapters. It has been an honour to serve this Grand Chapter along side such wonderful and dedicated sisters and brothers.

Grand Organist, Brother Ray, Assistant Grand Organist, Brother Ed, Grand Choir Director, Sister Kay, Soloists and Grand Choir, music is one of God's greatest gifts and I thank you for sharing it with us.

Hostess Chapters 2009: Kwebec #27, Scotia #49, Elmsdale #55, Ruth #57 and Queen Esther #61. We were only five chapters but we did it. I will never be able to thank you, sisters and brothers, enough for all of the time and hard work you have put into the last three years to make the "Memories of Christmas" session a success. It was my pleasure to work along side you at all of the fund raisers we did and there were many of them. Your dedication went above and beyond what anyone could expect of you and I am truly grateful and certainly appreciate all that has been done for me.

Queen Esther Chapter #61, my home chapter: Thank you for your love, support and cooperation over the past few years. It has been a busy time but I knew that you would come through for me as friends always do. I am truly honoured by the Life Membership you have presented to me.

Kwebec Chapter #27, the home chapter of my Worthy Grand Patron, you have worked with us over the past three years as we prepared for this session. Thank you

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for your dedication and support. I certainly appreciated receiving the Honorary Membership and will visit with you often.

I could not finish this report without thanking Sister Mary Smith, who has travelled with me extensively all through this wonderful journey. I know that you like to stay behind the scenes and will be annoyed at me for saying this, but I have to tell how you would arrive at my home, pack up your car with all of the paraphernalia that I carried with me, then set it up in the chapter room before the meeting, make sure that my guest book was signed. Then after the meeting you packed everything up and put it back in the car for the drive home and you always made sure that I had something to eat. I can honestly say I do not know how I could have done this without all of the support from you, and the numerous other things you have done for me. Mary, you are a true friend and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In Conclusion: My year of service to this Grand Chapter is almost over. I have strived to serve this Grand Chapter to the best of my ability. I have enjoyed meeting with my Sisters and Brothers in the various chapters and at other special occasions. I am truly grateful for all of the wonderful friendships I have formed and the precious memories that I shall treasure. Sisters and Brothers, I have felt truly blest by the way the spirit of Christmas was celebrated at all Official Visits this year. Remember, if we could live Christmas every day there would be peace on earth.

Sister Edith Conrod, Worthy Grand Matron, moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Phyllis Vallis, P.M. (61) and the motion was carried.

**DONATIONS  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S  
SPECIAL PROJECT  
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY FOR NOVA SCOTIA  
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Donations received as Associate Grand Conductress:

Margie Allen .....	\$10.00
Darlene Amirault .....	\$5.00
Jean Annear .....	\$10.00
Bonnie Boutilier .....	\$10.00
Barb & Weldon Bowser .....	\$10.00
Jean Coombes .....	\$20.00
Inez Daye .....	\$20.00
Edna Fox .....	\$10.00
Karyn Grant .....	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$10.00
Carol Little .....	\$5.00

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Thelma Low .....	\$5.00
Connie MacDonald .....	\$10.00
Marianne MacMillan .....	\$10.00
Marves Mansfield .....	\$5.00
Eleanor & Allison Mitchell .....	\$20.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson .....	\$10.00
Jean Profitt .....	\$25.00
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$10.00
Helen Wamboldt .....	\$5.00
Bernie Webb .....	\$10.00
Jane Wooldridge .....	\$10.00
Josie Zwicker .....	\$10.00
Atlantic Chapter #65 .....	\$25.00
Crystal #1 PEI Past Matrons .....	\$20.00

Donations received as Grand Conductress:

Margie Allen .....	\$15.00
Darlene Amirault .....	\$5.00
Jean Annear .....	\$10.00
Bonnie Boutilier .....	\$10.00
Weldon & Barb Bowser .....	\$10.00
Heather Boyd .....	\$20.00
Beverly Brown .....	\$10.00
Joan Campbell .....	\$10.00
Fred & Margaret Clarke .....	\$10.00
Shirley & Allan Conrad .....	\$10.00
Ken Conrod... ..	\$10.00
Marjorie Conrod... ..	\$20.00
Gail & Lloyd Cook .....	\$10.00
Jean Coombes .....	\$20.00
Karyn Grant .....	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$20.00
Joyce Johnston .....	\$5.00
Carol Little .....	\$5.00
Thelma Low .....	\$5.00
Connie MacDonald .....	\$10.00
Janet Merry .....	\$25.00
Eleanor & Allison Mitchell .....	\$25.00
Shirley Moir .....	\$3.00
Nora & George Moxsom .....	\$25.00
A Friend .....	\$20.00
Joe Parker .....	\$5.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson .....	\$20.00
Jean Profitt .....	\$25.00
Mary & Alan Reid .....	\$10.00

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Linda Scott & Gary Hope .....	\$30.00
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$10.00
Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer .....	\$20.00
William M. Thompson .....	\$10.00
Lynn Thurber .....	\$5.00
Stella Trask .....	\$50.00
Owen & Shirley Walton .....	\$10.00
Helen Wamboldt .....	\$10.00
Carol F. Whitlock .....	\$5.00
Jane Wooldridge .....	\$10.00
Josie Zwicker .....	\$10.00
Elm Chapter #48 .....	\$25.00
Century Chapter #10 .....	\$20.00

Donations received as Associate Grand Matron:

Margie Allen .....	\$10.00
Jean Annear .....	\$10.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau .....	\$20.00
Bonnie Boutilier .....	\$20.00
Cecil Boutilier .....	\$25.00
Weldon & Barbara Bowser .....	\$10.00
Heather Boyd .....	\$25.00
Marion Buchan .....	\$25.00
Fred & Margaret Clarke .....	\$20.00
Shirley & Allan Conrad .....	\$10.00
Kenneth Conrod .....	\$20.00
Marjorie Conrod .....	\$20.00
Gail & Lloyd Cook .....	\$20.00
Jean Coombes .....	\$20.00
Cheryl & Allen Denton .....	\$20.00
Helen Fredericks .....	\$15.00
Whitman & Joanne Giffin .....	\$10.00
Helen Graham .....	\$20.00
Karyn Grant .....	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$25.00
David & Gladys Hobson .....	\$10.00
Phyllis Jarvis .....	\$25.00
Frances Johnsen .....	\$10.00
Gail & Peter Kay .....	\$15.00
Marilyn Lisk .....	\$50.00
Carol Little .....	\$10.00
John & Susan Lorimer .....	\$20.00
Thelma Low .....	\$5.00
Connie MacDonald .....	\$10.00
Cora MacKay .....	\$20.00

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Ed MacLaren .....	\$10.00
Marianne MacMillan .....	\$10.00
Linda McKay .....	\$20.00
Janet Merry .....	\$25.00
Marion Miller .....	\$20.00
George & Nora Moxsom .....	\$50.00
Anonymous .....	\$20.00
Joe Parker .....	\$5.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson .....	\$20.00
Jean Profitt .....	\$100.00
Marion Robinson .....	\$15.00
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$10.00
Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer .....	\$20.00
Charlie Teal .....	\$10.00
William M. Thompson Sr .....	\$10.00
Marion Tizard .....	\$10.00
Gloria, Bob Turner & Edith Taylor .....	\$30.00
Phyllis Vallis .....	\$20.00
Helen Wamboldt .....	\$10.00
Bernie Webb .....	\$10.00
Jane Wooldridge .....	\$10.00
Josie Zwicker .....	\$10.00
Regent Chapter #52 .....	\$15.00
Scotia Chapter #49 .....	\$25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55 .....	\$25.00
Ruth Chapter #57 .....	\$25.00

Donations received as Worthy Grand Matron:

ASAP Products Group .....	\$75.00
Sharon Adams .....	\$25.00
Margie Allen honour of Larry Ingham .....	\$10.00
Jean Annear .....	\$50.00
Anonymous honour Ed Mac Laren .....	\$5.00
Evelyn Aulenback .....	\$25.00
Lieu of gifts Grand Representatives .....	\$20.00
Annie Mae Backman .....	\$35.00
Julia Baker .....	\$25.00
Owen & Rita Baker .....	\$25.00
Jean Beckwith lieu of gifts on Honour nights .....	\$40.00
Shirley Bezanson .....	\$25.00
Alvin & Violet Blair .....	\$25.00
lieu of gifts to Irma Maxwell, Fred & Peg Lipskey .....	\$30.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau lieu of gifts honour nights & teas .....	\$50.00
Bonnie & Michelle Boutilier honour of	
Lorraine O'Neill & Shirley Walton .....	\$30.00

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Olive Bowen honour of Larry Ingham & Georgie Dewey .....	\$20.00
Barbara & Weldon Bowser .....	\$25.00
Honour of Lorraine O'Neill & Shirley Walton .....	\$20.00
Ethel Brown lieu of gifts to Grand Family .....	\$50.00
Marion Buchan .....	\$250.00
Bib Fines .....	\$3.00
Margaret Burhoe Honour of Bernice Innes 90 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$25.00
Bus Trip All New England & Canada Exchange February 2009 ...	\$30.25
Joan Campbell .....	\$50.00
Charlie & Anna Carr .....	\$25.00
Recyclables .....	\$325.00
Beverly Caulier lieu of gifts Worthy Matrons in Dist. 4 & Mae 38	\$25.00
Honour night as DDGM .....	\$55.00
Honour of DDGM'S .....	\$25.00
Bib Fine .....	\$1.00
Travel Expenses as DDGM .....	\$61.48
Bill & Carol Clark .....	\$50.00
Clarke Lodge AF&AM #61 honour of Widows & special ladies	\$102.28
Fred W & Margaret Clarke .....	\$50.00
Marion Conrad .....	\$20.00
Honour of GGCCM'S .....	\$50.00
Lieu of gifts to all honourees .....	\$100.00
Sale of Snowman pins .....	\$1000.00
Wakeathon & Recyclables .....	\$725.00
Shirley & Allan Conrad .....	\$20.00
Honour Barb Cooke & Lucy Josey .....	\$20.00
Honour Darlene Amirault, Don Cooke & other	
GCCM'S, Grand Officers & DDGM'S .....	\$30.00
Edith Conrod .....	\$52.00
Marjorie Conrod .....	\$50.00
Gail & Lloyd Cook honour of GGCCM'S, Grand Officers,	
DDGM'S, Grand Representatives, Friend of a Feather,	
& GCCM'S ....	\$100.00
Jean Coombes .....	\$25.00
Bill & Anna Cox honour Edith Taylor .....	\$10.00
George & Mary Crouch .....	\$50.00
Frank & Doris Cullen honour of Birthday Girls .....	\$20.00
Honour of Grand Family .....	\$100.00
Ward & Joyce Cunningham honour of	
Alfred Newell .....	\$10.00
June Dauphinee .....	\$10.00
Betty Dean lieu of gifts on Honour Night .....	\$20.00
Eleanor Decker .....	\$300.00
Cheryl & Allen Denton .....	\$100.00
Charles & Georgie Dewey lieu of gifts to GCCM'S .....	\$50.00

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Roy & Ruth Digidon honour of Ray & Kay Horton .....	\$10.00
Marian Durling honour of Marianne MacMillan Eileen Paul & Walter Blair .....	\$20.00
Russell & Marian Durling .....	\$50.00
Zeke & Susan Eaton honour of Grand Family .....	\$80.00
Doreen Edgar .....	\$100.00
Audrey Farquharson .....	\$25.00
Barbara Ferguson Scotiabank Employee Volunteer Program .....	\$1000.00
Lyda Fisher honour of Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$20.00
Honour of Helen Fisher .....	\$20.00
Helen Fredericks honour of Marion Tizard & Wayne Beno .....	\$30.00
Eleanor & Raymond Freeman .....	\$25.00
Murray & Arna Gardner .....	\$100.00
Whitman & Joanne Giffin .....	\$100.00
Brenda Johnston Giles lieu of gifts to installing team .....	\$50.00
& Officers .....	\$50.00
Grand Choir 2008-2009 .....	\$117.00
Grand Family & GCCM'S .....	\$100.00
Grand Representatives Association .....	\$100.00
Karyn Grant .....	\$25.00
Reg Gamache .....	\$25.00
The Gamblers .....	\$300.00
Dennis & Hattie Hagen in lieu of Christmas Gifts To friends .....	\$50.00
Richard Haynes honour of 2008-09 Mayflower #2 Chapter Officers .....	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$50.00
Lieu of Christmas gifts to Grand Family .....	\$100.00
Honour of Grand Officers .....	\$50.00
Honour District Deputy Grand Matrons .....	\$50.00
Honour GCCM'S & Grand Representatives .....	\$25.00
Honour GGCCM's & Friend of a Feather .....	\$20.00
Travel expenses as DDGM .....	\$155.80
Doris Hillier lieu of gifts on honour night .....	\$25.00
David & Gladys Hobson lieu of gifts to Officers & installing team .....	\$50.00
Homecoming Committee .....	\$184.80
Hostess Chapters 2009 .....	\$713.30
Larry Ingham .....	\$25.00
Lieu of gifts Honour Night .....	\$50.00
Honour of Grand Family, DDGM'S & GCCM'S .....	\$100.00
Joyce & Jim Johnston .....	\$40.00
Irene Johnson honour Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$20.00



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Eleanor & Allison Mitchell .....	\$110.00
David & Shirley Moir .....	\$25.00
Lieu of gifts to Officers .....	\$50.00
Marjorie Morgan .....	\$50.00
Nora & George Moxsom .....	\$200.00
Lieu of gifts GCCMS .....	\$50.00
Sylvia Munro honour Grand Representatives of Grace #8 .....	\$20.00
Maine Delegation .....	\$15.00
Alfred Newell gifts on honour night .....	\$65.00
Joanne Newell honour of Sarah Doty & installing team .....	\$25.00
John & Carol Newell .....	\$50.00
A Friend .....	\$25.00
Honour of Grand Family & GCCMS .....	\$200.00
Clara Nieforth Wakeathon .....	\$725.00
Linda O'Hearn sale of tickets .....	\$133.00
Lorraine O'Neill honour Mary Smith .....	\$25.00
PAGOS .....	\$125.00
Past Grands Luncheon (Violet Blair, George Crouch & June McDonald in lieu of table favours) .....	\$150.00
Joe Parker .....	\$20.00
Penny Parker Honour of Irma Maxwell, Peg Lipskey & Fred Lipskey .....	\$15.00
John & Diane Patterson	
Honour of Margie Allen 50 year Jewel .....	\$25.00
Marianne MacMillan Grand Chaplain .....	\$25.00
Larry Ingham Grand Marshal .....	\$20.00
Georgie Dewey GCCM .....	\$20.00
Gail Kay Grand Electa .....	\$10.00
Isabelle Pearson GGCCM .....	\$10.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson .....	\$50.00
Honour Larry Ingham .....	\$10.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$10.00
Gail Kay .....	\$10.00
Peter Kay .....	\$10.00
Mary Reid .....	\$10.00
Keith Pettigrew .....	\$50.00
Dorothy Powroz honour Grand Family .....	\$100.00
Jean Profitt .....	\$200.00
Honour Ed MacLaren .....	\$20.00
Mary Reid lieu of gifts on honour night .....	\$25.00
Marion Robinson .....	\$100.00
Rose Salmons .....	\$20.00
Ken & Betty Smith all honour nights .....	\$50.00
Betty Smith gifts on honour night .....	\$55.00
Lewis & Maxine Smith .....	\$50.00

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Mab Cole Smith .....	\$400.00
Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer .....	\$50.00
Mary Smith .....	\$450.00
Snowflake Luncheon basket draws .....	\$128.90
Bill Sullivan .....	\$20.00
Ticket Sales on jewellery .....	\$268.00
Teapot Collection .....	\$56.30
William A Thompson .....	\$20.00
Lieu of gifts honour nights .....	\$20.00
Marion Tizard Honour Mary Smith .....	\$25.00
DDGM'S .....	\$25.00
Grand Officers .....	\$25.00
GCCM'S .....	\$25.00
Linda Townsend .....	\$50.00
Stella Trask .....	\$100.00
Honour Jane Wooldridge .....	\$50.00
Rhoda Tupper .....	\$50.00
Turtle Club .....	\$36.00
Wilma Verge .....	\$25.00
Vermont Grand Chapter .....	\$20.00
Worthy Grand Patron (fines) .....	\$2.00
Phyllis Vallis Honour of Esthers, Adahs & GCCMS .....	\$20.00
Millie Wagner Recycling .....	\$115.00
Wakeathon .....	\$725.00
Lieu of gifts to honourees .....	\$100.00
Shirley Walton Honour of Mary Smith, Grand Family DDGMS .	\$120.00
Honour of #61 GCCMS & Shirley Conrad page of Grand Adah	
.....	\$40.00
Helen Wamboldt honour of Grand Representatives Diane Patterson,	
Janet Hue, Reg Gamache, Grand Adah Shirley Walton, Grand	
Ruth Audrey Farquharson, Grand Esther Lorraine O'Neill	\$40.00
Bernie Webb honour Mary Smith .....	\$20.00
Janet Merry .....	\$10.00
Emily White honour nights .....	\$30.00
Kirk & June Whitman honour nights in PEI .....	\$50.00
Jane Wooldridge .....	\$50.00
Bottle refunds .....	\$30.00
Fines .....	\$3.00
Honour DDGMS & Grand Officers .....	\$50.00
Worthy Matrons of NS & PEI 2008-2009 .....	\$39.51
Susan Wroe lieu of gifts to Officers .....	\$50.00

DONATIONS given to Special Project in Honour of DDGMS  
 On their Official Visits:

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District #1 Evelyn MacDonald	
Victoria #19 Baddeck .....	\$50.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 .....	\$25.00
District #2 Mary Lou Higgins	
Century #10 .....	\$50.00
Myrtle #21 .....	\$50.00
Westville #24 .....	\$25.00
Harmony #25 .....	\$25.00
Florence Fraser #47 .....	\$25.00
District #3 Marion Tizard	
Scotia #49 .....	\$10.00
Elmsdale #55 Nora Moxsom WM .....	\$50.00
Ruth #57 .....	\$25.00
District #4 Bev Caulier	
Mae #38 .....	\$25.00
Mystic Star #40 .....	\$10.00
Emerald #58 .....	\$25.00
District #5 Joan Mills	
Grace #8 .....	\$25.00
Arbutus #30 .....	\$20.00
Queens #34 .....	\$25.00
Shoreham #59 .....	\$25.00
Pearle #71 .....	\$25.00
District #6 Marion Buchan	
Elm #48 .....	\$25.00
Crescent #70 .....	\$25.00
District #7 Stella Trask	
District #8 Jane Wooldridge	

Memorial Donations received:

Memory of Dorothy Archibald	
June Dauphinee .....	\$10.00
Eleanor & Raymond Freeman .....	\$10.00
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$25.00
Emerald #58 .....	\$50.00
Mary Bigelow in memory of her brother .....	\$25.00
Memory of Carol Boutilier	
Cecil Boutilier .....	\$100.00
Rosemary Boutilier .....	\$25.00
Annette Keating .....	\$25.00
Linda McKay .....	\$50.00
Memory of Carol Boutilier & Valerie Clark	
Past Matrons Queen Esther #61 lieu of reimbursement to Linda McKay	
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Memory of Alvin Boutilier	
Loving wife Bonnie, children Michelle & Kenny	
Granddaughters Ashley & Victoria .....	\$100.00
Barbara & Weldon Bowser .....	\$10.00
Eleanor & Allison Mitchell .....	\$10.00
Queen Esther #61 .....	\$75.00
John & Donna Rodgers .....	\$50.00
Memory of Greta Cross	
Queen Esther #61 .....	\$75.00
Memory of Enos Demings	
Crescent #70 .....	\$25.00
Anonymous .....	\$50.00
Memory of Ellen & Gordon Gerrard	
Marian Durling .....	\$25.00
Memory of Wilma Gibson	
Frank & Doris Cullen .....	\$20.00
Memory of Julia Heald	
Laverne Porter .....	\$20.00
Evangeline #15 .....	\$50.00
Memory of Elsie Henderson	
Marian Durling .....	\$25.00
Memory of Sheila Hennessey	
Betty Ann Loughnan .....	\$10.00
Memory of Marjorie Huskilton	
Crescent #70 .....	\$25.00
Memory of Anna Ruth Isenor	
Annie Drover .....	\$20.00
Emerald #58 .....	\$50.00
Memory of Carol Little	
Weldon & Barbara Bowser .....	\$10.00
Shirley & Allan Conrad .....	\$25.00
Barb & Don Cooke .....	\$25.00
Marion Durling .....	\$25.00
Lucy & Ken Josey .....	\$10.00
Eleanor & Allison Mitchell .....	\$25.00
Tony & Helen Szucs .....	\$25.00
Scotia #49 .....	\$101.63
Memory of Douglas Low	
Annie Parker .....	\$20.00
Memory of Thelma Low	
Eleanor & Raymond Freeman .....	\$20.00
Annie Parker .....	\$20.00
Joe Parker .....	\$50.00
Stella Trask .....	\$20.00

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Memory of Effie MacDonald	
Sheila & Jackie MacDonald .....	\$20.00
Memory of Mel McGuire	
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson .....	\$10.00
Memory of Parker Moir	
David Moir .....	\$75.00
Memory of Jack Perry	
Crescent #70 .....	\$25.00
Anonymous .....	\$50.00
Memory of Mary Perry	
Vicki Perry .....	\$100.00
Memory of John Powroz	
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$25.00
Memory of Wendell Williams	
Crescent #70 .....	\$25.00

Donations received from Subordinate Chapters:

Mayflower #2 .....	\$100.00
Cedar #3 .....	\$50.00
Keystone #5 .....	\$200.00
Grace #8 .....	\$50.00
Century #10 .....	\$100.00
Queen Elizabeth #14 .....	\$100.00
Flower Fund & Fund Raiser .....	\$204.90
Evangeline #15 .....	\$100.00
Flower Fund .....	\$110.00
Britannia # 18 .....	\$100.00
Victoria #19 .....	\$200.00
Myrtle #21 .....	\$50.00
Proceeds pot luck .....	\$152.75
Myrtle #21 Past Matrons .....	\$25.00
Fairfield #22 .....	\$75.00
Crystal #1 PEI .....	\$75.00
Honour of Crystal elected & Appointed Grand Officers & GCCMS .....	\$150.00
Crystal #1PEI Past Matrons .....	\$40.00
Honour of Crystal appointments .....	\$100.00
Westville #24 .....	\$50.00
Harmony #25 .....	\$75.00
Flower Fund & sale of tickets .....	\$175.00
Munro #26 .....	\$25.00
Flower fund .....	\$85.00
Kwebec #27 .....	\$50.00
Honour Marcella Parks .....	\$20.00
Lieu gifts GCCMS .....	\$25.00

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Lieu gifts DDGMS .....	\$25.00
Birthday Box .....	\$65.11
Kwebec #27 Past Matrons .....	\$25.00
Amethyst #28 .....	\$35.00
Arbutus #30 .....	\$20.00
Annaval #31 .....	\$100.00
Queens #34 .....	\$50.00
St. Marys #35 .....	\$100.00
Honour Jack Whalley GCCM .....	\$20.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod .....	\$210.00
Mae #38 .....	\$30.00
Fund Raiser .....	\$150.00
Mystic Star #40 .....	\$60.00
Armcrest #45 .....	\$50.00
Armcrest #45 Past Matrons .....	\$25.00
Florence Fraser #47 .....	\$50.00
Elm #48 .....	\$25.00
Honour Clarissa Tummonds .....	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$25.00
Larry Ingham .....	\$25.00
Scotia #49 .....	\$60.00
Lieu of gifts to shut ins .....	\$30.00
Lieu of favours Past Matrons Banquet .....	\$30.00
Ticket Raffle .....	\$92.00
Lieu of Bars for jewels to Shirley Conrad & Ken Josey .	\$150.00
Regent #52 .....	\$50.00
Faith #54 .....	\$75.00
Elmsdale #55 .....	\$25.00
Flower Fund & Christmas Tree Worthy Matrons project	\$132.90
Ruth Chapter #57 .....	\$100.00
Emerald #58 .....	\$100.00
Honour of Past Matrons & Past Patrons .....	\$25.00
Emerald #58 Past Matrons .....	\$25.00
Shoreham #59 .....	\$25.00
Lieu of gift to Mary Zinck .....	\$25.00
Queen Esther #61 .....	\$125.00
Honour of Marcella Parks .....	\$20.00
Queen Esther #61 Past Matrons lieu of Christmas gift exchange .	\$145.00
Honour of Zeke Eaton for gavel & sounding block .....	\$100.00
Atlantic #65 .....	\$35.00
Sale of tickets .....	\$84.00
Starlight #66 .....	\$50.00
Honour of Susan MacKay wedding .....	\$50.00
Sale of tickets .....	\$98.00
Laurel #67 .....	\$125.00

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Montague #69 .....	\$50.00
Worthy Matrons special project .....	\$500.00
Honour of Ed MacLaren .....	\$25.00
Crescent #70 .....	\$25.00
Pearle #71 .....	\$50.00

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2008-2009  
BROTHER TABOR "TED" J. CAULIER**

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

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this sixty-second Annual Session of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I extend to you a most cordial welcome to our "Memories of Christmas" Session in this historical City of Halifax. We trust that you will have a most enjoyable and informative stay in our fair city.

I wish to acknowledge the presence and welcome the distinguished visitors who have travelled from various parts of Canada and United States. It has been a privilege to have met with you on our visits and I thank you for all the courtesies and hospitalities you have extended to us.

Sisters and Brothers: Serving as your Worthy Grand Patron has been a very great honour and a privilege for me to be your personal representative within and without this Grand Jurisdiction. I can not express fully the great joy I have had in meeting with you personally and experiencing the warm fraternal friendship during our Official Visits. Thank you for allowing me this prestigious privilege.

To my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, - it has been a most pleasant and enjoyable duty to serve in the East with such a gracious and knowledgeable lady. On being elected as Grand Sentinel three years ago, Sister Edith and I became more familiar with each other in regard to family, friends, and common interests.

I thank Sister Edith for including me in the selection of our Appointed Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives and Grand Chapter Committee Members. The many hours we spent together were most rewarding and one of the highlights of my year. We were together at every important event and the most important factor was that we had fun and enjoyed each duty we performed. Thank you Sister Edith for your every consideration.

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A very special welcome and congratulations to Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. In about four months from now we will witness your installation as the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Fred, you have worked hard and long to finally reach your ultimate goal. We are so proud of you; your accomplishments have brought recognition to this Grand Jurisdiction. We wish you and Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron elect, good health and safe travels. There will be many Sisters and Brothers from this jurisdiction who will travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to witness this auspicious occasion. Sister Bev and I have our plane tickets and are ready to accompany you.

I congratulate the General Grand Chapter Committee Members for their attention to their duties and the dedication they have shown. Your term is almost over and we thank you for all the many visits you have made to the Subordinate Chapters. To the new General Grand Chapter Committee Members, congratulations on your appointments, may your travels be successful and rewarding.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: It was indeed an honour to be in your presence and to learn from your experience. Thank you for accompanying us on our Official Visits. Many of you were always there and we thank you for your support. To Brother Allen Denton, Past Grand Patron, who was always available to answer any questions I may tender and for installing me as Worthy Grand Patron, thank you my Brother and my friend.

To the Elected Grand Officers, it has been a pleasure to serve with you and I wish you well in your future endeavours. Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, may you have a very successful year.

To the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers: You have been very faithful in attending our Official Visits and it was always a pleasure to see so many present. I had an enjoyable year travelling with you and I always looked forward to our visits knowing that you would be there.

District Deputy Grand Matrons: Thank you for being our eyes and ears in your respective districts. You have served your districts well and submitted excellent reports, we thank you for your support and dedication. There were always three or four green dresses visible and we thank you for faithfully attendance on our Official Visits.

I wish to thank Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, our Grand Secretary, for all the assistance she has given me this year. She was always ready to answer any question with regard to the reports of our Grand Chapter and Sister Dorothy Powroz, our Grand Treasurer, has been outstanding in keeping the finances of our Grand Chapter in order.

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The Grand Chapter Committee Members are a very important part of our Grand Chapter and they worked diligently in accomplishing the tasks they set out to do. I cannot thank you enough for accepting your appointment. Thank you very much for your efforts, your hard work and dedication. Their reports will speak for themselves. Our Special Project this year was the Alzheimer's Society and I thank each and every one of you for your support and generous donations. As I travelled throughout the chapters it became evident how close to home this devastating disease has effected the Sisters and Brothers in our jurisdiction. A list of all donations will be printed in the proceedings and you will receive an official receipt from the Alzheimer's Society. My sincere thanks to Sister Marion Conrad, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron, for her donation to our Special Project. Every year she works tirelessly with Sister Millie Wagner and Sister Clara Nieforth to raise funds for the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project and this year has been no different. Thank you, Sister Marion, for your time and generosity.

There is another person I wish to recognize, Sister Betty Smith from my own chapter, Kwebec Chapter #27. Sister Betty received a three year appointment from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, as a General Grand Chapter Special Appointment "Friend of a Feather" and has accompanied us on every Official Visit we made to the Subordinate Chapters this year. We were delighted to have her with us and enjoyed her company.

Every Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron cannot survive without Hostess Chapters. In the last three years I attended all eighteen meetings and it was a pleasure working with the committee members selling tickets, having take out dinners, breakfast meals and fashion shows etc. Our Grand Chapter has been a success due to your hard work and dedication, thank you, thank you, thank you.

This year our visitations were well documented by the splendid work and expertise of our new Web Master, Brother William "Bill" Bishop of Annaval Chapter #31. Thank you Brother Bill for keeping everyone up-to-date on our visitations and special events. I have had many compliments from our own members and those of other jurisdictions.

I accompanied the Worthy Grand Matron on all 41 Official Visits to the Subordinate Chapters. This was one of the highlights of my year and I thank the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and members of the chapters for all the courtesies you have extended to me and for the fun-filled addendums, gifts, hugs, laughter, meals, fraternal friendship and especially your generous donations to our Special Project. I will not forget you and hope to return many times to renew the fellowship.

I attended and took part in all three Schools of Instruction. I thank Ruth Chapter#57, Century Chapter# 10 and Annaval Chapter #31 for the use of their facilities and providing splendid lunches. I also attended the All New England Exchange in

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Bangor, Maine, the Maine Maritime Exchange in Moncton and Maritime Exchange in Dartmouth, where I had the privilege of presenting the work as Worthy Patron.

During the year I attended the Grand Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Brunswick, Quebec, Massachusetts and Maine. During the year I received invitations and attended the following functions. These I will not read now but they will be printed in the proceedings.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 attended the Daughters of the Nile Banquet

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Dedication

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers for Philae Shrine

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Daughters of the Nile Installation and Banquet

April 21<sup>st</sup> recognition of service for the Alzheimer's Society hosted at Province

House by the Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Mayann E. Francis

May 3<sup>rd</sup> the 90th Birthday of Alvin Blair, husband of our Past Grand Matron, Sister

Violet Blair

May 24<sup>th</sup> the 90th Birthday of the last charter member of Kwebec Chapter #27, Sister

Bernice Innes

June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island

Throughout the year I attended three Anniversaries: Queen Esther Chapter#61 in Dartmouth, St. Mary's Chapter #35 in Digby and Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37 in Whycocomagh and had the pleasure of attending all 50 and 60 year jewel presentations in various Subordinate Chapters.

This year I was honoured with a Life Membership from Kwebec Chapter #27 and Honorary Memberships from Queen Esther Chapter #61 in Dartmouth, Evening Star Chapter #28 in West Burke and Adenorium Chapter #22, Manchester Center, in the State of Vermont.

As Sisters and Brothers we are pleased to share the road of life with members of high ideals, steadfast loyalty, impeccable integrity and upright morals. When the journey for these rare and precious individuals is terminated, we who remain, although we have been privileged to travel by their side, experience great loss. We should celebrate our good fortune of sharing the road with them. This year it was a sad duty to bid farewell to a Past Grand Matron, Sister Ruth Waterbury and two Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Carol Little and Brother Jack Perry. Their dedication and devotion will be sadly missed.

To my home chapter, Kwebec Chapter #27, I thank the Officers and Members of the chapter for all their support they have provided me during the past three years. You were always there during our visitations and assisted in the Hostess Chapter events. A special thank you to Sister Janet Merry, our Grand Librarian this year. Sister Janet put my name forth on three occasions to be nominated for elected office and she has been my mentor since I joined the Order of the Eastern Star, thank you, Sister Janet.

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During my term of office I have approved the amendments to the By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters. These I will not read but they will be printed in the proceedings.

### CHAPTER BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

(Year 2008-2009 )

During my term of office as Worthy Grand Patron I have approved the amendments to the By Laws of Subordinate Chapters. These are listed below:

Emerald Chapter #58	Nov. 2, 2008	Change to Stated Meetings \ Meetings, Article 2, Section 1 (to fourth Wednesday )
Annaval Chapter #31	Mar. 10, 2009	Change to Stated Meetings Article 2, Section 16 (two consecutive months closed)
Emerald Chapter #58	May 6, 2009	Change Stated Meeting Meetings, Article 2, Section 1 (from fourth Wednesday to second Monday)
Mae Chapter #38	May 21, 2009	Time of Meeting (Article 2- Sec. 2, page 2, add or the day after)
Emerald Chapter #58	May 23, 2009	Change to Stated Meeting Page 2, Article 2, Section 4 (Open July & August, closed January & February)
Westville Chapter #24	May 23, 2009	Time of Meeting (Article 2, Meetings Sec. 1, may start at 7.00 p.m. by previous vote of the Chapter)
Emerald Chapter #58	May 27, 2009	Change to Stated Meeting Page 2, Article 2, Section 4 (Open January & February, closed July & August )
Atlantic Chapter #65	May 29, 2009	Change Stated Meeting Page 3, Article 2, Sec. b (Open July & August, closed January and February )

My final tribute must go to a very special person in my life, my loving wife, Sister Beverly. She has travelled faithfully with me these past three years and prior to that, always being there, making sure that I had everything I needed and keeping me awake on those long drives home. We will have the pleasure of these memories and after a short break, we will be on the road again. With deep affection, Beverly, I thank you.

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Sisters and Brothers, on being installed as your Worthy Grand Patron I gave my pledge to you that I would give to 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. I thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon me and I trust my labours have met with your approval. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Brother Ted moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles, P.M. (27) and the motion was carried.

**DONATIONS  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S  
SPECIAL PROJECT  
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY FOR NOVA SCOTIA  
AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Grand Sentinel:

Queen Esther Chapter #61 .....	\$15.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 .....	\$25.00
Janet Merry .....	\$25.00
Thelma Low .....	\$10.00
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$10.00
Barbara Bowser .....	\$10.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$10.00
Eleanor & Al Mitchell .....	\$20.00
Isabelle Pearson .....	\$10.00

Associate Grand Patron:

Gwendolyn MacLellan .....	\$10.00
Stella Trask .....	\$20.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 .....	\$50.00
Janet Merry .....	\$25.00
Sylvia McCleave .....	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins .....	\$25.00
Cora MacKay .....	\$20.00
Charles Teal .....	\$10.00
Gail & Lloyd Cook .....	\$10.00
Flora Hirtle .....	\$10.00
Carl Nelson .....	\$20.00
Thelma Low .....	\$10.00
Cheryl & Allen Denton .....	\$20.00
Marion Tizard .....	\$10.00
Phylis Vallis .....	\$20.00
Barbara Bowser .....	\$10.00
Allan & Shirley Conrad .....	\$10.00
June Dauphinee .....	\$10.00

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Fred & Margaret Clarke .....	\$20.00
Cathy Gillis .....	\$10.00
Annie Mae Backman .....	\$10.00
Ken & Betty Smith .....	\$10.00
Whitman & JoAnne Giffin .....	\$10.00
Sheila Smith .....	\$10.00
Eileen Paul .....	\$10.00
Marilyn Lisk .....	\$50.00
Bonnie Boutilier .....	\$10.00

Worthy Grand Patron:

Crescent Chapter #70 .....	\$25.00
Fairfield Chapter #22 .....	\$25.00
Cedar Chapter #3 .....	\$25.00
Grace Chapter #8 .....	\$50.00
Arbutus Chapter #30 .....	\$20.00
Victoria Chapter #19 .....	\$25.00
Westville Chapter #24 .....	\$50.00
Shoreham Chapter #59 .....	\$25.00
Pearle Chapter #71 .....	\$25.00
Munro Chapter #26 .....	\$25.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 .....	\$100.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40 .....	\$60.00
Laurel Chapter #67 .....	\$25.00
Faith Chapter #54 .....	\$10.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 .....	\$100.00
Ruby MacKenzie .....	\$25.00
Cheryl & Allen Denton .....	\$100.00
Queens Chapter #34 .....	\$50.00
James Malyk .....	\$20.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61 .....	\$75.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55 .....	\$25.00
Scotia Chapter #49 .....	\$50.00
Ruth Chapter #57 .....	\$50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 .....	\$50.00
Halifax Chapter #7 .....	\$100.00
Alvin & Violet Blair .....	\$25.00
Sylvia McCleave .....	\$25.00
Armcrest Chapter #45 .....	\$25.00
Joseph Parker .....	\$20.00
Thelma Low .....	\$10.00
June Dauphinee .....	\$15.00
Gary Bernard .....	\$20.00
Emerald Chapter #58 .....	\$50.00
Cathy Gillis .....	\$5.00

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Amethyst Chapter #28 . . . . .	\$30.00
Elm Chapter #48 . . . . .	\$25.00
Harmony Chapter #25 . . . . .	\$25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21 . . . . .	\$25.00
Mae Chapter #38 . . . . .	\$170.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47 . . . . .	\$50.00
Atlantic Chapter #65 . . . . .	\$35.00
Charles & Georgie Dewey . . . . .	\$50.00
Century Chapter #10 . . . . .	\$100.00
Regent Chapter #52 . . . . .	\$50.00
Crystal Chapter #1 PEI . . . . .	\$60.00
Crystal Chapter #1 PEI . . . . .	\$25.00
Montague Chapter #69 . . . . .	\$50.00
Betty Wheatley . . . . .	\$15.00
June Dauphinee . . . . .	\$50.00
Janet Merry . . . . .	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins . . . . .	\$20.00
Reg & Gladys MacRae . . . . .	\$20.00
Anna & Charlie Carr . . . . .	\$25.00
Marilyn Lisk . . . . .	\$50.00
Anonymous . . . . .	\$25.00
Rhoda Tupper . . . . .	\$50.00
Sheila MacDonald . . . . .	\$30.00
Fred & Margaret Clarke . . . . .	\$50.00
Larry & Vivian Ingham . . . . .	\$25.00
Mary Lou & Ross Higgins . . . . .	\$50.00
Gail & Lloyd Cook . . . . .	\$50.00
Jean Profitt . . . . .	\$50.00
Eleanor & Allison Mitchell . . . . .	\$25.00
Marion & Edgar Miller . . . . .	\$50.00
Stella & Murray Trask . . . . .	\$100.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson . . . . .	\$50.00
Fran & Bill Jackson . . . . .	\$50.00
Linda MacKay . . . . .	\$25.00
Ethel Brown . . . . .	\$50.00
Frank & Doris Cullen . . . . .	\$100.00
Irma MacDonald-Maxwell . . . . .	\$25.00
Annie Mae Backman . . . . .	\$10.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau . . . . .	\$50.00
Ken & Betty Smith . . . . .	\$50.00
John & Susan Lormier . . . . .	\$25.00
Jean Beckwith . . . . .	\$20.00
Dorothy Powroz . . . . .	\$100.00
Betty Ann Loughnan . . . . .	\$50.00
Joan Campbell . . . . .	\$50.00

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Barbara Bowser .....	\$25.00
Janet Merry .....	\$25.00
Zeke & Susan Eaton .....	\$80.00
Bill & Carol Clark .....	\$50.00
The Gamblers .....	\$200.00
Gail Fudge .....	\$100.00
Eleanor Freeman .....	\$25.00
John & Carole Newell .....	\$50.00
Charles Teal .....	\$30.00
Carol Larson .....	\$25.00
Cora MacKay .....	\$50.00
ASAP Enterprises .....	\$75.00
Grand Representatives .....	\$100.00
The Maine Delegation .....	\$15.00
William Thompson, Jr. ....	\$25.00
PAGOS .....	\$125.00

**JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2009**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee namely Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP (25), Sister Marion Conrad, GGCCM (28) and myself, Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM (35) have reviewed the Notices of Motion to be presented at this Grand Chapter and report as follows:

- Notice of Motion #1 presented by Sister Dorothy Powroz, PM(28) and dealing with signing authority for the Grand Chapter is in Order.
- Notice of Motion #2 presented by Sister Anna Carr, PM (#1PEI) and dealing with "Headers" to the C.L.&R. when changes are made is in Order.

I, Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM (35) move the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, GGCCM, and the motion was carried.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session, July 2009:

**1. NOTICE OF MOTION:**

At the Sixty-second Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 6-8, 2009, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

1. a) C.L.&R., Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Page 6, Duties of the Worthy Grand Matron #29:

**Amend to read:** "along with the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary or Worthy Grand Patron, be the signing authority for the Grand Chapter."

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- b) C.L.&R., Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Page 10, Duties of the Worthy Grand Patron #22:  
**Amend to read:** “along with the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary or Worthy Grand Matron be the signing authority for Grand Chapter.”
- c) C.L.& R., Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Page 18, Duties of the Grand Secretary:  
**Add Duty #45:** “along with the Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron be the signing authority for the Grand Chapter.”
- d) C.L.&R., Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Page 19, Duties of the Grand Treasurer #10:  
**Amend to read:** “along with the Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron be the signing authority for the Grand Chapter.”

**Rationale:** Housekeeping to reflect present practice.

Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28)

Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) moved, seconded by Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

### **2. 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, 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:**

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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 amendments are approved."

**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.

It was moved by Sister Anna Carr, P.M. (IPEI) and seconded by Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (IPEI) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was defeated.**

### **PRESENTATION TO SPECIAL PROJECT**

Sister Marjorie Morgan, P.G.M. of Ontario was escorted to the East. She congratulated Sister Edith on her session and the amount of money donated by the chapters and members to the Special Project. Sister Marjorie also congratulated Brother Fred Clarke on his wonderful journey to the General Grand Chapter East and wished him all the best as he travels the world in the next three years. Sister Marjorie then presented Sister Edith with a donation to the Special Project, The Alzheimer's Society.

**PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ESTHERS  
(Honour Station for 2008-2009)**

**Eleven** Subordinate Chapter Esthers were presented in the west and introduced: Sister Ruby MacKenzie, Evangeline #15; Sister Jessie Nutter, Myrtle #21; Sister Audrey Locke, Kwebec #27; Sister Mildred Wagner, Amethyst #28; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Mystic Star #40; Sister Eleanor Decker, Elmsdale #55; Sister Mae Bresson, Emerald #58; Sister Linda McKay, Queen Esther #61; Sister Evie Jean Lazerby, Atlantic #65; Sister Maxine Smith, Starlight #66; Sister Jeanette Rawding, Pearle #71.

**Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Grand Esther** warmly welcomed the Esthers and stated how pleased she was that they were able to attend Grand Chapter and take part in the formations with the Grand Family.

The **response** was given by **Sister Maxine Smith, P.M. (66)**: On behalf of the Esthers of the subordinate chapters it is my pleasure to thank you, Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Grand Esther, for your kind words of welcome. We were pleased to serve at the third point of the Star telling the story of Esther's loyalty.

Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the privilege of responding to the welcome of Grand Esther and for the honour given to my chapter, Starlight No. 66.

We wish for you a most joyous "Memories of Christmas" Session.

**PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES**

**Twenty-four** Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and **One Visiting** Secretary were presented in the west, introduced and welcomed by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary:

Sister Marian Durling (3); Sister Edna MacVicar (14); Sister La Verne Porter, (15); Sister Margaret Bonn, (22); Sister Anna Carr, (1PEI); Sister Diane Hayman (24); Sister Isabelle Pearson, (25); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Beverly Caulier (27); Sister Iris Newman (28); Sister Emily White (30); Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, (31); Sister Hattie Hagen, (34); Sister Amelia Whalley, (35); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Cora MacKay (48); Sister Fran Harding, (52); Sister Ethel Brown, (55); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Vicki Perry (59); Sister Jean Coombes (61); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Grace Boudreau (70) and Sister Anna Ford (71); Sister Jeannette Vreeland, (131) New Jersey.

**Sister Betty Ann:** Sister Secretaries:

It is indeed an honour for me to extend a welcome to you, the subordinate chapter secretaries, to the "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session.

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It is always a thrill for me to see so many dedicated secretaries being presented at Grand Chapter. Many of you have served in this office for a long time and some of you are just beginning; but all of you are working with a steadfast devotion to your Chapter and to our Order. For this service we are truly grateful.

*Within my book of memories  
Are special thoughts of you,  
And all the many nice things  
You so often say and do.*

*And as I turn the pages  
And recall each single thought  
I realize the happiness that  
Knowing each of you has brought.*

I hope you will enjoy this session and take home many happy memories.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me to welcome the secretaries. I hope that both of you will have many happy memories of this past year to put in your "Memories of Christmas" book.

The **response** was given by **Sister Cora MacKay**, Secretary (48):

Sister Betty Ann, it is my privilege on behalf of the secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters, to sincerely thank you for your kind welcome. It certainly is a pleasure to work with you because no matter how often we ask for your assistance, you give it promptly and graciously.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, thank you for the honour given to Elm Chapter #48 and to me for the privilege of responding to the welcome from our Grand Secretary.

I hope you both have wonderful "Memories of Christmas" filled with Peace, Purity and Joy.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Although my report as Grand Secretary may be short, it does encompass the many spheres of activity which take place during the year.

In order to keep our financial and membership records current, I strive to carry out my duties as promptly as possible. To achieve this, I want to thank Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, and the subordinate chapter secretaries, for their faithful dedication to their important offices. Together we are able to provide a perfect record on the books of the Grand Chapter.

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Grand Chapter was saddened this past year with the passing of many of our devoted sisters and brothers including our Past Grand Matron, Sister Ruth Waterbury.

Once again our membership number continues to decline due to the death of devoted members as well as the closure of chapters. During this past year we were saddened to have two chapters surrender their charters: Halifax Chapter, No. 7 on June 30, 2008 and Britannia Chapter, No. 18 on May 31, 2009. It is encouraging to note that several chapters are bringing in new members and we hope that many of the members from the chapters which have closed will affiliate with chapters in their area.

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 2007 to 31 May 2008**

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2007:		2,398
No. of Members Initiated:	34	
No. of Members Affiliated:	33	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>0</u>	<u>67</u>
TOTAL:		2,465
No. of Members Died:	86	
No. of Members Demitted:	150*	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>11</u>	<u>247</u>
<b>No. of Members as of 31 May 2008:</b>		<b>2,218</b>
No. of Chartered Chapters:	42	
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	2,218	
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	27	
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	28	

\* Note: 120 of the members demitted were members of:  
Port Royal Chapter, No. 1, whose charter was surrendered on May 31, 2008;  
Cobequid Chapter No. 39, whose charter was surrendered on June 30, 2007;  
Sunrise Chapter, No. 50, whose charter was surrendered on June 30, 2007.

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**Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008:**

<u>Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil.</u>	<u>Re- inst.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Demit</u>	<u>Susp.</u>	<u>No. members May 31,2008</u>
Port Royal #1				2	24		0
Mayflower #2				1	1		58
Cedar #3		1				2	37
Keystone #5	6	3		2			47
Halifax #7				5			39
Grace #8	4			1			46
Century #10	3			1		1	77
Queen Elizabeth #14				5			48
Evangeline #15	1	4		2	3		91
Britannia #18	1			2	1		46
Victoria #19	3			2	1	2	85
Myrtle #21	1			2	1		67
Fairfield #22		3		3	1		36
Crystal #1 PEI	5	2		5	2		112
Westville #24		2		3	3		83
Harmony #25				2			69
Munro #26				1	1		48
Kwebec #27	2			2	1	2	79
Amethyst #28		1		3	2	1	57
Arbutus #30				2	1		39
Annaval #31	2	1		8			43
Queens #34					1		26
St. Mary's #35	1	1		2			56
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				1	1		53
Mae #38		2				1	42
Cobequid #39					64		0
Mystic Star #40	1			1			49
Armcrest #45				3	1		51
Florence Fraser #47				1			46
Elm #48				2	1		39
Scotia #49	2	1		1			43
Sunrise #50					30		0
Regent #52				1			51
Faith #54					2		30
Elmsdale #55		2		1	1		41
Ruth #57		1		2	2		47
Emerald #58				3			52
Shoreham #59	1	2		3			34
Queen Esther #61		2		1			90
Atlantic #65	1			1			28

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<u>Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil.</u>	<u>Re- inst.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Demit</u>	<u>Susp.</u>	<b>No. members May 31,2008</b>
Starlight #66					1		29
Laurel #67		4		2	1		60
Montague #69				3	1		52
Crescent #70				2			56
Pearle #71		1		2	2	1	36

**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES  
2008-2009**

**ESTARL  
(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)  
From Chapters and Members:**

Port Royal #1	Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer donation	510.00
Mayflower #2	Chapter donation	50.00
Cedar #3	Chapter donation	100.00
Keystone #5	In memory of Evelyn Gosling	25.00
	In memory of Richard Comtois	25.00
	In memory of Pearl Cook	25.00
Halifax #7	Chapter donation in honour of George Myles, G.C.C.M. on ESTARL	1090.00
Grace #8	Chapter donation	110.00
	Barbara Mosher in memory of Mary Perry	10.00
	Dianne and Sheila Levy in memory of Mary Perry	20.00
	Josephine and Edward Fralick in memory of Mary Perry	20.00
Century #10	In memory of Jean Chisholm and Leslie MacLellan	100.00
	In memory of Wilma Gibson and Merle Meunier	100.00
	Estate of Jean Chisholm	1000.00
	John and Diane Patterson in memory of Norma McLaughlin	20.00

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Queen Elizabeth #14	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Ellen Munro	25.00
	In memory of Betty Balcom	25.00
	In memory of Robert MacPherson	25.00
	John and Carole Newell in memory of Jean Parks	25.00
	John and Carole Newell in memory of Betty Balcom	25.00
	Mary Campbell in memory of Robert MacPherson	20.00
Evangeline #15	In memory of Myrtle Schofield and Tom Layton	100.00
	In memory of Marion Boudreau	50.00
	In memory of Myrtle Schofield	10.00
	In memory of Hazel Foote	50.00
	In memory of Norina MacLeod	50.00
	Past Matrons Club in memory of Gertrude Buchanan	50.00
	Marie and Marshall Black in memory of Myrtle Schofield	25.00
	Gerry and Marie Parks in memory of Myrtle Schofield	20.00
	Phyllis Jarvis in memory of Marion Boudreau	25.00
	Irma and Vincent Maxwell in honour of wedding of Keith Pettigrew and Carol Wooster	25.00
	Richard and Lola Pineo in honour of wedding of Keith Pettigrew and Carol Wooster	25.00
	Keith and Carol Pettigrew gifts received on honour night	25.00
Victoria #19	Chapter donation	300.00
	In lieu of gifts to Installing Team	25.00
	In memory of Daniel MacAulay and Olive MacKay	40.00
	In memory of Sadie MacLean and Margaret MacRae	50.00
	Shane and Agnes MacFarlane in memory of Melvin MacRae	25.00
Myrtle #21	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of S. Smith	25.00
	In memory of Karin Bartlett	25.00
	In memory of Evelyn Simpson and Stella Relf	50.00
	In memory of Irene Grant	25.00
Fairfield #22	Chapter donation	200.00
Crystal #1 PEI	Chapter donation	500.00
	Elaine Gallant in memory of Elton Woodside	45.00
Westville #24	Chapter donation in honour of 60 year members: Esther Baker and Shirley MacEwan	500.00

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	In honour of Isabelle Pearson, G.G.C.C.M.	20.00
	In honour of Doris and Frank Cullen	20.00
	In memory of Ralph Graham	50.00
	Helen Connors in memory of Norma McLaughlin	20.00
Harmony #25	Chapter donation	200.00
	Norma McLaughlin in memory of Winnie Kellock	20.00
	Norma McLaughlin in memory of Clifford Cameron	10.00
	Isabelle and Adrian Pearson in memory of Doris McPherson	10.00
	Susan and John Lorimer in memory of Doris McPherson	25.00
	Gail and Peter Kay in memory of Jack Perry and Doris McPherson	25.00
	Betty Dunbar in memory of Jessie Chisholm	40.00
	Marjorie Murray in memory of Norma McLaughlin	25.00
	Isabelle and Adrian Pearson in memory of Norma McLaughlin	20.00
	Kathryn Cameron in memory of Norma McLaughlin	25.00
	Betty Heighton in memory of Norma McLaughlin	25.00
	Norman and Jean Ferguson in memory of Norma McLaughlin	50.00
	Agnes MacDonald and Chrissie MacMillan in memory of Norma McLaughlin	20.00
	Norma MacDonald in memory of Norma McLaughlin	10.00
	McLaughlin Family in memory of Norma McLaughlin	50.00
Munro #26	Chapter donation	136.00
	In memory of Neil Patterson	25.00
Kwebec #27	Chapter donation	200.00
	In lieu of gifts to Past Matrons and Past Patrons	25.00
	Past Matrons Club	25.00
Amethyst #28	Chapter donation	250.00
	Past Matrons Club	50.00
	Estate of Jean Parks	18147.37
	Clara Nieforth in lieu of gifts at Installation	15.00
	Clara Nieforth in memory of Helen Legge	10.00
	Clara Nieforth in memory of Carol Little, Gary Kent, John Powroz, Mary Perry	25.00
Arbutus #30	Chapter donation	50.00

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Annaval #31	In honour of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Midge and Don Medicraft	25.00
	Carolyn and Arthur Phinney, Arlene and Don Riswold, Mary Ellen and Bill Bishop in honour of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Midge and Don Medicraft	35.00
Queens #34	Chapter donation	50.00
St. Mary's #35	Chapter donation	50.00
	Cheryl and Allen Denton in memory of Mary Perry	25.00
Mae #38	Chapter donation	50.00
	Norman & Janet Pentz Trust Fund	300.00
	In lieu of bar to Worthy Patron, Robert Emeno	50.00
	Charles Teal in memory of Mary Teal	20.00
Mystic Star #40	Rhoda Tupper in memory of Mary Perry	25.00
	Betty Ann Loughnan and Helen Dauphinee in memory of Mary Perry	25.00
	Iris and Jim Coolen in memory of Mary Perry	25.00
	Rhoda Tupper in memory of Jean Dellapinna	20.00
	Janet Menzies in memory of Jean Slauenwhite	50.00
	Rhoda Tupper in memory of Jean Slauenwhite	25.00
	Norma Hayman in memory of Jean Slauenwhite	10.00
	Mary and Ray Zinck in memory of Jean Slauenwhite	10.00
Florence Fraser #47	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Alex Polson and Ernest Langille	50.00
Scotia #49	Chapter donation	100.00
Regent #52	Chapter donation	100.00
	In honour of Elva Pickering's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday	35.00
Faith #54	Chapter donation	50.00
Elmsdale #55	Chapter donation	50.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
Ruth #57	Chapter donation	200.00
Emerald #58	Chapter donation	150.00
	Reta Palmer in memory of Bill	50.00
	Reta Palmer in memory of Bill	50.00
	Reta Palmer in memory of Anna Ruth Isnor	100.00

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Shoreham #59	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Mary Perry	50.00
	Glynne Lloyd in memory of Mary Perry	200.00
	Vicki Perry in memory of Mary Perry	100.00
	Whitman and JoAnne Giffin in memory of Mary Perry	25.00
	Greta Baltzer in memory of Mary Perry	25.00
	Donna Covey and Harold McDow in memory of Mary Perry	20.00
	Lorna MacLeod in memory of Mary Perry	20.00
	Mary and Ray Zinck in memory of Mary Perry	20.00
	Harriett and George Countway in memory of Mary Perry	15.00
	Deanne and Freeman Stevens in memory of Mary Perry	10.00
	Queen Esther #61	Chapter donation
	Isabel MacCuish	25.00
Laurel #67	Chapter donation	200.00
	In honour of Marion Buchan, Irma Maxwell, Fred and Peg Lipskey	100.00
	In memory of the Veterans	40.00
	Jeanette Durnnian in honour of Marion Buchan, Irma Maxwell, Fred and Peg Lipskey	25.00
	Fred and Peg Lipskey - honour nights and teas: Marion Buchan, Irma Maxwell, Fred and Peg Lipskey, Allen Denton, Jane Wooldridge, Connie MacDonald, Stella Trask, Zeke Eaton	45.00
	Marion Buchan honour tea	50.00
	Betty Thompson in honour of Fred and Peg Lipskey	20.00
Montague #69	Chapter donation	150.00
Crescent #70	Chapter donation	50.00
<b>Other Donations to ESTARL:</b>		
District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	268.00
	District #2	556.28
	District #3	220.00
	District #4	266.07
	District #5	125.00
	District #6	115.00
	District #7	230.00
	District #8 (P.E.I.)	502.80
	District #8 (N.S.)	140.00



## GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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Of course my heartfelt thanks go to Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer. It is always a pleasure working with you and I look forward to your visits - be they fleeting or less rushed.

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

To Sister Edith and Brother Ted, may your year, which is rapidly coming to an end, bring you happy memories for many years to come.

Sister Betty Ann moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) and the motion was carried.

### PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

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

Brother Vincent Ells (14); Sister Carol Pettigrew (15); Sister Aileen MacKillop (19), Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Sister Maureen Weeks (1PEI); Brother Allister Thompson (24); Sister Shirley Burns (31); Sister Evelyn Aulenback (34); Sister Iris Coolen (40); Sister Barbara Cooke (49); Sister Doris Hillier (58); Sister Lorraine O'Neill (61); Sister Barbara Ferguson (65); Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Suzanne Aitken (69); Brother Ron Boudreau (70).

**Sister Dorothy:** One of my greatest pleasures at our Grand Chapter is having the opportunity to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers. Your dedication to the Order is exemplified by taking on the task of keeping the finances of your respective Chapters in good order. For those of you new to the office, I extend a special welcome to our "exclusive club." To Brother Cecil, our Grand Treasurer Emeritus, it is always a joy to see you here and to know of your continued support. In keeping with our "Memories of Christmas" Session I'd like to share this little poem:

*"Christmas fills our hearts with joy;  
Bright happy days bring special kinds of pleasure.  
We're wrapped in the excitement of it all,  
The sights, the sounds, the smells and the tastes we treasure.*

*Yet when we have some quiet time to think  
About our finest blessings all year through,  
We focus on our Friends,  
And appreciate the gift of knowing you."*

Enjoy your time here and may you keep many memories of Christmas close in your hearts.

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The **response** was given by **Sister Barbara Cooke**, Treasurer (49):

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

It is my pleasure on behalf of the chapter Treasurers to thank you, Sister Dorothy, for your words of welcome and greetings to us. It is our honour to serve under you as you continue to serve Grand Chapter.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

**Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer:**

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

It has again been my honour to serve this Grand Chapter as your Grand Treasurer. It has been a year of personal hardship for me and I want to thank all of our members for their love, support and understanding. It is at these times when one truly appreciates our wonderful Order. I also have to thank the members for their generous contributions to The Arthritis Society and words of encouragement as I completed my fifth marathon in May with Joints in Motion in honour and in the memory of my hero, my Dad.

I also have to thank Sister Betty Ann for another great year of not only working together, but being there as my friend. If it wasn't for Betty Ann I wouldn't be where I was supposed to, with the right tickets in hand and the right clothes on.

A final thank you to our Finance Committee. Working with Brother Pat over the past three years was enlightening and an education. His knowledge and expertise added much to our meetings. He will have tough shoes to fill but I know from our meetings with Brother Harry and Sister Shirley that our Grand Chapter will continue its best efforts in being financially successful.

A few things with regards to our finances. First, the good news. You will notice an increase in the permanent fund of ESTARL. Our Grand Chapter this year received a gift in the form of a legacy from our Sister Jean Parks, a member and Past Matron of my chapter, Amethyst #28 in the amount of \$18,147.37 with her wishes that it be invested and the interest be used to assist in ESTARL bursaries. Throughout her Eastern Star life, Jean was a strong supporter of ESTARL and sponsored many aspiring to the ministry through our Chapter.

You will also note that the ESTARL bursaries exceeded what we took in last year. In reality, we were able to grant requests received by utilizing interest made on investments.

You will also note our expenditures once again increased and we only managed to meet them with the proceeds of a maturing GIC. I ask that you pay close attention to the Finance Report and the budget.

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Finally, in appreciation a poem: What do We Love About Christmas?

*What do we love about Christmas;  
Does our delight reside in things,  
Or are the feelings in our hearts  
The real gift that Christmas brings.*

*It's seeing those we love,  
And sending greetings too  
Appreciating people who bring us joy  
Special people, just like all of you.*

In closing I submit the Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2009 as distributed to the members at registration.

Sister Dorothy moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28) and the motion was carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN  
STAR OF NOVA SCOTIA AND  
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May 31, 2009**

GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2009

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**NOTICE TO READER**

On the basis of information provided by the Grand Treasurer, 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, 2009 and the statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended.

I have not performed an audit or a review engagement on these financial statements and, accordingly, I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Halifax, NS  
June 24, 2009

David Towers  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT MAY 31, 2009**

	Estarl Fund (Note 3)	Benevolent Fund (Note 3)	General Fund (Note 3)	2009 Total	2008 Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
Cash	\$ 15,052	\$ 9,100	\$ 34,500	\$ 58,652	\$ 34,599
Marketable Securities (Note 4)	2,000	23,000	30,000	55,000	78,000
Accounts Receivable	-	-	1,079	1,079	866
Inventory	-	-	4,360	4,360	5,041
Accrued Interest	472	756	625	1,853	3,168
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	8,038	8,038	6,331
	17,524	32,856	78,602	128,982	128,005
<b>Investments</b> (Note 4)	34,147	34,500	34,000	102,647	76,500
<b>Capital Assets</b> (Note 5)	-	-	3,031	3,031	4,020
	<u>\$ 51,671</u>	<u>\$ 67,356</u>	<u>\$ 115,633</u>	<u>\$ 234,660</u>	<u>\$ 208,525</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET EQUITY**

<b>Current</b>					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Grand Chapter Pre-registration Receipts	-	-	3,005	3,005	4,132
Contributions Payable (Note 6)	-	-	43,584	43,584	12,804
	-	-	47,089	47,089	17,436
<b>Net Equity</b>	5,936	70,421	111,214	187,571	191,089
	<u>\$ 5,936</u>	<u>\$ 70,421</u>	<u>\$ 158,303</u>	<u>\$ 234,660</u>	<u>\$ 208,525</u>

**APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS:**

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2009**

	Estarl Fund	Benevolent Fund	General Fund	2009 Total	2008 Total
<b>Revenue</b>					
Membership Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,180	\$ 22,180	\$ 23,980
Registration Fees	-	-	8,606	8,606	7,110
Craft Sales	-	-	791	791	1,644
Program Booklet	-	-	-	-	5,976
Donations	11,454	-	-	11,454	20,177
Other	-	-	1,419	1,419	2,599
Interest Income	1,105	2,883	4,743	8,731	4,046
	<u>12,559</u>	<u>2,883</u>	<u>37,739</u>	<u>53,181</u>	<u>65,532</u>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Amortization	-	-	989	989	1,433
Annual Proceedings	-	-	4,025	4,025	8,506
Benevolent Assistance	-	4,700	-	4,700	2,500
District Deputies	-	-	1,559	1,559	2,504
Estarl Bursaries	14,300	-	-	14,300	20,000
Grand Session	-	-	4,638	4,638	4,062
Honoraria	-	-	9,650	9,650	8,400
Honoraria For Triennium	-	-	-	-	682
Insurance	-	-	1,096	1,096	1,096
Church Services/Grand Chaplain	-	-	600	600	663
Memorial Donations	-	-	50	50	100
Office, Postage, Bank Charges	-	-	10,073	10,073	6,156
Office Rent	-	-	1,500	1,500	1,200
Per Capita Assessment, General Grand	-	-	2,302	2,302	2,591
Professional Fees	-	-	500	500	500
WGM and WGP Jewels	-	-	717	717	69
	<u>14,300</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>37,699</u>	<u>56,699</u>	<u>60,462</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	(1,741)	(1,817)	40	(3,518)	5,070
<b>Net Equity, Beginning of Year</b>	7,677	72,238	111,174	191,089	186,019
<b>Net Equity, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 5,936</u>	<u>\$ 70,421</u>	<u>\$ 111,214</u>	<u>\$ 187,571</u>	<u>\$ 191,089</u>

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2009**

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	2009	2008
<b>Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>		
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ (3,518)	\$ 5,070
Items Not Requiring an Outlay of Cash:		
Amortization	989	1,433
	<u>(2,529)</u>	<u>6,503</u>
<b>Changes in Non-Cash Working Capital Balances</b>		
Decrease (Increase) in Marketable Securities	23,000	(42,500)
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(213)	679
Decrease (Increase) in Accrued Interest	1,315	157
Decrease (Increase) in Inventory	681	(324)
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	(1,707)	11
(Decrease) Increase in Grand Chapter Pr-registration Receipts	(1,127)	443
(Decrease) Increase in Contributions Payable	30,780	(10,077)
	<u>52,729</u>	<u>(51,611)</u>
	50,200	(45,108)
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Decrease (Increase) in Investments	(26,147)	45,540
	<u>(26,147)</u>	<u>45,540</u>
<b>Increase in Cash</b>	24,053	432
<b>Cash, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>34,599</u>	<u>34,167</u>
<b>Cash, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 58,652</u>	<u>\$ 34,599</u>

## GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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### GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2009

#### **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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**3. Purpose of Funds**

Estarl Fund

The Estarl fund is a restricted fund where donations are recorded. The amounts received into this fund are paid out as divinity scholarships. The majority of these funds are received from the constituent Chapters.

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent fund is also restricted and is to be used at the organization's discretion to provide relief to individuals experiencing hardship.

General Fund

A portion of this fund is unrestricted and can be used for any activity consistent with the organization's guidelines, including day to day operating costs. The balance is for the Estarl fund or for donations, designated by the donor as payable to specific charities. This portion of the fund is restricted.

**4. Investments**

	2009	2008
Estarl Fund	\$ 36,147	\$ 17,000
Benevolent Fund	57,500	63,500
General Fund	64,000	74,000
	<b>\$ 157,647</b>	<b>\$ 154,500</b>

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
			2009	2008
<u>ESTARL FUND</u>				
Scotiabank	September 16, 2009	3.30%	2,000	2,000
Montreal Trust	November 19, 2012	5.18%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	January 29, 2014	3.62%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	June 7, 2010	3.60%	1,000	1,000
Scotiabank	September 12, 2012	4.60%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	November 28, 2011	3.15%	1,000	1,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2014	2.86%	18,147	
Scotiabank	May 26, 2014	3.00%	1,000	
			<b>\$ 36,147</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			2,000	-
			<b>\$ 34,147</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>

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**4. Investments (continued)**

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
			2009	2008
<u>BENEVOLENT FUND</u>				
Scotiabank	September 16, 2008	3.25%	-	8,000
Scotiabank	October 16,2008	4.10%	-	3,000
Scotiabank	January 7, 2009	4.00%	-	5,000
Scotiabank	March 6, 2009	4.25%	-	5,000
Scotiabank	May 29, 2009	4.42%	-	5,000
Scotiabank	September 16, 2009	3.25%	10,000	10,000
Scotiabank	October 16,2009	4.15%	3,000	3,000
Scotia Mortgage	October 26,2009	3.90%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2009	4.80%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2010	4.95%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	10,000	-
Scotiabank	May 29, 2011	3.58%	-	3,500
Scotiabank	May 30, 2011	4.58%	3,500	-
Scotiabank	November 19, 2011	5.05%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	May 26, 2012	2.29%	5,000	-
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	4.42%	5,000	-
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	4.70%	5,000	5,000
			\$ 57,500	\$ 63,500
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			23,000	26,000
			<u>\$ 34,500</u>	<u>\$ 37,500</u>

GENERAL FUND

Scotiabank	September 16, 2008	3.25%	-	10,000
Scotiabank	October 16,2008	4.10%	-	5,000
Scotiabank	October 27, 2008	3.85%	-	15,000
Scotia Bank	November 7, 2008	4.00%	-	9,000
Scotiabank	December 27, 2008	4.00%	-	8,000
Scotiabank	March 6, 2009	4.25%	-	5,000
Scotiabank	October 12, 2009	4.15%	10,000	10,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2009	4.80%	4,000	4,000
Scotiabank	December 28, 2009	4.20%	6,000	6,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2010	1.00%	10,000	-
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	9,000	-
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	15,000	-
Scotiabank	April 16, 2012	2.46%	8,000	-
Scotiabank	November 19, 2012	5.18%	2000	2000
			\$ 64,000	\$ 74,000
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			30,000	52,000
			<u>\$ 34,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,000</u>

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**5. Capital Assets**

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2009	Net 2008
Office Equipment	\$ 6,450	\$ 6,450	\$ -	\$ -
Jewels & Regalia	19,776	16,745	3,031	4,020
	<b>\$ 26,226</b>	<b>\$ 23,195</b>	<b>\$ 3,031</b>	<b>\$ 4,020</b>

**6. Contributions Payable**

Included in the General fund are amounts payable for the Estarl fund and charitable donations. These amounts are restricted.

	2009	2008
Donations received for the Estarl fund	\$ 33,107	\$ 11,454
Program Booklet	\$ 9,815	
Other donations	662	1,350
	<b>\$ 43,584</b>	<b>\$ 12,804</b>

**7. Related Party Transactions**

During the year the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2009	2008
Grand Matron Expenses Honoraria	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Grand Patron Expenses Honoraria	1,000	1,000
Grand Secretary Expenses Honoraria	3,600	3,600
Grand Secretary's Assistant Expenses Honoraria	300	300
Grand Treasurer Expenses Honoraria	2,000	1,500
	<b>8,900</b>	<b>8,400</b>
District Number 1 Expenses	148	950
District Number 2 Expenses	156	617
District Number 3 Expenses	26	273
District Number 4 Expenses	61	-
District Number 5 Expenses	272	172
District Number 6 Expenses	273	-
District Number 7 Expenses	215	492
District Number 8 Expenses	407	-
	<b>1,558</b>	<b>2,504</b>
Office Rent to Grand Secretary	1,500	1,200
	<b>\$ 11,958</b>	<b>\$ 12,104</b>

**PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS**

Brother George Crouch, Past Grand Patron, and Sister Violet Blair, Past Grand Matron, on behalf of the Past Grands Club were escorted to the East.

Brother George Crouch, P.G.P., moved that Honourary Memberships be presented to:

- Sister Judith Brightman, Past Grand Matron of Rhode Island;
- Brother Clifford Brightman, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts;
- Sister Marlene Larsen, Past Matron, California;
- Brother Everett Pierce, Past Grand Patron of British Columbia and Yukon;
- Sister Gladys Pierce, Past Grand Matron of British Columbia and Yukon;
- Sister Pamela Brooks, Past Matron, Virginia;
- Sister Valerie Layman, Past Matron, Virginia.

This motion was seconded by Sister Violet Blair and the motion was carried.

Sister Judith Brightman, Sister Marlene Larsen and Brother Clifford Brightman were escorted to the East and presented with their Honourary Memberships to this Grand Jurisdiction by Sister Violet and Brother George. All expressed their thanks to the members for the honorary memberships.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Committee consisted of: 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 Wilma Verge, P.M. (58), Sister Velda Forrest, P.M. (71), Brother Rowan Caseley, P.P. (52).

**Brother Ralph Swinamer:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Membership Committee submits the following report.

It has been common practice since the inception of the Membership Committee, that the member that headed the list was the chairperson.

This was not the case this year as the Worthy Grand Matron was following the CL&R (amended 2005) stating that the committee select their own chairperson. It would appear that the Membership Committee is unique, in that they are the only committee that select their own chairperson; all others are appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. Perhaps this is the reason the Membership Committee was not effective this past year. There was no reference in the guidelines to committee members regarding chairperson selection.

On 16 May the Shriners held a training session on membership in Halifax, and an invitation to attend was received by our Grand Secretary. Several members of the

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Grand Family attended, along with 2 Membership Committee Members. It was a good learning experience for all who attended. The guest lecturer kept referring to the Order of The Eastern Star as the ladies organization. Our Worthy Grand Matron straightened our Shrine brother from Maine out, as to who we were and where we came from.

Although no letters were distributed to the chapters from the Membership Committee, one member was requested to speak on membership on 2 occasions. A check with our Grand Secretary reveals that our membership, as of 30 June 2008, is 2,218 members; down significantly from the previous year. When this report was compiled, not all annual reports had been received by the Grand Secretary.

Now that our administrative short-comings have been recognized, we hope to be more productive in the following years. The Membership Committee congratulate Sister Edith and Brother Ted for a very successful year. We apologize to the Grand Chapter for our short-comings, and promise to be more diligent in our responsibilities, now that we are aware of our administrative requirements.

Brother Ralph Swinamer moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Brother Rowan Casey, P.P. and the motion was carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS**

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Sister Alma Bane, R.W. Grand Secretary enclosing a "Certificate of Appreciation" for Grand Chapter's donation to the Friends of the Temple 100 Club.
2. Letter of thanks from Brother Allen Denton for the donation he received at the honour banquet held in July, 2008. This money was donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Montreal and a letter of thanks from them was included.
3. Letter of thanks from Brother Bill Thompson for the monetary gift he received at the honour banquet in July, 2008.
4. Letter from Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, sending her regrets that she cannot attend this session and sent best regards to Sister Edith and Brother Ted.
5. Letter of thanks from Sister Jean Beckwith, P.M. (35) for her 60 year pin.
6. Letter from Sister Rennie Ofton, R.W.A.G.M. expressing her regrets at not being able to attend this session.
7. Letter from Sister Margaret Pettigrew, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Scotland expressing her regrets and sending best wishes to all for a successful session.
8. Regrets received from Sister Mary Jane Noyes of Florida who is unable to attend.
9. Letter of thanks from Sister Lynda and Brother Doug Swan, New Brunswick, for their honorary memberships in our Grand Chapter.

**CLOSING**

At 12:07 p.m. the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 7, 2009**

**1:40 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.

**Solo: Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles, P.M. (27)** sang “*The Greatest Gift of All*”.

Sister Brenda thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing her to sing and she thanked Sister Edith for attending every meeting of Kwebec Chapter #27 during the year while she was Worthy Matron.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** I hope everyone has enjoyed their lunch. We must now get back to work. I have been informed that if we want to eat by 7 p.m. this evening, this room will have to be vacated by 3:45 p.m.; therefore, our Memorial Service must start by 2:45.

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (not previously introduced)**

**Brother Cecil Decker, P.P. (55), Grand Treasurer Emeritus** was presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and escorted to his seat.

**Two Grand Representatives:** Sister Violet Page, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Ontario and Brother Lyndel Campbell, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Texas were presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTES:**

1. A Christmas candle is a lovely thing. It makes no noise at all, but softly gives itself away. While quite unselfish, it grows small.
2. Christmas is a time when everybody wants his past forgotten and his present remembered.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Tuesday morning session were read by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary.

Sister Betty Ann moved that they be accepted. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) and the motion was carried.

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### REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

#### **BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON**

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

I bring you the greetings from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen. They wish for you a happy and productive Session.

Well there are only about 121 days left before the Installation of Officers of General Grand Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It hardly seems possible that nine years ago this Grand Chapter authorized me to let my name stand with Sister Rennie Oton, Past Grand Matron of Texas, to obtain the highest office a Brother can be elected to in General Grand Chapter. I want to thank each and everyone who has contributed in any way to make this a reality. There has been a lot of hard work to make sure we could pay our way and stand proud of what we have accomplished as a small Grand Chapter. We can hold our heads high and know we are a full partner with the Grand Chapter of Texas. I think we have done extremely well and Grand Chapter funds will not have to be used to finance this venture in any way, as I understand from all reports.

I have appointed three special pages to assist me at General Grand Chapter: Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M., Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. and Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. Thank you Sisters for accepting this appointment. For the General Grand Chapter Installation Sister Rennie and I have selected Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. to do the introductions of the General Grand Chapter Officers, the Flag Bearers and the Escorts. Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. and Brother Henry Martin, P.G.P. Texas will introduce the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and their Escorts. The Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Most Worshipful Brother Reno Favretto and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Most Worshipful Brother Rowan Caseley have been invited by me to bring greetings on behalf of their respective Grand Lodges to the Assembly. This being a busy time in their year with District Meetings etc, they will not be able to attend. They have authorized me to have one of our Senior Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother David J. C. Waterbury, to bring greetings on their behalf to the Assembly. He has agreed to do this for them. Sister Stella Trask, Worthy Grand Matron elect and Brother Zeke Eaton, Worthy Grand Patron elect, will bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. and Brother Morley Robinson, P.P. will bring greetings on behalf of Laurel Chapter #67. Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. and Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M., Executive Chair and Co-Chair, have various members slated to assist at Banquets, Luncheons and at the Installation. They will be included in their reports.

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Brother William Clark, P.G.P will give the Benediction at the close of the 48<sup>th</sup> Assembly and start us into the 2009-2012 Triennium. Thank you, Brother Bill.

I want to thank the present General Grand Chapter Committee Members for their work and dedication to Sister Barbara Benton, M.W.G.M. and Brother Bill Owen, M.W.G.P.

I cannot fail to mention our Friend of a Feather, Sister Betty Smith, for her love and devotion to the Order - especially to this Grand Chapter and her own Kwebec Chapter #27. What an example to follow.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I congratulate you for a very productive year and for your love and dedication to this Order. May your every wish come true and the memories of this session last forever as being very successful.

There will be much travel in the next three years. I would extend an invitation for any who might be able to join us in this travel to do so - you would be most welcome. I always look for the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Representatives in other Jurisdictions as I visit and am delighted when a Sister or Brother is in attendance at the Grand Jurisdiction that they represent.

I want to say a special thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for having your Grand Organist, Brother Ray Horton and his beautiful wife, Sister Kay, sing to me at introductions. Brother Ray and Sister Kay, you touched a very special spot in my heart with your beautiful rendition. Thank you so very much.

As you have heard, Sister Rennie sends her regrets. I know she will be thinking of us as we attend this "Memories of Christmas" Session.

I thank everyone who has extended best wishes and support. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this time with the membership.

See you all in Tulsa!

The Grand Choir sang "*Oklahoma*" to Brother Fred.

### **SHEILA MacDONALD GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER CREDENTIALS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Fellow G.G.C.C.M.s, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers.

Little did I think three years ago that my final remarks to my own Grand Chapter would come around so quickly. I have enjoyed my term as G.G.C.C.M. on Credentials and have attempted to represent Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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in as many other Grand Chapters and functions as I was able to attend. I would once again like to thank our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen for the honour bestowed upon me, our Grand Chapter and my chapters, Queen Elizabeth #14 and Munro Chapter #26.

Congratulations to the 22 appointments Sister Rennie and Brother Fred have made for the next Triennium and I look forward to the instillation in Tulsa when Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will shine brightly in the Eastern Star world. I hope you enjoy your appointments as much as I have. Congratulations Brother Fred and to Sister Rennie, you will soon lead our General Grand Chapter for the next three years. I wish you God's speed, health and safe travelling. You will continually be in our prayers.

My first visit after Grand Chapter last year was to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Sister Caryl Yates and I arrived in New Brunswick to a temperature of 32 degrees - not much like today. The Sessions are held at the Fredericton Inn - a beautiful place to hold a Grand Chapter. Very nice Session with many visitors. I also enjoyed staying with two of my brothers whom I don't see very often. Ian lives in Fredericton and Fraser came over from Digby. Sadly it was the last time I saw my brother Fraser - he died in October.

Then on August 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> my lifetime dream came true. I flew to Winnipeg and was met by Sister Cathy Iwanicki, P.G.M. of Manitoba and her husband Roz. Roz Iwanicki is very high in Masons and Shriners but is not a Star member! They gave me a tour of Winnipeg and later we returned to the airport to meet Sister Elizabeth Watt, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter of Australia. She was to be my bed mate. Sister Elizabeth and I were treated royally by Sister Cathy and Roz. I could go on for pages but I must condense these three great days. Beautiful weather! Wonderful to meet Sister Rennie, Brother Fred and Sister Margaret at the Peace Gardens.

August 9<sup>th</sup> was the big day and a wonderful place to spend my birthday! I had over 300 Stars sing Happy Birthday at the evening Banquet - what fun! The International Peace Gardens are beautiful and worth visiting. They were doing extensive renovations creating a large mosaic Garden, safe from the 800-1000 Whitetail Deer and Moose that we share the Gardens with and that cause countless dollars of damage to plant life each year.

The Chapel of Peace was dedicated in 1970 by Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sayda Pettersen, as a project of Eastern Star Members. The main feature of the Chapel is the three-encircling walls of flat hewn limestone into which has been engraved quotations spoken or written by people of Peace throughout history. The organ was a gift from the estate of Brother R. Donald Stewart, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick. I have a picture of Brother Fred sitting beside the organ.

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My next venture was the Grand Chapter of Quebec. I pushed myself in on the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, the late Sister Ruth Waterbury, PGM, Sister Gloria Turner and her mother, Sister Edith Taylor.

They graciously let me sleep on the pull-out cot and we had a great time. I was met at the airport by a wonderful Brother Armand Lono, Grand Sentinel of Quebec. He treated me to breakfast and we chatted on the 2 hour drive to the Castle Hotel in Granby - another wonderful place to hold a Grand Chapter. Although their Grand Chapter is small (11 Chapters) the Sessions were most enjoyable. Brother Armand is here at our Grand Chapter and will be installed as Worthy Grand Patron in October and I'm hoping to be there.

In February, Sister Gloria Turner organized a bus trip to Bangor to attend the All New England Maritime and Quebec night. 45 Stars from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island had a fabulous weekend, driving in rain all the way to Bangor. Arrived at 6:00PM and at 6:30 were back on the bus heading to the Bangor Mall. After 2 hours of shopping we were back on the bus with two Brothers missing. I won't mention any names but Sisters Shirley Conrad and Mary Crouch were really upset for about 20 minutes. Undaunted, we were back shopping early the next morning.

The meeting was most enjoyable. Sister Gretchen Brichette, GGCCM and Honourary Member of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was the Worthy Matron and did a great job of the introductions - quite funny but very much in charge. All the Grand Officers did a good job. Sister Gail Kay was Electa so we were well represented. We had a buffet supper Friday night and our members wore their tartans. Saturday we had a Prime Rib Banquet provided by the Clown Shriners, dress was Black and White. Shopping, eating, OES meeting, good company, games and singing along the way. It snowed, it was cold, it rained but a good time was had by all thanks to Sister Gloria Turner.

Missed all the events in May that I planned to attend due to surgery. But I am not through yet. I plan to attend the 100 Anniversary of the Eastern Star Temple in Washington in September and maybe the Grand Chapter of Ontario. Then its off to Tulsa in October to the "Council Fires" 46<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly where I finally get to do some work instead of having all this fun. On Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> we will all be part of Brother Fred's historic installation as Most Worthy Grand Patron. See you all there.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing me to speak for the last time as General Grand Chapter Committee Member to the membership.

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### **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (not previously introduced)**

**Brother Patrick O'Neill, Chairman, Finance Committee** was presented in the West, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **FINANCE**

**Brother Pat O'Neill:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, and Brothers, following is the report of the Finance Committee for 2009.

The Finance Committee members for this year were: Brother Harry Daine, P.P., Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. and I, Brother Pat O'Neill, P.P. as Chairperson.

The Finance Committee received from the Grand Secretary, all invoices required for approval during the last year. These invoices have been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. All of the expenses were legitimate Grand Chapter OES expenses. The resulting financial statements which have been provided to the members at the time of registration have been compiled by Mr. David Towers, CA, and as stated in his audit opinion, represent fairly and accurately the financial results of the preceding year.

The Finance Committee met with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to review the year-to-date results and to assist the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in preparing the budget for the 2009/10 fiscal year. The Finance Committee also met on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to review the final results as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 just prior to sending these results to the Auditor for compilation.

The Finance Committee is satisfied that the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are sufficiently skilled in their tasks to properly maintain the financial transactions and records of this Grand Chapter.

As members of the Finance Committee we have had opportunity to discuss financial issues with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. As a result of these discussions and our understanding of how the finances of the Grand Chapter are conducted, the Finance Committee has made the following observations and provides the accompanying recommendations.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

1. It has been observed that the Honorarium for the Grand Secretary to cover expenses has remained at its current level for the last number of years. This is despite the fact that expenses have continued to increase. It is therefore recommended that the Honorarium for the Grand Secretary be increased beginning with the 2009/10 fiscal year.

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2. It has been recognized by the Finance Committee that there is a tremendous requirement for travel by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron during their time in office. While these officers are aware of the demands that will be placed upon them, we recognize that there is an increased expense and burden to be borne by the incoming Worthy Grand Patron as a result of his residence in Prince Edward Island. It is therefore the recommendation that for 2009/10 the expenses reimbursement for the Worthy Grand Patron be increased to recognize additional travel expenses.
3. During the last three years while I have been a member of this Finance Committee, the budget for each of these years has included \$5,000 in revenue by reducing the amount of funds in the GIC investment account. This is an alarming trend. If nothing else were to change and based on the current funds in the GIC account, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Order of the Eastern Star, will be unable to produce a balanced budget within ten years.

This will be exacerbated over the next three years. Costs associated with the General Grand Chapter requirements and obligations are estimated to be in the order of ten to fifteen thousand dollars over the next three years. As the financial resources of this Grand Chapter are called upon to fund these activities the ten year timeline mentioned earlier quickly drops to six or seven years.

There are several facts that must be accepted and faced by all members in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The inability of the Grand Chapter to produce a balanced budget, in other words not generate enough revenue to cover expenses, and no longer have GIC investments to draw upon to make up for the shortfall, means that the existence of this Grand Chapter and the ability to hold a Grand Chapter Session will be in serious jeopardy within seven to ten years.

There are two main sources of income for Grand Chapter, Per Capita Fees, and Grand Chapter Registration Fees. These two items represent 70% of the budgeted revenue for 2009/10. The balance consists of drawing funds from the GIC investments, sales of supplies, program booklet proceeds, and other miscellaneous revenue sources.

Membership in the Order which drives the Per Capita revenue source for Grand Chapter is declining. Membership currently stands at approximately 2,100 members and is expected to decline to less than 2,000 members by the end of 2010.

For the foreseeable future and unless alternative sources are secured, revenue will continue to decline while expenses remain at the same level or increase. The only alternative presented to this Finance Committee to date is to continue to draw funds

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out of the GIC investments in order to fund the activities and requirements of the Grand Chapter.

It is therefore the recommendation of this finance committee that the Grand Chapter look at increasing revenue by adjusting the two elements over which it has control, Per Capita fees and Grand Chapter registration fees.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, it is estimated that the Motions that will be made at the end of this report will result in a net gain in operating funds of \$5,100 for 2009/10 year and \$7,300 in the subsequent year.

Finally, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter as your Finance Committee. As this is my third and final year on the committee, I would like to express my personal gratitude to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for their assistance and as well to my fellow committee members to whom I wish all the best as they continue on as members of this committee.

I, Brother Pat O'Neill, P.P. move that this report be adopted. It was seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. and the motion was carried.

### MOTIONS

1. Worthy Grand Matron, I, Brother Pat O'Neill, move that the Grand Secretary Honorarium to cover expenses be increased from its current level of \$3,600 to \$4,000. **The motion was** seconded by Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. and **carried**.
2. Worthy Grand Matron, I, Brother Pat O'Neill, move that reimbursement for expenses of the incoming Worthy Grand Patron be increased for the 2009/10 year by \$500. **This motion was** seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. and **carried**.
3. Worthy Grand Matron, I, Brother Pat O'Neill, move that the Per Capita fee be increased to \$12.00 from its current level of \$10 for the 2009/10 fiscal year, and increased to \$13.00 for the 2010/11 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. **The motion was defeated**.
4. Worthy Grand Matron, I, Brother Pat O'Neill, move that Grand Chapter Registration Fees be increased to \$20 from the current level of \$15 starting with the Grand Chapter session to be held in July 2010. Brother Harry Daine, P.P. seconded **this motion** and it **was carried**.
5. Brother Pat O'Neill, P.P. moved, seconded by Brother Harry Daine, P.P. that the Budget for 2009-2010 as presented, be accepted. **The motion was carried**.

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Budget 2009 - 2010

**Revenue**

Per Capita Assessments	\$22,000
Registration Fees	9,000
Craft Sale	1,000
Donations and Sundry	100
Interest	2,500
Sale of Supplies	1,600
Program Booklet	3,000
GIC Proceeds	<u>5,000</u>

**Total Revenue**

**\$44,200**

**Operating Expenses**

Printing, Postage and Office Expense	8,000
Worthy Grand Matron Expenses	2,000
Worthy Grand Patron Expenses	1,000
WGP 2009-10 Bridge Expenses (PEI)	500
Grand Secretary Expenses	4,000
Grand Treasurer Expenses	2,000
Office Rent	1,500
Insurance and Bonding	1,200
Annual Proceedings	4,500
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Jewels	800
Grand Officer Badges	500
District Deputies Expenses	2,000
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter	2,500
Church Services	675
Accounting	500
Amortization	1,500
Triennium Expenses	<u>800</u>

**Total Operating Expenses**

**33,975**

**Grand Session Expenses**

Printing and Supplies (Sessions)	1,200
Assistant to Grand Secretary	300
Recognition of 50 Year Members	200
Minister and Church Service	100
Moving Equipment	500
Accommodations	1,400
Hostess Chapters	<u>2,500</u>

**Total Grand Session Expenses**

**6,200**

**Total Expenses**

**40,175**

**Budgeted Net Income**

**\$4,025**

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### **BROTHER WILLIAM A. THOMPSON GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIRMAN, EASTERN STAR JOURNAL**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Well here we are, almost through this triennium and already getting ready for a big time in Tulsa. At this time I would like to thank all our members who were exceptionally supportive of the Eastern Star Journal during my term as chairman.

A special thank you to the Grand Chapter Journal Committee. If they were out "beating the bushes" or whatever technique they use to get articles, I wish it could be applied to other Grand Jurisdictions. Some Grand Jurisdictions we get no response for articles. I remember a few years ago when Sister Olive Munro was on our committee, she had to meet with Bob McBurney, a committee member from Massachusetts and he got an article in the journal for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Guess we made up for those times. It does go to show that we can create articles. Keep up the good work.

We will be having a new Editor coming on line for the next Triennium and we will have to identify how the submission process will work. We are also hoping to use the modern technologies of the Internet to share the Journal. That does not mean it is free to the Internet but the Internet does have some marketing advantages.

We are also hoping to have a complete library of all issues of the Journal in digital format that will also be available through the General Grand Chapter Website. We are also hoping to have some CD's of the complete set of the Journals for sale at General Grand Chapter.

I am pleased to report that the Eastern Star Journal is totally self sufficient and we did not have any financial losses in the economic downturn of the past year. We are obligated by US law to maintain a financial balance equal to the value of subscriptions on hand at any given time. In the United States by law, if a magazine fails, it is required to pay back any remaining subscription rates to the subscribers.

I would like to report that subscriptions have increased but that is not the case. We have basically held steady throughout the triennium. However, with membership numbers dropping in most Grand Jurisdictions, we are fortunate to keep the circulation we have. (3500 domestic and 250 foreign). As most of you are aware, I will be staying on as Chairman of the Journal for Rennie and Fred. So now that I have my feet wet in the circulation department, I am taking on the challenge of increasing our subscription base through addition of Chapters and Grand Officers. The good news for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is we had a growth of 78%. We had 148 subscriptions in November 2006 and as of June 2009 we have 264 subscriptions. Congratulations and a special thank you to you folks. Your support

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is very encouraging and I hope it continues. We also know now that you can be good journalist with your articles. On a side note, Sister Barbara and Brother Bill wanted me to remind you that they still have pins and books for sale to support the special projects and all monies will be returned to this Grand Jurisdiction. I am not sure about the other General Grand Chapter Committee Members, but I still have a few pins and books left and for those who are planning to go to Tulsa and have not got your pins to wear, let me know and I will get you some.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for permitting me the opportunity to report to our Sisters and Brothers on the Eastern Star Journal. I am sorry that I missed most of your year but I know that you had a great time. I missed the hugs. You know that you don't get them on the road, eh! Life is short and there is a lot to learn yet, so I am still broadening my experiences and enjoying it. The novelty hasn't worn off yet.

### **MARION V. CONRAD GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER HEART**

Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

HALITO (Hello in Choctaw-Indian talk). How fortunate we are to belong to such a beautiful Order where we meet beautiful people through SMILES and HUGS, for smiles and hugs are a universal language.

My thanks to Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron for conferring this honour on me - an honour not only for me, but for our Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and for my chapter, Amethyst #28, Halifax. I have tried very hard to carry out my duties but due to health problems I have had to stick close to home.

However, these past two and a half years have gone by quickly. It has been a rewarding time for me. It has been a very special time in my Eastern Star life as I enjoyed the fellowship of all my sisters and brothers. I thank the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the many courtesies and honours extended to me. A special thank you for the Honour Banquet at the "Beacons of Light" Session and for the beautiful HEART jewellery presented to me by my chapter, Amethyst #28. I am wearing the jewellery now. Thank you so much.

Congratulations to Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron (Honourary Member of our Grand Jurisdiction) and Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron on their upcoming installation as Most Worthy

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Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. May you be blessed with good health and many happy memories during your term of office in the General Grand Chapter. My prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to serve our beautiful Order.

May I extend a special greeting to my fellow General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Sister Sheila MacDonald, Credentials; Brother William A. Thompson, Eastern Star Journal; Brother Allen Denton, Shriners Hospital and Sister Belle Pearson, Visionquest. Great to have you here and God bless you, my friends.

There is no better way to show others what Eastern Star is all about than by sharing our beliefs of CHARITY, TRUTH, and LOVING KINDNESS. Season everything with LOVE so that we may always cherish our memories. Strive each day to leave this world a better place than when you found it by finding joy in all of God's wonders.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to say a few words.

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### MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers, we approach our Memorial hour and we invite you to join with us in paying loving tribute to the memory of those of our fraternal family who have preceded us to their eternal Home.

We ask at this time, if for some reason you feel that you cannot stay for this service, please leave quietly.

This is a time of solemnity and dignity as we remember our departed Sisters and Brothers. The Grand Sentinel will be instructed to allow no one to enter or leave the Chapter room once the service has begun.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers, this year we have one link quietly removed from this Grand Jurisdiction in the passing of Sister Ruth Waterbury, Past Grand Matron.

We thank God that it was our honour and privilege to know and love Sister Ruth. We have lost a loyal and true fraternal friend.

We now give our attention to Sister Sheila MacDonald who will pay tribute to Sister Ruth.



M. RUTH WATERBURY  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
1980 - 1981

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**TRIBUTE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED**

**PAST GRAND MATRON  
SISTER M. RUTH WATERBURY**

**PAST MATRON OF EVANGELINE CHAPTER NO. 15  
AND SHOREHAM CHAPTER NO. 59  
AND  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1980-1981**

**PASSED AWAY ON May 27, 2009**

**Tribute to  
Sister M. Ruth Waterbury, Past Grand Matron  
Worthy Grand Matron 1980-1981**

By Sister Sheila MacDonald, Past Grand Matron

Last month, in June all 41 Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction draped the Altar in loving memory of our dear Sister Ruth Waterbury. Ruth fought a strong battle but was called home to her Heavenly Father on May 27, 2009. Over 100 Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers joined a large number of family and friends to bid farewell to our Past Grand Matron on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sister Ruth lived her life devoted to her family, her friends, her church, her community and in no small measure her Eastern Star. She was initiated in Evangeline Chapter #15, Kentville in 1965 and affiliated with Shoreham Chapter # 59, Chester in 1993 when she and Brother Dave moved to Chester and later Mahone Bay. In 1981 together with Brother Chester Turnbull as Worthy Grand Patron, she presided over "The Blossoms of Love" Session. During their years together the Waterbury and Turnbull families became close friends and remained so long after Brother Chester's death. I was always impressed how thoughtfully Sister Ruth and Brother Dave looked after Sister Dora. Sister Ruth served as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Education for the 1997-2000 Triennium.

During our time of preparation for our Grand Session, Brother Dave and I were often amused by the stories and experiences Sister Ruth so often shared with us. Sister Ruth loved to travel, even when Brother Dave would stay at home with his boat. She joined us on Sister Shirley MacLean's bus tour to Portland, Oregon in 2003 and last October I invited myself into her Hotel room of 4 to make it 5 at the Grand Chapter of Quebec. We had a wonderful time. She didn't miss many Grand Chapters and enjoyed most, those when she and Dave could Waltz around the room during the entertainment.

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Sister Ruth always supported and encouraged those who desired to serve this Grand Chapter. Her home was always open to anyone who needed a place to stay and you were always sure of a delicious meal and good conversation.

Sister Ruth will be sadly missed by her husband of 64 years, Brother David, Past Grand Patron, her 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and her chapters, Evangeline #15 and Shoreham #59. We will all miss her presence among us.

*The Angels sang "Amazing Grace."  
The Lord came down and touched her face,  
He held her hand and whispered low,  
"Come with me its time to go."*

*The gates of Heaven opened wide,  
And the angels lined up side by side.  
A special gift was on her way,  
The day God took our Sister away.*

### DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, assisted by the Grand Chaplain, you will drape the Altar in loving memory of our dear departed Sister.

**Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain:** Let us pray:

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Sister Ruth Waterbury, Past Grand Matron, fraternal friend and Sister who was so near and dear to us, and who has been taken from us.

We thank you for the leadership, fraternal love, and for the peace that Sister Ruth always exemplified wherever she travelled on The Star Trail and the community at large. We pray that nothing good in Sister Ruth's life will be lost or forgotten but will be of benefit to the world. That all that was important to her will be respected by those who follow; and everything in which she was great will continue to mean much to us now that she has left this earthly life.

We ask that she may go on living in her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family and her friends, in their hearts and minds.

We ask you that we who were close to Sister Ruth because of her death be even closer to each other and that we may in peace, love and fraternal love and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death. We pray for ourselves in our sorrow, that we not try to minimize this loss or seek refuge from it in words alone, but seek solace in one another so that we do not become isolated in our grief.

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May God give us courage and faith that because of God's love for us that we will be united again in that "place not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." We ask this in the name of the risen Lord. Amen

All members took part in the singing of "*Abide With Me*" in loving memory of Sister Ruth.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** District Deputy Grand Matrons,  
You will gather in the East, to the left of the Grand Treasurer, for placement of Christmas Angel ornaments on our Christmas tree in memory of our dear departed Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction.

This symbolism shall represent "*that I believe these angels are among us - always*".

The Grand Organist softly played a Christmas tune as the District Deputies gathered at the Christmas tree.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Grand Secretary, you will now read the Scroll of names of our dearly departed members of our subordinate chapters.

While the Grand Secretary read the Scroll of departed members, the District Deputy Grand Matrons placed angels on the tree as each name was read.

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

While the Scroll was being placed on the Altar by the Grand Marshal, the choir sang, "*Angels We Have Heard on High*".

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SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS: 2008-2009

**CEDAR #3**

Shirley Smith

**KEYSTONE #5**

Richard Comtois

**CENTURY #10**

Merle Meunier  
Jean Chisholm  
Leslie MacLellan  
Wilma Gibson

**QUEENELIZABETH #14**

Ellen Munro  
Beatrice (Betty) Balcom  
Robert MacPherson

**EVANGELINE #15**

Myrtle Schofield  
Marion Boudreau  
Norina MacLeod  
Mary Teal  
Hazel Foote  
Julia Heald  
Ruth Waterbury

**BRITANNIA #18**

Ruth Mason  
Christene Hepper

**VICTORIA #19**

Evelyn MacIver  
Kathleen MacDermid  
Sadie MacLean  
Margaret MacRae  
Daniel MacAulay  
Olive MacKay

**MYRTLE #21**

Irene Grant  
Evelyn Simpson  
Stella Relf  
Shirley Smith

**CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)**

Olga MacArthur  
Judy Tremere  
Mae MacDougall

**WESTVILLE #24**

Ralph Graham

**HARMONY #25**

Nellie Cameron  
Clifford Cameron  
Norma McLaughlin

**MUNRO #26**

Florence Blinkhorn

**KWEBEC #27**

Lillian Bowser

**AMETHYST #28**

Helen Legge  
John Powroz  
Jean Dellapinna

**ANNAVAL #31**

Marguerite Hankinson

**ST. MARY'S #35**

Carol Graham  
Carl (Jack) Perry

**DR. GORDON**

**MACLEOD #37**

Anna Hart  
Ferne MacDonald

**MYSTIC STAR #40**

Elmer Brownell  
Mary Perry  
Jean Dellapinna  
Jean Slauenwhite

**ARMCREST #45**

Myrtle Deal  
Thelma Low

**SCOTIA #49**

Carol Little

**REGENT #52**

Evelyn MacEwen  
Neva MacEwen  
Albert Timmons

**ELMSDALE #55**

Catherine Grant

**EMERALD #58**

Anna Ruth Isnor  
Dorothy Archibald  
William Jones

**SHOREHAM #59**

Mary Perry  
Ruth Waterbury

**ATLANTIC #65**

Melvin McGuire  
Ina Swan  
Frank Fiske

**STARLIGHT #66**

Norma Long-Murray  
Madelaine Smith  
Faye Gillis

**CRESCENT #70**

Wendell Williams  
Carl (Jack) Perry  
Enos Demings  
Marjorie Huskilson

**PEARLE #71**

Allison MacBride

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### **Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain:**

Our heavenly Father, author of our Faith, thou who has been with us in all our endeavours and in all our ways, we thank you for the lives of our Sisters and Brothers who have encircled our lives in that vast Golden Chain which now has become broken in their dying.

Their examples of goodness, kindly deeds, fraternal love and friendship will be sorely missed but never be forgotten. Each of us will carry a cherished memory or memories for these Sisters and Brothers, as we remember them and pay tribute to their work in this beautiful Order. Help us to serve thee as they have served.

We have placed their names upon the sacred Altar and have placed their names of those we love in a sacred place - in our hearts.

*One by one the Links are severed,  
From the golden chain of life;  
One by one our Order's forming  
In the Father's house above.*

*Let our deeds be pure and noble  
May our lives be not in vain  
So that when the links are welded  
Complete again will be our chain.*

Rest in peace Dear Sisters and Brothers. Amen

### **STAR POINT CEREMONY**

The Star Point Officers proceeded to the west, lined up in their order with their candles, mechanical, (not lighted) and the lights in the chapter room were turned down low). They then presented their tribute which was printed on angel folders of the Star Point Colors.

Sister Adah:

This Blue light,  
like the blue of the heavens  
to which we raise our eyes  
when we think of the ones who have gone to our Father's place,  
I light now, in loving tribute to our Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Ruth:

Like warm sunshine in our hearts,  
Is the memory of those whose labours  
In this earthly field have ended,  
I light this yellow candle in loving memory of our departed ones.

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Sister Esther:

White - speaks to us of the celestial state of our loved ones  
and so with pure and loving thoughts  
and in reverent memory of our Sisters and Brothers

I light this candle.

Sister Martha:

The hope of Immortality is associated with the evergreen,  
So would we believe, that those of our fraternal household wait for us.  
In memory of kindly deeds of those gone before,

I light this candle.

Sister Electa:

The warmth of loving acts shall permeate even to the soul.  
The fervency of Electa's prayer and our affection  
for our departed members is represented as

I light this candle.

The star points, after their presentation, holding their now lighted candles proceeded to the Christmas tree, where a Menorah awaits for them to put their candles in.

The Grand Choir sang "*Angels from the Realms of Glory*"

When the Star Points returned to their stations, the Grand Chaplain offered a closing prayer at the Altar. As the Grand Chaplain returned to her station the Grand Organist played "*The Lord is My Shepherd*" and Sister Marian Durling sang "*The Lord is My Shepherd*".

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**CLOSING**

3:15 p.m.: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from labour to rest to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 8, 2009**

**9:00 a.m.:** Grand Chapter was called to order by: Sister Sheila MacDonald, G.G.C.C.M. (14) and Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. (66)

**Sister Sheila MacDonald, G.G.C.C.M.:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers!

I have been given the honour, along with Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. to open this Grand Chapter Session on the final day of deliberations. A very warm welcome is extended to everyone present on the last day of this wonderful "Memories of Christmas" Session. To our own Sisters and Brothers and all those visiting from other Jurisdictions near and far, welcome! I hope everyone enjoyed the delicious Banquet and the entertainment - Brother Allan Conrad, you must have felt good performing among all those Cape Bretoners!

The most important business of Grand Chapter is the election of the new Officers that will lead us through the next year. May we be given Divine guidance with our selections as we pray that our beautiful Order will be blessed and prosper. I am honoured to have a fellow Cape Bretoner assist me this morning. Brother Lew, you lost your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Irene Liggins shortly after your installation and I am sure she would be proud of the manner in which Sister Margaret Clarke, Acting Worthy Grand Matron, and you carried out her plans. We would like to hear from you now Brother Lewis.

**Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P.:** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers:

It is indeed an honour to have been asked by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted to assist in calling to order this Wednesday morning "Memories of Christmas" formal session, and for the privilege of sharing the East with Past Grand Matron, Sister Sheila MacDonald.

May I also welcome all visitors and Distinguished Guests who have come to be with us and may you take back with you many fond memories of your stay with us.

Also, a hearty welcome to our own Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, who continue show an interest in the welfare of our Order.

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

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

**Sister Sheila, G.G.C.C.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted welcome to the final day of your "Memories of Christmas" Session. Thank you for allowing me to preside on this important day of legislation.

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Sister Edith, congratulations on all your accomplishments and thank you for giving us 'Christmas' for the whole year. You are a most dedicated member and I am sure you must hold the record for the most visits to all Chapters in this Jurisdiction during your four years on the line to this high position. Tomorrow is the day that you can relax and join the Past Grands, and I am sure you will have beautiful 'Memories' and always be very visible in our Chapters.

Brother Ted, I know you have enjoyed your year as Worthy Grand Patron and have endeared yourself to the members with your wit and teasing nature. You are lucky to have a District Deputy Grand Matron keep you on the straight and narrow. And I want to thank you for bringing back the Penguins!

**Brother Lewis, P.G.P.:** It is nice to see you at the Altar and I know that you are anxious to get to the East and start your day.

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

Sister Edith and Brother Ted were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

**Sister Sheila, G.G.C.C.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am happy to present you with your Gavel on this most important day of your "Memories of Christmas" Session. I know you will use it wisely and well.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sister Sheila and Brother Lewis, thank you for opening the session this morning on the day that we elect our new slate of Officers. Brother Lewis, my first appointment was as District Deputy Grand Matron in your Grand Family and Sister Sheila you were on the line then. I am proud to call both of you my friends. Sister Sheila, thank you for presenting my gavel to me. Please accept this gift of appreciation.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Sister Sheila and Brother Lewis, thank you for calling this Wednesday session to order. Today is a big day, the day we elect a new slate of officers to manage the affairs of this Grand Chapter. Brother Lewis, please accept this token of my appreciation.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** The Grand Officers will assume their Stations.

Sister Julia Dunn, P.M. (61) sang "*I Praise Your Name*" to Sister Edith and Brother Ted.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

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**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers, I hope you all had a good rest last night. This is an important day in the history of our Grand Chapter as we elect those that will lead us over the next few years.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Sisters and Brothers, we will start the nominations and elections at 9:30 a.m. Have your ballots ready. I request that all voting members be seated on the north side of the Grand Chapter room, and if more room is required, you may be seated in the north west.

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

**Sister Gladys Hobson, Worthy Matron and Brother David Hobson, Worthy Patron** of Fairfield Chapter #22 were presented in the west and welcomed by Sister Edith and Brother Ted and escorted to the East.

### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTE:**

1. Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children they are all thirty feet tall.
2. Christmas is not a date, it is a state of mind.

### 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 Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) and carried.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Helen Graham, P.M., Chairman of Credentials gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) and carried.

<b>Members:</b>	<b>385</b>
<b>Visitors:</b>	<b><u>128</u></b>
<b>Total registered to date:</b>	<b>513</b>

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

### APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Co-Chairman: Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49)

#### Group A

Brother Gordon Schultz, P.P. (61)  
Sister Iris Coolen, P.M. (40)  
Sister Iris Newman, P.M. (28)  
Brother Morley Robinson, P.P. (67)

#### Group B

Sister Eleanor Decker, P.M. (55)  
Sister Carolyn Galley Card, P.M. (67)  
Brother William Jackson (10)  
Brother Alvin Blair, P.P. (15)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010**

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2009-2010: Sister Stella Trask, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Zeke Eaton, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Frank Cullen, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress.

**The following were nominated:**

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. (48)  
Sister Sharon Layton, P.M. (45)

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (67) - elected by acclamation.

**The following were elected for the ensuing year:**

Sister Mary Lou Higgins was elected Associate Grand Conductress  
Brother Fred Lipskey was elected Grand Sentinel

**PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP**

**Sister Gladys Pierce, Past Grand Matron and Brother Everett Pierce, Past Grand Patron of British Columbia and Yukon** were escorted to the East and presented with Honourary Memberships by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Both Sister Gladys and Brother Everett thanked this Grand Jurisdiction for the honour and wished all a "Merry Christmas".

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

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

The ESTARL Committee Members: Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67) Chairman; Brother George Myles, P.P. (28); Brother Donald Medcraft, P.P. (31); Brother Charles Paterson, P.P. (55); Sister Nora Moxsom, P.M. (55).

**Sister Marion Robinson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

It has been my great pleasure to serve on this Committee for the last five years and I would like to thank Past Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn Swinamer and Past Grand Patron, Brother Allan Conrad for giving me this opportunity. I shall miss being part of this very special project. My fellow Committee Members are: Brother George Myles, Brother Donald Medcraft, Brother Charles Paterson and Sister Nora Moxsom.

When we met in November, 2008 we reviewed 24 applications and the funds available were lower than in the previous years. Unfortunately only 22 of the applicants qualified who received awards of \$650.00 each. This brought the total amount issued since 1954 to \$514,824.00 to 685 students. This is an amazing accomplishment and we thank all Chapters for their support. Many recipients send letters and cards of thanks.

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The two applications that did not qualify in November were for music students. It is sad to refuse any request especially when we the Committee feel it may be that our forms do not clearly state what the exact terms of reference are for those applying for Church music awards.

This has prompted the Committee to recommend that specific criteria as set out in the C.L.&R. for Church Music be included with the application form.

We also recommend that all application forms, transcripts, thank you cards, letters and any other paper work more than seven years old be disposed of by two or more members of the Committee in a manner approved by Grand Chapter.

The Committee asks this in the hope that the Chairperson of the Committee each year does not have to take custody of all this paperwork stored in a suitcase dating back to 1984 which is becoming quite cumbersome and heavy.

Sister Marion Robinson moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Brother George Myles, P.P. (28) and the motion was carried.

### **Awards listed by University**

#### **Atlantic School of Theology:**

Juanita Barteaux	Andrew Mortimer
Melissa Drummond	Lori Beth Sheffield
Alison Etter	Catherine Stuart
Rosemary Godin	Mary Taylor
Ricky Marsh	Kyle Wagner

#### **Acadia Divinity College:**

Chad Clements	Seth Moore
David Cumby	Vanessa Moore
Michael Fredericks	Matthew Snow
Gregory Monette	

#### **McGill Presbyterian College:**

Brian MacDonald

#### **Emmanuel College:**

Jennifer Carver

#### **Knox College:**

Michael Walker

#### **Huron University College:**

Rebecca Bates

#### **Regent College:**

Michael Vlahos

## **MOTIONS**

1. A motion was made by Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67) and seconded by Brother George Myles, P.P. (28) that specific criteria as set out in the C.L.&R. for Church music be included with the application form. The motion was carried.

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2. Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67) moved that all application forms, transcripts, thank you cards, letters and any other paper work more than seven years old be disposed of by two or more members of the ESTARL Committee in a manner approved by Grand Chapter. This motion was seconded by Brother George Myles, P.P. (28) and the motion was carried.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

**Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Carrying out the duties of Grand Chaplain this year has been a positive learning experience for me of making new friends, especially in this Grand Family, and visitations to numerous chapters and participation in the Exchanges and Schools of Instruction.

I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted for this appointment. I was blessed indeed for such an Honour.

Honourable mention is extended to Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, for her patience and guidance during the year. Thank-you, Sister Betty Ann.

Sympathy in sorrow to Sisters and Brothers who had lost loved ones were expressed on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

Seventy-one condolences (five having dual membership) were sent out in this Grand Jurisdiction and ninety- five sympathy in sorrow messages were sent to the following Grand Chapters in Canada, the United States of America and Australia.

#### Canada:

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - 66	
Alberta -1	Ontario - 2
British Columbia and Yukon -3	Quebec - 2
Manitoba -2	Saskatchewan - 1
New Brunswick -1	

#### Grand Chapters in the United States of America:

Alabama - 1	Minnesota - 2
Arkansas - 3	Mississippi - 2
California - 5	Missouri - 3
Colorado - 2	Montana - 5
Connecticut - 1	Nebraska - 1
Delaware - 3	New Jersey - 1
District of Columbia - 2	New Mexico - 2
Florida - 2	North Carolina - 1
Georgia - 1	North Dakota - 4
Idaho - 1	Ohio - 3
Indiana - 1	Oregon - 1
Iowa - 4	Pennsylvania - 3

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Kansas - 1	Rhode Island - 3
Kentucky - 4	Tennessee - 1
Louisiana - 1	Texas - 2
Maine - 6	Utah - 2
Maryland - 1	Vermont - 1
Massachusetts - 2	West Virginia - 2
Wyoming - 2	
And <u>The United Grand Chapter of Australia</u> - 1	

Sister Marianne MacMillan moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3), and the motion was carried.

### JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee: Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) Chairman, Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) and Sister Marion Conrad, G.G.C.C.M. (28)

**Sister Cheryl Denton:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to present the following report.

The duties of the committee are described in the C.L.&R. Article 3, page 27 of the Laws and Regulations of the 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 the District Deputy Grand Matrons held at Kwebec Chapter #27 in Bedford, N.S. on July 19th, 2008. All Ritualistic work and instructions according to the Ritual and C.L.&R. were covered.

Members of this committee were in attendance at the three Schools of Instruction held for the Subordinate Chapters:

1. Saturday, September 13th, 2008 hosted by Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth, N.S.
2. Saturday, September 20th, 2008 hosted by Century Chapter #10, New Glasgow, N.S.
3. Saturday, September 27th, 2008 hosted by Annaval Chapter #31, Middleton, N.S.

The Grand Officers presented and performed their Ritualistic work in an exemplary manner. These Schools were well attended and many questions were asked by members and answered by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

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 C.L.&R. and with a few minor changes found them to be correct.

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All questions involving the C.L.&R. were referred to the Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Edith, W.G.M. and Brother Ted, W.G.P. contacted the Jurisprudence Committee several times throughout the year and we were pleased to assist and confirm their decisions. The Worthy Grand Matron has listed in her report questions and answers she discussed with us before she had made her decisions.

We received and reviewed the Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters and for the District Deputy Grand Matrons from Sister Stella Trask, A.G.M. and found all to be in good order. We met with Sister Stella and Brother Zeke Eaton regarding these on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to give them our approval with a few minor corrections.

We 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. 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 2008-2009 and say "Well done thy good and faithful servants". Their co-operation with this committee has been much appreciated.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the privilege of working on this committee. I wish to personally thank Brother Adrian and Sister Marion 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.

### **REMARKS**

#### **BROTHER ALLEN DENTON GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER SHRINER'S HOSPITAL**

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

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for this opportunity to speak for a moment on the committee for Shriner's Hospital of which I am a part.

I especially thank Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron for the honour you have not only bestowed upon me but also for this Grand Jurisdiction and St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, N.S.

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I congratulate all the other appointees for this Triennium and I am very pleased to be part of this distinguished group. I extend special congratulations to Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, on your election to this high office and what you are about to undertake for this next Triennium with Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. My goodness how lucky can this Jurisdiction get! May God bless you, Brother Fred, with safe travels and every success.

This is the end of a particular journey in my Eastern Star life and it has been most fulfilling and educational. The Shriner's Hospital is a most worthy cause. What greater achievement can we attain in our lives than to help a needy child.

I would like to thank all the chapters for the courtesies extended to me. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

Also, I would like to congratulate all the General Grand Chapter appointments in our jurisdiction for the ensuing Triennium made by Brother Fred and Sister Rennie. May all your hopes and dreams be realized and may God bless you all.

Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to make a few remarks.

### **ISABELLE PEARSON GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER VISIONQUEST**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, especially our own Brother Fred, all Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to submit my final report as Chairman of Visionquest for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, for the opportunity to do so.

During the past year I have continued to visit the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and was invited to speak to many concerning the important mission of Visionquest.

My Sisters and Brothers, the acquisition of new members and retention of existing members is not an option. The future of this beautiful Order depends greatly upon our efforts in this regard.

Our base for membership remains the Masonic Order. I encourage each of you to keep in close contact with your local Lodge to ensure that our Eastern Star Brochure reaches many of the female relatives of new and existing Masons. (You may recall that the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia in 2007 approved the distribution of the OES Brochure by the Lodge Secretary to all newly raised Master Masons.)

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This will only happen if we are diligent in this approach. Our Prince Edward Island Brothers were to follow suit with their Grand Lodge.

I am happy to note that the Information Booklet I compiled is being used and copied by many of the Chapters for new and long term members. Please continue with this initiative.

Over the three years I have visited nearly all the Chapters and while some have experienced an increase in members, the majority, due to deaths and demits, have not.

In closing, let me say that I have enjoyed the duties of this appointment and I thank Sister Barbara Benton, M.W.G.M. and Brother Bill Owen, M.W.G.P. for this honour. I trust that my efforts have been worthwhile and beneficial to the General Grand Chapter.

I move the adoption of this report. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) seconded the motion and it was carried.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 2009**

**Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As Chair of the Arrangements Committee for General Grand Chapter, and of behalf of the other Committee members: Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M, on Favours; Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. on Social; Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. on Transportation; and Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. on Housing - I wish to present the following report.

As this is a very special Triennium for our Grand Chapter, members going to Tulsa, are being asked by Sister Marian Durling to take small Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Canadian flags for the Installation Ceremony of Brother Fred as Most Worthy Grand Patron. As well, members are encouraged to take, as usual, small favours for passing out to Sisters and Brothers from other Jurisdictions at luncheons, banquets, etc.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Moonlight Madness Banquet, Entertainment, etc. which is co-hosted by Texas and Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island Grand Jurisdictions, and Sister Marion Miller is asking our members to please order their tickets for this event as soon as possible. Although the cut-off date for tickets is October 1st, the sooner reservations are received, the easier for the Banquet Committee. (Also, just a reminder to the 2009-2012 Ambassadors, Committee Members, and Tri-Line Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons, that Sisters Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M and Jane Wooldridge, A.G.C. are requesting that you order your tickets for the two special luncheons as soon as possible. Tickets for all these three

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events are payable in US Funds only, to "Fred's Crew".) Sister Marion was also asked to look after a Hospitality Room for our jurisdiction, along with New Brunswick and Texas. Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. has agreed to co-chair, and they are waiting for a volunteer from New Brunswick. Volunteers will be needed during the session; and the open hours will depend upon the assistance given by members. This venture should be a saving to members by providing refreshments for a nominal fee.

Enquiries were made by Sister Marylyn Swinamer re the possibility of a charter plane, however this is not possible through the airlines. (The only charters are ones operated by the airlines themselves to tourist areas, where they have persons waiting to return to Canada.)

In order for tickets to be reserved as a group, it would be necessary for Sister Marylyn to make a deposit of at least \$60 per person to hold tickets for two weeks; and if the tickets were not purchased, the deposit would be forfeited. (We had been spoiled when our late Sister Shirley MacLean was arranging our trips, as she looked after all this.)

Shortly before Christmas, a number of members took advantage of a seat sale, and since then, most members have booked their own flights depending on which days they are travelling. A letter was sent by Sister Marylyn to all chapters informing members that travel agents in two CAA Offices would inform members of seat sales if they called the numbers provided in the letter. However, in this "internet age" many members act as their own travel agents, and book their tickets online from home.

During the year, Sister Megan Church asked to be relieved of her Housing duties, and Sister Violet Blair replaced her. Sister Vi sent a letter to all of our chapters, as well as to the Grand Secretary of New Brunswick re the Housing Arrangements at the Crowne Plaza in Tulsa. She has had a few calls re the arrangements and replied to all. In less than four months, many of our members will be in Tulsa for "Council Fires", the 46th Triennial Assembly, which will culminate with the Installation of Sister Rennie and Brother Fred as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, on November 5th. We wish for them, and their General Grand Chapter Family, all the best in the next three years, as they represent our beautiful Order, throughout the Eastern Star world.

Our thanks to Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. (and Sister Edith, W.G.M.) for giving us the opportunity to serve on this committee; my own personal thanks to the committee members for all their work; and we all look forward to being with many of our Sisters in Brothers in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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.

**BENEVOLENT**

The Benevolent Committee: Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24) , Chairman; Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. (15), Brother Fred Clarke, P.G.P. (67)

**Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: We the Benevolent Committee wish to submit the following report.

For this fiscal year we had two applications. We were able to grant funds to those two deserving members. The financial report will be found in the Treasurer's report. They both were very appreciative of the help.

At this time we wish to thank both the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for their quick response to our requests. As we all know, when money is needed, it is usually in an emergency situation and a fast response is appreciated.

We wish to remind our members to please let us know of any need where we can be a help to our sisters and brothers. All requests must be made in writing, preferably with a chapter seal, and your committee will give it immediate attention.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish to congratulate you on a very successful Grand Session and wish you both all the best in the future.

Sister Helen Connors moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. and Brother Fred Clarke, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

**Sister Helen, P.G.M.:** Brother Fred, my very best wishes go with you as you continue your journey to the General Grand East.

Brother Keith, first let me grant you my sincere congratulations on your marriage and secondly on your appointment as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member.

I am very honoured to be standing in the middle of two such distinguished gentlemen. All my best always.

**HISTORIAN**

**Sister Margaret J. Allen, P.M. (3):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

***61<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER  
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
"BEACONS OF LIGHT"  
Oak Island Resort & Spa  
Western Shore, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

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*Worthy Grand Matron*  
*Annie Mae Backman*

*Worthy Grand Patron*  
*Whitman Giffin*

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

**2007 - 2008**

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<i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Annie Mae Backman (8)</i>
<i>Worthy Grand Patron</i>	-	<i>Mr. Whitman Giffin (59)</i>
<i>Associate Grand Matron</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Edith Conrod (61)</i>
<i>Associate Grand Patron</i>	-	<i>Mr. Tabor (Ted) Caulier (27)</i>
<i>Grand Secretary</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)</i>
<i>Grand Treasurer</i>	-	<i>Ms. Dorothy Powroz (28)</i>
<i>Grand Conductress</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Stella Trask (35)</i>
<i>Associate Grand Conductress</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)</i>
<i>Grand Chaplain</i>	-	<i>Mr. Ray Zinck (40)</i>
<i>Grand Marshal</i>	-	<i>Mr. Jack Whalley (35)</i>
<i>Grand Organist</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Eleanor Decker (55)</i>
<i>Grand Adah</i>	-	<i>Ms. Vicki Perry (59)</i>
<i>Grand Ruth</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Phyllis Jarvis (15)</i>
<i>Grand Esther</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Bernice Webb (27)</i>
<i>Grand Martha</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Margaret Fisher (34)</i>
<i>Grand Electa</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Shirley Moir (45)</i>
<i>Grand Warder</i>	-	<i>Mr. George Hill (67)</i>
<i>Grand Sentinel</i>	-	<i>Mr. R. G. (Zeke) Eaton (IPEI)</i>

**EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS**

*Grand Secretary Emeritus – Mrs. Hazel MacLeod (45)*

*Grand Treasurer Emeritus – Mr. Cecil Decker (55)*

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

<i>District #1</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)</i>
<i>District #2</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Stella Trask (35)</i>
<i>District #3</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Edith Conrod (61)</i>
<i>District #4</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Wilma Verge (58)</i>
<i>District #5</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Stella Myra (8)</i>
<i>District #6</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Mabel Haynes (2)</i>
<i>District #7</i>	-	<i>Mrs. Fran Harding (52)</i>

**“BEACONS OF LIGHT” DEDICATION**

This 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Session, “Beacons of Light” is lovingly dedicated to the late Sister Alice Cole, P.G.M., 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.

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**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 Honor Stations:**    ***Secretaries** - Keepers of the lifelines of our Order.  
**Treasurers** - Our Harbour Belles and Bears warning us from the shoals and rocks of financial distress.*

**Our Emblems:**        ***Lighthouse** - in the dark of the 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. – Psalm 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 Colors:**        *Burgundy and soft yellow with silver accents.*

**Our Flower:**        *All shades of the rose.*

**Our Songs:**        *“For the Music of Creation”  
“No Man is An Island”  
“Day By Day and With Each Passing Moment”  
or any appropriate piece – we like all music*

**Our Theme Songs:**    *“Harbour Lights”  
“Anchors A-Weigh”*

**Our Special Project:**    *Special Olympics for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island supported through the sale of ornaments and special “Datebooks.”*

**Our Non-Monetary Project:**    *Hugs and smiles – give lots and lots will come back to you.*

**Our Fun Symbols:**        *The Compass*

The “Beacons of Light” session began with the ESTARL Church Service at Chester United Baptist Church, 84 King Street, Chester, on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 4 p.m. Offering for the service was **\$652.10** which was given to the ESTARL Bursary Fund. Following the ESTARL Church Service at 6 p.m. an “Anchors A-Weigh” banquet and reception was held for the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members.

On Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. the 2007/2008 Grand Family and their escorts were introduced by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. in a meaningful ceremony. Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. rendered a beautiful solo “The Light House” during the placing of the emblems. An impressive Emblem Ceremony with Narrator, Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. followed.

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Those Sisters and Brothers taking part were:

Bible	-	Brother Laurie Myra, PP (8)
Sword and Veil	-	Sister Gloria Turner, PM (8)
Sheaf	-	Sister Harriett Countway (59)
Crown and Sceptre-		Sister Barbara Mosher PM (8)
Broken Column	-	Sister Sheila Levy, PM (8)
Cup	-	Sister Dianne Levy, PM (8)

The meeting was called to order by Sister Sheila MacDonald, G.G.C.C.M. (14) and Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15).

The formations were narrated by Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24) followed by the processional of Grand Officers, D.D.G.M.'s, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, Grand Representatives forming a Lighthouse with a circle of friendship. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented and escorted to the East and given Grand Honours. Brother Charles Teal, P.P. (38) sang a solo "*Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*" to Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

The Grand Chaplain, Brother Ray Zinck gave the Invocation prayer. The presentation of the flags was under the direction of Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. and tributes were given to the Canadian Flag and the United States of America Flag.

Introductions of distinguished guests followed and we were honoured to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron with us at this time. They were introduced along with:

**Nine** elected and **Six** appointed General Grand Chapter Officers including our own Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

**Forty-one** General Grand Chapter Committee members including our own Sister Marion Conrad, Heart; Brother Allen Denton, Shriners Hospital; Sister Sheila MacDonald, Credentials; Sister Isabelle Pearson, Visionquest; Brother William Thompson, Jr., OES Journal.

A short address followed from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen.

Greetings were brought as follows:

**Federal Greetings** - The Honourable Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament.

**Provincial Greetings** - The Honourable Judy Streach, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia.

**Civic Greetings** - Mr. Allan Webber, Warden, Municipality of the District of Chester.

**Host Facility** - Ms. Daveda Savory, Catering Services Manager, Oak Island Resort & Spa.

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**Masonic Greetings** - Most Worshipful Brother Roy Lively, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia  
- Most Worshipful Brother David Mosher, Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island

**Shrine Greetings** - Illustrious Sir Shane MacFarlane, Potentate of Philae Temple of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Daughters of the Nile** - Queen Ruby MacKenzie, Queen of Athena Temple #149

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron made a presentation to the Special Olympics for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, their Special Project of 2007-2008 in the amount of **\$27,072.81** with more to come.

### **Other Presentations**

At this time introductions followed:

**Eight** Worthy Grand Matrons and **five** Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced;

1. **Eighteen** Past Grand Matrons and **ten** Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
2. **Eighteen** Past Grand Matrons and **twelve** Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions;
3. **Twenty-six** Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions;
4. **One** Emeritus Grand Officer.
5. **Four** District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
6. **Three** Visiting District Grand Officers from Other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced;
7. **Thirty-seven** Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
8. **Sixteen** Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Jurisdiction;
9. **Nine** Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions.
10. **Seven** General Grand Chapter Special Appointments, "Friend of a Feather."
11. **Thirty** Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Grand Jurisdiction and
12. **Seven** Visiting Grand Chapter Committee Members
13. **Seventeen** Subordinate Chapter Secretaries
14. **Ten** Subordinate Chapter Treasurers
15. Presentation of the Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Grand Choir and Soloists
16. **Forty-three** 2007-2008 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
17. **Seventeen** Hostess Chapters – Convenors, Members and Committees

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### Formal Opening

The formal opening began with the placing of the emblems. The formations were done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

The Rules of Order were read by the Parliamentarian, Brother William Clark, P.G.P.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were read and accepted.

Sister JoAnne Giffin, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron was presented with a Grand Representative Commission to Quebec. She was introduced by the Worthy Grand Matron and accorded Grand Honours.

### Notices of Motions

Notices of Motion presented at this Grand Session:

1. **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 1<sup>st</sup> falls on Monday then it shall be held the following (2<sup>nd</sup>) 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.”

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 1<sup>st</sup> falls on Monday then it shall be held the following (2<sup>nd</sup>) week.*” The amendment was carried.

An amendment to this motion was made by Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP (25) and seconded by Sister Marian Durling, PGM (61) to insert between the words “can and house” “*wherever possible.*”

An amendment to this amendment was made by Brother Owen Walton, PP (61) to add after the word “held” “*become effective July, 2011*”. It was seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, RWAGP. This amendment was defeated.

An amendment to this amendment was made by Brother Bill Cox, PP (30) and seconded by Sister Doreen Edgar, PM (58) to add after the word “held” “*to take effect in 2012*”. This amendment was defeated. **The original motion with the first amendment was defeated.**

- 1B 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.” Motion was defeated.

2. **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.” **Motion withdrawn.**
3. **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 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.  
**This motion was withdrawn.**
4. 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.” **This motion was declared out of order.**
5. That **“a Committee be struck to consider changing the dates of the Grand Chapter Session for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island from... ‘the first Tuesday and Wednesday, with the informal opening on Monday, of the first full week in July, except in the years when July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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’. **The motion was defeated.**
6. **“The fifty year and over members in years of service be presented at the informal opening having been seated together.” Motion Carried.**
7. **The Ballot from the Book of Instructions for subordinate Chapter Article 22, The Ballot page 42:**

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- 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 retired 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. This motion was withdrawn.

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

a) Second line: **change** the date of **July 15<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>**

b) Last line: **change** the date of **August 15<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>s</sup>**. **The motion was carried.**

At this time remarks were given by Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Brother Allen Denton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Shriner’s Hospital; Brother Bill Thompson, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Eastern Star Journal; Sister Marion Conrad, General Grand Chapter Committee member – Heart; Sister Sheila MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Credentials; Sister Isabelle Pearson; General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Visionquest.

The following Committee Reports were heard:

The ESTARL Committee presented **sixteen** awards of **\$1,250.** each for a total of **\$20,000.**

Jurisprudence Report

Financial Report

General Grand Chapter Reception

Publicity – presenting scrapbooks to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

Honourary Memberships were presented to **six** Past Grand Matrons and **seven** Past Grand Patrons from Visiting Grand Jurisdictions.

### **Memorial Service**

A moving service was held under the capable direction of Brother Ray Zinck, Grand Chaplain. A tribute was given in loving memory of Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron by Brother Allison Mitchell, Past Grand Patron.

**One hundred** sympathy cards were sent to other Grand Jurisdiction and **eighty-four** memorial cards to the Chapters in our own jurisdiction on the passing of their members.

### **Election of Officers for 2008 – 2009**

Election of Officers took place on Wednesday morning and the following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2008-2009: Sister Edith

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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 elected for the ensuing year: Sister Jane Wooldridge elected Associate Grand Conductress by acclamation; Brother Frank Cullen was elected Grand Sentinel.

The following reports were presented to the Grand Chapter while waiting for the results of the election:

Benevolent, Historian, Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project, International Headquarters Fund, Librarian, Eastern Star Journal, Fred's Crew, Membership.

In the afternoon the following reports were presented:

Fraternal Correspondence, Courtesy, Program Booklet, Crafts and Treasures - **\$661.25**, and Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2009.

Halifax Chapter (#7) presented **\$500.00** to the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project, "*Special Olympics*" when they surrendered their Charter.

A special announcement was made by Brother Fred W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter stating that **sixteen** Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Members; **three** special appointments, **one** appointed General Grand Chapter Officer. A total of **twenty-two** members from this Grand Jurisdiction will serve General Grand Chapter in 2009-2012.

Sister Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron was presented with a 50-year pin at the Wednesday afternoon session.

**Twenty-eight** 50 and 50-plus members were assembled in the West, introduced, and presented with a silk rose. Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton rendered a beautiful solo, "**O Radiant Star**".

Also presented were the Grand Organist and Assistant, Grand Choir and Soloists.

The final report of the Credential Committee was **204** visitors and **323** from our Grand Jurisdiction for a grand total of **527**.

Several social events and meetings took place during the session.

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### Highlights of the year:

A School of Instruction was held July 21, 2007 for the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Jurisprudence Committee

Three Schools of Instructions were held for the Subordinate Chapters.

September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	-	Pearle #71
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	-	Century #10
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2007	-	Mystic Star #40

Made **forty-three** Official Visits

**Thirty-one** Grand Representative appointments were recommended. **Twenty-eight** were appointed.

Attended Grand Chapter of New Brunswick

Guest at a picnic held by Unity Lodge in Lunenburg

Attended a Visionquest Conference in Truro, also a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in New Glasgow.

Presented several 50 and 60 Year Pins.

Attended International Weekend in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Shriner's Installation, Daughters of the Nile Installation, Maritime/Maine Exchange, Maritime Exchange, several Chapter Anniversaries, the Can-Am Weekend in Montreal, Quebec.

Addressed the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Truro and Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island in Cornwall, PEI.

Farewells were given by Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit followed by the recessional of the 2007-2008 Grand Officers.

The Installation of the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Officers was carried out by Sister Marian Durling, Past Grand Matron assisted by several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. A total of **twenty-three** Worthy Matrons and **eighteen** Worthy Patrons were welcomed by Sister Edith and Brother Ted.

Congratulations Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit. You have had a wonderful, enthusiastic and successful year. The spirit of love was always present in your Official Visits. During the year you have given generously of your time and talents and your motto, "Live, Love, Laugh" has been your constant companion.

It was moved by Sister Margaret Allen and seconded by Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3) that the Historian's report be accepted. The motion was carried.

### **INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (formerly TEMPLE FUND)**

The Committee Members are: Sister Bernice Webb, P.M. (27) Chairman; Sister Marves Mansfield, P.M. (45) and Sister Helen Fisher, P.M. (48).

**Sister Marves Mansfield:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

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We your committee on the International Headquarters are pleased to submit the following report.

A letter was sent to our Grand Secretary for mailing purposes requesting each Chapter to send a remittance of \$7.50 for each new or affiliated member for this year.

We also reminded the Chapters of the 100th anniversary celebrations September 11-13, 2009 to be held in Washington, D.C. this year.

We wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith Conrad and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier for the honour of serving on this committee for this year.

Sister Marves Mansfield moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Sister Julia Baker (45) and the motion was carried.

### **EASTERN STAR JOURNAL**

The Committee Members: Brother Dennis Hagen, P.P. (61), Chairman, Sister Carol Pettigrew, P.M. (15) and Sister Doris Hillier, P.M. (58), Sister Freda Ells, P.M. (14), Sister Violet Fraser, P.M. (47), Sister Elizabeth Dean, P.M. (30) 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 2008-2009:

There were over 30 articles/photos submitted to the editor, Jean Keller. This year there was an increase also in the number of submissions from O.E.S. members directly to the editor in Oklahoma. (The exact number is unknown as we are only aware of the published ones that appear in the Eastern Star Journal, unless a copy is provided to our committee).

As before, new subscriptions to the Journal were encouraged and it appears that more members were interested in acquiring copies for themselves.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year for our appointments as Grand Chapter Committee Members on the Eastern Star Journal. As Chairperson, I feel very confident in saying it has been a very successful three years.

At this time I wish to thank my Committee Members for their contributions and a very special thanks to Brother Bill Thompson, G.G.C.C.M., Eastern Star Journal for all his guidance and assistance with the Eastern Star Journal editing.

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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 and Sister Carol Pettigrew, P.M. (#15) seconded the motion and it 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:**

I am so pleased to be able to report on behalf of Fred's Crew. We are looking forward to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in November, when Sister Rennie and Brother Fred will be installed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of our beautiful Order. We are holding a general meeting on Saturday, September 19th, following the second School of Instruction. We hope to see a good number of you there at this meeting. We want to encourage you all to come to Oklahoma to be with us to wave our Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island flags and celebrate this wonderful event.

At our meeting in September, we will be bringing you an up-to-date financial report and plans for our participation in this Installation. We encourage you all, even if you can't come to Tulsa to attend this meeting and help us finalize our plans.

Once again we had a Silent Auction this year and we thank you for your support. We realized \$500.00 from this event. Remember, all monies left over after the General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas, will be divided between Texas Grand Chapter and ours. We want and need your support financially, but more importantly, your moral support and for those of you going to General Grand - your physical support.

**Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P.** then addressed the Grand Chapter and encouraged all to become members of Fred's Crew for the next three plus years. The membership fee is \$10.00 and can be paid to Sister Irma Maxwell.

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.

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**HOMECOMING FOR BROTHER FRED CLARKE**

**Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M.** (15) gave the following update report on the Homecoming plans for Brother Fred Clarke which will be held on July 4, 2010:

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. and I have met several times since Grand Chapter 2008 formulating plans for Brother Fred's homecoming.

This is where we are at present.

We continue to meet with Bill Wallace, Assistant Manager of the Old Orchard Inn, who is most co-operative.

Banquet: Time: Meet and Greet....4pm  
Seating.....5pm  
Dinner served.....5:30 pm  
Program, etc. to follow

Dinner menu: (meal includes: Appetizer, Entree, Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Tea, Coffee and Water). Seasonal Green Salad, Annapolis Pork Loin (stuffed with apples, sausage, and fresh herbs with a port jus), Strawberry and cream Layer Cake, Tea and Coffee.

For those who are allergic to pork or strawberries, there are alternatives. Also there is a vegetarian menu offered.

When requesting tickets, please mark Special Dinner required - stating allergy.

Actual cost of the Dinner is \$37.62 (this includes 15% gratuity and HST). We need to consider what we will charge for the dinner. As we budgeted for complimentary meals, we recommend that we charge \$40.00.

A short time ago we discovered we were responsible for housing as well.

Now began our discussion with Bill Wallace re housing.

62 rooms are booked at the Old Orchard at the following cost:

1 room with 2 double beds (1 to 4 people)...\$ 135.00...plus tax.

Cots are available at a cost of \$15.00 each.

Committees: Tickets Chairperson.....Marie Black  
Housing Chairpersons.....Shirley and Allan Conrad  
Decorations Chairperson ...LaVerne Porter  
all committees have power to add members..

Letters will be going out to chapters and General Grand Chapter re this information following our Grand Chapter.

We are currently working on projects for the homecoming and will be soliciting your support.

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### LIBRARIAN

**Sister Janet Merry, P.M. (27):** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

As your Librarian for the past season I had only three requests for material - all relating to snowmen and penguins. Unfortunately I had nothing to offer.

Due to the poor response to this Committee over the past years I recommend the Committee "Librarian" be discontinued effective immediately.

There is lots of material in the Library but nothing pertaining to the current year's programs.

Thank you, Sister Edith and Brother Ted, for the appointment. It has been an honour to serve you and this Grand Jurisdiction.

Sister Janet Merry, P.M. moved the adoption of his report. This was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) and the motion was carried.

### MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Janet Merry, P.M. (27) and seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) that the Grand Chapter Librarian Committee be discontinued effective immediately. This motion was tabled until the Jurisprudence Committee can have time to consult the C.L.&R. **The motion was brought to the table and the motion was defeated.**

### FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

**Sister Stella Trask, A.G.M.:**

Once again your Fraternal Correspondent Committee, consisting of Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress, Jane Wooldridge, Associate Grand Conductress and myself, Stella Trask, Associate Grand Matron have been able to travel far and wide without the need of planes, trains or automobiles. From the comfort of our armchairs we were able to discover the many similarities of our jurisdictions as well as learning how each jurisdiction is unique.

Some similarities found in jurisdictions across the world: our Order is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. We look upon the Holy Bible as a source of strength and wisdom as it rests upon the altar in each chapter. We honour the flag of our country at every meeting as we acknowledge the wonderful gifts of freedom we enjoy. We are the largest fraternal group in the world that has both men and women as members.

New York is the oldest independent Grand Chapter being organized in 1869. The emblem is displayed with the white point up.

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New Jersey is the second oldest Independent Grand Chapter being organized in 1870. General Grand Chapter being organized in 1870.

General Grand Chapter is the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest, being organized in 1876 which has jurisdiction over all of North America with the exception of New York and New Jersey. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland is the 4<sup>th</sup> which was organized in 1904. It meets for a one day session twice a year. This Grand Chapter has jurisdiction over Scotland, England, Ireland, New Zealand, India and Africa.

Organized in 1895, the United Grand Chapter of Australia meets biannually. Fraternal Correspondent was developed in 1876 by the Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut to help make closer relationships between Grand Jurisdictions. All jurisdictions support ESTARL as well as many other charities such as Alzheimers, Diabetes, CNIB, Cancer, Arthritis Research, Childhood Language Centers, March of Dimes, Heart Disease and many other worthwhile causes.

Arkansas is the only Grand Chapter to meet in December. The District of Columbia meets in May, with 8 chapters, it is the smallest Grand Jurisdiction in the United States. Oklahoma was organized in 1889 while it was still Indian territory. Puerto Rico is the smallest, Michigan is the oldest and Australia is the youngest jurisdiction. The Rob Morris home is located in LaGrange, Kentucky and the Rob Morris little red schoolhouse is located in Mississippi.

Unfortunately many jurisdictions are sharing common problems such as declining membership and lack of attendance despite the serious efforts being made by all jurisdictions to address these issues.

On a positive note, the beautiful principles of our Order remain constant and the fraternal spirit of love is very much alive. Our Sisters and Brothers have a great commitment, work hard and strive to make our world a better place.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, we thank you for the privilege of serving as your Fraternal Correspondent Committee.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Stella Trask, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Marion Buchan, Grand Conductress. The motion was carried.

### **PUBLICITY**

The members of the Publicity Committee: Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. (70), Chairman, 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), Sister Rowena Marsters, P.M. (22), Brother Ralph McKay, P.P. (18), Sister Helen Nicholson, P.M. (1PEI).

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

Your Publicity Committee wishes to present the following report.

I wish to thank all these members you chose to serve on the Committee for their help and support.

Firstly, we wish to thank all the Members of Subordinate Chapters who responded so favourably by sending in **many** pictures and articles for your "Memories of Christmas" albums. Every chapter in our Jurisdiction submitted something for these albums.

As we gathered pictures and articles for the albums we realized they would not fit in the original albums, therefore you each have an album with a page (or two) for each Chapter, plus another album with pictures of special events, celebrations of Anniversaries, Birthdays, ESTARL services, Exchanges, visits to other Jurisdictions, etc.

In addition you have a scrapbook of newspaper articles plus a photo album with all the extra pictures that could not be placed in the original albums.

As you see, the response was overwhelming.

Only advice we can give to the next Publicity Committee would be to advise the chapters that Two (2) copies of everything submitted is required, along with the names of the people and events. Also for chapters to submit the pictures throughout the year and not wait till the last couple of months to submit them to the Committee Members. This would make the job a lot easier and allow more time to prepare the albums.

On behalf of all the Committee Members I wish to say, this has been a fun project and it has been a pleasure to serve on your Publicity Committee. We trust you will enjoy many hours looking through these albums when your Session is over and you have time to relax.

May Sister Emily and I approach the East?

### PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

**Sister Grace Boudreau, Chairman, Publicity Committee and Sister Emily White, P.M.** were escorted to the East. They presented Sister Edith and Brother Ted with their books of memories.

Sister Grace Boudreau moved the adoption of this report. Sister Maxine Smith, P.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

**PROGRAM BOOKLET**

The members of the Program Booklet Committee: Brother Peter Kay, P.P. (25), Chairman, 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), Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (67), Brother Walter Blair, P.P. (3), Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (IPEI).

**Brother Peter Kay:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith Conrod, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tabor Caulier, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Brother Fred Clarke, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to submit the following report of the Program Booklet Committee. We thank Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to work on this committee. I personally thank the committee members for their hard work and dedication to the project.

This year we did make the centre section a pull out without destroying the main booklet. The program is stapled separately from the booklet so that both will stay in tact when separated.

Because of the generous support from our chapters, businesses and individuals we found it necessary to expand the booklet to 106 pages, 84 pages of advertising and 22 pages of program. We also added some colour this year; the Grand Chapter page, plus 6 page ads and the cover were in colour.

On the advice of Brother William Cox, Chairman from 2007, we chose one of our committee members to be treasurer, Brother Ken Conrod, and he collected all the money. This worked very well and as a result only two ads are outstanding as they had to be invoiced. (the hotel and the printer).

Rather than selling stars to individuals, we decided on Snowmen and Penguins, the fun symbols of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This provided keen competition between Sister Edith and Brother Ted and a lot of fun for all our members. You can find out who the winner was by counting for yourself.

Cash received and turned over to the Grand Secretary -	\$9,150.00
Cash outstanding	\$460.00
Total	\$9,610.00
Expected profit	\$4,348.72
Money owing from the hotel \$200.00 and the printer \$200.00 + 1 \$60. ad	

A special thank you to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan and our Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy Powroz, who assisted us throughout this project.

Brother Peter Kay moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (67) and the motion was carried.

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### MOTIONS

1. A motion was made by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) and seconded by Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (1PEI) that Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) be permitted to take the Nova Scotian and Prince Edward Island flags to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the Installation Ceremony. This motion was carried.
2. A motion was made by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. and seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) that the 2011 Grand Chapter Session be held at the Old Orchard Inn. The motion was carried.
3. Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (1PEI) moved, seconded by Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (67), that the 2012 Grand Chapter Session be held July 3, 4 and 5 at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown. The motion was carried.

### CLOSING

11:45 a.m.: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 8, 2009

**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.

Sister Edith and Brother Ted welcomed everyone back after the lunch break.

#### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.: CHRISTMAS QUOTES:**

1. Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? Because every buck is dear to him.
2. The day after Christmas every child thinks of his birthday.

### 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 Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) that the minutes be adopted as read. This motion was carried.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### **WEBSITE REPORT**

**Webmaster, Brother Bill Bishop, P.P. (31):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has its own website and domain name registered on behalf of the Grand Chapter funded by the Past Grands Club. The registered domain name is "OESNSPEI" and can be found at [www.oesnspei.com](http://www.oesnspei.com).

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The website has been evolving over the past year. With a new Grand Chapter year now upon us, I am making some changes in format in hopes of making it more user friendly, particularly in the District section. Many thanks to all those who provided information that has been posted on the site during this past year. Hopefully each chapter will continue to have a person appointed to provide information and pictures of events as they take place in their chapters. It may be necessary to limit the size of articles and the number of pictures due to space requirements but I will do my best in that respect.

The main objective of the website is to make information available to the members of this Grand Chapter and to the general public. Individual pages can be found titled *Official Visits, Events, Committees, Grand Representatives, Chapters, Districts, Picture Gallery, In Memoriam, Fred's Crew*, and others. Over the past year there have been 697,645 visits to the site averaging 1911 visits per day. The month of August 2008 had the most visits totaling 55,397. June 23, 2009 had the most visits for one day -- 4,639. Besides Canada, there were visits from the United States, Australia, Brazil, France, United Kingdom, Turkey, Czech Republic, Taiwan, Mexico, Greece, Israel, Poland, Singapore, China, Jordan, India, Pakistan, Ukraine, Bulgaria and New Zealand, just to name of few.

With the help of the Sisters and Brothers I will endeavour to continue to manage the website to the satisfaction of all.

Bill Bishop moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. (48) and the motion was carried.

### ESTARL COLLECTION

The Grand Secretary announced that the collection from the ESTARL Church Service was: **\$1,111.58**.

### PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Helen Graham, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

**Members: 388 Visitors: 128 Total: 516**

Sister Helen Graham moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) and the motion was carried.

### COURTESY

**Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. (8), Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to introduce the members of the Courtesy Committee. My own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit Giffin, Shoreham Chapter #59, Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M., Queen Esther Chapter #61 and Sister Darlene Amirault, P.M., Scotia Chapter #49.

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We, the members of the Courtesy Committee for "*The Memories of Christmas*" 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session wish to submit the following report:

The session was held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 6, 7, 8, 2009. We have been honoured to welcome many distinguished guests. Among these were our very own, Brother Frederick Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. Also welcomed were our very own General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Isabelle Pearson, Brother Allen Denton and Brother William A. Thompson.

We were delighted to greet many distinguished visitors who travelled many miles to be with us. The wonderful fellowship of our visitors and their devotion to our Order added greatly to the fraternal happiness of each and everyone of us.

Greeted Were:

- 1 General Grand Chapter Officer
- 9 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 7 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 35 Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 24 Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 12 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 2 Grand Officers Emeritus
- 6 District Deputy Grand Matrons and other Deputies
- 35 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 17 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 8 Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions in other Jurisdictions
- 1 Friend of a Feather
- 44 Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 47 2008/09 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

Divine Services were held in the Grand Chapter room of the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel prior to the informal opening on Monday Evening.

We extend appreciation for the warm and cordial welcomes given by Provincial, Civic and Masonic leaders. Also welcomes from the Shriners, Daughters of the Nile and the Westin Hotel.

To our Grand Organist, Grand Choir, Choir Director and Soloists, many thanks - as music adds so much to our ceremonies.

Our guests have shared in the hospitality of an afternoon tea, breakfasts, luncheons, hospitality room, an evening banquet followed by great entertainment.

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Our sincere thank you to all members of the Hostess Committee who helped make this session such a success. The Christmas decorations will live in the hearts of all who attended these sessions.

We commend and congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron on a very successful Grand Chapter Session. It has been a wonderful year for them filled with joy and love and lots of Christmas music. We wish for Sister Stella and Brother Zeke and their Incoming Grand Officers a wonderful, happy year.

To our guests, may each of you have a safe and happy journey home and take with you many fond memories.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we, your Courtesy Committee, extend our appreciation for allowing us the privilege of serving our Grand Chapter in this position.

Sister Annie Mae Backman, Past Grand Matron moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Whitman Giffin, Past Grand Patron. The motion was carried.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND ORGANIST, ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND CHOIR AND SOLOISTS**

The Grand Organist - Brother Ray Horton was escorted to the west and warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**The response was given by Brother Ray Horton, Grand Organist:**  
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted,

Thank you for the honour of being YOUR Grand Organist.

On behalf of myself, Sister Kay, Brother Ed and the Grand Choir, I thank you for your kind words.

It has been our pleasure to sing for this wonderful Grand Session of Sisters and Brothers. We trust that we have fulfilled your expectations in every way.

Being encouraged to sing Christmas songs all year long has been a real treat. Thank you.

Brother Ray was then escorted to the East and presented Sister Edith and Brother Ted each with a choir folder of the music played and sung during this session.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P.** announced that Brother Ray and Sister Kay will sing to him during the Installation Ceremony in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2), announced that the Membership Committee met briefly to choose a Chairman for 2009-2010 and Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. (58) was selected to be the Chairman.

### WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT

#### Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The Committee Members: Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57) Chairman; 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).

**Sister Mary Smith, Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers,

It is my pleasure to present the following report on your Special Project - the ALZHEIMER SOCIETY.

A total of \$5,390.00 was realized from the sale of Alzheimer Society pins and "Memories of Christmas" calendar books. This amount has been turned over to the Worthy Grand Matron.

An original acrylics painting by Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28) titled "Black Rocks Beach at Point Pleasant Park - Before Juan" was donated - with the proceeds going to the Worthy Grand Matron's/Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project. \$451.00 was raised through the sale of tickets. This amount of money has also been turned over to the Worthy Grand Matron.

The painting was won by Marion Conrod of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia who is the sister of Sister Clara Nieforth.

We, your Committee wish to express our thanks to you for appointing us to serve on your "Special Project". Also, to all subordinate chapters for their support in purchasing the pins and calendars.

I wish also to thank the members of this Committee for their participation.

Sister Mary Smith, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Barbara Ferguson and the motion was carried.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.** read the touching story of "*The Tablecloth Christmas Story*": The brand new pastor and his wife were newly assigned to their first ministry. They were supposed to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn. They arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have every thing done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc., and on December 18th were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On December 19th a terrible tempest, a driving rain storm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high.

The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor and not knowing what else to do, postponed Christmas Eve service and headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus forty-five minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc. to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained.

Then the woman asked him to check, the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth thirty-five years before in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well to do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day doing a housecleaning job.

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What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighbourhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he had gotten the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike.

He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in prison. He never saw his wife or his home again in all these thirty-five years.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

### CHRISTMAS QUOTE

Christmas may be a day of feasting or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance, a day in which we think of everything and everybody we have ever loved.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Linda McKay, P.M. (61) Chairman, Sister Catherine 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).

**Sister Lindia McKay, P.M. (61, Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As chair of your Crafts and Treasurers Committee, I am pleased to report that \$1,588.80 was realized from the sale of items donated by the members of the subordinate chapters. Also included in this are donations of \$125.00 made directly to Grand Chapter. It is only through the work of members that this craft sale was such a great success. The committee would like to thank all for their great effects and help.

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I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Sister Linda McKay moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary Reid and the motion was carried.

Sister Linda approached the East and presented Sister Edith with \$268.00 for her Special Project. This money was from the proceeds of the sale of tickets on jewellery. The jewellery was won by Sister Marjorie Conrod, P.M. (61).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MOTIONS**

1. The following motion was made by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) and seconded by Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24):

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island through our Grand Secretary, advise the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, that all future correspondence to be distributed to our members be set up as a pdf and sent via email to our Grand Secretary. Furthermore, I move that our Grand Secretary forward all correspondence from our General Grand Chapter that requires distribution to our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and our Past Grand Matrons and Patrons be sent via email to those who have email and only distribute hard copies for those requesting same.

Furthermore, I move that the Grand Secretary only provide notices of motion from General Grand Chapter to those who intend to go to General Grand Chapter.

Furthermore, I move that those households who have more than one voting delegate to General Grand Chapter that only one copy be provided to said household if a hard copy is requested.

**This motion was voted on and the motion was carried.**

2. Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron appoint a committee of at least three individuals with experience in the field to review the processes of our Grand Chapter and bring back recommendation as methods to reduce our expenses.

This committee is to meet with Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as soon as reasonably possible after this Grand Chapter session to go over all our existing processes. This committee will review all information that is required to be printed going forward and find ways to reduce the quantity or reduce the cost of printing.

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This would include but not limited to such things as the proceedings, ballots, reports, financial statements, fraternal report.

Suitable processes would be put into place via notices of motion that would ensure we maintain good control in the future.

**This motion was voted on and the motion was carried.**

### NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was presented by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24): At the 2010 session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved that the following article be amended:

“Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter - Article 4, Fraternal Correspondent, section 1 - delete - “An in depth written report will be circulated to the members at registration.”

**Rationale:** This printed report which cost around \$300.00 and is usually thrown in the garbage.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Sister Edith, W.G.M. **appointed Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) to chair** the three member committee being set up as the **Process Review Committee**. Sister Stella Trask, A.G.M. recommended that Brother Bill select the other two members for this committee.

### MOTIONS

A motion was made by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and seconded by Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. (27) that “successive incoming Worthy Grand Matrons, beginning with 2009-2010, re-establish the Unfinished Business Committee. This committee would review the proceedings of the previous year, note all the items of business which required action taken; and refer any outstanding items to the Worthy Grand Matron.” **The motion was carried.**

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. (27) that “when the Grand Secretary prepares the December mailings for the chapters, she enclose a notice reminding all members of the required date for Notices of Motion to be submitted to her, for presentation at the next Grand Chapter Session.” **This motion was carried.**

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15) announced that “Evangeline Chapter #15 has purchased new Star Point chairs. We, the chapter, would like to make the offer to Grand Chapter as to whether or not you would like to have our old Star Point chairs for Grand Chapter.”

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### MOTIONS

A motion was made by Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) and seconded by Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (35) that the 2009-2010 Hostess Chapters receive \$3,500. from Grand Chapter (an increase of \$1,000.) for the 2009-2010 year only.  
**The motion was carried.**

Sister Margaret Clarke and Brother Fred Clarke were asked to leave the Grand Chapter room while plans were discussed regarding Brother Fred's Homecoming gift. Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, is looking after the purchase of the gifts.

A motion was made by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) and seconded by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40) that Grand Chapter pay for the accommodations for Brother Fred and Sister Rennie for the next three years if they attend our Grand Chapter Sessions. As this will be a change to the C.L.&R., a **Notice of Motion** will be presented at the next Grand Chapter Session to cover this motion.

A motion was made by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) that a monetary gift of \$1,000.00 be given to Brother Fred on his installation as Most Worthy Grand Patron in November. This monetary gift will go to his Special Project which is to establish an O.E.S. exhibit at the George Washington Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.  
**The motion was carried.**

### CLOSING

3:15 p.m.: 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.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 8, 2009

**6:30 p.m.** The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of the "*Memories of Christmas*" Grand Chapter Session.

Narrator and those placing the Emblems were:

Narrator:	Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M.	(67)
Bible:	Sister Michelle Boutilier	(61)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring	(55)
Sheaf:	Sister Beverley Wentzell	(27)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Linda McKay, P.M.	(61)
Broken Column:	Sister Marilyn Parker	(61)
Cup:	Sister Helen Fredericks	(57)

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**6:45 p.m.** The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67) and Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. (70).

**Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M.:** Good evening.

Welcome Sisters and Brothers, to this the last session of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

"The Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session is coming to a close, and tonight we will begin a new year of service to our Eastern Star.

Sister Edith and Brother Ted are to be commended for their accomplishments.

Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honour and privilege to call to order this final evening of the "Memories of Christmas" session. It is a wonderful pleasure to have my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, share this event with me.

I extend a sincere welcome to all who have travelled to be with us this evening to witness the closing of another year in the history of our Grand Chapter and the beginning of a new year.

These last few days have been wonderful. The meeting and greeting of old friends and the welcoming of new.

We have been honoured to have many distinguished guests visiting with us. We trust that each of you have enjoyed your time with us, and that you have been able to do a bit of sightseeing throughout this beautiful city. We trust you will take home with you many happy memories and that you will return to us again.

We, as a Grand Jurisdiction, are getting very excited for within 3 1/2 short months, Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas will be installed as the leaders at the General Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star.

We are so proud of YOU, Brother Fred. The accomplishment of you achieving the position of this Most High Office brings much honour to our Grand Jurisdiction.

We have come to love and treasure Sister Rennie. We are indeed very proud that she is a part of us as an Honourary Member of our Grand Jurisdiction, and as well an Honourary Member of my home chapter, Laurel #67, Berwick.

To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members from our Grand Jurisdiction, congratulations to each of you. Thank you for your work in fulfilling the duties of your office and representing our Jurisdiction so well. We are also proud of you.

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To the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, remember, without your attendance, input and voice, we would not have a Grand Chapter. You are the heart of our Order. You are essential to our well being. We thank you for your faithfulness, loyalty and hard work. May God continue to surround you with love and may he extend His Hand to bless you.

It is my pleasure to share the Grand East tonight with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Boudreau. Brother Ron, Past Grand Patron, would you like to say a few words at this time "AND DON'T YOU DARE SAY I HAVE SAID IT ALL.

**Brother Ron, P.G.P.:** Good Evening Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Gail, how pleased I am that our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted have allowed me to share the East with you to assist in opening this Final evening of Their "Memories of Christmas Grand Session".

I extend a hearty welcome to each Member, Visitor, Distinguished Guest, and to our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Brother Fred Clarke. I thank each of you for taking this time to be with us. To those of you who are visiting, I invite you to stay a while and explore our two beautiful Provinces. How time flies. It seems like only yesterday that Sister Gail and I were travelling together with Sister Edith and Brother Ted in other Grand Families and now here we are welcoming you to this the Final evening of their very own Grand Session.

They have now reached the pinnacle on a graph of a successful year. I congratulate them for their dedication and accomplishments. I thank them for all the time, effort, travelling and work that they have done on behalf of this beautiful Order.

I cannot stand here tonight without saying thank you to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for all the work that you have done to support our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project and for all the other projects done by your chapters for the good of our fellow citizens, even some folks that have no idea that we exist.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron selected an excellent team of Grand Officers to work with them and together they have made us proud to be members of the Order of The Eastern Star.

**Sister Gail, P.G.M.:** The Worthy Grand Matron has asked that the Sisters and Brothers remain seated for the formations so that all may see.

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

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### FORMATIONS

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) presided over the Formations. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

**Sister Gail, P.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for proper introductions.

**Sister Gail P.G.M.:** Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, it is a wonderful honour and pleasure for me to extend a loving welcome to both of you, at this your final evening of the "Memories of Christmas" session.

Sister Edith and Brother Ted, it was so great that you were part of Brother Ron's and my Grand Family. What a pleasure that was. We shared many laughs and good times.

Thank you, Sister Edith, for your diligence, hard work and the many decisions you made for the good of this Grand Chapter.

Brother Ted, thank you for serving faithfully as Worthy Grand Patron and for all you have given to us, your fellow members in this Grand Chapter. I also want to thank you personally, Brother Ted, for accepting the invitation to be my escort at General Grand Chapter when the new appointments are announced.

Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, your faithfulness and your support that you have given to this our Grand Jurisdiction will never be forgotten.

As your Session comes to a close may both of you feel a sense of accomplishment. May you enjoy good health and success in the future.

Brother Ron, P.G.P: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, tonight after much work and many miles you have arrived at the very end of a very long journey. Sister Edith, you stepped on the first rung of this ladder four years ago and Brother Ted, you stepped on the first rung three years ago. Together that's seven years of dedication and you have both shown dedication second to none. I say well done, you have absolutely earned your spot in the records of our Grand Chapter.

Tonight you and your "Memories of Christmas" Grand Officers, will participate in the Badge Ceremony and I suggest that you consider it as the completion of a wonderful year, that you Cherish your Memories, and the Friendships you have made, and know that the members of this Grand Chapter have been in good hands during your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. May all your

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future undertakings be as successful as this year has been for you and for our Grand Chapter. I look forward to welcoming you as Past Grand's and I look forward to seeing your Grand Officers at the PAGOS breakfast next year.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, for allowing me a small part in your Final Session.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron then sang one verse of their song "*May God's Blessing Surround You*" to Sister Edith and Brother Ted.

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

Grand Honours were accorded to both Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit.

**Sister Gail, P.G.M.:** With love I now present to you, your Gavel. It has been used much the last few days but always with wisdom and kindness.

May you end your session with the fullness of God's love in your heart and with the "Memories of Christmas" dancing in your head.

**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** Sister Gail and Brother Ron, thank you for calling to order the final session of the "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session. I was your Grand Conductress and we had a wonderful year. I deeply appreciate your friendship, love and support over the past three years. Sister Gail, thank you for presenting me with my gavel for this final session. Please accept this small token of my appreciation.

**Brother Ted, W.G.P.:** Sister Gail and Brother Ron, I had a great time travelling as your Grand Sentinel. The time has passed so quickly since that time and you have always been there to assist us in every way. Thank you, Brother Ron. Please accept this token of my appreciation.

Both Sister Gail and Brother Ron thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the gifts.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (67) sang "*The Christmas Song*" to Sister Edith and Brother Ted.

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.

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### MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI) and seconded by Sister Charlene Davis, P.M. (35) that we hold an Open Installation this evening. The motion was carried.

### MINUTES

The Grand Secretary read the partial minutes from the Wednesday afternoon session. She moved the acceptance of these minutes. It was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) and the motion was carried.

### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are: Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61), Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31) and Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67).

**Sister Helen Graham, 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 2008-2009 "Memories of Christmas" Session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

<b>Members of this Grand Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>Members of other Grand Jurisdictions:</b>	<b><u>128</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>515</b>

It is with pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the Credentials and Registration Committee, namely Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31), Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ted, 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 who volunteered their services to assist us on this committee. 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 Helen Graham moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Tracey Hobson and the motion was carried.

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<u>Chapter Name &amp;Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &amp;Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Mayflower #2	7	Queens #34	3
Cedar #3	9	St. Mary's #35	12
Keystone #5	3	Dr.GordonMacLeod#37	0
Grace #8	7	Mae #38	2
Century #10	18	Mystic Star #40	12
Queen Elizabeth # 14	7	Armcrest #45	10
Evangeline #15	18	Florence Fraser #47	6
Britannia #18	0	Elm #48	7
Victoria #19	11	Scotia #49	13
Myrtle #21	8	Regent #52	6
Fairfield #22	7	Faith #54	0
Crystal #1 PEI	18	Elmsdale #55	6
Westville #24	17	Ruth #57	11
Harmony #25	10	Emerald #58	17
Munro #26	10	Shoreham #59	4
Kwebec #27	13	Queen Esther #61	37
Amethyst #28	19	Atlantic #65	4
Arbutus #30	4	Starlight #66	6
Annavaal #31	9	Laurel #67	13
		Montague#69	9
		Crescent #70	7
		Pearle #71	7

Total Number of Chapters: 41

Number of Chapters attending: 38

TOTAL Members:	387
Other Jurisdictions	<u>128</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>515</u>

**PRESENTATION**

**Sister Mab Cole Smith, (8)**, was escorted to the East and she presented Sister Edith with \$400.00 for their Special Project in loving memory of her parents, Sister Alice Cole, P.G.M. and Brother Wilfred Cole, P.G.P.

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### FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Edith M. Conrod

#### **Sister Edith, W.G.M.:**

The time has come to say farewell. This has been a wonderful year of which I have many cherished Memories. I am truly grateful to have had the honour and privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron for the past year. Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for a wonderful year of treasured Memories. I will leave you with this poem.

THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT  
*The sights, the sounds, the treats, the joys!*  
*Yes, Christmas is for girls and boys.*  
*Yet even someone threescore ten*  
*At Christmas is a child again,*  
*Filled with thrills and wild delight*  
*Each and every Christmas night.*

*I love the stockings, candles, tree,*  
*Songs and hospitality.*  
*But most of all I must confess,*  
*I love God's gift of Righteousness*  
*Wrapped in a manger filled with hay*  
*And placed in my heart with love to stay.*  
*The greatest gift of Christmas Day!*

### FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND PATRON Brother Tabor J. Caulier

#### **Brother Ted, W.G.P.:**

Sisters and Brothers, our year is over and we will remember all the good times we have had together, but it does not end here. We will soon be on the road again to renew our fellowship. There is an old Masonic saying, "happy to meet, happy to part, happy to meet again". Farewell for now.

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sister Stella Trask, A.G.M. and Brother Zeke Eaton, A.G.P. approached the East. Sister Stella presented Sister Edith with a gift from the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Chapter Committee Members. Sister Edith received \$100 for her Special Project and a beautiful crystal Kincaid Village. Brother Zeke presented Brother Ted with his gift - a beautiful painting of Daisies.

Both Sister Edith and Brother Ted expressed their thanks for these gifts.

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**Sister Edith, W.G.M.:** It is my pleasure to present Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M.(5), Installing Grand Officer.

**Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. Installing Grand Officer** announced the names of those members assisting her in the Installation Ceremony.

**Sister Sarah Doty** introduced Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M., and Brother John Patterson, P.G.P. who will narrate the Badge and Bible ceremony.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

### RECESSIONAL OF 2008-2009 GRAND OFFICERS

**Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (IPEI) and Brother John Patterson, P.G.P. (10)** narrated a beautiful ceremony to retire Badges as follows:

#### CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

**Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M.:** Sister Edith, Worthy Grand Matron, it is Brother John's and my pleasure to do your Badge Retirement Ceremony. Your Grand journey started with us, and you learned well, to be very serious and stoic during your year. So it is very fitting that you end your journey with us as you retire.

**Brother John Patterson, P.G.P.:** Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron, you also began with us through Sister Bev, our Grand Martha, and you saw the Eastern Star light, and submitted your name to Grand Chapter, and here you are!

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** We are very proud that you were part of us, and we are a part of you.

**Sister Marion and Brother John:**

*We hope that you and your Grand Family won't shed a tear,  
As your "Memories of Christmas" you'll hold very dear.  
Just remember, your work is all done  
And it's "HAPPY NEW YEAR" and time for more fun.*

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will prepare the Bibles of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for signing.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.** The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island's Grand Officers, 2008-2009, have left Memories of Christmas on our hearts as they traversed our dual province jurisdiction. They now form a wreath around our Altar, a symbol of the unending friendships that have been made this year, always guided by our Father in Heaven.

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**Brother John, P.G.P.:** With the satisfaction of performing their duties well with Peace, Purity and Joy, they place their badges on the Altar from which they received them, and sign the Bibles of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Each badge is held within a pentagon indicating the "Grand" position these Sisters and Brothers have held.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.** The District Deputy Grand Matrons, Sister Evelyn, Sister Mary Lou, Sister Marion, Sister Beverly and Sister Joan, have formed the bow on the wreath.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** They are first to sign, leaving their badges remembering the nights they brought the Worthy Grand Matron's instructions, and inspected their Chapters.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** The Grand Conductress, Sister Marion, has worn the Scroll and Baton within the Star, which has led her to begin her plans for the future of this Grand Chapter.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** The Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Jane, has worn the Baton within the Star to help her in preparing for leadership.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** The business of this Grand Chapter has been faithfully recorded by our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, as she wore the Crossed Pens within the Star.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** The Crossed Keys within the Star is a constant reminder to our Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy, to perform her duties with security and attention.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** The Crossed Batons within the Star has directed our Grand Marshal, Brother Larry, to perform his duties well.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** A Guide for us all, the Open Bible within the Star, has guided our Grand Chaplain, Sister Marianne, as she led us in prayer throughout the year.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Sister Shirley has proudly worn the Sword and Veil within a Triangle as she served this Grand Chapter as our Grand Adah.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** Sister Gail, Grand Electa, has been pleased to have her Cup within the Triangle overflow with blessings.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Grand Ruth, Sister Audrey, has gleaned friendships as she served this Grand Chapter wearing the Sheaf of Wheat within the Triangle.

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**Brother John, P.G.P.:** Sister Doreen, Grand Martha, has been a devoted Sister as she wore the Broken Column within the Triangle.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** The Crown and Sceptre within the Triangle has been elegantly worn by Sister Lorraine, Grand Esther, our honour station this year.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** The music of our Grand Organist, Brother Ray, has kept our Grand Officers in step as he wore the Lyre within the Star.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** The Crossed Swords within the Star of the Grand Sentinel, Brother Frank, have protected the Grand Chapter from interruption.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** The Dove within the Star worn by our Grand Warder, Sister Ethel, ensured peace as she worked with our Grand Sentinel.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** The Effulgent Sun within the Star has provided our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Stella, the needed light to complete her plans for the coming year.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** The Divine Guidance of the Star within the Star, has guided our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, as he prepared for the final steps to the Grand East.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, has worn the Square and Compasses within the Star with pride and honour to the Masonic Fraternity as he completes his year of service to this Grand Chapter.

**Brother John, P.G.P.:** Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith, has worn the Gavel within the Star. Throughout her busy year of service to each of us, she has indeed served with Peace, Purity and Joy, leaving us with wonderful Memories of Christmas.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** SISTERS AND BROTHERS, YOUR 2008-2009 GRAND FAMILY AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS.

The 2008-2009 Grand Officers retired and a recess was called for the preparation of the Installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Officers.

### INSTALLATION OF 2009-2010 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.

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**8:20 p.m.:** Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. (8) 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 Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5)

Assisted by:

Installing Grand Marshal: Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. (2)

Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5) - Installing the Worthy Grand Matron

Assisting in the East: Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52) - Installing the Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. (22) - Installing the Associate Grand Matron

Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24) Installing the Associate Grand Patron

Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27) - Installing the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer

Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) - Installing the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress

Brother Allen Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) - Installing the Grand Chaplain

Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) - Installing the Grand Marshal

Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67) - Installing the Grand Organist

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) - Installing the Grand Star Points

Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5) - Installing the Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel

Installing Grand Marshal: Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. (2)

Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. (8)

Installing Grand Chaplain: Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. (70)

Installing Grand Organist: Brother Edward MacLaren, P.P. (69)

Installing Grand Warder: Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14)

Installing Grand Sentinel: Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59)

Soloists: Sister Kay Horton, P.M. (66)      Brother Ray Horton, P.P. (66)  
Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19)      Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. (19)  
Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67)      Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49)

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

While the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons entered the Grand Chapter room a duet was sung by Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton. They were escorted by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M., Installing Grand Marshal. The Sisters wore beautiful two piece gowns in teal green with beaded tops and chiffon skirts. The Brothers wore white jackets with aqua bow ties and cummerbunds. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore two piece gowns in fuchsia in the same style as the Grand Officers.

Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. installed Sister Stella Trask as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an Honour Guard of the members of St. Mary's Chapter, No. 35 and her family and friends who were holding her symbols for the year. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang "*I Believe in Angels*" to Sister Stella.

Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. installed Brother Zeke Eaton as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East through a Guard of Honour of the members of the Island chapters: Crystal, No. 1, Regent, No. 52 and Montague, No. 69 and family and friends holding his symbols. He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49) sang "*Jesus is Lord Above*" to Brother Zeke.

Following the installation of the Grand Chaplain, Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. (19) sang "*The Lord's Prayer*" to Brother Richard Haynes.

Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67) sang "*I Know the Master of the Wind*" to Sister Louise Seeley, Grand Organist, following her installation.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) and Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. (19) sang "*I Believe*" to the Star Points following their installation.

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 **2009-2010**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Stella Trask	(35)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Zeke Eaton	(1PEI)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Marion Buchan	(67)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Frank Cullen	(24)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Jane Wooldridge	(1PEI)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Mary Lou Higgins	(48)

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Grand Chaplain	Brother Richard Haynes	(2)
Grand Marshal	Brother Charles Graves	(1PEI)
Grand Organist	Sister Louise Seeley	(5)
Grand Adah	Sister Janet Hue	(58)
Grand Ruth	Sister Sandra Denton	(35)
Grand Esther	Sister Anna Ford	(71)
Grand Martha	Sister Gloria Turner	(8)
Grand Electa	Sister Yvonne Stephenson	(14)
Grand Warder	Sister Melda Johnston	(52)
Grand Sentinel	Brother Fred Lipskey	(67)

**ADDRESS OF THE  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**2009-2010**

**Sister Stella E. Trask**

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends: Eleanor Roosevelt once said "You should do one thing each day that terrifies you". I think that this may be my one thing for today! How do I find the words to thank all the people that helped make tonight a reality? Words aren't enough to truly let you know how very special each of you are to me and how much I appreciate every word, thought, kindness, acts of assistance, guidance and prayers for my well being. With a humble and grateful heart, I say Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

To the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and the honour you have bestowed on St.Mary's Chapter by electing me to serve in this high station. I thank you for electing Brother Zeke Eaton to serve as Worthy Grand Patron. He is an intelligent man and will be such a help and source of guidance as we serve this Grand Chapter in all matters. He is a gentleman and has already been so good with advice many times. Brother Zeke and Sister Susan, I am delighted to call you my friends.

To my husband, Murray Trask. It seemed so long ago that we discussed my submitting my name for Associate Grand Conductress with your approval. Here we are tonight at my Installation. I thank you for your support, I love you and look forward to those times when you can accompany me on my travels. I thank you sincerely for your patience and understanding.

To the Installing Grand Officers, Sister Sarah Doty, Past Grand Matron and the rest of her team. Each of you were chosen for a special reason. Each of you has filled a very special place in my Eastern Star Life at some point and time. I admire you and I thank you for giving of yourself and of your time to see that our Grand Family was properly installed. At this time next year I hope you will be proud to have been part of not only tonight, but of this coming year and that Brother Zeke and I will have

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served the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in a manner deserving our beautiful Order and of you, our very special Sisters and Brothers.

Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, I am delighted to be one of your Blue Bonnets and I am looking forward to nominating you to the position of Most Worthy Grand Patron in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brother Zeke and I are honoured to be part of this historical event as you are only the second person in Canadian history to achieve this high position. We wish you and Sister Rennie much success.

To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, I congratulate you on your appointments and will look forward to hearing about the work involved with each of your appointments.

To each of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons...our wonderful Order has benefitted from your continued leadership, guidance and your dedication to the principles on which we were founded. My deepest gratitude goes out to all of you.

To the members of St. Mary's Chapter, please stand. I will be forever grateful to you for your support and encouragement. Time has passed all too quickly since I was first elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress after I first asked your approval. Your loyalty and friendship is very special to me. All honours given to me tonight have come because of your love and support. Thank you.

To the members of Hostess Chapter 2010, please stand. The arrangements for any Grand Chapter require dedicated members and I know we are fortunate to have so many ready and willing to tackle whatever the task may be. Thank you for all that you have accomplished to date and we are looking forward to a tremendous Grand Chapter next year in Digby.

To our elected Grand Officers, congratulations on your election and welcome to our Grand Family. I know we will have a wonderful year. Sister Marion, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Frank, Associate Grand Patron, welcome to the fastest year of your life. Sister Jane, you now have a future Worthy Grand Patron and can start making serious plans for your Grand Chapter in 2012. Sister Mary Lou, Associate Grand Conductress and Brother Fred, Grand Sentinel, you are the new kids on the block and we look forward to an exciting New Year.

To our appointed Grand Officers, we are so very proud of each of you and we thank you for accepting your appointments so willingly. Choosing each of you was a joy for Brother Zeke and myself and we know you will serve this Grand Jurisdiction with pride and dignity.

To our District Deputy Grand Matrons, you will represent this Grand Chapter in all the subordinate chapters and we know you will do so with love, understanding and respect. We wish you safe travels.

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To our Grand Chapter Committee Members, your committees form the very backbone of our Grand Chapter and your service is of great importance. Upon your shoulders rests the success of our Order. We are grateful to each of you for accepting this responsible charge.

Sister Edith, Junior Past Grand Matron and Brother Ted, Junior Past Grand Patron, it has been an honour to follow you and we know that you are ready to relax and enjoy looking back over your years of service. We wish you good health and lots of happiness.

To our musicians, I think all will agree the music was beautiful and I thank Brother Ed MacLaren for his outstanding arrangements. I think we all will agree we have some very talented people and it was an inspiration to me to listen to the calibre of music here tonight.

At this time I would like to introduce some members of my family. Murray, my husband, our daughter Amy and her husband Whitney, my sister-in-law Stephanie and our cousin Jennie who travelled all the way from Rhode Island. I would also like to introduce our friends - who are our extended family. Cousin Phillip and wife Julie, Jurgen and Carolynn Griegoschewski, Lawrence and Dianne Banks and Barbara Burtchett, a member of Midlothian Chapter in Virginia. Also, I would like to introduce Carolynn Gallagher, a friend of Jennie's from Rhode Island and Sister Margaret Hewing and Sister Barbara Dearness, members of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland who travelled across the ocean to be here tonight. Thank you for sharing this evening with me. You have made my evening complete. I would also like to welcome the Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge, Brother Bill Hilden. We are indebted to him as he will be driving the paraphernalia back to Digby. Thank you, Brother Bill.

Our session will be called "*Romancing the Sea*" and will be held in Digby, July 5,6 and 7, 2010. Our honour station is Esther because it was my first station and I personally admire her loyalty. Our Special Project is Cancer. In lieu of personal gifts Brother Zeke and I are asking for comfort shawls to be donated to cancer patients. At this time, I would like you to meet, "Little Jennie", presented to me by my cousin who is here tonight. I am like a child on the first day of school and wish to take Jennie with me on my travels throughout this jurisdiction. She will represent the children who are victims of cancer. The rest of our information is printed in the programmes you have received tonight, so I won't repeat them.

The Chairperson of our Special Project is Sister Charlene Davis, St. Mary's Chapter #35 who will be selling our project pins, a gold daffodil, designed by Brother Zeke, our calendars, scarves and tickets on a beautiful quilt donated by Sister Gloria Turner. Would the committee members on the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project also pick up the packages for the Chapters in your District following the closing.

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The Schools of Instruction will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> in Crystal Chapter #1PEI, Charlottetown; September 19<sup>th</sup> in Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford and September 26<sup>th</sup> at Annaval Chapter #31 in Middleton.

Sisters and Brothers, I recall the words of Ernest Hemingway's poem titled "No Man is an Island" and I want to emphasize how each one of us are integral players on a Team. No one can do this job alone and I certainly know and appreciate how much I need each of you. Whether you are a Past Grand or a brand new member, we all have a job to do and my job will be done so much better with the assistance of YOU.

Thank you for your attention and remember: Speak kindly and leave the rest to God! And now it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you our Worthy Grand Patron.

**ADDRESS OF THE  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
2009-2010  
Brother R.G. Zeke Eaton**

Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Special Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Dear Friends all.

If I wake up tomorrow and find that all this was just a dream, it will be still one of the most wonderful dreams of my life. However, I am sure it is not only a dream, but the beginning of a year in which I may be permitted to be of some service to our Order. I am both honoured and humbled by the trust you have placed in me this year, and I will strive to ensure that trust is not misplaced.

Worthy Grand Matron, may I be among the first to congratulate you on your installation in your high office. The past two years have given me every reason to believe that under your competent leadership, the coming year will be busy, productive and a lot of fun.

Brother Reg, thank you so much for your encouragement in my journey to the Grand East, and especially for being here to install me in this office. Words are not sufficient to express how much this means to me. (Brother Zeke presented Brother Reg with a gift of appreciation.)

Sisters and Brothers, over the past several years I have visited each of the chapters in this jurisdiction at least a couple of times, and have been impressed by your kindness and hospitality. I look forward to visiting all of you again in the coming year.

My sincere thanks to all those who organized and took part in the installation of the new slate of officers. You did a magnificent job!

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Elected Grand Officers, congratulations on being elected. I am sure that the trust confided in you all will be well placed.

Appointed Grand Officers, thank you for accepting your appointments. Your roles are of great value to our Order and I am confident that you will fill your offices well.

District Deputies, you are the messengers of the Worthy Grand Matron. I have no doubt that you will find your duties to be both fulfilling and pleasurable. Thank you for accepting your offices.

To all our Grand Chapter Committee Members, you are the real workhorses of our organization. Without your dedication and hard work, many of the tasks we face simply would not be accomplished. With it, miracles are made, thank you all for taking on your many duties.

Sisters and Brothers, it is you who make our Order what it is. As you take part in the various activities of your several chapters, remember that many hands make light work. Don't neglect to include as many as are willing and able to take part in the things you do. Some may be a bit shy; not all wish to be leaders or hold office, but rest assured that we all joined Star because we wanted to take part, and if we all do take part, we will succeed in the great work we strive to do.

To my wife, Susan, the Love of my life, my Soul mate and my best Friend, thank you for the encouragement and support you have given me in all my endeavours, especially in Eastern Star. Without you and your support, I would not be standing here this evening.

Would the members of Crystal Chapter #1 please stand. Thank you for the support you have given me over the years. I am especially proud and grateful to belong to such a warm and wonderful group of people. Thank you all.

Would the members of Regent and Montague Chapters please stand. A sincere and heartfelt thank you for the support and encouragement you have shown. In many ways, the Chapters on Prince Edward Island are one close knit family.

I would also like to introduce those members of my family who have been able to share this evening with us: My wife, Susan, my daughter Ellen Swan, Stephen Swan, granddaughter Jennifer Morningstar and grandson Kayla Morningstar.

Let me say that the Worthy Grand Matron and I have chosen the fight against cancer as our Special Project this year. Very few of us do not have someone affected by cancer in some way or another. I will have more to say on this topic when Sister Stella and I visit the various chapters. Perhaps, in time, this scourge will be put into the category of "Plague that once was, but is no more".  
Thank you one and all.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

Sister Stella, W.G.M. presented Brother Zeke, W.G.P. with a beautiful mahogany dolphin handmade by Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. (52) and a beautiful travelling case handmade by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71).

Brother Zeke, W.G.P. presented Sister Stella, W.G.M. with a beautiful crystal gavel (for display only) and a travelling case which was handmade by Brother Zeke from black walnut which he picked up in Tennessee several years ago.

He also presented Sister Stella with another gavel, sounding block and travelling case. The gavel and sounding block were made by Brother Zeke from amaranth (purple heart) wood from the island of Santo Domingo, which he got from The Most Worshipful Grand Master, A. Herman MacMillan, who salvaged it in 1918 from the rubble of the Silliker Car Company, which was destroyed in the Halifax Explosion in December, 1917. Brother A. Herman MacMillan was Grand Master in 1946 and 1947, when our Grand Chapter was instituted. The case for the gavel and sounding block was made by Brother Zeke from bird's eye maple from a tree cut in Caledonia, Prince Edward Island, in the early 1940's. Brother Zeke obtained the wood from Mr. Chester Martin in the late 1970's.

**INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2009-2010 were presented in the west, introduced and escorted to the East. The five appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons are: Sister Linda McKay, Sister Sheila Levy, Sister Donna Himmelman, Sister LaVerne Porter and Sister Donna White.

Sister Stella, W.G.M. and Brother Zeke, 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 Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.C..	(48)
District No. 2	Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.M.	(67)
District No. 3	Sister Linda McKay, P.M.	(61)
District No. 4	Sister Jane Wooldridge, G.C.	(1PEI)
District No. 5	Sister Sheila Levy, P.M.	(8)
District No. 6	Sister Donna Himmelman	(5)
District No. 7	Sister LaVerne Porter	(15)
District No. 8	Sister Donna White	(69)

The appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons wore two piece fuchsia gowns, the same style as the gowns of the Grand Officers.

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### PRESENTATION OF THE 2009-2010 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

At this time **twenty-four Worthy Matrons and seven Worthy Patrons** for 2009-2010 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Stella and Brother Zeke:

**Worthy Matrons:** Sister Mary MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Sister Margie Allen, Cedar #3; Sister Dianne Levy, Grace #8; Sister Jean Jack, Century #10; Sister Irma Maxwell, Evangeline #15; Sister Katherine Robinson, Victoria #19; Sister Tracey Hobson, Fairfield #22; Sister Audrey Farquharson, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Nancy Roddick, Westville #24; Sister Gail Kay, Harmony #25; Sister Barbara Nicholson, Munro #26; Sister Susan Wroe, Kwebec #27; Sister Lillian Symonds, Amethyst #28; Sister Fern Leaman, Arbutus #30; Sister Sandra Denton, St. Mary's #35; Sister Christine Ryan, Mystic Star #40; Sister Sharon Layton, Armcrest #45; Sister Sharon Horne, Ruth #57; Sister Wilma Verge, Emerald #58; Sister Annie Mae Backman, Shoreham #59; Sister Shirley Walton, Queen Esther #61; Sister Irene MacIsaac, Starlight #66; Sister Marion Robinson, Laurel #67; Sister Donna White, Montague #69.

The Worthy Matrons looked lovely in their two piece aqua gowns. The top is beaded and the skirt is chiffon.

**Worthy Patrons:** Brother Barry Jack, Century #10; Brother Peter Kay, Harmony #25; Brother William Cox, Arbutus #30; Brother Jack Whalley, St. Mary's #35; Brother Everald Armstrong, Armcrest #45; Brother Morley Robinson, Laurel #67; Brother Howard Ford, Pearle #71.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East and received a hearty welcome and then escorted back to their seats.

### INTRODUCTION

At this time Brother Zeke, W.G.P. introduced his best friend, Brother Jack Stuart, P.P. (69) and his wife, Sister Lillian Stuart, P.M. (69) and thanked them both for attending the installation.

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Sister Sandra Denton, W.M. (35) approached the East and presented Sister Stella, W.G.M. with a beautiful framed picture - a bouquet of daisies which was made by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and donated to the chapter to present to Sister Stella on her installation.

Brother Murray Trask approached the East and presented his wife, Sister Stella, with a beautiful bouquet of red roses for this special occasion.

Sister Audrey Farquharson, W.M. (1PEI) approached the East and presented Brother Zeke, W.G.P. with a beautiful handcrafted Bible case from the chapter. The case was made by Don Wooldridge, husband of Sister Jane Wooldridge, G.C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES  
For 2009-2010

STANDING COMMITTEES

**FIVE YEAR Appointment:**

**E.S.T.A.R.L.:** Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3)

**THREE YEAR Appointments:**

**Credentials:** Sister Mary MacDonald, PM. (69)

**Finance:** Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27)

**Jurisprudence:** Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24)

**Membership:** Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. (22)

Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26)

Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M. (10)

**Eastern Star Journal:**

Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. (58)

Sister Evelyn MacDonald, P.M. (19)

Brother John Lorimer, P.P. (25)

Sister Lucinda Josey, P.M. (49)

Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. (34)

Sister Joyce Cunningham, P.M. (5)

Sister Margaret Bonn, P.M. (22)

Sister Fran Harding, P.M. (52)

**ONE YEAR Appointments:**

**Courtesy:** Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61)

Brother Ted Caulier, P.G.P. (27)

Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. (61)

Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M. (61)

**Crafts and Treasures:**

Sister Winna Smith, P.M. Chairman (35)

Sister Yvonne Fox, P.M. (66)

Sister Lynn Simpson, P.M. (10)

Sister Ruth Donaldson, P.M. (55)

Sister Barbara Myles, P.M. (28)

Sister Fern Leaman, P.M. (30)

Sister Gladys Hobson, P.M. (22)

Sister Shirley MacTavish, P.M. (3)

**International Headquarters Fund:**

Sister Margaret Fisher, P.M. - Chairman (34)

Sister Mildred O'Neill, P.M. (31)

Sister Freda Ells, P.M. (14)

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<b>Librarian:</b>	Sister Janet Johnson, P.M.	(24)
<b>Music:</b>	Brother Ed MacLaren, P.P.	(69)
	Assistant Grand Organist	
	Sister Joyce Johnston, P.M.	(47)
	Choir Director	
<b>Program Booklet:</b>		
	Brother Kenneth Conrod, P.P. - Chairman	(61)
	Brother Wayne Crawford, P.P.	(19)
	Brother Larry Ingham, P.P.	(10)
	Brother Darrell Thurber, P.P.	(61)
	Brother Charles Teal, P.P.	(38)
	Brother Jack Whalley, P.P.	(35)
	Brother Jack Calder, P.P.	(15)
	Brother Allison MacDonald, P.P.	(1PEI)
<b>Publicity:</b>	Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. - Chairman	(59)
	Sister Ann Ross, P.M.	(19)
	Sister Gayle Smith, P.M.	(21)
	Sister Lynn Thurber, P.M.	(61)
	Sister Marelene Clyke, P.M.	(28)
	Sister Amelia Whalley, P.M.	(35)
	Sister Nora Bishop, P.M.	(15)
	Sister Alena Buchanan, P.M.	(69)
<b>W.G.M.'s &amp; W.G.P.'s Special Project:</b>		
	Sister Charlene Davis, P.M. - Chairman	(35)
	Sister Carole Newell, P.M.	(14)
	Sister Doris Cullen, P.M.	(24)
	Sister Irene Beeler, P.M.	(61)
	Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles, P.M.	(27)
	Sister Patricia Wambolt, P.M.	(71)
	Sister Marion Robinson, P.M.	(67)
	Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M.	(1PEI)

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### THREE YEAR Appointments:

#### Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2012:

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. - Chair	(26)
Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. - Social Events	(1PEI)
Brother John Newell, P.G.P. - Housing	(14)
Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. - Transportation	(35)
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. - Favours	(25)

**ONE YEAR Appointments:**

<b>Process Review:</b> Brother William Clark, P.G.P.	(24)
Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M.	(35)
Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M.	(31)
Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P.	(70)
Brother Lawrin Armstrong, P.G.P.	(40)

**Unfinished Business:**

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M.	(24)
Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.	(61)
Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M.	(27)

**PRESENTATION OF JEWELS**

**Presentation of Past Grand Matron's Jewel:**

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. (61) and Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57) were escorted to the East for the presentation of the Past Grand Matron's jewel to Sister Edith Conrod, Junior P.G.M.

**Sister Eleanor, P.G.M.:** Sister Edith, Past Grand Matron, I have in my hand a special gift, it is not a bulky gift but it is gold, shiny and indeed has your name on it – but, before I can present it to you, I must tell you that it is a precious gift from this Grand Chapter in recognition and appreciation for your year of service. Wear it please with pride and in good health....Sister Mary Smith will pin it on for you.

Sister Mary Smith pinned the jewel on Sister Edith and then presented her a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

Sister Edith thanked both Sister Eleanor and Sister Mary.

**Presentation of Past Grand Patron's Jewel:**

Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (35) was escorted to the East for the presentation of the Past Grand Patron's jewel to Brother Ted Caulier, Junior P.G.P.

**Brother Allen, P.G.P.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

This jewel was presented to Brother Walter Hines at the Grand Chapter Session in July of 1961 because Brother Walter was Worthy Grand Patron in the year of 1960-1961. After his death his widow, Sister Irene, presented the jewel to Grand Chapter to be presented to Brother Howard MacInnis at the end of his year in the Grand East. Brother Walter was a member of Halifax Chapter #7.

Brother Howard MacInnis was presented with this jewel at the end of his Grand Chapter session in July, 1996. Brother Howie, as he was always called, requested shortly before he passed away, that the jewel be returned to Grand Chapter with the

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stipulation that Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier be asked if he would like to have the jewel. Brother Howie was a Life member of Emerald Chapter #58 and also a very active member of Halifax #7.

At the closing of Halifax Chapter #7 Brother Ted was also a member, and is now ready to be presented with his jewel, making it as a Past Grand Patron's Jewel to have been worn by 3 members of Halifax Chapter #7.

I now present you, Brother Ted, with this distinguished jewel. Congratulations and best wishes for every happiness.

Brother Ted thanked Brother Allen for presenting this jewel which he will wear with pride and honour.

### PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. presented Sister Stella Trask, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction. Sister Stella thanked Sister Edith for presenting this jewel.

Brother Ted Caulier, P.G.P. presented Brother Zeke, 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 Zeke thanked Brother Ted and stated he will wear it with pride.

### SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. and Brother Tabor Caulier, 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.

While they were signing the Bible, Brother Ray and Sister Kay Horton sang "*All That We Are*" to them.

### CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER, 2009

All members and visitors were asked to rise and repeat the Mizpah Benediction.

**10:50 p.m.** The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally. Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) sang "*Go Now In Peace*". The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene on July 5, 2010 in Digby, Nova Scotia.

The Grand Officers retired with an outgoing march.

***“ROMANCING THE SEA”***

**GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

To be held at the Digby Area Recreation Facility in Digby, Nova Scotia  
July 5, 6, and 7, 2010

**Dedication:** This Grand Chapter year is lovingly dedicated to the memory of my sister, Marilyn Clark, who lost her battle with cancer in 1994. Also, to Mr. Murray Trask, my husband, whose love and understanding has made this year possible for me; to Sister Susan Eaton, the wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, for her love and support, and to the members of St. Mary’s Chapter #35 and Crystal Chapter #1 for their support and encouragement in all our endeavours. “They are etched in our hearts forever.”

**Aim:** ‘TEAM’ - Together Everyone Accomplished Miracles

**Motto:** Speak kindly and leave the rest to God

**Scriptures:** WGM: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*

WGP: *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6:8*

**Honour Station:** Esther

**Emblem:** The Crown and Sceptre

**Special Project:** Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Division)

**Watchwords:** **Hope:** *“Once you choose hope, anything’s possible”*  
(Christopher Reeve)

**Believe:** *“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you are right”* (Henry Ford)

**Perseverance:** *“It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer”* (Albert Einstein)

**Colours:** The colours of the sea and the gems in Esther’s crown

**Flowers:** Lilies, Roses, all Greenery and the Daffodil - for Cancer

**Bird:** The Red Cardinal, State bird of Virginia

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**Mascot:** The White Rabbit

**Fun Symbols:** WGM: The Daisy and Patchwork Quilts  
WGP: Dolphins, Wings and Wheels

**Musical Selection:** WGM: *Faith Unlocks the Door*  
*Hope is a Star*  
*I Know the Master of the Wind*  
*My Forever Friend*  
*River in Judea*  
*I Have a Dream - Abba*

WGP: *I Danced in the Morning*  
*I Believe*  
*Will Your Anchor Hold*  
*His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
*'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*  
*Sea People*

**DECORATIONS**

**“MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS”  
JULY 6, 7 AND 8, 2009**

The “Memories of Christmas” Grand Chapter Session was held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in downtown Halifax, July 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

There were two doors in the south wall that entered the meeting room and the door in the southwest was our main entrance. As you entered you were greeted by a snowman nearly five feet tall wearing a red jacket and black hat.

There was ample seating and the processions entered the labyrinth through the double white lattice archways behind the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron in the West. These archways were decorated with garlands of red and white poinsettias. At the top of the south arch was a small penguin and a small snowman stood at the top of the north arch. Little penguins nestled at the bottom of the arches.

At the base of the podium in the East were small penguins and mini trees.

The labyrinth was encircled by its usual white rope supported at intervals by the flat-topped white posts. Each of these posts had a cute little snowman perched atop it. On the floor beneath the rope were potted artificial poinsettias and mini trees.

The seats for the District Deputy Grand Matrons were at the northwest corner of the labyrinth and there was a nice warm fleece Christmas cape hanging on the back of each of the chairs. In an air-conditioned facility, this was a great idea – functional as well as decorative.

Behind each of the chairs at the Star Point stations was a small tree decorated in balls of the appropriate colours. There was a snowman at the base of each pedestal and at the base of the tree at Grand Esther’s station was a small rocking horse.

There were two Christmas trees on the stage. The one at the southeast corner near the Grand Secretary’s station was fully decorated. The one at the northeast corner near the Grand Treasurer’s station was adorned with only white lights awaiting the Memorial Service on Tuesday afternoon when it was bedecked with angels of all sorts in memory of the 87 members of our jurisdiction who had passed away since June 1, 2008.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were accorded the luxury of huge easy chairs. There was a fleece throw on the Worthy Grand Matron’s chair depicting a “Snowman” motif and the fleece throw on the Worthy Grand Patron’s chair had “Penguin” on it.

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On Wednesday afternoon, before the members of the Hostess Chapters disassembled everything, we learned that the five-foot snowman who greeted us every time we entered was actually able to dance. His top half gyrated in all directions to a happy Christmas tune.

### GRAND CHAPTER GOWNS 2008-2009

The brothers looked dashing in their tuxedos and the sister officers wore their white dresses (same style as the red gowns) on Tuesday for the Memorial Service. But for the rest of the sessions the Grand Officers wore their red two piece dresses (beaded tops and chiffon skirts), the District Deputies wore their green dresses in the same style as the Grand Officers and the Grand Pages were dressed in royal blue two piece gowns (beaded tops and chiffon skirts) but a different style. They definitely tied it all together and added the finishing touch.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### Monday, July 6, 2009

- 11:00 a.m.** Past Grands Meeting  
**11:30 a.m.** Grand Representatives Association Meeting  
**12:00 p.m.** Past Grands Luncheon  
**1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** The *"Penguins"* Afternoon Tea  
**5:00 p.m.** ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room. The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

#### Tuesday, July 7, 2009

- 7:15 a.m.** Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast  
**12:30 p.m.** *"Frosty's"* Luncheon (Secretaries and Treasurers)  
**12:30 p.m.** Grand Representatives Luncheon  
**6:30 p.m.** *"Jingle Bell"* Main Banquet  
Entertainment followed in the Banquet Room.

#### Wednesday, July 8, 2009

- 7:00 a.m.** Grand Family Breakfast  
**12:30 p.m.** *"Snowflake"* Luncheon (All Members)

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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. Mickleson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1971
* Mrs. Marguerite Kennerdell, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1974
* Mr. LaVerne Courtney, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1975
* Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1977
* Mr. William E. George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1978
* Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1980
* Mr. Everett Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1980
* Mr. David J. Miller, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1983
* Mrs. Carol Strizek, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1984
Mrs. Helen D. Roquemore Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1987
Mr. Ray McRoberts, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1988
Mrs. Lois J. Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1990
Mr. Edward F. McDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1990
* Mrs. Sarah Foster, P.G.M. & Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Rhode Island	July 1990
* Mr. Ralph Foster, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (83-84)	July 1990
* Mrs. Ella B. Delay, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (66-68)	July 1990
* Mr. Tom Delay, Past Patron of Tennessee	July 1990
Mr. Dick Flashenburg, P.G.P. & Grand Secretary of Nevada	July 1991
Mrs. Florence Flashenburg, Past Matron of Nevada	July 1991
Mrs. Mary Jane Noyes, Past Grand Organist of Florida	July 1991
Mrs. Irene Campbell, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (82-84) Ohio	July 1991
* Mr. Charles Campbell, Past Patron of Ohio	July 1991
* Mrs. Hazel B. Luisgnan, Past Matron, Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Christie Peterson, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota	July 1992
Mrs. Bette Macintosh, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (88-90) New Brunswick	July 1992
Mr. Joseph Potter, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1992
Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (68-70)	July 1992
* Mrs. Virginia M. Painter, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1993
Mr. Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1993
Mrs. Anna Hill, Past Grand Matron of Quebec	July 1993
* Mrs. Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of New Brunswick	July 1993
Miss Pauline Allan, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mr. DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
* Mrs. Lottie MacCallum, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mr. Alexander MacCallum, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Flora Whalen, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
Mrs. Vera Heffel, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995

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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 Grand 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 Meeke, 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
Mrs. Judith Brightman, Past Grand Matron, Rhode Island	July 2009
Mr. Clifford Brightman, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2009
Mrs. Marlene Larsen, Past Matron, Golden Oak Chapter #128, Los Gatos, California	July 2009
Mrs. Gladys Pierce, Past Grand Matron, British Columbia and Yukon	July 2009
Mr. Everett Pierce, Past Grand Patron, British Columbia and Yukon	July 2009
Mrs. Pamela Brooks, Past Matron, Virginia, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (05-06)	July 2009
Mrs. Valerie Layman, Past Matron of Virginia	July 2009

### 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

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* 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	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, 6057 Camro Place, A. 9, Hwy #1, Cambridge, N.S., B0P 1G0	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
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
Mrs. Edith M. Conrod, 67 Hollyoake Lane, Dartmouth, N.S., B2V 1L6	2008-09

### PAST GRAND PATRONS

* Mr. J. William McLellan	1947-48
* Mr. A.J.W. MacKeigan	1948-49
* Mr. Laurie Gibson	1949-50
* Mr. Floyd Smith	1950-51
* Mr. Douglas Horton	1951-52
* Mr. Willard V. Longley	1952-53
* Mr. Maxwell Wharton	1953-54
* Mr. Joseph Steadman	1954-55
* Mr. J. Alburne Ruffee	1955-56
* Mr. Ray Schwartz	1956-57
* Mr. Lauchie Johnson	1957-58
* Mr. W. Everett Moseley	1958-59
* Mr. Jephtha Munro	1959-60
* Mr. Walter Hines	1960-61
* Mr. Mert MacLellan	1961-62
* Mr. Chesterton Davies	1962-63
* Mr. Hector Grimley	1963-64
* Mr. Vernon Robart	1964-65

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* Mr. Frank Ripley	1965-66
* Mr. Winthrop Doty	1966-67
Rev. Bruce Atkinson, 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, 155 Fox Hill Avenue, Kentville, N.S., B4N 5B4	1985-86
* Mr. Cecil S. Dean	1986-87
Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, 271 Milne Avenue, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C9	1987-88
Mr. G. Reginald MacRae, 228 Marine Ave., Summerside, P.E.I., C1N 6N9	1988-89
Mr. Vincent Ells, 781 Westmount Road, Sydney, N.S., B1R 1B9	1989-90
Mr. William F. Clark, 41 Settler's Point, R.R.#2, Pictou, N.S., B0K 1H0	1990-91
Mr. A. Allison Mitchell, 15118 Royal Ave., White Rock, B.C., V4B 1M3	1991-92
Mr. Adrian A. Pearson, P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	1992-93
Mr. James Dickie, 260 Rte.223, R.R.#1 Little Narrows, N.S., B0E 1T0	1993-94
Mr. Lewis Smith, 39 Cemetery Rd., Port Hastings, N.S., B9A 1K5	1994-95
* Mr. J. Howard MacInnis	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
Mr. Tabor J. Caulier, 40 Chelton Woods Lane, #105, Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	2008-09

### 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-

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### GRAND TREASURER

* Mrs. Evelyn Ladner	1947-51
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1951-55
* Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1955-59
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1959-64
* Mrs. Eunice Davies	1964-68
* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1968-88
Mrs. Margaret Clarke	1988-92
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	1992-03
Miss Dorothy Powroz	2003-

### GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1977-82
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1994-
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1998-01

### GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1988
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-

### GRAND SECRETARIES WITH MONTH OF GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ALABAMA - Oct. - Mrs. Ramona Vickery, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd., Prattville, AL, 36067
ALBERTA - June - Mrs. Lee Clay, 330 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0H2
ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Ruth Brannan, 4600 N. 24 <sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Rosemary Messersmith, PGM, 610 Royal Lane, Bentonville, AR, 72712
AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Lorraine Ellison, PWM, Box 574, Lithgow, NSW, 2790, AUS.
BOLIVIA - Mrs. Maria Eugenia de Landivar, Calle, Barachavi No. 230, Barrio Urbani, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
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 - Mr. George "Mike" Looney, PGP, Box 5820, Alpharetta, GA, 30023
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. Jonny D. Beeler, 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. Donna L. Almony, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD, 21030-1300
MASSACHUSETTS - May - Mrs. Karen Grabau, 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

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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. Frieda Nettles, PGM, Box 1660, Apex, NC, 27502  
NORTH DAKOTA - June - Mrs. Roberta Kloster, 1405 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Fargo, ND, 58102  
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - July - Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan, 2375 Roosevelt  
Drive, Halifax, NS, B3L 3H8  
OHIO - Oct. - Mrs. Roberta G. David, PGM, 2163 Crab Tree Dr., Beavercreek, OH, 45431  
OKLAHOMA - Oct. - Mrs. Shirley Neihoff, 1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie, OK, 73044-2003  
ONTARIO - Sept. - Mrs. Lynne Atkinson, 413 Drew St., Woodstock, ON, N4S 4V3  
OREGON - June - Mrs. E'Laine Armstrong, 707 Main St., #400, Oregon City, OR, 97045  
PENNSYLVANIA - June - Mrs. Mary Ann Rhode, Box 8, Womelsdorf, PA, 19567-0008  
PUERTO RICO - Apr. - Mrs. Iris V.de Rivero, PGM, 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. Mary Coggins, P.O. Box 866, Elgin, 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  
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 Swanse, 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. Carolyn Davis, PGM, P.O. Box 39, Philippi, WV, 26416  
WISCONSIN - May - Mrs. Sharon Swartwout, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI, 53118-9349  
WYOMING - Aug. - Miss Sheralyn Farnham, 1613 Ord St.,Laramie, WY, 82070

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

Iris Newman (28)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2009
Goldie Chisholm (21)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2010
William Cox (30)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2011
Kevin Bonn (22)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2011
Susan Wroe (27)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2010
Edna Fox (52)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2011
Joseph Fiander (26)	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2010
Sylvia McCleave (27)	California	Dec. 31, 2009
Shirley Jennings (57)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2010
Diane Patterson (10)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2009
Edith Taylor (8)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2010
Hattie Hagen (34)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2010
Hilda Allen (24)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2010
William Bishop (21)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2009

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Olga Beno (57)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2010
Sylvia Munro (38)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2010
Rosamond Campbell (49)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2010
Morgana Brownell (10)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2011
David Clarke (5)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2010
Julia MacKinnon (66)	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2010
Lola Pineo (15)	Louisiana	July 01, 2010
Frances Jackson (48)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2011
Mildred Wagner (28)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2010
Joyce Johnston (47)	Maryland	June 15, 2010
Helen Wamboldt	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2010
Sharon Ward (24)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2010
Ethel Pearston (21)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2010
April MacLean (37)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2009
Maureen Weeks (1PEI)	Missouri	June 16, 2011
Colleen McPherson (25)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2011
Irma Maxwell (67)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2009
Christene MacLeod (19)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2010
Bonnie Boutilier (61)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2009
Bonnie Lowe (31))	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2010
Leora Enslow (70)	New Jersey	Jan. 01, 2011
Ralph Donaldson (55)	New Mexico	Dec. 31, 2010
Allen Reid (25)	New York	May 01, 2010
Malcolm MacPherson (37)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2011
Mary Ihasz (19)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2009
Suzanne Aitken (69)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2009
Clara Nieforth (28)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2011
Marjorie Conrod (61)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2010
Norman Card (67)	Oregon	May 01, 2010
Leslie Graham (48)	Pennsylvania	Mar. 01, 2011
Muriel Elliott (47)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2011
JoAnne Giffin (59)	Quebec	July 01, 2011
Jean Hardy (8)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2010
Cordell Levy (2)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2011
Gordon Schultz (61)	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2011
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
Harold Ferguson (65)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2010
Mary Withrow (22)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2010
Helen Hazeldine (45)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2010
Roy MacKinnon (66)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2009
James Estey (58)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2010

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#### REPRESENTING NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Robert Chard	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2010
Barb Stefuk	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2009
Dorothy Henley	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2010
Marilyn Black	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2009

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Barbara Andresen	Australia	Dec. 31, 2010
Rhoda Basaraba	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2009
William Cheney	California	Dec. 31, 2009
Edwin Chase	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2010
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
Paul Lesneski	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2010
Patricia Hiester	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2010
Cheryl Pritt	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2009
Rilla Baker	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2009
Kathleen Ferris	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2010
Brenda Gormley	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2010
Dorothy Mouton	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2010
Martha "Mike" Wilson	Maine	May 31, 2010
Vasti Lamb	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2010
Sharon Earl	Maryland	June 01, 2010
Frederick Penney	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2009
Alberta Handy	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2009
Allen Porter	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2010
Sherry Kendall	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2011
Carolyn Sue Sanders	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2010
Diana Gill	Montana	Dec. 31, 2009
Donna McCartney	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2009
Yvonne MacNeill	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2009
Janet Tower	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2010
Larry Gullett	New Hampshire	Oct. 31, 2010
John Kuhl	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2010
Betty Thyron	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2011
Patricia Jackson	New York	Dec. 31, 2009
Harriet Pitts Wright	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2011
Pam White	North Dakota	July 31, 2011
Georgia Manning	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2010
Edith "Dee" Guyer	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2009
Violet Page	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2009
Oliver Hardy	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2009
David Myers	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2010
Francisco Velez	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2011
Rodney Jenne	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2010
Wendy Aylsworth	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2009
Heloisa Vargas Da Silva Custodio	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2011
Myrna Kissick	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2010
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2009
Gale Rickert	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2010
Alvin Schmidt	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2009
Mary Nell Smedley	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2010
Lyndel Campbell	Texas	Nov. 18, 2010
Virginia Ficker	Utah	Dec. 31, 2010
John Lake	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2010
Eugene Wiggins	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2010
Theresa Kent	Washington	Dec. 31, 2009
Jeanne Jordan	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2010
Hilda Lipsy	Wisconsin	May 01, 2011
William Biggs	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2010

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**SECRETARIES  
OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS  
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<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mrs. Arlene Riswold Box 469 Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Cedar #3	Wallace	Mrs. Marian Durling, P.G.M. 127 Golden Sands Drive Malagash Mine, N.S., B0K 1E0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6 Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mrs. Geraldine Delk 841 Mason's Beach Road RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Century #10	New Glasgow	Mrs. Olive Bowen 34 North Albert Street New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 3V1	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Mrs. LaVerne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Road Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Britannia #18	Amherst	Mrs. Muriel Toye 3426 Cape Road Dorchester, N.B., E4K 2X3	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Victoria #19	Baddeck	Mrs. Ann Ross P.O. Box 501, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Gayle Smith 13 Beverly Avenue Truro, N.S., B2N 4Y5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Fairfield #22	Windsor	Mrs. Margaret Bonn 141 Dill Road R.R.#1, Windsor N.S., BON 2T0	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday
Westville #24	Westville	Mrs. Diane Hayman, P.G.M. P.O. Box 853, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday

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Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704 Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. 14 Oland Avenue Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Amethyst #28	Halifax	Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277 Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Annaul #31	Middleton	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bishop P.O. Box 23 Lawrencetown, N.S., B0S 1M0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Queens #34	Liverpool	Mrs. Hattie Hagen 469 Oldham Road Oldham, N.S., B2T 1C2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. Amelia Whalley P.O. Box 746 Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162 Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Mae #38	Bridgewater	Mrs. Helen Holden 130 Lakeview Haven Drive Hebbsville, N.S., B4V 7A9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Mary Zinck 3003 Olivet Street, Apt. 409 Halifax, N.S., B3L 4A1	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday
Armcrest #45	Halifax	Mr. David Moir 104 Forest Village Road R.R.#1, Hubbards, N.S., B0J 1T0	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Florence Fraser #47	Sherbrooke	Mrs. Barbara Crosby Box 99 Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Mrs. Cora MacKay 474 College Road Truro, N.S., B2N 2R2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

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Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis-Snow 6 Rosehill Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6E5	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Faith #54	Mulgrave	Ms. Carol Brown 5244 Hwy 344 R.R.#1, Mulgrave, N.S., B0E 2G0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Ethel Brown 114 Hemlock Drive Elmsdale, N.S., B2S 1B8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Linda Grainger 23 Atholea Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3A5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Emerald #58	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Shoreham #59	Chester	Miss Vicki Perry 2816 Hwy #3 R.R.#1, Chester, N.S., B0J 1J0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Jean Coombes 10 Horizon Ct., A. 1504 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 0A4	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Atlantic #65	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Cooper Road, Fr. River RR#2, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Starlight #66	Port Hawkesbury	Mrs. Yvonne Fox 397 Hwy 19 Newtown, N.S., B9A 1J2	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Box 281 Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague, P.E.I.	Mrs. Alena Buchanan Montague P.E.I., C0A 1R0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs. Grace Boudreau P.O. Box 342 Shelburne, N.S., B0T 1W0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Anna Ford R.R.#2, Caledonia N.S., B0T 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday



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