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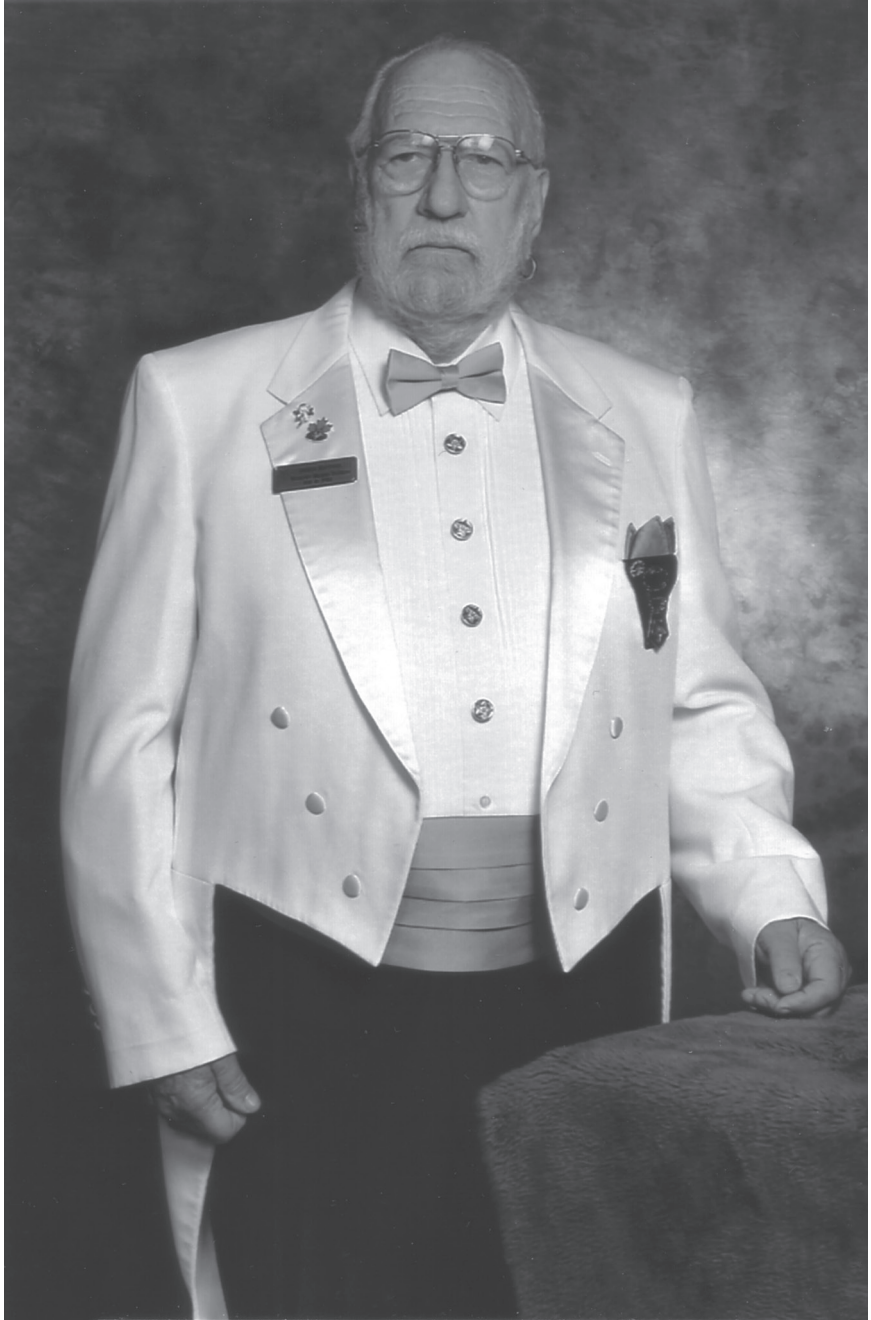
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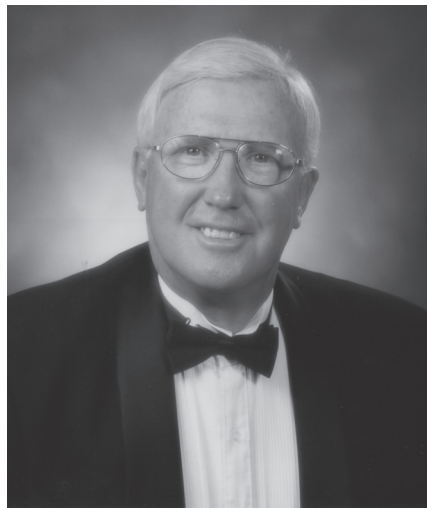
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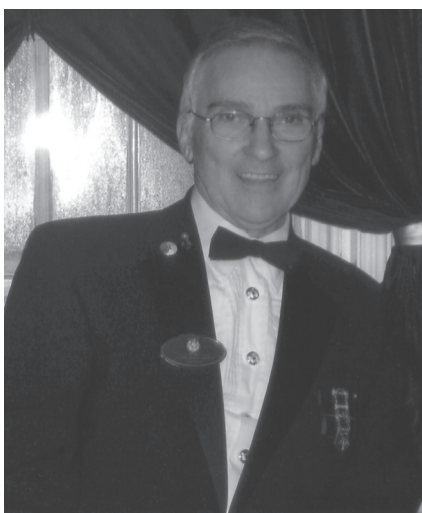
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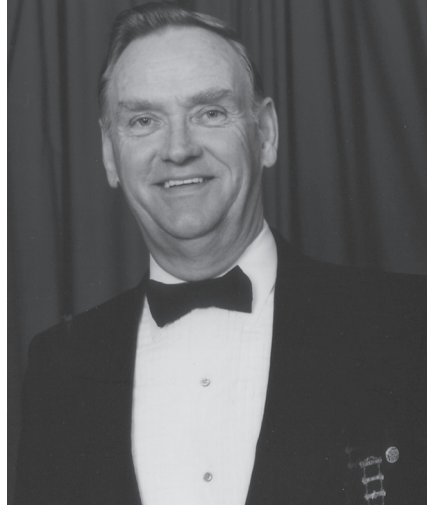


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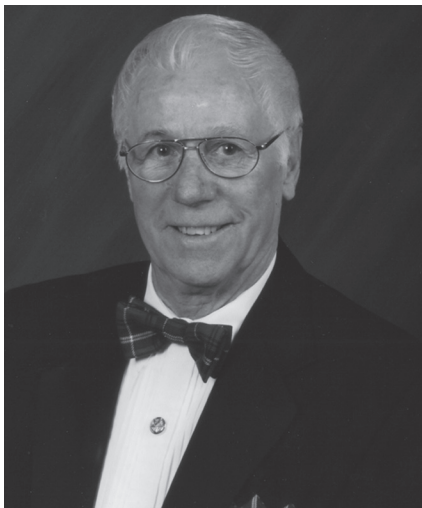


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“ROMANCING THE SEA”

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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 Accomplishes Miracles

MOTTO: Speak kindly and leave the rest to God.

SCRIPTURES: W.G.M.: *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

W.G.P.: *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

MASCOT: The White Rabbit

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FUN SYMBOLS: W.G.M.: The Daisy and Patchwork Quilts
W.G.P.: Dolphins, Wings and Wheels

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: W.G.M.: *Faith Unlocks the Door*
Hope is a Star
I Know the Master of the Wind
My Forever Friend
River in Judea
W.G.P.: *I Have a Dream - Abba*
I Danced in the Morning
I Believe
Will Your Anchor Hold
His Eye is on the Sparrow
'Tis a Gift to Be Simple
W.G.M./W.G.P.: *Sea People*

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DIVINE SERVICE

The “*Romancing the Sea*” ESTARL Church Service was held in the Digby Baptist Church, Digby, N. S., on Monday, July 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. and was well attended.

The service was conducted by Rev. Bro. Barry Jack, P.P. (10). With guest speaker, Rev. Gregory Denton. Call to Worship: Sister Stella Trask, W.G.M. Sister Louise Seeley, Grand Organist and the Grand Choir provided us with beautiful music during the service. Brother George Myles, Chair, ESTARL Committee, spoke using the theme “Our Role”. The readings were done by Sister Susan Eaton. Duets sung were “*The Lighthouse*” by Sister Beth Brett and Brother Shane MacFarlane and Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton sang “*A River in Judea*”. The sermon given by Rev. Gregory Denton was entitled “*Walk by Faith, Not by Sight*”. To conclude the service the hymn “*Jesus Savior, Pilot Me*” was sung and Brother Zeke Eaton, W.G.P. gave the Benediction.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$870.44** and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Programme.

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**INFORMAL OPENING
MONDAY EVENING, July 5, 2010**

6:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

6:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION of the 2009-2010 GRAND FAMILY AND ESCORTS:
Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24) introduced the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and their escorts.

District Deputy Grand Matron, District #3 Sister Linda McKay of Queen Esther Chapter #61, Dartmouth, was escorted by Brother George Moxsom, Past Patron, Elmsdale Chapter #55.

District Deputy Grand Matron, District #5 Sister Sheila Levy of Grace Chapter #8, Lunenburg, was escorted by her husband, Brother Lowell Levy, Grace Chapter #8.

District Deputy Grand Matron, District #6 Sister Donna Himmelman of Keystone Chapter #5, Yarmouth, was escorted by Brother Ward Cunningham, Past Grand Patron, and Past Patron of Keystone Chapter #5.

District Deputy Grand Matron, District #7 Sister LaVerne Porter of Evangeline Chapter #15, Kentville, was escorted by Rev. Fred Bigelow.

District Deputy Grand Matron, District #8 Sister Donna White of Montague Chapter #69, Montague, was escorted by Brother Heber Ross, Montague Chapter #69.

Grand Sentinel Brother Fred Lipskey of Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick, was escorted by his wife, Sister Peg Lipskey, Past Matron, Laurel Chapter #67.

Grand Warder Sister Melda Johnston of Regent Chapter #52, Central Bedeque, was escorted by Hubert MacLean.

Grand Electa Sister Yvonne Stephenson of Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14, Sydney, was escorted by Brother John Newell, Past Grand Patron and Past Patron, Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14.

Grand Martha Sister Gloria Turner of Grace Chapter #8, Lunenburg, was escorted by her husband, Brother Robert Turner, Past Patron, Grace Chapter #8.

Grand Esther **The honour station for this year.** Sister Anna Ford of Pearle Chapter #71, Caledonia, was escorted by her husband, Brother Howard Ford, Pearle Chapter #71.

Grand Ruth Sister Sandra Denton of St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, was escorted by Brother Jack Whalley, Past Patron, St. Mary's Chapter #35.

Grand Adah Sister Janet Hue of Emerald Chapter #58, Halifax, was escorted by her husband, George Hue.

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- Grand Organist** Sister Louise Seeley of Keystone Chapter #5, Yarmouth, was escorted by Brother Allen Denton, Past Grand Patron and Past Patron, St. Mary's Chapter #35.
- Grand Marshal** Brother Charles Graves of Crystal Chapter #1, Charlottetown, was escorted by his wife, Sister Judy Graves, Past Matron of Crystal Chapter #1.
- Grand Chaplain** Brother Richard Haynes of Mayflower Chapter #2, Kingston, was escorted by his wife, Sister Mabel Haynes, Past Matron, Mayflower Chapter #2.
- Associate Grand Conductress** Sister Mary Lou Higgins of Elm Chapter #48, Upper Stewiacke, was escorted by her cousin, Brother Murray Gardner, Past Grand Patron and Past Patron of Century Chapter #10.
- Grand Conductress** Sister Jane Wooldridge of Crystal Chapter #1, Charlottetown, was escorted by Brother George Doughart, Crystal Chapter #1.
- Grand Treasurer** Sister Dorothy Powroz of Amethyst Chapter #28, Halifax, was escorted by Brother Kenneth Smith, Past Grand Patron and Past Patron of Kwebec Chapter #27.
- Grand Secretary** Sister Betty Ann Loughnan of Mystic Star Chapter #40, was escorted by Brother Whitman Giffin, Past Grand Patron and Past Patron of Shoreham Chapter #59.
- Associate Grand Patron** Brother Frank Cullen of Westville Chapter #24, Westville, was escorted by his wife, Sister Doris Cullen, Past Matron, Westville Chapter #24.
- Associate Grand Matron** Sister Marion Buchan of Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick, was escorted by her son, Shawn Buchan.
- Worthy Grand Patron** Brother Zeke Eaton of Crystal Chapter #1, Charlottetown, was escorted by his wife, Sister Susan Eaton of Crystal Chapter #1.

And now last but not least and certainly most important our

- Worthy Grand Matron** Sister Stella Trask of St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, was escorted by her husband, Murray Trask.

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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6:30 p.m.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Narrator:	Sister Barbara Burtchett, P.M., Midlothian Chapter #85, Virginia
Bible:	Sister Susan Eaton (1PEI)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring (55)
Sheaf:	Sister Lynn Thurber, P.M. (61)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Heather Lynch, P.M. (38)
Broken Column:	Sister Dawn Wambolt (30)
Cup:	Sister Olivia Small (35)

Sister Barbara Burtchett, P.M.:

TRIBUTE TO THE HOLY BIBLE

Do you not feel God's presence in this place?

Where all is still, as though we were in prayer God does indeed seem so near - as from His Book we read of gifts so rare.

For the door we open is to God's heart, the key we use is prayer.

Gently, gently we place God's book upon the Altar there, where every eye may view its pages, pure and white.

Our prayer is that it may be to all a guiding light.

TRIBUTE TO THE EMBLEMS OF THE STAR POINTS

The SWORD and VEIL - the color blue represents the Daughters of our Order true. As we dedicate this EMBLEM to Thee may we pledge everlasting fidelity.

The SHEAF of WHEAT with its golden hues represents the widow as we all knew. This EMBLEM of Ruth and her lowly estate with constant devotion we dedicate.

The CROWN and SCEPTRE symbolize royalty and remind us of Queen Esther's loyalty to kindred and friends in desperate plight as we dedicate this EMBLEM tonight.

The BROKEN COLUMN on a field of green reminds us of Martha and her faith serene. With our hope of immortal life as we grieve, as this EMBLEM is placed, we proclaim we believe.

The CUP, the rose and the crimson hue reminds us of Electa's life so true. Our thoughts are turned to Him above as we dedicate this EMBLEM OF LOVE.

TRIBUTE TO THE GAVEL

The GAVEL is representative of authority. It carries a great deal of responsibility. To govern with fairness and mercy should always be our aim. So that the "landmarks" of our Order will forever remain.

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Solo: *"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place"*

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for asking all of us to participate in this very special ceremony. We appreciate the honour accorded to us and our respective chapters. And thank you Sisters and Brothers for your attention.

INFORMAL OPENING

6:45 p.m. Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and General Grand Chapter Executive Committee Member, and Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (35) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: Good Evening Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

It is an honour and a pleasure, through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton to participate in the informal opening of this the *"Romancing the Sea"* 63rd annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and to share the East with my husband, Brother Allen Denton, Past Grand Patron.

*"While 'guest' is a most precious word
We would not call you thus
While you are here we'd have you know
That you are one of us.
We want you to feel without a doubt
That our welcome is sincere -
We are giving you smiles that come from within
And hope we can greet you again and again".*

A Chinese philosopher has said "A stranger may give you bread but a welcome comes only from the lips of a friend."

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I extend to you a most sincere welcome to this Session and to our beautiful town of Digby.

We are honoured to have with us Civic and Fraternal Leaders as well as members from our General Grand Chapter. I am very pleased to welcome Honourable Harold Theriault, Jr., MLA Province of Nova Scotia and affectionately known to me as "Junior"; Mr. Ben Cleveland, Mayor of Digby; Mr. Jim Thurber, Warden of the Municipality of Digby; Brother Owen Walton, Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, AF&AM; Brother Earl Adams, Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, AF&AM; Noble Peter Kay, on behalf of the Shriners; Queen Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile; Digby Area Recreational Facility, our host facility, Bob Powell, Manager and Jean Brittain; also we are very honoured to have Lisa Mullin and Helene Duffy from the Canadian Cancer Society.

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We are very pleased to welcome Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Frederick Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. For guests who are not members of our Order, Sister Rennie and Brother Fred hold the highest titles you can achieve in the world of our Order. What an honour for me to welcome you both to this Session and tell you both how very proud we are of you.

I also give a very special welcome to our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and wife of our Most Worthy Grand Patron. And how very proud we are of you Sister Margaret. A special welcome to visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and to all General Grand Chapter Committee Members - especially our own, and there are many.

To all distinguished guests I bid you welcome and hope your visit to Nova Scotia and to our beautiful town of Digby will be most pleasant. Digby is world famous for its Scallop Fleet and fishery and we have recently claimed fame to being the most romantic town in Nova Scotia. I highly recommend a nice feed of fresh scallops in one of our fine restaurants, a stroll on our quaint Main Street and if romance should come your way - enjoy to the fullest.

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

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

Brother Allen, P.G.P.: Good evening Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

As usual my wife has said it all! However, it is a privilege for me to welcome all our members, friends and distinguished guests to this informal opening of our "*Romancing the Sea*" Session.

We hope that each of you will enjoy the next few days of deliberations and the beauty of our Province and the lovely town of Digby.

We are very proud and delighted by the presence of Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Grand Matron of Texas and our very own Brother Frederick Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron and his lovely wife, Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther. To all distinguished guests we wish you good health and happiness as you continue to serve our Order. Sister Cheryl, it has been my pleasure to assist you in opening the Informal Opening.

Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: I now call to order this Informal Opening of the 63rd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - the "*Romancing the Sea*" 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 Eleanor Freeman, Past Grand Matron.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Gaurds, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives and Subordinate Chapter Esthers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

"Romancing the Sea" Processional
Narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71)

Throughout the ages man has been enthralled by the Sea, awed by its beauty, lured by its mystery and challenged by its power.

Why do we love the Sea? Why is the voice of the Sea a voice that lingers in our hearts? Perhaps it is because the Sea is one of the most beautiful and magnificent sights in nature!

As we present our "*Romancing the Sea*" formations, we pay tribute not only to the lessons of our beloved Order, but also to our "Heritage of the Sea", and our love for the Sea.

Entrance of Grand Officers:

As we have been guided by the lessons of the Order of the Eastern Star, early mariners set their course and were guided by the stars.

Our Grand Officers, our "Stars" to whom we look for guidance, have formed a "Crown of Stars".

The Grand Star Points have formed the "Gems of the Crown" - Gems of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love which should be reflected in our lives.

Entrance of District Deputy Grand Matrons:

Our District Deputy Grand Matrons have formed the "Sceptre".

The Crown and Sceptre united is the emblem of our Honour Station, Esther.

Esther, with great courage, risked the loss of her crown and life rather than shirk her responsibilities to others.

May we be inspired by the courage of Esther and the indomitable courage of those who face the perils of the Sea.

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Entrance of Esthers:

Our subordinate Chapter Esthers have formed the "Daisy", our Worthy Grand Matron's fun symbol for the year.

The daisy, once considered a sign of true and faithful love, is beauty in its very simplicity. The white of the daisy reflects the white ray of Esther and the white-capped waves of the Sea.

Entrance of Grand Guards:

The Grand Guards have formed a "Dolphin".

In our Order we are linked by ties of friendship. Therefore, it seems very fitting that the dolphin, long considered a friend to sailors, should be chosen as the Worthy Grand Patron's fun symbol.

What a wonderful sight it is to see dolphins plunging and frolicking in the water and to see the delight in the eyes of those watching the antics of these playful creatures.

Entrance of Grand Pages:

The Grand Pages have formed the "Waves of the Sea", accented with the whitecaps and spray as the waves break along the shore.

Part of the lure of the Sea is its ever changing colour - from blue to green to turquoise - and the beauty of the waves - storm tossed waves that break with a thunderous roar along our rocky coast or waves that lap gently along the shores of our sandy beaches.

As we travel on the "Sea of Life" we will each encounter storms that send waves crashing along the shore. If we face each storm with "Perseverance", have "Hope" for the future, and "Believe" that God will guide us to safe harbour, then we, too, will come to a time when the waves will lap gently on the shore.

Entrance of Grand Representatives:

The Grand Representatives have encircled all within a "Chain of Friendship" that extends throughout our Eastern Star World, strengthening our ties of fraternal love and friendship.

*"Friendship is a "Mighty Ship"
That weathers many gales,
And leaves a blessing to the world
O'er every Sea it sails."*

Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton at the Altar for proper introduction.

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Sister Stella, you were one of my Grand Officers - serving my honour station of Grand Martha in 1998-1999, how very pleased I am to welcome you this evening. We have been friends for 40 years and it is with interest that I have watched you travel to the East. I can't help but think how very proud your Mother would be today. Sister Stella's Mother was Sister Annie Burney, Past Matron of Port Royal Chapter #1, Annapolis Royal. As you have sailed into the harbours this year you have calmed the waters and smoothed the seas. You have served this jurisdiction with distinction and have held high the teachings of our Order. Well done thy loyal servant.

Brother Zeke, you have been a most faithful traveller and supporter this past year and we are extremely proud of your loyal service. However, three weeks ago the Sea was not so calm for you but you have weathered the storm, cast your nets and now are fishing for the Good of our Order. Very well done thy good and faithful servant.

Brother Allen, P.G.P.: Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, it is with pleasure that I welcome you both to your own "*Romancing the Sea*" Session. Sister Stella, you were District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Inez Daye and I in 2003-2004. We were proud of you then and we are proud of you now.

Brother Zeke, you have fulfilled your duties admirably and are to be commended for your perseverance. I would like to thank both of you for the honour you have given to Sister Cheryl and I. May God Bless you both as you govern in the days ahead.

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

Grand Honours were given to Sister Stella and Brother Zeke.

Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59) sang "*Sea People*" to both Sister Stella and Brother Zeke.

Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present you your Gavel with the best wishes of all assembled here. May your Session be all that you dreamed of and be a perfect ending to a wonderful year.

Sister Stella, W.G.M. :

Sister Cheryl and Brother Allen, thank you for your kind and gracious words of welcome at this the 63rd, Annual Grand Chapter "*Romancing the Sea*" Session. It seems like just the other day when I served as part of your respective Grand Families and enjoyed every minute. It seems appropriate that the both of you should open this Informal Session as our lives have been so closely connected for so many years. We were neighbours for over 17 years and have been close friends for almost forty years. I treasure your friendship and you will always have a special place in my heart. Sister Stella presented a gift to Sister Cheryl.

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Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Sister Cheryl and Brother Allen, thank you so much for officiating at this informal opening of this 63rd annual session of our Grand Chapter, "*Romancing the Sea*". I have valued your friendship and dedication since first we met, many years ago. Brother Allen, please accept this small token of my gratitude, as a memento fo this evening.

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

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

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Brother Richard Haynes, our Grand Chaplain will give the Invocation.

Brother Richard Haynes, Grand Chaplain:

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of gathering this week, as we assemble for this, the sixty-third session of our Grand Chapter. We come seeking the light of that star which guided the wise men to the place where Jesus was born and with that faith, knowing wherever people gather in your name, your guiding hand will be in their midst.

We ask for your blessing and direction, as our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton preside over our "Romancing the Sea" session. May wisdom, harmony, and fellowship prevail and may our deliberations reflect that spirit of fraternal love which should always reign within our beautiful Order.

Please watch over all those who have travelled from near and far and grant them a safe return to their loved ones. All this we ask in your precious name.
Amen.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Grand Marshal, you will proclaim this Informal Opening of the 63rd Annual Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the "*Romancing the Sea*" Session called to order.

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

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

under the direction of Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by **Sister Marelene Clyke**, P.M. (28) followed by the singing of "*O Canada*". The flag was then placed in the East.

The tribute was given by Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. (70):

“I” in this tribute means the Canadian Flag speaking for itself.

I am the National Flag of Canada and my Red and White colours were appointed by King George V in 1921.

My proportions are 2 by length and 1 by width.

Although the search for a new Canadian Flag began in 1925 and later in 1946 it was not until 1965 that I became the National Flag of Canada.

My combination of Red and White first appeared on the General Service Medal issued by Queen Victoria. My single Red Maple Leaf on a White background has been worn by Canadian Athletes since 1904.

On the 15 December 1964 Red, White and Red with a single Red Maple Leaf was approved by resolution of the House of Commons, followed by the Senate on the 17 December 1964 and Proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Queen of Canada to take effect on 15 February 1965.

My Maple Leaf was historically used from the early days of Canada to symbolize the Land and its People. First proposed as an Emblem of Canada in 1834 it was used as decorations for the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada in 1860.

I am twice as long as I am wide with Red and White being my Canada's Official Colours.

My Maple Leaf is a stylized design and its Symbolism lies in the Maple Leaf itself. There is no special significance in the eleven points of my Maple Leaf. But according to many Historians, My Maple Leaf began to serve as a Canadian symbol as early as 1700 and finally became official when I was approved in 1965.

Today I am proud to fly as the National Flag of my Great Country Canada, to accompany my Military in their missions around the world and I am greatly saddened when I must do my duty and Drape the Coffin of my fallen HEROES.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I thank you for giving me this opportunity to pay tribute to our Canadian Flag.

The **Union Jack** was presented by Brother Roy McKinnon , P.P. (66), followed by the singing of “*God Save The Queen*”. The flag was placed in the East.

The flag of the **United States of America** was presented by Sister Lillian Stewart P.M. (69), followed by the singing of “*The Star Spangled Banner*”.

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The flag was placed in the East and the **tribute was given by Brother Robert McBournie, P.G.P.**, Massachusetts.

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

I stand before you this evening with an assignment to give a tribute to the American Flag. When I was asked to do this all sorts of ideas came into my head as to how I should present this. My immediate reaction was, Wow, how proud my mother would be of me as I stand here in her home country, she, being born in Pugwash and a graduate of Amherst High School in Nova Scotia. Then I thought at 70 years old of how many tributes I had listened to through the years that expounded on the beautiful colors of the flag.

I decided I would try to be different, as I had grown up with a bit of jealousy to all those proud men and women who stood at attention and saluted this beautiful flag as it was carried at Memorial Day parades and other occasions. My father was a veteran of WWII, having served in the U. S. Coast Guard, and I can remember us as a family, driving through our small town in Massachusetts to celebrate the end of the war with horns blowing, yelling and shouting out the windows and waving our small but beautiful flags as a symbol that the war was over. I especially can recall Memorial Day that year was really special as hundreds of proud veterans marched as a tribute with much pride but also with great sadness at the 405,399 American lives that were lost as a result of this war.

At the local cemetery where the parade ended, people listened to tributes to the living and the dead, gun salutes that brought tears to many and salutes when tributes were given to the flag. I was a proud American to be part of the crowd in attendance but a little jealous not being privileged to salute the flag as they all had.

Through the years we have had other wars and confrontations that brought many people to the celebration of the end of these and again many flags waving and salutes, tears of joy and sorrow at the tremendous loss of life.

In 1961 a change came to me that altered my thinking of how I could be extra proud to be an American. In the Inauguration Speech of John F. Kennedy, the late President of our country, he asked us to 'ask not what our country could do for us but what we could do for our country'. I thought about this for a long time and I came to the conclusion that I could throw away my jealousy of those proud Americans who could salute our flag as the National Anthem was being played, by singing as strong as I could those marvelous words with pride, love and support of the Red, White and Blue.

My thoughts also go to those veterans who look forward to preparing to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. I have a very close friend who served in the Navy and

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some three months before the parade he tries his whites on to see how much weight he has to lose to fit into his uniform. My guess is he is not the only one.

I think of a member of Eastern Star here in Nova Scotia, Brother Garry Hope, who proudly displays both the American and Canadian Flags as you drive into his yard in Westville. How much pride does he show!

I would like to commend the General Grand Chapter for making the decision that it was okay for all veterans to salute the flag during the National Anthem.

Lee Greenwood says all the right words in his song, "God Bless the USA" and in closing I would like you all to listen to his marvelous piece of work.

A tape of "God Bless the USA" was played at this time.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for asking me to give this tribute. It has been an honor and privilege for me to put this in your book of memories at this 'Romancing the Sea' Session.

I am proud to be an American and of the Red, White and Blue. And, I am also proud to have a little bit of Nova Scotia in me, too.

The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Brother Hayward Meisner, P.P. (70) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Brother Carl Thompson, P.P. (52), together at the Altar and placed in the East.

The **Texas** Flag was presented by Brother Henry Martin, P.G.P. of Texas.

The **Christian** flag was presented by Sister Midge Medicraft, P.M. (31) and the **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Brother George Moxsom, P.P. (55) together at the Altar and placed in the East.

Brother Ken Smith: Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the Honour of taking part in The Flag Presentations.

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Welcome Sisters, Brothers and Friends to this 63rd annual "Romancing the Sea" session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Tonight, it is a sincere pleasure and honour for me to welcome each one of you. To the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, this is your

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Grand Chapter and I sincerely hope you will have a wonderful time. When I visited each of your Chapters you greeted me with grace, kindness, smiles and hugs and we hope your experience here in Digby will be one of happy memories leaving you anxious to return again soon. To our distinguished guests, we extend to you "one hundred thousand welcomes". We trust you will have the opportunity to explore some of our coastal areas, experience the rise and fall of the tides, visit a lighthouse and savour some of our famous Digby Scallops. Our hospitality room is always open so feel free to stop and sit and chat awhile. I would like to thank Brother Bill Clark, Past Grand Patron for the presentation of the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, a tradition started by his Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Denton in 1990. I also would like to thank Sister Barbara Burtchett, Past Matron, Midlothian Chapter, No. 85, Virginia for the writing and narrating of the beautiful emblem ceremony and Sister Eleanor Freeman, Past Grand Matron, (71) for the super job of writing and narrating the formations. We truly are working as a T.E.A.M., Together everyone accomplishes miracles.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Distinguished Guests,
Let me add to Sister Stella's words of welcome. This evening we begin this "*Romancing the Sea*" session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The 63rd annual session of our Grand Chapter. I am reminded of climbing a high hill. When I began as Grand Sentinel, I looked ahead and thought, "What have I gotten myself into?" Now, as I stand here and look back on the last three years, it is like looking back down from the top of that hill and thinking, "How could it have been so short, and how could it have seemed so long in the beginning?" What a wonderful experience this has been. I have renewed many old friendships and, I hope, have made many new friends. I am delighted to welcome you all here to Digby, the home of the best seafood in the world, and to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, where hospitality and courtesy are second to none. I would also like to thank Brother Ken Smith, Past Grand Patron, for taking charge of the presentation of the flags. Welcome, one and all. Please relax, enjoy your time with us, travel safely and come back soon. We'll be looking for you.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON and MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas along with **Brother Frederick W. Clarke**, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented at the Altar.

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Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie: It is an honour for me to welcome you on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to our "Romancing the Sea" session and also an honour for me to welcome you to our beautiful town of Digby. We truly hope you will enjoy your visit with us.

*May your smiles and friendly handclasps,
Your greetings sincere and true,
Your kindness and service to others
Return richest blessings to you.*

Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred: What a delight it is for me as Worthy Grand Matron to welcome you to the 63rd annual "Romancing the Sea" session here in the romantic town of Digby. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island we want to tell you once again how very proud we are of you and all your accomplishments. You are creating history in our Jurisdiction and we, the members respect and admire you. With those blue eyes, who wouldn't love you.

*Family ties are treasured things
And far though we may roam
The tender bond with those we love
Still pull our hearts toward home.*

Welcome home Sister Rennie and Brother Fred.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron, It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to Nova Scotia and to our Grand Chapter. My term of office is ending, but yours is just getting under way. You are doubly special to us as you share with our own Brother Fred. While you are truly a Texan, we consider you one of us as well.

Brother Fred, Most Worthy Grand Patron, You have been one of us from the beginning, and words cannot express how proud we are of that fact. You have travelled far, and have many miles yet to go. As you continue to carry out your duties our thoughts and prayers go with you.

We know you have both worked very hard for our Order and continue to do so. Of these things may you always have enough, but not too much: Wind in your sails, Food on your table, Money in your pocket, Fire in your hearth and Friends in your heart.

Welcome.

Sister Rennie and Brother Fred were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

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Brother Ray Horton, P.P. (66) sang "*You'll Never Walk Alone*" to Sister Rennie.

Brother Ray and Sister Kay Horton, P.M. (66) sang "*Climb Every Mountain*" to Brother Fred.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Thank you for the beautiful music. We are certainly blessed with all the wonderful talent in our membership.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Minnesota was presented at the Altar, introduced and welcomed.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat, It is a privilege for me to welcome you to the 63rd annual "*Romancing the Sea*" session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and to the romantic town of Digby, my hometown.

*"Deep in our heart's garden, grows
A radiant memory like a rose;
Always fresh and always fair,
Shedding forth its fragrance rare
Like a red rosebud bathed in dew
That's our memory of you."*

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Let me add my welcome also. Please make yourself at home and enjoy your time with us.

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

Sister Crystal MacLean (35) sang "*The Lord's Prayer*" to her.

ELECTED and APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Four Elected and Seven Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers (including our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther) were presented at the Altar introduced and welcomed:

Elected General Grand Chapter Officers: Sister Helen Westmoreland, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Florida; Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; Sister Betty Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Emeritus of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Iowa; and Brother Robert Penoyer, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania.

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Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers: Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Vermont; Sister Mary Lockridge, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of Michigan; Sister Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary of Missouri; Sister Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand Matron of Ontario; Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Sister Vivian Chrisopulos, Worthy Grand Warder and Past Grand Matron of Ohio.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

*Our members join with me tonight,
In opening wide our door.
To give you such a welcome
As you've never had before
We want it to be warm enough
That every coming day,
You'll be happy just because
You chanced to pass our way.*

Thank you for coming. Sister Margaret, the apple of our eye, we are very proud of you as you continue your travels promoting our fraternal Order.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

What a fine looking group! I am delighted that you all were able to come here to see where the light of day first shines on our Order in North America. I hope you will be as happy to be here as we are to have you. Welcome to Nova Scotia.

The Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers were escorted to the East and Grand Honours were given to them.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

AMBASSADOR TO ALASKA: Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

AMBASSADOR TO NORTHERN ITALY: Sister Shirley Colson, P.G.M., Virginia;

AMBASSADOR TO NEW JERSEY: Sister Janice Albro, P.G.M., Connecticut;

AMBASSADOR TO NEW YORK: Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

BENEVOLENCE and SOCIAL CHAIRMAN, CANADA: Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

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- CANCER:** Canada Chairman, Sister Nelda Witt, P.G.M., British Columbia and Yukon
- CHAPTER RESTORATION:** Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Carol Featherstone, P.G.M., Ontario;
- CHARTERS:** Chairman, Sister Judith Brightman, P.G.M., Rhode Island;
- CREDENTIALS:** Brother Robert Brown, P.G.P., Maine; Brother Graham Vincent, P.G.P., New Brunswick;
- EASTERN STAR JOURNAL:** Chairman, Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Ann Vossberg, P.G.M., British Columbia and Yukon;
- EDUCATION:** U.S. Chairman, Sister Bonnie Zumalt, P.G.M., Massachusetts;
- ESTARL:** Canada Chairman, Murray Gardner, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Elaine Bupp, P.G.M., Michigan; Sister Margaret Hourston, P.G.M., Quebec; Sister Mary Sisemore, P.G.M., Missouri;
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** General Chairman Texas, Henry Martin, P.G.P., Texas; Sister Cheryl Denton, Co-Chairman Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Brother John Newell, Housing Chairman Canada, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- HEART:** U.S. Chairman, Sister Glenda Meeks, P.G.M., South Dakota; Canada Chairman, Sister Roberta Milin, P.G.M., British Columbia and Yukon;
- INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** Brother Ronald Jagoe, P.G.P., New Brunswick; Sister Jackie Groves, P.G.M., West Virginia;
- JURISPRUDENCE:** Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- MEMBERSHIP:** Canada Chairman, Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Susan Gaines, P.G.M., Maine;
- NECROLOGY:** Canada Chairman, Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Canada Chairman, Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- REGISTRATION:** Canada Chairman, Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; U.S. Chairman, Sister Alma Carter, P.G.M., Texas;
- RITUAL:** Canada Chairman, Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES:** Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- SERVICE DOGS:** Canada Chairman, Brother Robin Ward, P.G.P., Ontario; Sister Debbie Hill, P.G.M., New Brunswick; Sister Gwen Leighton, P.G.M., Alberta; Sister Lorraine Thompson, P.G.M., New Hampshire;
- SHRINERS CHARITIES:** Canada Chairman, Brother George Crouch, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- SPECIAL DEPUTY TO BOLIVIA:** Brother Frank Fenner, P.G.P., Massachusetts;
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Chairman, Sister Brenda Shaw-Radford, P.G.M., Quebec;

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Welcome to the "*Romancing the Sea*" session. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would have the privilege and honour to welcome so many General Grand Chapter Committee Members to our own Grand Chapter Session. A time when history is being made in our Jurisdiction with Brother Fred as Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther and so many of our own serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Members. We are extremely pleased to have you'all with us, we hope you enjoy your stay, will take home many fond memories and come back soon.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

You are the heavy haulers of the General Grand Chapter. Without your hard work, the tires of this organization would soon all go flat. We are happy to welcome you all here this evening, and especially to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, let me say we are particularly proud of you.

Response: Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. - Registration:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers & Friends:

It is an honour and personal pleasure for me to be invited to respond on behalf of all the General Grand Chapter Committee Members to your gracious greeting and also to extend our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful hospitality we have received since our arrival to the picturesque town of Digby.

Our wish for you is that you have a most successful "*Romancing The Sea*" Session filled with wonderful memories that you will cherish for years to come.

My sincere appreciation for this very special honour.

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

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Brother Zeke, W.G.P. announced the wedding of Brother David Waterbury, G.G.C.C.M. and Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.G.M. which took place on Saturday, July 3, 2010. CONGRATULATIONS were extended to both of them by all members present.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR and 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Twenty-three 50 year and 50 year plus members were assembled in the West by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and introduced - giving their years of service. They were: Sister Megan Church (22)-65 years, Sister Kathleen Boutilier (47)-63 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-61 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-61 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-61 years, Sister Sarah Doty (5)-60 years,

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Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-60 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-58 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-58 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-57 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-56 years, Sister Janet Merry (27)-56 years, Sister Alena Buchanan (69)-56 years, Sister Shirley Jennings (57)-56 years, Sister Ada Turner (14)-54 years, Sister Margaret Allen (3)-52 years, Sister Shirley Conrad (49)-52 years, Sister Margaret Clarke (67)-52 years, Sister Eleanor Mitchell (61)-51 years, Brother Charles Teal (38)-51 years, Sister Josie Zwicker (61)-50 years, Sister Margaret Best (2)-50 years and Sister Aileen MacKillop (19)-50 years.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: It is such an honour to welcome you, our fifty and over fifty year members. You have been the loyal and faithful ones who have given so much of your time and talents to our Order. Many of you are still very active and a vital part of your Chapter. You have a great depth of knowledge and are a link to our past history. "The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future". We are grateful for your service and dedication to our Order.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: It is so wonderful to have so many of you here this evening. You are the veterans of our Order. Your devotion and dedication are the inspiration that keeps the rest of us going. I hope you have a grand time at this grand session. Enjoy the romance!

The Grand Choir sang "*Memories*" as the Worthy Grand Matron went to the west and presented each with a gift of calla lilies.

The honoured members were given a standing ovation.

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

We are also pleased to have with us this evening the Honourable Harold "Junior" Theriault, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia. Junior is no stranger in our area, born and brought up on Digby Neck. We are pleased to welcome you this evening. We will now look forward to hearing a few words from our MLA, Junior Theriault.

The Honourable Harold "Junior" Theriault, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia spoke briefly and welcomed all members and visitors to the Digby area. He stated that this is the most formal "informal" meeting he has ever attended. He invited all present to enjoy their stay and visit around the beautiful area. He thanked Sister Stella for giving him the honour of bringing greetings from the provincial government and wished all a successful session.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Thank you for your kind remarks and coming to be with us this evening.

CIVIC WELCOME

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Mayor of Digby, Ben Cleveland. Mayor Ben has kidded with me before that we attended school together, when the truth is I was his Grade 8 English teacher. It is a privilege for me to ask you to bring us greetings on behalf of the Town of Digby.

Mr. Ben Cleveland brought greetings from the town of Digby. He congratulated the newly weds, Brother David and Sister Annie Mae. He welcomed our members and our visitors who have travelled great distances to attend this Grand Chapter Session. He encouraged all to tour around the town, the working fishery, the beaches and boardwalks and to have a great time while in the town of Digby.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: I am also very pleased to welcome Warden Jim Thurber this evening. The Municipality of Digby stretches north, east and south and covers a large geographical area. We are pleased to welcome you Warden Jim and we now look forward to a few words from you.

Mr. Jim Thurber extended a welcome on behalf of the Municipality of Digby. He congratulated Sister Stella and Brother Zeke on having the Canadian Cancer Society as their Special Project. He thanked Sister Stella for the invitation to attend this evening and invited everyone to return to the Digby area whenever possible.

Response: Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Sentinel:

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

It is an honour for me to respond to the welcome given by MLA Harold "Junior" Theriault, Mayor Ben Cleveland of the Town of Digby, Warden Jim Thurber of the Municipality of Digby, all representatives of the acknowledged Scallop Capital of Canada. We very much appreciate each of you taking time from your busy schedules to be with us this evening in this "Romancing of the Sea" Session, very appropriately convened on the shores of the Bay of Fundy.

I'm sure the visitors from other jurisdictions will thoroughly enjoy the beauty of this area and the kindness and friendly hospitality this part of the Maritimes is so well known for.

Thank you again for the honour you have afforded us with your presence.

MASONIC GREETINGS

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

It is now my honour to introduce Most Worshipful Brother Owen Walton, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia. It is scarcely a month ago that I attended your

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installation. I hope you are enjoying yourself as you settle into the duties of that high office. May we have a few words from you?

Most Worshipful Brother Owen Walton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I am extremely honoured to bring greetings to this Grand Chapter for the second year in a row on behalf of the five thousand Freemasons of Nova Scotia. Just having been installed one month ago today as Grand Master, I am still getting my feet wet, so to speak.

As I mentioned to this Grand Chapter last year, I feel we can do more for the Masonic Family by working together than going it alone. I will continue to encourage this in the Lodges in the jurisdiction during my term of office. My family has been a Masonic one for many years and it is because I truly believe in it that I have for my motto this year, "Make Masonry a Family Affair".

I wish to tell this Grand Chapter that I feel our time has arrived, in a sense. Keep plugging along and good things will happen. For the first time in a good number of years the membership of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia is showing a positive number! Some lodges are receiving petitions galore. I must however, add a word of admonition. It is the lodges which are doing something besides a business meeting once a month which are thriving. The lodges which have the attitude of sitting back and expecting someone else to do it for them are withering. I feel this also applies to our Subordinate Chapters in this Order. More onus must be put on extracurricular activities. Business meetings alone will not cut it!

I am pleased to see the Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, Most Worshipful Brother Earl Adams in attendance. Welcome Brother Adams.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I congratulate you on a successful year which I trust has been an enjoyable one for you both. I wish you well during these Grand Sessions.

To the incoming officers, I wish you well and look forward to a year of co-operation and working together for the mutual benefit of our Grand Family.

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron: The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia wishes for you both a happy and productive remainder of your Triennium.

Most Worthy Grand Patron, we are very proud of you in this jurisdiction and wish you God-speed in your further endeavours.

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A brother told his wife that he had to go to lodge that evening because the Master had called an emergent meeting. His wife said, "Well it seems that when your Master snaps his fingers, you're there! I wish I were Master of your Lodge!" "So do I", replied the husband, "We get a new one each year." He slept on the couch for a month, but it was worth it.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your indulgence.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Sisters and Brothers, our next guest is Most Worshipful Brother Earl Adams, Grand Master of Masons of Prince Edward Island. Most Worshipful Brother Earl, I am delighted to welcome you to this Romancing the Sea session of our Grand Chapter. I trust you will enjoy your stay with us. The floor is yours, if you wish to speak. Welcome.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island Brother Earl Adams brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and thanked Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for the invitation. He was pleased to attend the honour night for Brother Fred. He wished Sister Stella and Brother Zeke all the best for a successful session and enjoyed visiting the Grand Session and Digby.

SHRINE GREETINGS

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

It is now my pleasure to introduce Noble Peter Kay, of Philae Temple Shriners. Please honour us with a few words.

Noble Brother Peter Kay:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Grand Chapter Officers, Platform Guests, Sisters and Brothers and Visitors.

I am honoured to have been asked by our Potentate III. Sir Shane Buchan to represent him at this 63rd Annual Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island "Romancing the Sea".

I bring you greetings from the Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and our Potentate III. Sir Shane. Sir Shane sends his regrets for not being here himself as he had to attend our Imperial Council Session in Toronto. I know that he really wanted to be here.

As membership Chairman of Philae Shriners I want to tell you who we are - Shriners are distinguished by an enjoyment of life and a commitment to philanthropy. They enjoy parades, trips, dinners, sporting events and other special occasions. They support what has been called the "World's Greatest Philanthropy," Shriners Hospitals

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for Children, a network of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals, operated and maintained by the Shriners. Shriners Hospitals provide specialized care to children under the age of 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

The Northeast Shrine Association are holding their meetings in Halifax in September. On September 18th they will be having a mammoth street parade with cars, bands, scooters, clowns etc.. We hope to see you all there.

We congratulate you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke on your very successful year and wish you all the best as you continue your "Romancing the Sea" Session.

Thank you and God Bless.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: We are pleased indeed to have with us this evening Queen of Athena Temple #149, Queen Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson. It was a pleasure to attend your Installation in April and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island we wish you many happy memories during your reign. May we hear from you at this time.

Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson expressed her pleasure at being asked to bring greetings from Athena Temple. She stated that this is the first time that Prince Edward Island has had a Queen in 30 years. The first Queen of Athena Temple was the late Sister Elsie Henderson and the present International Queen reigned with her. She appreciated having the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and members of her chapter, Crystal No. 1, Charlottetown, attend her installation. She stated that she will purchase a "Stepping Stone" in honour of Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron. At the close of her remarks, Sister Marjorie asked the members of Athena Temple and all Daughters of the Nile present to stand and be recognized.

The **response** was given by **Brother Frank Cullen, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Owen Walton, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and Most Worshipful Grand Master, Earl Adams, of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, it is indeed a privilege to respond to your fraternal greetings. Thank you for addressing our Grand Chapter, and we all wish you both a very successful year in your offices.

We have the honour of having two Masonic Grand Lodges within our Grand Chapter Jurisdiction and you are both to be congratulated on your recent election to the highest offices of Craft Masonry in both provinces.

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Queen Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, Athena Temple, Daughters of the Nile, thank you for your greetings and best wishes, and congratulations on your election to Queen of the Nile.

Noble Peter Kay, of Philae Shriners . Thank you for your kind words and coming here to be with us tonight and representing the Potentate and his elected Divan.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter, let me express our appreciation for the greetings from our Masonic brothers and the members of the concordant bodies here tonight. Your presence here tonight helps to strengthen all our organizations.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

HOST FACILITY

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: It was only six years ago that our Grand Chapter was held at this facility and we are pleased to be here again. At this time I would like to call upon Mr. Bob Powell, Manager of the Digby Area Recreation Facility. It is a pleasure for us to work with your management and staff and we thank you for your cooperation. May we hear from you?

Mr. Bob Powell spoke briefly and welcomed the Order of the Eastern Star and was pleased to have this facility available for our use. He wished Sister Stella and Brother Zeke good luck in their deliberations.

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

PRESENTATION TO CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Divisions Special Project of 2009-2010

By Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about the special project the Worthy Grand Matron and I have taken on. Our special project is the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island division of the Canadian Cancer Society. The funds are to be used for the benefit of those living with a diagnosis of cancer, including patients and family members, and will be apportioned to the two Provinces. As we all know much too well, Cancer is no respecter of persons. Male and female, young and old, rich and poor, every racial, ethnic and religious group; cancer stretches forth its malevolent hand. Cancer is not just one disease, but a rather large group of diseases, some of which are relatively minor, while others are extremely serious. An estimated 166,000 Canadians will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2009/10.

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At the present time, about three quarters of those diagnosed with cancer will respond favorably to treatment, and will survive for more than five years after diagnosis, and this ratio has been gradually improving over the years.

Very few of us in North America are untouched by this group of diseases. Some of us have lost friends or family members. Some of us have undergone treatment and have been in remission for many years. Many patients are undergoing treatment as I speak. We all have reason to hope for a cure, or rather, a number of cures.

It is indeed a proud pleasure to be a part of the effort which culminated in this presentation this evening. I know the Canadian Cancer society will continue the good work it has been doing for research and in helping those living with a diagnosis of cancer. To the Canadian Cancer Society, may I say a sincere THANK YOU for all you have done and all you continue to do. Thank you.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Tonight is the culmination of a promise I made to myself to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of my sister. I have been blessed to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, because, it is those members and friends who have made my dream come true. Each Chapter has welcomed me royally, has donated generously to this project and has lavished me with the many comfort shawls for cancer patients you see displayed here this evening. Individual members have given of their time and talents and more importantly their love for the betterment of humanity. I have been overwhelmed on many occasions during my term as Worthy Grand Matron and I will not forget the generosity of each one. I have chosen a solo for you, my friends.

Solo: *"You Raise Me Up"* was sung by Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Sentinel.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Tonight it is my privilege to introduce to you, Lisa Mullin, Revenue Development Co-ordinator and Helene Duffy, Administrative Assistant for Revenue Development. We thank you for coming, for your dedication and for your overwhelming support. At this time Brother Zeke and I would like to present you with this cheque in the amount of **\$33,208.69** to be shared with the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island divisions of the Canadian Cancer Society, with the promise of more to follow.

Lisa, we would be very pleased to hear from you at this time.

Lisa Mullin thanked Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for taking on this project to raise funds for the Cancer Society and for the cheque - an amount which was quite unexpected. She stated that Sister Stella's watchwords for this year are very appropriate. She then outlined some of the areas which they have available for hope and help with this disease. She thanked Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for those words of encouragement.

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When all contributions were in Sister Stella and Brother Zeke were able to present a grand total of \$37,500.00 and 410 comfort shawls to the Cancer Society.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Distinguished Guests and others who wish to leave may do so at this time.

The Grand Choir provided beautiful Musical Selections at this time.

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71), Co-Chair of Hostess Chapters:

On behalf of Brother Allen Denton , our Chairman, and the other members of the Hostess Chapters, I welcome all our Sisters, Brothers and visitors to our Grand Session "*Romancing the Sea*" and wish you an enjoyable visit with us in Digby.

We hope you enjoy our hospitality and have a chance to visit our Historical Province. Thank you Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of extending these greetings from your Hostess Chapters.

The response by Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress:

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

It is indeed my pleasure to respond to the gracious Welcome given by Brother Howard, P.P., on behalf of the Hostess Chapters 2010. I'm sure everyone here agrees with me when I say that we appreciate your Welcome, and will benefit from all your careful planning with the details you have added to your preparations. As Brother Zeke would say, everything is "just great".

*Everyone worked very hard and completed their tasks,
You've welcomed and guided; answered all questions asked
You've dotted your i's, and crossed all your t's
Resulting in a beautiful session called "Romancing the Sea".*

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke: Thank you for the opportunity to give this response, and I HOPE you BELIEVE that with PERSEVERANCE you will enjoy a memorable "*Romancing the Sea*" Session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Five Worthy Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Stacey Jordan-Knox, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Thelma Hammerman, Connecticut; Sister Phyllis Moore, Iowa; Sister Lynn Hutchin, New Brunswick; Sister Peggy South, Ontario.

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One Worthy Grand Patron was presented: Brother Robert McSween, British Columbia and Yukon.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patron especially our Galaxy of Stars, welcome to this Romancing the Sea session. It is so nice to see Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from neighbouring Jurisdictions come to lend us their support. We extend to you a welcome full of love and friendship and we hope your year will leave you filled with many happy memories. Thank you for coming.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Welcome all of you to Digby and Romancing the Sea. You are at various stages in your respective terms of office. I hope it has been and will be as good for you as it has been for me, and I hope your stay with us will be among the most pleasurable memories you will carry with you. Really glad you came. Be happy. Enjoy!

The **response** was given by **Sister Lynn Hutchin**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick:

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, thank you for the honour you have bestowed on the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and me by inviting me to respond to your warm words of welcome on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

“Friendship is the golden ribbon that ties the world together.”

Sister Stella, it is hard to believe that less than four years ago we met when I came over to Digby to visit and attend your Chapter meeting. I personally have enjoyed our friendship and know that it will continue and grow for many years.

Brother Zeke, you gave us quite a scare, but I am glad you are fine now.

We are pleased to be here this evening and wish you a happy and successful "ROMANCING THE SEA" session and hope that it will exceed all your expectations.

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

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

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Please note that 9 Past Grand Matrons and 10 Past Grand Patrons were introduced as General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members.

Eleven Past Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Megan Church, Sister Helen Connors, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Isabelle Pearson, Sister Inez Daye, Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, Sister Edith Conrod.

Six Past Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Ward Cunningham, Brother William Clark, Brother John Patterson, Brother Whitman Giffin, Brother Tabor Caulier.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: What a lovely sight you are. I extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Our Grand Jurisdiction owes you a debt of gratitude for your continued interest that has been an inspiration for all of us to follow. Your faithful devotion, your willingness to go the second mile, to shoulder the extra load and to be there "just in case " you were needed makes you invaluable to all of us. Thank you for your continued dedication.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: How great is to see so many "old hands" on deck this evening. Your wisdom, guidance, love and friendship are invaluable to the well being of our Order. May your energy and dedication continue for many years to come. Thank you all for being here. Welcome!

The **response** was given by **Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.:**

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

On behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Jurisdiction, I feel honoured to have been chosen to respond to your most gracious welcome extended to us.

We pray you have a very productive and rewarding "Romancing of the Sea" Session and we look forward to welcoming both of you into our Past Grands Club.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Past Grands Club to welcome Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Fred, Most Worthy Grand Patron to our Session. Brother Fred, our own Past Grand Patron and Sister Rennie, our honorary Past Grand Matron, we cherish your friendship and hope you enjoy being with us at this "*Romancing of the Sea*" Session. God bless you in all of your endeavours during the next almost three years. May you enjoy good health and safe travelling.

Thank you, Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for this honour.

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

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Twenty-four Past Grand Matrons presented were: Sister Marian Sinclair, Alberta; Sister Oleta May Wickham, Arizona; Sister Marjorie Pettigrew, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Gladys Pierce, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Kathleen MacDonald, California; Sister Barbara Harrington, Colorado; Sister Patricia Williams, Florida; Sister Judy Wilson, Florida; Sister Audrey Barker, Louisiana; Sister Rebecca Bibber, Maine; Sister Cynthia Lewis, Maine; Sister Joan Atkinson, Massachusetts; Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts; Sister Constance Vick, Massachusetts; Sister Frances Carlson, Michigan; Sister Donna McEwan, New Brunswick; Sister Ann Morton, New Brunswick; Sister Betty St. Onge, Ontario, Sister Barbara Morrison, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in Rhode Island, Rhode Island; Sister Merideth Pfefferle, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Rhode Island, Rhode Island; Sister Rhoda Neil, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; Sister Christie Peterson, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in South Dakota, South Dakota; Sister Ruth Fraser, Virginia, Sister Cleo Wiggins, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Virginia, Virginia.

Nineteen Past Grand Patrons presented were: Brother Everett Pierce, British Columbia and Yukon; Brother Francis LaPlante, Connecticut; Brother George Barker, Louisiana; Brother Ronald "Pete" Forrest, Maine; Brother Donald Pierce, Maine; Brother Donald Wiswell, Maine; Brother Clifford Brightman, Grand Representative of Australia in Rhode Island, Massachusetts; Brother Robert McBournie, Massachusetts; Brother James Pattangall, Massachusetts; Brother Craig Wallace, Massachusetts; Brother David Thompson, Jr., Grand Treasurer, New Hampshire; Brother Vlade Ampeff, Grand Executive of Ontario, Ontario; Brother Keith Post, Ontario; Brother Rodney Jenne, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Quebec, Quebec; Brother Terence Radford, Quebec; Brother Ross Donaldson, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; Brother Herbert Groves, West Virginia; Brother Donald Heiser, Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Wyoming, Wyoming; Brother John Horton, Wyoming.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P. extended a warm welcome to the visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and hoped that they will enjoy their stay with us.

The **response** was given by **Sister Judy Wilson , P.G.M.:**

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella thank you for asking me to respond to a most sincere and gracious welcome to the visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand

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Patrons of other Jurisdictions at your "Romancing The Sea" Session. We want to thank you for the kind words of welcome and for all the generous hospitality shown to all of us. Sister Stella after you were elected Associate Grand Conductress you visited in my District. A friendship began and I have watched you progress to the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Your warm smile and grace is ever present wherever you go. It is our joy to share this 63rd Annual Session with the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. May your Motto "Speak Kindly and leave the rest to God" see you through the days ahead and may you have many wonderful memories of your Session.

Brother Donald Pierce, P.G.P. Maine spoke briefly saying that he has made many visits to these Grand Sessions and has been given an Honourary Membership in this Grand Chapter which he treasures and he thanked Grand Chapter for the honour.

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

Eight Elected Sisters and Brothers were presented: Sister Beth Tripp, Grand Conductress, Alberta; Sister Marsha Young, Grand Treasurer, Arizona; Sister Sherry Mitton, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Sister Shelley Gullett, Associate Grand Matron, New Hampshire; Sister Marsha Taylor, Associate Grand Matron, Ontario; Brother Alastair Milligan, Associate Grand Patron, Ontario; Sister Bonnie Arnew, Associate Grand Conductress, Ontario; Sister Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Conductress, Saskatchewan.

Ten Appointed Sisters and Brothers were presented: Sister Donna Richard, Member of the Board of General Purpose, Alberta; Sister Mary Aeberhardt, Grand Martha, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Vicki Klasson, Grand Electa, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Maureen LaPlante, Grand Warder, Connecticut; Sister Rebecca Johnson, Grand Warder, Maine; Sister Patricia Penwarden, Grand Organist, Manitoba; Brother Steven Donahue, Grand Warder and Grand Representative of Montana in Massachusetts, Massachusetts; Sister Ellen MacMillan, Grand Adah, Ontario; Sister Penny Pedersen, Grand Martha, Saskatchewan; Sister Patricia Powell, Grand Electa, Virginia.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 63rd "Romancing the Sea" session. To the Elected Grand Officers, your plans will require perseverance. So remember this, nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain. To the appointed Grand Officers, congratulations and may your year of service be all that you expected it to be. Thank you for coming.

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The **response** was given by **Sister Sherry Mitton**, A.G.M., New Brunswick: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, I thank you for the honour of responding to your gracious words of welcome.

It is a pleasure to be here with you this evening at this Informal Opening of your "Romancing the Sea" Grand Chapter Session. We wish you both a happy and harmonious session and thank you for all the courtesies extended to us.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Brother Robert deBruyn, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Patron of Italy was presented in the west and introduced.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

*May the warmth of love and fellowship
Surround you as you go
Down the paths of smiles and laughter
Where the happy memories grow.*

Thank you for your dedication to our Fraternal Order and we are so very pleased you have come to visit us.

Brother Robert was escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

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

The following **District Deputy Grand Matrons** were introduced: Sister Linda McKay, District No. 3; Sister Sheila Levy, District No. 5; Sister Donna Himmelman, District No. 6, Sister LaVerne Porter, District No. 7 and Sister Donna White, District No. 8 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Visiting: Sister Martha Ellis, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 10, Maine; Sister Virginia Mitchell, Deputy Grand Marshal.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: You are a very special group. Without strong leaders to guide our Chapters in our ritualistic work, we would not be able to move forward. You have worked hard and represented us well this year and we are grateful to each of you for your dedicated service. We love you and appreciate all that you have done. We thank you for being here to share in this "Romancing the Sea" session.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, it is an honour and privilege for me to respond, on behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, to such a gracious welcome. We thank you for the opportunity of serving this beautiful Order on your behalf. We have all enjoyed our tasks and were received in each Chapter with warmth and friendliness. I know every Chapter we visited will have a very special place in our hearts.

You have enjoyed a fine year and can take pride and joy in your accomplishments. Our prayer for you is that all your hopes and dreams for this Romancing The Sea Session will be fulfilled.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Visiting Deputies 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*".

Twenty-nine Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Mabel Haynes, Alabama; Sister Goldie Chisholm, Alberta; Brother Kevin Bonn, Arkansas; Sister Susan Wroe, Australia; Sister Joan Mills, California; Sister Shirley Jennings, Colorado; Sister Norma Thompson, Connecticut; Sister Rosemary Hayter, Delaware; Sister Iris Williams, Illinois; Sister Frances Burgoyne Jackson, Maine; Sister Mildred Wagner, Manitoba; Sister Helen Wamboldt, Massachusetts; Sister Marion Tizard, Mississippi; Sister Maureen Weeks, Missouri; Sister Midge Medicraft, Nebraska; Brother Ted Davis, New Brunswick; Sister Clara Nieforth, Oklahoma; Sister Marjorie Conrod, Ontario; Sister Audrey Farquharson, Oregon; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Quebec; Sister Shirley Moir, Rhode Island; Brother Jim MacKenzie, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; Sister Ethel Brown, South Carolina; Brother David Hobson, South Dakota; Sister Agnes MacDonald, Tennessee; Sister Brenda Clarke, Texas; Brother Harold Ferguson, Virginia; Sister Geraldine Parker, Washington; Sister Helen Hazeldine, West Virginia.

Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is an honour and a pleasure for me, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to extend a warm and sincere "Welcome" to the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to the 63rd Session "*Romancing the Sea*". As our ambassadors, you exemplify the Eastern Star virtues of hospitality and loving kindness. The bonds of fraternal

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friendship are beautiful when shared with Sisters and Brothers of other Jurisdictions. It is my wish that you enjoy your Commission and correspond and/or travel as you are able. Please convey our "Best Wishes" when you visit your respective Jurisdictions. Thank-you for coming!

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, I thank-you for the privilege of extending this welcome to our Grand Representatives. I wish for you and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, a successful "*Romancing the Sea*" Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Midge Medicraft**: Thank you, Sister Marion.

I am honoured to respond, on behalf of the Grand Representatives to your most gracious welcome.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all. I will always cherish this moment of responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives, as well as the honour bestowed on my chapter, Annaval #31.

Being your "ambassador" affords us the chance to travel to places we might never have considered, thus opening a new world of friendships for us to have for our life time.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may your session "Romancing the Sea", be all that you hoped and worked so very hard for. God Bless!

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

Eleven Grand Representatives were introduced: Brother Richard Armitage, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Barbara Brown, California; Brother Edwin Chase, Colorado; Brother Alan Moore, Iowa; Sister Hollie Jones, Massachusetts; Sister Cheryl O'Connell, Michigan; Brother Bill Shermer, Missouri; Brother Larry Gullett, New Hampshire; Sister Shirley Moore, Oregon; Brother David Myers, Pennsylvania; Sister Margaret Pettigrew, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Welcome – I am thrilled to see so many of you attending our beautiful "*Romancing the Sea*" session. Some of you have travelled many miles, some across the pond to be with us. You are our fraternal connection or bridge to other Grand Jurisdictions and our ever increasing circle of friends around the world. Brother Zeke and I sincerely hope you will have a pleasant visit with us in Digby, that old friendships be rekindled and new ones formed and a safe return to your home with many pleasant memories.

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The **response** was given by **Sister Margaret Pettigrew, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland**: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members of our Order, Sisters, Brothers and Distinguished Guests.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am deeply honoured by the privilege you have bestowed upon me to give the response to the welcome given to the Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Jurisdictions and on their behalf I thank you for your very warm and gracious words of welcome, which are sincerely appreciated by all. For the many courtesies extended to us by the members of your Grand Chapter we in turn extend a deeply heartfelt "thank you" and when we return home we will reflect on our time here with great fondness.

We are enjoying the hospitality and friendship that has been extended to us and look forward to the rest of the "*Romancing The Sea*" Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we do hope you have had a successful and enjoyable year filled with many wonderful memories to be cherished in the years ahead. We wish for you both a very harmonious, successful, and enjoyable Session, leaving you both with a feeling of contentment of a job well done.

Worthy Grand Matron, I have given a letter to the Worthy Grand Secretary from Sister Christine Carmichael, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, I have also been asked to extend Fraternal Greetings from Sister Janice Allan, Worthy District Grand Matron of Lanarkshire District Grand Chapter, Worthy Matrons of my own Chapter, Shotts No.83 and Marguerite No.9.

From Old Scotland to New Scotland and all here tonight:
*May the love of God surround you,
May His peace be all around you,
And may your life be blest
With everything that's happiest.*

My Fraternal Star Love to you All.

The Grand Representatives were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours. The Grand Choir sang "*Eidelweiss*".

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Eight Sisters and Brothers were introduced: Sister Margaret (Peggy) Jagoe, Alabama in New Brunswick; Sister Nancy Ryder, Mississippi in Maine; Sister Babs Holdsworth, Nebraska in Ontario; Brother James Albro, Nevada in Connecticut; Sister Teri Lynn Bumgarner, New Brunswick in Arizona; Brother Henry Morton, Oklahoma in New Brunswick; Sister Elizabeth Smith, Rhode Island in Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; Sister Mary Ellen Thoren, Tennessee in Colorado.

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Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: You are the ambassadors of other jurisdictions in your jurisdictions and we don't get to see enough of you. But we're happy to see you now. Enjoy your stay. Welcome now and please come back again.

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

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Six Sisters and One Brother were escorted to the west and introduced:

Sister Phyllis Macon, President of the International Grand Representatives Association;

Sister Irma Maxwell, Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron;

Brother Karl Drescher, Cardinal Crew Committee;

Sister Carolyn Galley Card, International Grand Representatives Association Liaison for Canada;

Sister Janice Herridge, Executive Committee Secretary, Cardinal Crew;

Sister Opal Martin, Cardinal Crew Committee;

Sister Dorothy Powroz, Chairman, Finance Committee for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Grand Treasurer of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Welcome to our session. You have been graced with the high honour of being appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron and we agree they have made wise decisions. We are pleased to have you with us this evening and trust you will make many happy memories during the next three years of service to this beautiful Order.

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

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thirty Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Jurisdiction and

Two Visiting Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced:

Crafts and Treasures: Sister Winna Smith, Chair; Sister Barbara Myles

Eastern Star Journal: Sister Doreen Edgar, Chair; Brother John Lorimer, Sister Evelyn Aulenback, Sister Joyce Cunningham, Sister Margaret Bonn

ESTARL: Brother George Myles, Chair; Brother Charles Paterson, Sister Nora Moxsom

Historian: Sister Margaret Allen

International Headquarters: Sister Margaret Fisher, Chair;

Librarian: Sister Janet Johnson

Membership: Sister Wilma Verge, Chair; Sister Velda Forrest, Brother Ralph Swinamer

Music: Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Joyce Johnston

Program Booklet: Brother Larry Ingham, Brother Jack Whalley, Brother Jack Calder

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Publicity: Sister Vicki Perry, Chair; Sister Marelene Clyde, Sister Alena Buchanan, Sister Amelia Whalley, Sister Nora Bishop

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project: Sister Charlene Davis, Chair; Sister Doris Cullen, Sister Patricia Wamboldt, Sister Connie MacDonald,

Visitors: Sister Sharon Ampeff, Grand Chapter Executive Member of Ontario and Brother Ken Featherstone, Grand Chapter Executive Member of Ontario

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Our dearest Sisters and Brothers, first of all thank you again for so willingly accepting our request to act on these various committees. You are the workers in your Chapters and Brother Zeke and I are so very pleased with the diligence and enthusiasm that each of you have displayed as you have filled the duties of each of your committees.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Sisters and Brothers, you are people who do the elephant's share of the work in our Grand Chapter. Without our Grand Chapter Committee members, the bulk of the work of Grand Chapter would simply go undone and we would soon be out of business. You were chosen for your skill, dedication and ability to do your work well, and you have exceeded our fondest expectations. Thank you all for a good job well done.

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

PRESENTATION OF 2009-2010 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

Seventeen Worthy Matrons, Twelve Worthy Patrons were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Matrons: Sister Mary MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Sister Margaret Allen, Cedar #3; Sister Jean Jack, Century #10; Sister Audrey Farquharson, Crystal #1(PEI); Sister Nancy Roddick, Westville #24; Sister Gail Kay, Harmony #25; Sister Lillian Symonds, Amethyst #28; Sister Sandra Denton, St. Mary's #35; Sister Sharon Layton, Armcrest #45; Sister Melda Johnston, Regent #52; Sister Ethel Brown, Elmsdale #55; Sister Sharon Horne, Ruth #57; Sister Wilma Verge, Emerald #58; Sister Shirley Walton, Queen Esther #61; Sister Irene MacIsaac, Starlight #66; Sister Marion Robinson, Laurel #67; Sister Rhonda Fader, Pearle #71.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Kirk MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Brother Barry Jack, Century #10; Brother Peter Kay, Harmony #25; Brother Robert Turner, Arbutus #30; Brother Harold Coggins, Annaval #31; Brother Jack Whalley, St. Mary's #35; Brother Ray Zinck, Mystic Star #40; Brother Everaldo Armstrong, Armcrest #45; Brother Roy MacKinnon, Starlight #66; Brother Morley Robinson, Laurel #67; Brother Heber Ross, Montague #69; Brother Howard Ford, Pearle #71.

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Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Welcome to your Grand Chapter Session. It is my sincerest wish that you will enjoy a portion of the hospitality, kindness and love that you gave to me when I visited your Chapters.

You have been my source of strength and encouragement during my year as Worthy Grand Matron. Your devotion to your Chapters is the glue that will keep our Chapters strong, just as our love for each other is the glue that keeps us going strong. Thank you for being here tonight. Your participation is appreciated.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Sisters and Brothers, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, welcome! And this is not only for those who have occupied a chair in the East, but for all of us. When all the fancy trappings of our Order are stripped away, what have we got left? I believe it is friendship. During your initiation, you were told, "In this chapter you will find friends..." Truer words were never spoken! Welcome, Friends!

The **response** on behalf of the Grand Pages was given by **Sister Rhonda Fader**, Chair, Grand Pages.

The **response** on behalf of the Grand Guards was given by **Brother Jack Whalley**, Chair, Grand Guards: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, it is a pleasure and honour for me on behalf of my co-chair Brother Peter Kay and your Worthy Patrons that I respond to your kind words of welcome.

We hope that as you look back over your Session, "*Romancing the Sea*" that you will have many fond memories.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East and were given a hearty round of applause.

HOSTESS CHAPTERS AND COMMITTEES

Twelve 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 Charlene Davis, Sister Winna Smith, Sister Velda Forrest, Sister Patricia Wamboldt, Sister Arlene Riswold, Sister Jeanette Rawding, Sister Connie MacDonald, Sister Amelia Whalley, Brother Ed MacLaren, Brother Howard Ford, Brother Jack Whalley.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Thank you for all the dedication and hard work that has brought us successfully thus far. I have a little poem to share with you.

*What a lovely array of smiling faces -
Your work has just begun
For two more days you will fly around, always on the run.
Your poor feet will get tired and your bodies might complain,
But when Marion and Frank are officially installed-
Your life will return to normal again!*

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Enjoy your duties , have some laughs and make some friends, joys that will last a lifetime. Thank you for everything.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P. added his words of appreciation to the hard workers of the Hostess Chapters.

The **response** was given by **Sister Charlene Davis, Secretary, Hostess Chapters:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke:

On behalf of the members of the Hostess Chapters 2010, I would like to say how honoured we were to be your Hostess Chapters.

We hope we have served you well and have helped to make this "*Romancing the Sea*" session all that you have dreamed and hoped for and that it will be fondly remembered by all who attend.

We wish for you a successful Grand Session and may God bless you with good health and happiness as you continue to serve our wonderful Order.

Thank you for the honour of responding to your most gracious words of welcome.

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

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Sister Jane, Grand Conductress and Sister Mary Lou, Associate Grand Conductress; what an outstanding performance the two of you have given tonight. You have performed beautifully and we are very proud of you. It is my hope that all of your dreams will become a reality for you. Thank you for working so well together.

Sister Jane and Sister Mary Lou were given a hearty round of applause.

CLOSING

11:15 p.m.: **Sister Stella, W.G.M.:** - I now declare the Informal Opening closed. Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar informally.

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

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Good night, Sisters and Brothers, Sleep well.

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**FORMAL OPENING
TUESDAY MORNING, July 6, 2010**

8:45 a.m.:	Emblem Ceremony:	
	Narrator:	Sister Barbara Burtchett, P.M., Midlothian Chapter #85, Virginia
	Bible:	Sister Susan Eaton (1PEI)
	Sword & Veil:	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring (55)
	Sheaf:	Sister Lynn Thurber, P.M. (61)
	Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Heather Lynch, P.M. (38)
	Broken Column:	Sister Dawn Wambolt (30)
	Cup:	Sister Olivia Small (35)

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

9:00 a.m.: The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. (2), Ambassador to New York and Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49), G.G.C.C.M.

Sister Marylyn, P.G.M.: Good Morning!!! Sisters and Brothers, Welcome to the Formal Opening of the Sixty-third (63) Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, "Romancing the Sea" Session.

We are delighted to have so many visitors with us. Please take some time to tour our two beautiful provinces.

A hearty welcome is extended to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Often; our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke (as Anne of Green Gables would say Clarke with an "e"); General Grand Chapter Officers, Executive Committee Members and General Grand Chapter Committee Members. A Special Welcome is extended to all the members of the General Grand Chapter Family from this Grand Jurisdiction, because of the length of the list, I am not going to name you individually, as we are well aware of your accomplishments. A hearty welcome is extended to all other visitors to our Grand Jurisdiction and to our own members, a Special welcome to YOUR Grand Chapter Session.

Last evening we enjoyed receiving greetings and messages from our Civic and Masonic Leaders. For the next two (2) days we must figuratively fasten our seat belts and attend to the business which has brought us together.

Brother Allan, Just six short years ago, we were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session, in this same facility. How time flies! It is a real joy to be sharing the podium with you this morning. Do you have a few words of greeting?

Brother Allan, P.G.P.: Good morning, Sister Marylyn. I hope you slept well. Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. You know that just five years ago you and I were in the same situation, waiting for someone to open our formal Grand Session for us. It is indeed a pleasure and an honour to be asked to assist you in opening this Grand Session for Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron and I thank them most sincerely for the privilege.

Sister Marylyn, P.G.M.: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Chapter Esthers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards and Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter room. The Worthy Grand Matron has requested that you remain seated during the formations, which will be narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M..

FORMATIONS

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, 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.

Sister Marylyn, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron, What a Team!!

You have had a very busy year, not only performing your duties here in this jurisdiction, but also travelling to Tulsa, Oklahoma to nominate our Brother Fred Clarke to the position of Most Worthy Grand Patron. It worked!

I thank you for the honour you have given to me to be able to preside with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan Conrad, at this Formal Opening of “Romancing the Sea” Session.

We *hope* you have had a joyful year.

We *believe* you have had a successful year.

We know that during the year even with anxiety and joy of the birth of a new grand child, and coping with the bridge, you *persevered* to preside over you session.

*The breeze is fresh with salt sea air,
Where anchored boat in stillness lie,
Where wharves are spread with fishing nets,
A seagull lifts its lonely cry.*

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*The pearly shells upon the sand,
Are tumbled by the sweeping tide,
Where silver waves come murmuring,
Against the quaint old weathered pier.*

*And peace is steeped in warm content,
Where dolphin frolic in the surf.
When long and slumberous hours have flown,
When ships upon the briny deep,
At last come gently, safely home.*

Brother Allan, P.G.P.: Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, I hope that this year has been everything that you had hoped it would be and that this session runs smoothly. Enjoy every minute of it. Congratulations on a successful year.

Brother Zeke, I know that you had told me that I was a hard act to follow but you didn't have to have a heart attack just to follow me. Believe me, I never wished that on anyone. I hope that your health is back where you and your Doctor want it to be. Enjoy your session.

The musical selection "*I Believe*" was sung to Sister Stella and Brother Zeke by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. at this time.

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

Sister Stella and Brother Zeke were each accorded Grand Honours in the East.

Sister Marylyn, P.G.M.: Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron, I present you with your gavel. I know you will follow the Ritual, tempering justice with mercy, use it wisely.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Thank you Sister Marylyn, for presenting me my gavel this morning at the Formal Opening of our "*Romancing the Sea*" session. Your friendship has been constant over the years and I appreciate your participation. I pray that I will use this gavel wisely. Please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation.

So, the wise old owl sat in her nest,
Admonishing me to do my best.

Thank you, Marylyn.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Brother Allan, I so enjoy your friendship. You have kept me on my toes and I thoroughly enjoy your sense of humour and camaraderie. Thank you for calling to order this Formal Opening of the 63rd annual session.

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Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Thank you, Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan for calling this session to order. Brother Allan, please accept this small token of our appreciation.

The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: "*I Danced in the Morning*" was sung.

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

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

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers! Welcome to the formal opening of the 63rd annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. As we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter I hope we will be inspired by the teachings of our Order and be guided by charity, truth and loving kindness. We extend a warm welcome to our own members and to all distinguished guests who have come from afar to share in the hospitality and friendship we have to offer. We appreciate you coming and shall look forward to your return, SOON!

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Welcome, one and all. I'm glad so many of you got here this morning and I hope you will enjoy the session. Glad to see you.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Past Grand Patron, Brother William Thompson, Sr. (24) was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where he was given Grand Honours.

Grand Representatives - Brother William Cox of Arizona and **Brother Gordon O'Hearn** of Georgia in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where they was accorded Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Tracey Hobson and Sister Mary MacDonald, Credentials; Sister Shirley Conrad, Finance; Sister Carol Nielsen and Sister Jean Coombes, Courtesy; Sister Ruth Donaldson and Sister Gladys Hobson, Crafts and Treasures; were presented in the west and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

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ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14), 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 "Romancing the Sea" Grand Chapter Session.

Sisters and Brothers, I trust that courtesy, harmony, and peace will prevail as we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter.

Officially, Robert's Rules of Order (Revised #10) shall apply to all our deliberations. The following are selected items:

1. All remarks shall be directed to the presiding officer.
2. All motions must be seconded before discussion.
3. No one shall speak more than twice to a motion.
4. No one shall speak longer than two minutes at one time.
5. The mover is entitled to speak last to her/his motion.
6. None shall speak a second time to a motion until those wishing to speak once have been heard.
7. All motions shall be in the affirmative.
8. A motion may be withdrawn with the agreement of the seconder.
9. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up her/his voting card, and the motion is declared carried or lost. If two members demand that the vote be counted, the same shall be counted by the Conductress.
10. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail on all matters.

Thank you for your cooperation!

ADOPTION OF 2009 MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary moved the adoption of the 2009 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59). The motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress, you will escort Brother Ray Horton to the East on my side.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Brother Ray, it is an honour and a privilege to present you with a Grand Representative commission to Maryland. You have given of your time and talents with your love of music to our Grand Chapter and this is a special way to show you that we appreciate you. It is said music is a universal language and we are blessed with the talents of both yourself and Sister Kay. Enjoy your commission.

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Grand Conductress, you will present our Grand Representative for introduction.

Brother Ray was escorted to the Altar for proper introduction and back to the East where he was given Grand Honours.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Congratulations Brother Ray and I will look forward to hearing reports.

REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2009-2010 SISTER STELLA TRASK

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

Just one year ago at my Installation I quoted Eleanor Roosevelt who once said “You should do one thing each day that terrifies you”. I think I may have felt that way more than once this past year but the overwhelming enthusiasm, friendship, love and concern shown by the members have made my responsibilities much easier and more enjoyable. Without the support of our members and the guidance of our Heavenly Father, none of the success we achieved would have been possible. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. It is my prayer that I have served with a humble spirit, a true heart and wisdom in the performance of my duties. As a team we have travelled this road together. It is with fraternal love and sincere appreciation I submit this report.

WELCOME

It is with a great deal of pleasure I extend a sincere welcome to all those who have travelled from our neighboring Jurisdictions, our Galaxy of Stars, to those who have travelled across the pond, those who have travelled from the Sunny South and various other parts of our Eastern Star World. We sincerely hope you will enjoy our hospitality and come back again soon.

DEDICATION

This year is lovingly dedicated to the memory of “R. Marilyn Clarke”, my sister, who lost her battle with cancer. To our spouses, Sister Susan Eaton and Murray Trask for their love, patience and understanding and to the members of St. Mary’s Chapter #35, Digby and Crystal Chapter # 1(P.E.I.), Charlottetown for their dedication and support and to the Members of Hostess Chapter 2010 for all their hard work.

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IN MEMORIAM

We are thankful to God for watching over our Grand family this past year. We were saddened by the loss of Brother Charles “Chuck” Thompson, Past Grand Patron and we mourn the loss of many Sisters and Brothers in our Subordinate Chapters. We extend our deepest sympathies to all those who are grieving.

*We often sit and think of them
When we are all alone,
For memory is the only friend
That grief can call its own.*

A loving tribute will be given by the Grand Officers at our Memorial Service.

BIBLE AND BIBLE MARKER

The Bible I carried this year belonged to Port Royal Chapter #1 and was entrusted to me for this year. This Bible marks the beginnings of the Order of the Eastern Star in the province of Nova Scotia and contains the names of all the early Worthy Matrons and Patrons of our Order including my Mother, Annie E. Burnie, Past Matron. This Bible will be placed in a museum in Annapolis Royal so that the records may be permanently preserved. It was an honour for me to be able to carry this Bible on all my Official Visits throughout this Jurisdiction and have it signed by all the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. This Bible was well protected at all times as it was transported in a beautiful oak carrying case made by Brother Howard Ford, Worthy Patron, Pearle Chapter #71 and presented to me by the members of St. Mary’s Chapter # 35. The beautiful Bible Marker was handmade and presented to me by Sister Stacey Hilden of St. Mary’s Chapter #35.

GAVELS

My gavels were presented to me by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton on the night of our Installation. First gavel presented was a genuine lead crystal gavel to remind us that all of our actions would be crystal clear and also to represent Crystal Chapter#1, P.E.I., his home Chapter. This gavel was transported in a case handmade by Brother Zeke of black walnut from Tennessee and was displayed in all of the Chapters we visited.

The second gavel and sounding block was made of amaranth or purple heart from a stand in Santo Domingo before the first World War and salvaged from the Silkier Car Company during the same period. This was used by the Worthy Matrons at all the Official Visits and I would like to thank them for this courtesy. Brother Zeke made a case for this from Prince Edward Island bird’s-eye maple.

TRAVELING EMBLEM

The Crown and Sceptre, the emblem of my honour station Esther, was loaned to me by the members of St. Mary’s Chapter and graced the pedestals of the Star Point Esther at all of our Official Visits. This Crown and Sceptre represents the colours

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of the many gems in Esther's crown. The members of St. Mary's Chapter presented me with a beautiful framed needlepoint picture of a vase full of daisies on the night of my Installation and it is hanging gracefully in my front hall. I extend to the members of St. Mary's Chapter my sincere appreciation for their many acts of kindness.

MASCOT

Little Jennie, a gift from our cousin, Jennie in Rhode Island, accompanied me on all of my official visits to represent the children who are afflicted with cancer. She was always appropriately dressed in the Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island tartans, or a seasonal dress and of course with matching shoes.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Our first official act was to select the Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. Our selections have proved to be worthy recipients of this special honour. We have appreciated and enjoyed your attendance at many official visits and other special events. The support and love that Brother Zeke and I have received from these terrific Sisters and Brothers has been awesome.

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)

District Deputy Grand Matrons:

District #3	Sister Linda McKay	(61)
District #5	Sister Sheila Levy	(8)
District #6	Sister Donna Himmelman	(5)
District #7	Sister LaVerne Porter	(15)
District #8	Sister Donna White	(69)

Assistant to the Grand Organist: Brother Ed MacLaren P.P. (69)

*My heart will remember the little things,
The treasures that I hold dear
Memories of precious moments with you
As we travelled far and near
And each time you were introduced
I wanted to shout with glee,
Look them over, aren't they grand
And, they all belong to Me!*

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SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

In accordance with our CL&R, a School of Instruction was held on July 18, 2009 at St. Mary's Chapter #35 for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. At this time all the ritualistic work was completed by the Grand Officers and an information session was held. The Jurisprudence Committee was in attendance by invitation and the day proved to be very productive. A special thank you goes to the members of St. Mary's Chapter for providing early morning coffee, muffins and a beautiful lunch.

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

- September 12, 2009 Crystal Chapter #1(PEI), Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- September 19, 2009 Kwebec Chapter # 27, Bedford, N.S.
- September 26, 2009 Annaval Chapter # 31, Middleton, N.S.

The Jurisprudence Committee attended all three schools and the Schools were well attended. At each School there were question periods followed by informative discussions. The members of each Chapter provided us with a delicious lunch and I would like to thank each Chapter for hosting the Schools, for their hard work setting up the Chapter rooms, for registering the members and for attending to the beautiful lunches.

OFFICIAL VISITS

This has been a wonderful journey travelling East and West, North and South all over our jurisdiction, an experience that shall never be forgotten for the rest of my lifetime. No matter where I went I was greeted with smiles and hugs and the faces of friends, some new, some old and always surrounded with an overwhelming blanket of love and friendship. It is a very humbling experience and rewarding experience to be Worthy Grand Matron and I thank the membership for this privilege. I have been overwhelmed with the tremendous support given to my request for shawls to be donated to Cancer patients. To date we have received over 386 shawls and all but 6 are on display in the arena. I thank all those Chapters who so willingly accepted our request to visit. I would like to thank Sister Sandra Denton, Grand Ruth and Sister Anna Ford, Grand Esther, my honour station for travelling with me to most of the Official Visits, to the members of the Grand Family who on many occasions helped with the travelling regalia, packing, lugging and then doing it all over again. A very sincere thank you to those who provided accommodations for myself and my travelling companions, always with an abundance of warm hospitality. I would like to thank the Chapters for the beautiful meals provided for me and the delicious lunches served following the meetings. The addendums, the music and all the courtesies extended to me and our Grand Family are very much appreciated. All official visits were well attended and supported by our Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as well as members of this Jurisdiction.

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Schedule of Visits for 2009-2010

Aug. 14	Cedar #3	Nov. 10	Mayflower #2
Aug. 18	Shoreham #59	Nov. 12	Scotia #49
Aug. 24	Crescent #70	Nov. 13	Ruth #57
Sept. 1	Queen Esther #61	Nov. 17	Annaval #31
Sept. 2	Armcrest #45	Nov. 19	Starlight #66
Sept. 3	Fairfield #22	Nov. 23	Kwebec #27
Sept. 9	Elmsdale #55	Nov. 26	Pearle #71
Sept. 10	Harmony #25	Dec. 3	Arbutus #30
Sept. 16	Laurel #67	Dec. 8	Keystone #5
Sept. 17	Queens #34	Dec. 10	St. Mary's #35
Sept. 22	Century #10	Mar. 8	Emerald #58
Oct. 5	Mystic Star #40	Mar. 25	Amethyst #28
Oct. 6	Evangeline #15	Apr. 13	Elm #48
Oct. 8	Grace #8	Apr. 14	Mae #38
Oct. 13	Florence Fraser #47	Apr. 26	Victoria #19
Oct. 14	Munro #26	Apr. 27	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37
Oct. 15	Queen Elizabeth #14	Apr. 28	Atlantic #65
Oct. 19	Westville #24	May 6	Montague #69
Oct. 20	Myrtle #21	May 7	Regent #52
		May 8	Crystal #1PEI

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS REPORTS

DISTRICT #1

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Conductress, was well received in all four Chapters. At one Chapter balloting was done for five members for affiliation and three were present. All Chapters in this District striving to do well, very supportive of each other and ritualistic work very well done. All members friendly and hospitable.

DISTRICT #2

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Matron, was well received in all six Chapters. Witnessed four new candidates initiated and two affiliated. Some Chapters struggling with a decline in membership. Most striving to do well with the support of protem members. All the records were found to be in good order.

DISTRICT # 3

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Linda McKay, visited all four Chapters in her district and was well received. In one Chapter she witnessed the initiation of four new members, one in another Chapter and two in another Chapter. She found the meetings well conducted and the ritualistic work done very well.

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DISTRICT #4

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress, was well received at three of the Chapters in this District and did an exchange visit to Montague Chapter for Sister Donna White, DDGM as she is Worthy Matron of that Chapter. In these Chapters newer members have been encouraged to take offices and are doing well. The Secretaries and Treasurers books were found to be in good order.

DISTRICT #5

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Sheila Levy, was well received in all the Chapters in this District. She found the ritualistic work well done considering most of the Chapters had protem officers. One Chapter with eight protem officers. The meetings were all well conducted and even had fun at one Chapter.

DISTRICT# 6

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Donna Himmelman, was well received in three Chapters in this District as well as Evangeline #15, an exchange with Sister LaVerne Porter as she is Secretary of Evangeline Chapter. The meetings were well conducted, the ritualistic work well done and the examination of a visitor well explained.

DISTRICT #7

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister LaVerne Porter, was well received at three of the Chapters in this District as well as Keystone #5. The Secretaries and Treasurers books were found in good order and all Chapters striving to do well. Sister LaVerne witnessed one new member initiated. It was obvious that without the help of members from other Chapters some would not survive. She reported that team work is alive and well.

DISTRICT #8

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Donna White, was well received at four of the Chapters in this District as well as Kwebec #27, where she witnessed the initiation of two members. The ritualistic work was found to be well done. One Chapter had a total of ten protem officers. It was noted in two Chapters the Worthy Patron did the lecture of the Associate Patron as well as his own.

I would like to extend our appreciation to these Sisters for the fine job they did with their duties as District Deputy Grand Matrons. You will join me in giving them a hearty round of applause.

IRREGULARITIES

Irregularities noted by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matrons during the 2009-2010 Grand Chapter year:

1. More than one ritual open at a time.
2. Short form used on more than four occasions.
3. Sentinel not using salutation sign when entering or leaving the Chapter room.

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4. Warder leaving station to take part in prayer circle.
5. Members not using salutation sign when balloting.
6. Distinguished Guests not introduced at the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron.
7. Only three copies of the Secret Work available for the DDGM.
8. Copying from the Secret Work.
9. More than one member prompting.

Most of these irregularities are reported year after year. We must continue to strive to do our best and encourage one another. The answers to correcting all the irregularities are found in the pages of our Ritual and CL&R.

Remember, Together We Achieve Miracles!

DISPENSATIONS

Nine dispensations were issued this year for satisfactory reasons:

One to change place of meeting:

Cedar #3 Wallace, July

Seven to change date of meeting

Fairfield #22 Windsor, October

Munro #26, North Sydney, October

Fairfield #22, Windsor, November

Atlantic #65, Tatamagouche

Munro Chapter #26

Grace Chapter #8

Atlantic Chapter #65

Two to change date and time of meeting:

Amethyst #28, Halifax, January

Amethyst #28, Halifax, June

One to change time of meeting:

St. Mary's #35, Digby, June

Keystone #5, Yarmouth, June

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES - Recommended and Appointed

Brother Zeke and I were privileged to recommend the following Sisters and Brothers to our Sister Jurisdictions and sincerely hope they will enjoy the honour that has been bestowed upon them and their Chapters. A Grand Representative Commission is the highest honour that a Worthy Grand Matron can bestow on a Sister or a Brother. We know that each of you will serve with love and help strengthen the bonds of our Fraternal Order.

Wisconsin

Alabama

California

Connecticut

Delaware

District of Columbia

Cheryl Gillis (37)

Mabel Haynes (2)

Joan Mills (8)

Norma Thompson (52)

Rosemary Hayter (24)

Louis Ihasz (19)

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Georgia	Gordon O'Hearn (34)
Illinois	Iris Williams (58)
Louisiana	Beth Brett (19)*
Maryland	Ray Horton (66)*
Michigan	Patrick O'Neill (61)
Mississippi	Marion Tizard (57)
Nebraska	Midge Medicraft (31)
New Brunswick	Edmund "Ted" Davis (35)
New Hampshire	Ellen Swan (21)
New York	Robert "Bob" Leard (69)
North Dakota	Wayne Beno (57)
Ohio	Marie Black (15)
Oregon	Audrey Farquharson (1PEI)
Rhode Island	Shirley Moir (45)
Scotland	Jim McKenzie (15)
South Carolina	Ethel Brown (55)
South Dakota	David Hobson (67)
Tennessee	Agnes MacDonald (25)
Texas	Brenda Clarke (5)
Utah	Patricia Batstone (47)
Vermont	Beverly Caulier (27)
Washington	Geraldine Parker (28)

* to be presented at Grand Chapter

It was also our pleasure to appoint Sisters and Brothers, on the recommendation of their Worthy Grand Matron to serve as Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Jurisdictions. I trust that each of these goodwill ambassadors will enjoy their appointments and make long and lasting friendships.

1. North Dakota	Pam White
2. Scotland	Mrs. Margaret Pettigrew
3. Virginia	Cleo H. Wiggins
4. British Columbia & Yukon	Mr. Richard Armitage
5. Nebraska	Ms. Mary Ann Townsend
6. Massachusetts	Mrs. Holly J. Jones
7. Rhode Island	Meredith Pfefferle, PGM
8. Arkansas	Mrs. Mary Pitts
9. Florida	Mr. Joseph Earnhardt
10. Georgia	Ruth Wellman
11. Montana	Keay Cowen
12. Nevada	Flo Flashenburg
13. Oklahoma	Mrs. Deane Watt
14. Ontario	Mrs. Lynda Terence
15. Washington	Judith Herrst
16. Michigan	Mrs. Cheryl L. O'Connell
17. South Dakota	Mrs. Christie Peterson, PGM

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18. Oregon	Shirley A. Moore
19. Delaware	Mrs. Signa Souder
20. Alberta	Mrs. Carol Sorum
21. New York	Mrs. Teresa Lewis
22. Iowa	Mr. Alan Moore
23. California	Mrs. Barbara F. Brown
24. Indiana	Marcia LaBounty
25. Connecticut	Linda Martus
26. Maine	Brenda L. Hall
27. Missouri	Mr. William D. Shermer
28. Maryland	Mrs. Ethel Dill

SPECIAL EVENTS

- July 9, 2009 I attended the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- July 12, 2009 I attended the Official visit of the Supreme Queen to Athena Temple No.149, Daughters of the Nile.
- Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 2009 I attended the "Council of Fires" Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was privileged to nominate Brother Fred Clarke to the position of Most Worthy Grand Patron.
- Nov. 26, 2009 Visited at the home of Sister Linda O'Hearn and presented her with a Grand Representative commission to Georgia.
- Dec. 9, 2009 Held a "Spirit of Christmas" dinner for the Grand Family.
- Dec. 12, 2009 Attended the funeral of the late Sister Linda O'Hearn.
- Jan. 16, 2010 Attended the annual Installation and Dinner and witnessed the Installation of Illustrious Sir Shane Buchan, son of our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan, to the office of Potentate of the Philae Temple Shriners.
- Feb. 2,2010 Attended a Special Evening at Queen Esther #61 when I presented Sisters Phyllis Vallis, Josie Zwicker and Kaye Bannister with their 50 year pins.
- Feb. 3, 2010 Visited at the home of Sister Ida Smith, a member of Queen Esther #61 and presented her with a 50 year pin.
- Feb. 13, 2010 Attended a Valentine Tea hosted by Amethyst #28 in Halifax.
- Apr. 8,2010 Attended an Honour Night at St. Mary's Chapter for Sister Sandra Denton , Grand Ruth; Sister Anna Ford, Grand Esther; Sisters Charlene Davis, GCCM, WGM & WGP Special Project, Amelia Whalley, GCCM on Publicity; Winna Smith, GCCM on Crafts and Treasures, Cheryl Denton GGCCM, Process Review Committee; Brothers Jack Whalley, GCCM, Program Booklet and Allen Denton, P.G.P., Transportation Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2012.
- Apr.10, 2010 Attended a Fund raising Lobster Dinner for Hostess Chapter 2011 in Morden, N.S.
- Apr.11, 2010 Attended the Installation of Queen Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, of Athena Temple No.149, Daughters of the Nile, Halifax, N.S.

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- Apr. 15-25, 2010 Attended the Grand Chapter of Florida for the Official Visit of the MWGM, Sister Rennie Ofton and MWGP, Brother Fred Clarke.
- Apr. 27, 2010 Visited at the home of Brother Daniel MacAulay, a member of Victoria #19 in Baddeck to present him with a 50 year pin.
- Apr. 29, 2010 Attended an afternoon Tea at Century Chapter #10, New Glasgow and presented Sister Audrey Gunn and Sister Margaret Fraser with 60 year pins.
- Apr. 29, 2010 Visited at the home of Sister Jean MacPherson in Westville, N.S., a member of Annaval Chapter #31 to present her with a 50 year pin.
- May 1, 2010 Attended the Maritime Grand Family Exchange in Harvey Station, New Brunswick, and witnessed 7 new members initiated. Brother Zeke and I were the Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron.
- May 8, 2010 Attended the Homecoming of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton at the Dutch Inn , Cornwall, Prince Edward Island.
- May 13, 2010 Attended the 61st Anniversary Meeting at St. Mary's Chapter, #35, Digby, N.S.
- May 17, 2010 Attended an Honour Night at Westville #24 for Sisters Doris Cullen, GCCM, WGM & WGP's Special Project, Carol Clark, GGCCM, Jurisprudence; Helen Connors, PGM, Benevolence; Janet Johnson, GCCM, Librarian; Susan Martin, GCCM on Membership; Diane Hayman, PGM on Unfinished Business Committee; Brother Bill Clark, PGP, Process Review Committee and Brother Frank Cullen, Associate Grand Patron.
- May 19, 2010 Attended the Grand Chapter of Maine in Augusta, Maine.
- May 20, 2010 Attended the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in Lowell.
- May 27, 2010 Attended an Honour Night for Grand Esther, my Honour Station at Pearle Chapter #71 in Caledonia.
- May 29, 2010 Attended my own Homecoming at the Digby East Fish and Game Association.
- June 5, 2010 Attended the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and was invited to address the Membership.
- June 12, 2010 Attended the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and was invited to address the Membership.
- June 10, 2010 Attended the Installation of Officers at St. Mary's Chapter, Digby, N.S.
- June 19, 2010 Attended an Honour Tea for Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Sentinel at Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick, N.S.
- July 4, 2010 Attended the Homecoming of Brother Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron and was invited to give remarks.

While I was out of the Jurisdiction the Grand Secretary was informed and was able to contact me if necessary. While in Tulsa, Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. was

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presiding; while in Florida, Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M., was presiding and while in Maine and Massachusetts, Sister Marion Buchan, the Associate Grand Matron was presiding. The Associate Grand Matron also attended the Council of Fires General Grand Chapter Session in Tulsa and the Grand Chapter of Florida.

LIFE and HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

I was honoured to receive a Life Membership from my own Chapter, St. Mary's #35, Digby. I will forever be indebted to those members for their love and support. I was also honoured to receive Honourary Membership from all the Prince Edward Island Chapters, Montague #69, Regent #52 and Crystal #1(P.E.I.). I was very touched by the extended right hand of friendship shown to me by the Island Members and I will always be grateful. I also have Honourary Memberships in Keystone Chapter #5, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and Adah Chapter #219 St. Petersburg, Florida.

*When you ask God for a gift
Be thankful if He sends
No diamonds, pearls or riches
But the love of real true friends.*

50 and 60 YEAR JEWELS

I had the pleasure of signing the approval of applications for fourteen 50 year members and seven 60 year members. It was an honour and a privilege for me to present many of these myself during Official Visits, visiting them at their home and attending Afternoon Tea in their honour. A special thank you goes to Sister Lynn Hutchins, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick for presenting one 50 year jewel to Sister Florence Corner who attends Lord Beaverbrook Chapter in Fredericton. Thanks also to Brother Zeke, my Worthy Grand Patron, for presenting a 50 year jewel to Sister Eileen Tansky who made a special trip to Charlottetown from New Jersey in February to receive her jewel. Thank you to all who presented jewels on my behalf, your willingness to assist is greatly appreciated.

50 Year Recipients are as follows:

Jean MacPherson	Annavaal #31
Eileen Tansky	Crystal #1(P.E.I.)
Peter J. Wilkins	Shoreham #59
Florence Corner	Victoria #19
Aileen MacKillop	Victoria #19
Daniel MacAulay	Victoria #19
Doris Paynter	Regent #52
Jim Dickie	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37
Margaret Hunter	Regent #52
Susan L. Andrews	Crystal #1(P.E.I.)
Ida Smith	Queen Esther #61
Catherine (Kaye) Bannister	Queen Esther # 61
Josie Zwicker	Queen Esther #61
Phyllis Vallis	Queen Esther #61

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60 Year Jewels:

June Whitman	St. Mary's #35
Kirk Whitman	St. Mary's #35
Barbara Crosby	Victoria #19
Erma Wamback	Fairfield #22
Margaret Fraser	Century #10
Audrey Gunn	Century #10
Edith Lewis	Crystal Chapter #1 PEI
Mildred (Millie)Wagner	Amethyst #28*
Sarah Doty, P.G.M.	Keystone #5*

* to be presented at Grand Chapter

CHAPTER SURRENDERS

It is with sadness that I found it necessary to report the closure of two Chapters to the membership. I have encouraged those demitted members to affiliate with a Chapter in their area at their earliest convenience so they may enjoy the cheerful companionship and social enjoyments of our Order. The following Chapters have surrendered their Charters:

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| 1. Britannia Chapter #18 | Amherst, N.S. | May 31, 2009 |
| 2. Faith Chapter #54 | Mulgrave, N.S. | August 31, 2009 |

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Three Grand Council Meetings were held during the year for the purpose of discussing various matters. The meetings were well attended with full cooperation and support of all members.

1. September 26, 2009-following the School of Instruction at Annaval Chapter #31.
2. November 23, 2009-prior to the Official Visit at Kwebec Chapter #27.
3. April 12, 2010-Via e-mail with the Grand Secretary acting as Webmaster.

CORRESPONDENCE and GIFTS

One year ago at my Installation I requested Comfort Shawls be donated for victims of Cancer in lieu of personal gifts. I never dreamed of the tremendous response to this request. To date I have received 386 comfort shawls, blankets and baby quilts which will be distributed to the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island divisions of the Canadian Cancer Society and to local Cancer Centres in our Jurisdiction. These have been labelled and cataloged by number and a list is posted on a bulletin board here in the arena. I sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this request. The collective image of these gifts of love will forever be planted in my book of precious memories. I would also like to thank all those who sent letters and notes of encouragement. These, including the letters of appreciation received from the Grand Representatives, will go in my memory box. The beautiful gifts presented to me are treasures I shall always cherish. A sincere thank you to all who expressed their love in such a kind and generous manner.

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It was with pleasure the following letters were sent out to the Membership during this past year:

- Letters of Introduction to the new Grand Chapter year including our itinerary and program.
- Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Farewell Letters
- Letter to Chapters regarding questions arising at Schools of Instruction
- Letter to Chapters announcing the surrender of Charter for Britannia#18 & Faith #54
- Letter to District Deputy Grand Matrons as to their duties while making their Official Visits to Chapters including information as to arrangements for ESTARL Service in April.
- Letter to Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons regarding Can-Am Weekend and Maritime Grand Family Exchange and proper dress code.
- Letter to Subordinate Chapters announcing new Committees following Grand Chapter Session and including the announcement of a new Grand Chapter Librarian.
- Letter listing all General Grand Chapter Appointments for 2009-2012 in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
- Letter announcing replacement Grand Chapter Committee Members
- Thank you letters to all Chapters following my Official Visits to the Chapters and to all who donated monies to our Special Project.
- Letters to Federal, Provincial, Municipal and Masonic Leaders inviting them to our Informal Opening.
- Letters to all General Grand Chapter Officers, Trustees and Texas Cardinals with an Invitation to attend our Grand Chapter Session.
- Letters to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island accepting their invitation to attend Grand Lodge on June 5th and 12th.
- I approved all letters from the Chairpersons of Grand Chapter Committee Members to be sent out to the membership.
- I approved all letters sent out by our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan regarding preparations for her year.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Question: If you have two members pass away during the same month , do you drape the Charter twice?
Answer: No, it is only necessary to drape the altar once. CL&R Book of Inst. for Subordinate Chapters, Article 42, page71.
2. Question: If we have a petition for affiliation brought in, can we vote on that petition at the same meeting?
Answer: Once the petition for affiliation has been read at your Chapter meeting, it is necessary to appoint an investigating committee who will report at your next stated meeting. CL&R Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 20, page 34, last paragraph.

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3. Question: Is it permissible to list the names of protem officers in the Chapter Notices?

Answer: No, it is not permissible as the Chapter Notices are official documents. It is a privilege to be an installed officer of a Chapter.

4. Question: What is the proper procedure for the Sentinel balloting and where does it say he may be excused from balloting?

Answer: Please refer to your Ritual, page 14, for the proper procedure for the Sentinel balloting. Please refer to the Red Book, Rules and Regulations, sub-section 39, page 16. The sentinel should be invited by the Worthy Matron into the Chapter room to ballot. He may, however, request to be excused and when such request is made he or she need not ballot.

The Worthy Matron will state to the Chapter that the Sentinel does not wish to ballot at that time when the Associate Conductress states that all have voted except the Sentinel.

COMMITTEES FORMED -GRAND CHAPTER

Process Review Committee:

Brother Bill Clark, (24) PGP Chairperson

Sister Cheryl Denton, (35) PGM

Mary Ellen Bishop, (31) PM

Ron Boudreau, (70) PGP

Lawrin Armstrong, (40) PGP

Unfinished Business Committee:

Diane Hayman, (24) PGM

Eleanor Mitchell, (61) PGM

Inez Daye, (65) PGM

SPECIAL PROJECT

Our Special Project this year has been the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Divisions of the Canadian Cancer Society. Funds to support this project have been raised by the sale of pins, calendars and scarves. The generosity of those individual members and friends who have supported this project with individual donations and the Chapters who have contributed to this worthwhile cause and helped me to achieve my goal.

A very special thank you to Sister Charlene Davis, Chairperson, for her diligence and perseverance working with the other members of the Committees and the Chapters has been a work of love. Sister Charlene, your efforts are greatly appreciated by myself and Brother Zeke.

I am pleased to welcome Lisa Mullen, Revenue Development Co-ordinator and Helene Duffy, Administrative Assistant for Revenue Development of the Canadian Cancer Society, to our hospitality room where they have a booth and are willing to answer any questions you may have. To date we have raised \$33,208.69 for this worthwhile cause.

Tax receipts will be issued by the Canadian Cancer Society for monies donated.

JURISPRUDENCE

Approval of Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters and District Deputy Grand Matrons was received May 30, 2009. At that time I met with the Committee and they gave me their approval. I have spoken with the members of this committee various times throughout the year and always found them to be most helpful and encouraging. I would like to thank them for their guidance and support on all issues throughout the year.

IN APPRECIATION

BROTHER Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron: A “spud islander and a herring choker” working together for the good of our Order. I am proud to have served with you. You have been a very dedicated Worthy Grand Patron, always a gentleman and I thank you for all your kindness and helpfulness. I wish you much success with your next endeavours and don’t forget to enjoy some rest and relaxation in the months to come. May you wear your Past Grand Patron’s jewel with great pride as it represents your service to this beautiful Order. Your wife, Sister Susan, has been kind and gracious throughout and I am blessed to call both of you my friends.

Brother Fred, Most Worthy Grand Patron: We are so very proud of you and the high honour you have bestowed on our Jurisdiction. Please remember, we are always with you in spirit and we wish you safe travels. We look forward to hearing your stories about our Sisters and Brothers in other parts of our world. Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther, we are equally proud of you as you travel far and wide as a dedicated member of our beautiful Order.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members: All of you have brought honour and joy to our Grand Chapter and I sincerely hope you will find this experience a rich and rewarding one for each of you. Thank you for your support and we wish you much success as you continue to serve our beautiful Order.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Thank you for your support this year and your wise counsel. It was nice to see many of you at our Official visits and other functions. Your dedication to our Order is valued by all of us.

Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, Sister Marion and Brother Frank, the hour is fast approaching when you will assume your new duties and responsibilities. May you have wonderful memories when you reach the end of your rainbow at the “Old Orchard Inn” in July 2011. You are both very dear to me and I treasure your friendship.

Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, what an asset you are! Our jurisdiction is very fortunate to have such a capable Secretary. You have kept me posted of deadlines and have always been very helpful and always gracious. Thank you for keeping me on track.

Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Order. Your smiles bring sunshine wherever you go and I thank you for working with me, my friend.

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Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel: Sister Jane, Sister Mary Lou and Brother Fred. It has been our pleasure to have you in our Grand Family. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and thank you for your support and cooperation. Sister Jane, you have crossed the strait many times in your journey to the East of our Grand Chapter, I know you and Brother Fred have your plans well underway. My wish for you is that all your hopes and dreams come true. Brother Fred, thank you so very much for your gift of music and your friendship. Sister Mary Lou, tomorrow your partner will be elected to travel the journey with you and you will be able to cement your plans. I wish for you smooth sailing as you continue your journey. Thank you for your friendship and support.

Appointed Grand Officers: What a Grand Family you are! You have travelled faithfully and performed your duties with grace and made me very proud. Thank you for accepting your appointments and representing this Grand Jurisdiction so very well. We are very proud of you. You are the chocolate chips in this cookies life, your friendships are a treasure to me. May the memories you have made this year be forever etched upon your minds. I love you all.

District Deputy Grand Matrons: Thank you for accepting this position and for performing your duties well. You have exceeded my expectations and I am very proud of you. I trust the memories of this year and the friendships you have made will last your whole life through.

Grand Representatives: It has been a pleasure to present many of your commissions. I hope you will develop a lasting friendship with your counterparts. I sincerely hope you will have good health and safe travels as you promote good will in our Eastern Star world.

*Green roads before you wherever you walk,
And an old friend near when the heart must talk.
Love's coin be your wealth constantly
And sunlight about you wherever you be.*

Grand Chapter Committee Members: Thank you for accepting your positions and for faithfully fulfilling the duties assigned to each committee. Your dedication is evident in all that you do.

*The road from yesterday to today is a very short road.
However, the length of time is not measured
in years or months nor days, or even by hours,
But by the deeds we have done.*

Thank you Grand Chapter Committee Members .

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons 2009-2010

*Kind hearts are the gardens
Kind thoughts are the roots
Kind words are the flowers
Kind deeds are the fruits.*

Thank you for all the kindnesses, your dedication and devotion as you have served your respective Chapters.

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Hostess Chapters 2010: Words cannot express my appreciation to one and all who accepted to be part of such an undertaking in planning and preparing for this 63rd “*Romancing the Sea*” Grand Chapter Session. Nothing could have been accomplished without your cooperation and loyalty. The success of this Session is the result of many hours of labour, willing hands and loving hearts. I am sincerely grateful. The honour is yours, knowing you have given so much for the enjoyment of others.

Crystal Chapter #1PEI: Thank you for making me a part of your Chapter and I will cherish my Honourary Membership forever. The past three years since Zeke was elected you have supported our endeavours and I thank you .

St. Mary’s Chapter #35: Words are inadequate to say what you mean to me. You have given me words of encouragement, courtesies and acts of kindness too numerous to count. The honour that has come to me is yours and I have been honoured to represent you in Grand Chapter. I pray that I have served in a manner that will reflect honour to my Chapter. Please accept my loving and heartfelt thanks for your support and for my Life Membership.

Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Grand Choir, Soloists:

It is a joy to listen to the beautiful music you have rendered to this Grand Session. Thank you also to our guest musicians who have added to our musical harmony.

*Life is a song,
God’s love is the music,
May you always be
God’s musical messengers.*

Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, It is an honour to have served as Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Jurisdiction. Remember, speak kindly and leave the rest to God.

Sister Stella Trask, Worthy Grand Matron, moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Irma Maxwell, W.M. (15) and the motion was carried.

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

Donations received as Associate Grand Conductress: 2006-2007:

Mr. Allen Denton	\$30.60
Mrs. Louise Seeley	\$10.00
Mrs. Sarah Doty	\$10.00
Mr. Murray Trask	\$48.00
Mr. Allen Denton	\$16.85
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Denton	\$50.00

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Mrs. Sarah J. Doty	\$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Ford	\$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Swinamer	\$10.00
Mrs. Louise Seeley	\$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hobson	\$10.00
Miss Tracey Hobson	\$10.00
Mrs. Marion Robinson	\$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Pearson	\$10.00
Mrs. Stella Trask -In memory of J .Earl Burtchett	\$100.00

Donations received as Grand Conductress: 2007-2008:

Mr. Allen Denton	\$30.00
Mr. Murray Trask	\$27.00
Westville Chapter #24	\$25.00
Mrs. Gail Cook	\$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Ford	\$10.00
Mrs. Marion Robinson	\$15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Whitman Giffin	\$10.00
Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins	\$20.00
Mr.& Mrs. Allen Denton	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Turner	\$20.00
Mrs. Edith Taylor	\$10.00
Mrs. Edith Conrod	\$30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Smith	\$10.00
Mr. Ted Caulier	\$10.00

Donations received as Associate Grand Matron: 2008-2009:

Mrs. Beverly Caulier	\$75.00
Mr.& Mrs. Murray Trask-in memory of Ray Smith	\$25.00
Evangeline Chapter #15	\$50.00
Stella Trask-In memory of Brian Forward	\$20.00
Stella Trask -In memory of John Powroz	\$20.00
Stella Trask-In honour of Alvin Blair 90th	\$20.00
John and Carole Newell	\$50.00
Ted and Bev Caulier	\$25.00
Whit and JoAnne Giffin	\$20.00
Ross and MaryLou Higgins	\$20.00
Dianne Levy	\$10.00
John and Evelyn Dickinson	\$25.00
Donna Himmelman	\$20.00
Melda Johnston	\$25.00
Morley and Marion Robinson	\$20.00
Charlie and Judy Graves	\$20.00
Jim and Ruby Mac Kenzie	\$25.00
Irma Maxwell	\$25.00
Edith Taylor	\$25.00
Linda G. McKay	\$25.00
Cora MacKay	\$20.00

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Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer	\$20.00
Lowell and Sheila Levy	\$25.00
Robert and Gloria Turner	\$25.00
Frank and Doris Cullen	\$25.00
Bill and MaryEllen Bishop	\$20.00
George and Barbara Myles	\$20.00
Jack and Amelia Whalley	\$15.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton	\$100.00
Edith Conrod	\$20.00
Ken and Betty Smith	\$10.00
Sandra Denton (Installation Team)	\$20.00
Sharon Layton	\$20.00
Velvet Weir	\$20.00
Lloyd and Gail Cook	\$10.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham	\$20.00
David and Gladys Hobson	\$20.00

Donations received as Worthy Grand Matron: 2009-2010:

Donna White	\$20.00
Jurgen and Carolynn Griegoschewski	\$25.00
Sheila Levy	\$25.00
Ron and Grace Boudreau	\$20.00
Crescent Chapter #70 memory of Bro. Chester Lang	\$20.00
Crescent Chapter #70 Installation Team	
Crescent Chapter #70	\$25.00
Cedar Chapter #3	\$50.00
Paul and Evelyn Graves	\$50.00
Shoreham Chapter #59 Officers Club	\$50.00
David and Brenda Clarke Installation Team	\$15.00
Faith Chapter #54	\$200.00
Queens Esther Chapter #61	\$75.00
Armcrest Chapter #45 Addendum	\$25.00
Armcrest Chapter #45	\$20.00
Fairfield Chapter #22 Addendum	\$25.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	\$50.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55 Addendum	\$25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55	\$25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55 Flower Fund	\$78.31
Harmony Chapter #25 Memory of Gloria Ross	\$35.00
Harmony Chapter #25	\$75.00
Harmony Chapter #25 Flower Fund	\$65.00
Sis. Doreen Childs	\$67.00
Ross and MaryLou Higgins	\$20.00
In appreciation of Ed and Marion Miller	\$20.00
Stella Trask in appreciation of Ed and Marion Miller	\$20.00
Barry and Jean Jack	\$20.00
Century Chapter #10	\$100.00
Ethel Brown memory of Judy Kemp	\$25.00

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Mystic Star #40	\$60.00
Evangeline Chapter #15	\$100.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 Silver Drill	\$80.00
Mary Emily Bigelow	\$25.00
Jim and Ruby McKenzie	\$25.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 Addendum	\$25.00
Edith Taylor	\$25.00
Tracy Hobson Installation Team	\$50.00
Laurel Chapter #67 Silver Drill	\$80.00
Laurel Chapter #67 Addendum	\$25.00
Queens Chapter #34	\$25.00
Morley and Marion Robinson	\$50.00
Grace Chapter #8	\$50.00
Howard and Anna Ford memory Russell Frail	\$20.00
Florence Fraser #47	\$50.00
Munro Chapter #26	\$100.00
Friend of Munro Chapter #26	\$20.00
Jackie & Sheila MacDonald memory of Mother Effie MacDonald	\$20.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	\$100.00
Elm Chapter #48 memory of 90 year members	\$20.00
Grace Chapter #8 Honour of DDGM Sheila Levy	\$25.00
Pearle Chapter #71 Honour of DDGM Sheila Levy	\$25.00
Arbutus Chapter #30 Honour of DDGM Sheila Levy	\$20.00
Queens Chapter #34 Honour of DDGM Sheila Levy	\$50.00
Brenda Clarke Honour of LaVerne Porter DDGM	\$20.00
Laurel Chapter #67 Honour of LaVerne Porter DDGM	\$25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	\$50.00
Myrtle Chapter #21 Past Matrons Club	\$25.00
Westville Chapter #24	\$50.00
Nancy Roddick and Garry Hope Installation Team	\$20.00
Mayflower Chapter #2	\$100.00
Mayflower Chapter #2 Addendum	\$25.00
G. Louise Seeley Card Social	\$95.00
Sarah Doty	\$5.00
Darlene Amirault Installation Team	\$25.00
Darlene Amirault Honour DDGM Linda McKay	\$10.00
Scotia Chapter #49	\$50.00
Ruth Chapter #57	\$100.00
Ruth Chapter #57 Honour DDGM Linda McKay	\$25.00
Mary Smith	\$50.00
Starlight Chapter #66	\$50.00
Sylvia McCleave memory of Mother and Sister	\$35.00
Darrell and Lynn Thurber Honour of Sylvia McCleave	\$10.00
Annavaal Chapter #31	\$100.00
Gloria Turner Grand Martha Exchange	\$15.00
Mary A Hughes-Kelly Installation Team	\$25.00
Harold Coggins Installation Team	\$25.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	\$50.00

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Kwebec Chapter #27 Ken Smith 80 th Birthday	\$15.00
Lloyd and Annie Brown Memory Ellen Jean Brown and Daughter Catherine and Sister Beatrice Gifford	\$100.00
Pearle Chapter #71	\$50.00
Raymond and Eleanor Freeman	\$10.00
Jean Mc Millan	\$10.00
Dennis and Hattie Hagen in lieu of Xmas Gifts	\$30.00
Frank and Doris Cullen	\$50.00
Ethel Brown Memory of Linda O'Hearn	\$25.00
Ross & MaryLou Higgins in lieu of Xmas Gifts to Grand Family	\$100.00
Fern Leaman	\$20.00
Joseph Parker	\$20.00
Melda Johnston Grand Warder	\$100.00
Keystone Chapter #5 Xmas Tree	\$100.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	\$100.00
Century Chapter #10 Honour of DDGM Marion Buchan	\$50.00
Elm Chapter #48 Honour of DDGM Marion Buchan	\$25.00
Florence Fraser #47 Honour of DDGM Marion Buchan	\$25.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod Honour of DDGM M.L. Higgins	\$25.00
Victoria Chapter #19 Honour of DDGM M.L. Higgins	\$50.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 Honour of DDGM M.L. Higgins	\$50.00
Donna Himmelman Tracy Graves Memorial Trail Ride	(\$1107.07)
Dianne Patterson in honour of counter part Gr. Rep.	\$50.00
Adrian and Belle Pearson Honour of Diane Patterson	\$10.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham Honour of Diane Patterson	\$20.00
Fairfield Chapter #22 Honour of DDGM LaVerne Porter	\$20.00
Elm Chapter #48 Honour of 90 year members	\$20.00
Elm Chapter #48 lieu Xmas gifts to Annie Brown & Muriel Creelman	\$20.00
Estate of Linda O'Hearn	\$400.00
Anna Cox Memory of Grand Rep of Montana	\$10.00
Elm Chapter #48 Honour Vivian Ingham 80 th Birthday	\$20.00
Howard and Anna Ford Memory of Bro. Laurie Myra	\$20.00
June Dauphinee Memory of Donald L. Duggan	\$25.00
Emerald Chapter #58	\$100.00
Emerald Chapter #58 Past Matrons	\$25.00
Texas Cardinals and Fred's Crew	\$10.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	\$25.00
Amethyst Chapter #28 Past Matrons Club	\$10.00
Sheila Levy	\$10.00
Charlie Teals 80 th Birthday	\$10.00
Marion Miller's 60th Birthday	\$10.00
Janet Hue's Honour Night	\$10.00
In memory of Linda O'Hearn	\$10.00
In memory of Laurie Myra	\$10.00
Jack & Amelia Whalley In honour of Sandra Denton, Anna Ford, Louise Seeley, Winna Smith & Charlene Davis	\$25.00
Kirk & June Whitman In honour of all honourees at St. Mary's	\$25.00
Carolyn A. Galley-Card In honour of all honourees at St. Mary's	\$20.00

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Marion Buchan	In honour of all honourees	\$100.00
Richard Haynes	In honour of all honourees	\$25.00
Mabel Haynes	In honour of all honourees	\$25.00
Ted & Charlene Davis	In honour of Amelia Whalley, Winna Smith, Louise Seeley, Anna Ford, Sandra Denton & Jack Whalley	\$25.00
Julia Baker	In memory of husband, Bro. Max Baker	\$25.00
Queen Esther Chap. #61	In memory of Pearl Rushton (Irene Beeler's sister)	\$25.00
Annie Drover	In memory of Donald L. Duggan	\$25.00
Harold Wambolt	In memory of Donald L. Duggan	\$40.00
Doreen Edgar	In memory of Donald L. Duggan	\$50.00
Gloria Turner	In honour of Marion Miller's 60 th birthday	\$10.00
	In honour of Charlie Teals's 80 th birthday	\$10.00
	In memory of Marilyn Bond	\$10.00
	In memory of Tony Melvin	\$10.00
	In memory of Linda O'Hearn	\$10.00
	Proceeds -sale of General Grand Chapter Pins	\$160.00
	Proceeds Silpada Party	\$355.50
	Donation	\$4.50
Edith Taylor	In honour of Charlie Teals's 80 th birthday	\$10.00
	In memory of Linda O'Hearn	\$10.00
	In memory of Tony Melvin	\$10.00
Helen Holden	Donation	\$20.00
Elm Chapter #48	In honour of Lyda Fisher's 90 th birthday	\$20.00
Mae Chapter #38	Donation	\$30.00
Elm Chapter #48	Donation	\$25.00
Irene Johnson	Donation	\$20.00
Mary Lou & Ross Higgins	In lieu of gifts to all honourees	\$100.00
Cora MacKay	Donation	\$50.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod	Chapter #37 Donation	\$25.00
Victoria Chapter #19	Addendum	\$100.00
	Donation	\$50.00
Irene & Phil Beeler	In lieu of gifts at Queen Esther Honour Night	\$25.00
Eleanor Freeman	In honour of Patricia Wambolt	\$5.00
	In honour of Hattie Hagen	\$5.00
Fern Leaman	In honour of Patricia Wambolt	\$25.00
Norma Thompson	Donation	\$10.00
Adrian & Belle Pearson	Donation	\$50.00
Kevin & Margaret Bonn	In lieu of gifts on Honour night	\$25.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	In lieu of gifts on Honour Night	\$25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	Proceeds from Fashion Show	\$210.00
Donna Himmelman	In lieu of Gifts on Honour Nights	\$50.00
Jack & Amelia Whalley	In honour of Trish Wambolt & Stewart Fader	\$10.00
Regent Chapter #52	Donation	\$50.00
Regent Chapter Past Matrons	Donation	\$20.00
Jean Profit	Donation	\$100.00

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Reginald & Gladys MacRae	Donation	\$20.00
Whitman & JoAnne Giffin	In honour of Grand Family	\$100.00
Clara Nieforth	In memory of Harvey MacKenzie	\$5.00
Atlantic Chapter #65	Donation	\$35.00
Crystal Chapter #1PEI	Donation #0794	\$75.00
Crystal Chapter #1PEI	In lieu of gifts to Appointments #0796 Jane Wooldridge, Marion Miller, Connie MacDonald, Maureen Weeks	\$120.00
Crystal Chapter #1PEI	Past Matron's Club in honour of Jane Wooldridge, Maureen Weeks, Connie MacDonald, Marion Miller	\$80.00
	Donation at Official Visit	\$40.00
Tabor & Beverly Caulier	Donation	\$50.00
Fred Lipskey	In lieu of gifts at Exchanges	\$15.00
Evelyn Aulenback	In lieu of gifts for Honour Nights	\$25.00
Laurel Chapter #67	In lieu of gifts on Honour Night for Norman Card, Gladys & Tracey Hobson	\$100.00
Harold F. Coggins	Donation	\$50.00
Sylvia Munro	In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights Gloria Turner & Sheila Levy	\$20.00
Lyda Fisher	In honour of Mary Lou Higgins	\$20.00
Emily White	In lieu of gifts to all Honourees	\$25.00
A Friend	Donation in lieu of Gifts to all Honourees	\$200.00
Montague Chapter #69	Donation	\$50.00
Gloria Turner	Donations rec'd on Honour Night Past Matron's Club Grace #8	\$25.00
	Josie & Edward Fralic	\$15.00
	Geraldine Delk	\$15.00
	In lieu of gifts for 2009-2010 Grand Family & All honourees	\$50.00
Dianne Levy	In honour of Gloria Turner, Sheila Levy Patricia Wambolt, Stewart Fader	\$20.00
Sheila Levy	Donation rec'd on Honour Night Past Matron's Club Grace #8	\$25.00
	In lieu of gifts for all 2009-2010 Grand Family & All honourees	\$50.00
	Geraldine Delk	\$10.00
	Josie & Edward Fralic	\$10.00
Carolyn & Arthur Phinney	Donation	\$100.00
Larry & Vivian Ingham	Donation	\$50.00
Charles & Anna Carr	Donation	\$25.00
Keystone Chapter #5	Donation	\$200.00
Carol Weir	In honour of Louise Seeley & Donna Himmelman	\$5.00
Sarah Doty	In honour of Louise Seeley & Donna Himmelman	\$5.00
John & Susan Lorimer	Donation	\$100.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	Donation	\$500.00
Robert & Gloria Turner	Donation	\$100.00
Kenneth & Betty Smith	Donation	\$50.00
Linda McKay	Donation	\$50.00
	In lieu of gifts to all Grand Officers & DDGM's	\$50.00

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Edith Taylor	Donation	\$25.00
Frank & Doris Cullen	In honour of Sharon Ward, MaryLou Higgins,GGCCM's, DDGM's, Grand Representatives	\$100.00
Marion Conrad	In honour of all Honourees	\$100.00
Marion Conrad	Proceeds from the sale of Daisy Pins	\$1,000.00
Marion Conrad	Proceeds from Wake-a -thon	\$900.00
Mildred Wagner	Proceeds from Wake-a-thon	\$900.00
Clara Nieforth	Proceeds from Wake-a-thon	\$900.00
Kathryn Acker	Donation	\$10.00
Raymond & Eleanor Freeman	Donation	\$25.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau	In lieu of gifts to all honourees	\$100.00
Alvin & Violet Blair	Donation	\$100.00
Joan Mills	Donation	\$100.00
Jean MacMillan	Donation	\$20.00
Keith & Carol Pettigrew	Donation	\$40.00
Lloyd & Gail Cook	In honour of WGM, WGP, Grand Officers GGCCM's,DDGM's &Grand Representatives	\$75.00
Irma Maxwell	Donation	\$25.00
Morley & Marion Robinson	In honour of GCCM's & Grand Officers	\$100.00
Jean Beckwith	Donation	\$25.00
Bill & Carol Clark	Donation	\$50.00
Janet Merry	Donation	\$25.00
Cora MacKay	In honour of MaryLou Higgins & Larry Ingham	\$50.00
Ward & Joyce Cunningham	Donation	\$68.02
John & Carole Newell	Donation	\$150.00
G. Louise Seeley	Donations rec'd in honour of Louise Alfred & Joanne Newell Ward & Joyce Cunningham David & Brenda Clarke	\$10.00 \$5.00 \$5.00
Howard & Anna Ford	Proceeds from ticket sales on mirror Donation	\$250.00 \$100.00
Anna Ford	Donations rec'd on Honour Night	\$30.00
Yvonne Stephenson	Donation	\$20.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton	Donation	\$100.00
Mary Lou & Ross Higgins	Donation	\$50.00
Janet Hue	In lieu of gifts to all honourees	\$60.00
Inez Daye	Donation	\$20.00
Mildred Wagner	In lieu of gifts to all honourees	\$100.00
Mildred Wagner	Friends of Millies'	\$40.00
Adrian & Belle Pearson	In honour of Millie Wagner	\$10.00
Mary J. Smith	Donation	\$50.00
Winna Smith	In honour of GCCM's & all honourees	\$50.00
Ted & Charlene Davis	In honour of TrishWambolt, Stuart Fader, Anna Ford, Louise Seeley,Donna Himmelman	\$10.00
Cheryl Denton	In lieu of gifts to Installing Officers	\$50.00
Keystone Chapter #5	In honour of BrendaWM &David ClarkeWP	\$50.00

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Jean Coombes	In honour of GCCM's	\$25.00
Dorothy M. Beals	In honour of Harold Coggins	\$20.00
Betty Ann Loughnan	In honour of all Grand Officers& DDGM's	\$100.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod	#37 Donation	\$70.00
Eleanor Decker	In honour of WGM, WGP, AGM, AGP, Louise Seeley , Janet Hue, Harry Daine, Karyn Grant, Wilma Verge, Doreen Edgar, George Myles, Ruth Donaldson, Barbara Myles,, Sylvia McCleave, Helen Hazeldine, & David Moir In memory of Sister Eveline Vogler, Sister Florence Campbell 100th Birthday & Sister Hazel McLeod 90 th Birthday	\$325.00
Annavaul Chapter #31	In honour of Richard Haynes, Grand Chaplain, Cordell Levy, Bonnie Lowe, William Bishop, Grand Representatives; Kaye Evans, Millie O'Neil, Mary Ellen Bishop, Ralph Swinamer, GGCM's & Harold Coggins, WP	\$250.00
Sheila MacDonald	Donation	\$20.00
Sheila Levy	Donation	\$50.00
Tracey Hobson	Donation	\$25.00
Peter & Gail Kay	Donation	\$50.00
Fred Lipskey	In honour of Mary Kelly	\$10.00
Don & Midge Medicraft	In memory of "Ladybug"	\$25.00
Dianne Levy	In honour of Anna Ford, Bill Cox, Fern Leaman & Gloria Turner	\$20.00
Joan Campbell	Donation	\$50.00
A Friend	Donation	\$25.00
Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer	Donation	\$100.00
Larry & Vivian Ingham	In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights	\$25.00
Linda Townsend	In honour of all honoures	\$40.00
Sandra Denton	In lieu of gifts to all honourees	\$50.00
Mayflower #2	Donation	\$53.04
Mabs Jewels& Jems	Donation	\$300.00
Rhoda Tupper	Donation	\$50.00
George& Mary Crouch	Donation	\$20.00
Helen Connors& Susan Martin	Donation	\$25.00
Grand Guards c/o Jack Whalley	Donation	\$44.00
Owen & Rita Baker	Donation	\$100.00
William & Anna Cox	In lieu of gifts to honourees	\$30.00
Ted Caulier	Donation	\$30.00
Janet Johnson	Donation	\$20.00
Frances B. Jackson	In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights	\$50.00
RG Zeke Eaton	Proceeds from sale of Maple Leaf Pins	\$310.00
Yvonne Stephenson	Proceeds from ticket sales on Vanessa Doll	\$90.00
Allison & Eleanor Mitchell	Donation	\$20.00
Dorothy H. Powroz	Donation	\$100.00
Ted & Bev Caulier	Donation	\$25.00
JoAnne Giffin	In lieu of gifts to Grand Representatives	\$50.00

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Grand Representative Association of NS&PEI Donation (Stella)	\$100.00
(Zeke)	\$100.00
PAGOS Donation (Stella)	\$100.00
PAGOS Donation (Zeke)	\$100.00
Cyril & Rene Marsters Donation	\$50.00
John Banks In appreciation	\$100.00
Patricia Armstrong In honour of Anna Ford, Gloria Turner Rhonda Fader, Heather Lynch, Trish Wambolt	\$50.00
Patricia Wambolt In lieu of Honour Night Gifts	\$50.00
Velda Forrest In lieu of Honour Night Gifts	\$50.00
ASAP Products Donation	\$300.00
Rhoda Tupper Donation [payable to CCS]	\$50.00
George & Mary Crouch Donation	\$20.00
Amy, Whitney & Jaxson Hiltz Donation	\$20.00
Jeanette Rawding In memory of husband Robert	\$25.00
Shirley Shot Proceeds from Daffodil Painting	\$100.00

The total amount (including the donations received by Brother Zeke) presented to the Cancer Society was \$37,500.00.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2009-2010
BROTHER R. G. ZEKE EATON**

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

How the time flies by! Almost exactly three years ago, when I was installed as Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter, this day seemed so far in the future and suddenly, here it is. I sincerely hope that I have discharged my duties over the years without too many slip-ups. My mistakes are all my own, but my successes are due primarily to the support and advice of a great many of you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, it has been an honour, a privilege and a very great pleasure to have shared the Grand East with you. The memories are many and all good. Sister Susan and I are indeed happy to have developed what I feel will be a lasting friendship with you and Murray.

Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, you are at long last under way on the final leg of your epic voyage along the many paths to your high station. I congratulate you on your achievement, and I believe I speak for all of us in this Grand Chapter, when I say we all proudly bask in the glory of having one of our own as Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, you too are to be congratulated for the honour and dignity you bring to your office. Your friendly smiles and Old Texican Charm are sure to win hearts wherever you go.

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General Grand Chapter Committee Members, I commend you on your willingness to take on your important duties. I wish you every success as you carry out your duties.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I have enjoyed seeing so many of you at so many meetings over the years and hope to be soon received into your select group. Thank you all for your support and advice.

Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, you are the powerhouse which keeps this Grand Chapter running. Please keep up the good work and enjoy good health and happiness.

Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy, as custodian of our funds, you are key to the financial success of our Grand Chapter. We appreciate all the work you do and hope you will continue.

Sister Marion and Brother Frank, you are about to take over the helm and throttles of this ship, and I foresee some hefty cargo for you. I wish you smooth waters and a successful voyage.

Elected Officers, it has been my great pleasure to associate with you over the years and I wish you all the best in your travels along the road to the Grand East.

To our Appointed Grand Officers, thank you all for agreeing to be part of our “Grand Family”. You have really done us proud. Your support has been wonderful and your friendship will be treasured in the years to come.

District Deputies, you have performed your duties flawlessly and with grace and humour. Thank you all very much.

Grand Chapter Committee Members, you are the real workers of this Grand Chapter. Your hard work and dedication bring everything together and we thank you all for it.

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and members of all our Chapters, you have been kind, courteous, friendly and generous to Sister Stella and me wherever our paths have crossed, and particularly on the occasions of our official visits. Your dinners, addenda and personal gifts, as well as your many donations to our special project will continue to be fondly remembered for many years to come. Thank you.

Officers and members of Crystal Chapter #1, your outpouring of support and encouragement over the years has been far beyond anything I could have anticipated before I asked for your support. The Honour nights and especially the Homecoming celebration came as a result of a great deal of work by a fantastic team of many people working together. I will forever treasure the Life Membership you bestowed on me. The generous support for our Special Project, in addition to everything else you have done for me is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much, Sisters, Brothers, Friends.

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To my other Island Chapters, Regent #52 and Montague #69, thank you for your friendship and support.

I also wish to extend my gratitude to the officers and members of Montague Chapter #69, Regent Chapter #52 and St. Mary's Chapter #35 for the honour they have given me in the form of Honorary Membership in their Chapters. These will be among my most treasured possessions. Thank you.

During this past year I had the pleasure of accompanying Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella on all 39 official visits. I also took part in presenting the degree work at three Schools of Instruction for our Chapter members, as well as one School of Instruction for our Grand Officers. All of these Schools were very well attended and several points of procedure were raised and clarified. I attended a total of 59 chapter meetings in our jurisdiction. I visited Grand Chapter meetings in Maine, Massachusetts and New Brunswick, and was presented with Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Along with Sister Stella, I participated in the degree work during Maritime Exchange in Harvey, New Brunswick. I attended General Grand Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I was invited to speak on several occasions, and was privileged to share the podium at Brother Fred's installation as Most Worthy Grand Patron.

I accompanied Sister Stella to represent our Grand Chapter at The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

During the year we were saddened by the passing of a number of our valued members, as well as the closing of Faith Chapter #54 in Mulgrave.

Sister Susan, My Wife, Best Friend, Sweetheart, Advisor, Helper, Constructive Critic, Support. You have been with me along this road from the first time I put forth my name for elected office. You have made many sacrifices to help me along this path. Without your love and support I could never have come to this point. I love you very much. Thank you for "being there" for me.

During the year I have approved several by-law amendments:

November 24, 2009, Emerald Chapter #58:

Article 2, Page 2, Section 1...Change of dates of Stated meetings.

December 24, 2009, Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37:

Change dates of Stated meetings.

March 8, 2010, Mystic Star Chapter #40:

Article 2, Sections renumbered; Change Dates of stated meetings.

May 14, 2010, Starlight #66:

Change dates of Stated meetings.

Emerald Chapter #58:

Article 4, Page 4, Section 3...Current year's dues paid by Chapter for new members.

Shoreham Chapter #59:

Article 2, Meetings, Section 1...Change meeting time; Section 3...Change to close January and February and open July and August.

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I have had no reason to deny approval of any applications for by-law amendment.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you again for a deeply rewarding year. Sister Stella and I will leave this Grand Chapter in good hands.

Brother Zeke moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Audrey Farquharson, W.M. (IPEI) and the motion was carried.

DONATIONS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY
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As Grand Sentinel:

Tracey Hobson	10.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton	20.00
Ken and Betty Smith	10.00
Montague Chapter #69	25.00
Gail Cook	5.00
Diane and Sheila Levy	10.00
Bob and Gloria Turner and Edith Taylor	30.00
Fran Harding	10.00
Regent Chapter #52	25.00

As Associate Grand Patron:

Edith Conrod	10.00
Jean Profitt	50.00
Fred and Margaret Clarke	10.00
Fran Harding	10.00
Regent Chapter #52	25.00
Sheila and Lowell Levy	20.00
Gloria Turner	30.00
Marion Robinson	10.00
Annie Mae Backman	10.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Reg and Gladys MacRae	25.00
Ken and Betty Smith	10.00
Montague Chapter #69	100.00

As Worthy Grand Patron:

Cedar Chapter #3	25.00
Crescent Chapter #70	25.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #61	50.00
Armcrest Chapter #45	45.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55	25.00
Harmony Chapter #25	25.00

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Tracey Hobson	75.00
Laurel Chapter #67	25.00
Queens Chapter #34	50.00
Rev. Barry Jack	20.00
Century Chapter #10	100.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40	50.00
Mary Bigelow	10.00
James and Ruby MacKenzie	25.00
Evangeline Chapter #15	125.00
Grace Chapter #8	50.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47	50.00
Lauchlin Horton	20.00
Munro Chapter #26	25.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	100.00
Garry Hope and Nancy Roddick	20.00
Westville Chapter #24	50.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	25.00
Mayflower Chapter #2	25.00
Scotia Chapter #49	50.00
Ruth Chapter #57	50.00
Joe Parker	20.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	50.00
Pearle Chapter #71	25.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	20.00
Faye and Jack Calder	35.00
Mary Smith	175.00
Emerald Chapter #58	50.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	30.00
John Leadbetter	10.00
Cora MacKay	50.00
Mae Chapter #38	20.00
Wayne Crawford	25.00
Atlantic Chapter #65	35.00
Elm Chapter #48	25.00
Montague Chapter # 69	50.00
Regent Chapter #52	50.00
Reg and Gladys MacRae	25.00
Gamblers' Card Group	200.00
Gail Fudge	100.00
Fred and Peg Lipskey	100.00
Morley and Marion Robinson	50.00
JoAnne and Whitman Giffin	50.00
Jean Proffitt	200.00
Frank and Doris Cullen	100.00
Adrian and Belle Pearson	50.00
Edith Conrod	50.00
Irma Maxwell	25.00
Lloyd and Gail Cook	25.00

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Fran Harding	20.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton	100.00
Kathryn Acker	10.00
Carl and Norma Thompson	10.00
Ron and Grace Boudreau	20.00
Marilyn Lisk	100.00
Bob and Gloria Turner	30.00
Sheila Levy	25.00
Linda MacKay	25.00
Ken and Betty Smith	50.00
Mary Lou Higgins	50.00
John and Carol Newell	100.00
Sheila MacDonald	20.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham	25.00
Janet Merry	25.00
Ted and Bev Caulier	50.00
Crystal Chapter #1(PEI)	515.00
Past Matrons of Crystal Chapter	50.00
Charles and Anna Carr	25.00
Betty Ann Loughnan	50.00
Joan Campbell	50.00
A Friend	25.00
Bill and Carol Clark	50.00
Jane Wooldridge	50.00
Irene Johnson	10.00
Allison and Eleanor Mitchell	20.00

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Inez Daye, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Allen Denton, Past Grand Patron, on behalf of the Past Grands Club, were escorted to the East.

Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M., moved that Honourary Memberships be presented to:

Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Vermont;

Sister Mary Lockridge, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of Michigan;

Sister Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand Matron of Texas;

Sister Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah and Past Grand Matron of Missouri;

Sister Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand Matron of Ontario;

Sister Diane Peters, Worthy Grand Martha and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas;

Sister Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana;

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Sister Vivian Chrisopulos, Worthy Grand Warder and Past Grand Matron of Ohio;
Sister Glenna Densmore, Past Grand Matron of Vermont;
Brother Ronald Boudreau, Past Grand Patron of Vermont;
Sister Barbara Burtchett, Past Matron of Virginia;
Sister Mary Ellen Hailey, Past Matron of Florida;
Brother Al Hailey, Past Patron of Florida.

This motion was seconded by Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., and the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Inez Daye, as President of the Past Grands Club, announced that the Past Grands Club has given their unanimous support in nominating Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. for the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee at the General Grand Triennium in 2012.

Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. moved that this Grand Chapter support the nomination of Brother Bill Clark for the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee in 2012. Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

REMARKS

Sister Stella, W.G.M. invited Sister Cheryl Denton, Co-Chairman, Executive Committee for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Brother Henry Martin, General Chairman, Texas, Executive Committee for the 2009-2012 Triennial Assembly to the East for their remarks.

Sister Cheryl, G.G.C.C.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers,
I am Cheryl Denton, Co-Chairman for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the 2009-2012 Triennium and I am joined here in the East with Henry Martin, General Chairman for Texas. Our Jurisdictions are proud to join together as we prepare for a very important and significant event.

The General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly will be held in the great state of Texas, home of Sister Rennie Ofton. The state of Texas has many well known sites, but a specific location has been chosen that offers a combination that will appeal to everyone. That is, the City of Fort Worth, Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas is the home of world class museums exhibiting modern, western and contemporary art, the extraordinary Bass Performance Hall, the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, the Old West stockyards section that is home to daily cattle drives down its Main Street, and the world's largest honkytonk, Billy Bob's, where you will be able to do a little boot-scootin' and listen to some of the best country music anywhere. Fort Worth has a modern downtown, well-lighted and safe at night with plenty of shopping and good restaurants.

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Arriving at the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport will allow you to step on a train outside the terminal and be transported directly to the station located in downtown Fort Worth, where shuttle buses will carry you the few blocks to one of our excellent downtown hotels, all of which are within a short distance from the modern Convention Center, where we will meet.

Sisters and Brothers, Our two Jurisdictions are proud to be partners in this memorable event being held November 1-8, 2012 and we want YOU to be a big part of it. I urge you to make plans to join us in a little over 2 short years, and enjoy the hospitality of Fort Worth, where you will be treated to many different experiences.

Y'all all come down now!

It is my great pleasure to have Brother Henry at my side at this time and to bring you greetings.

Brother Henry, G.G.C.C.M. thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to speak and to bring greetings. He is pleased to be here and looking forward to welcoming all members from this jurisdiction to Texas in November, 2012. He spoke of the activities available in the area and most of all the opportunity for both jurisdictions to work together to make the 2009-2012 Triennial Assembly a huge success.

Both Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron thanked Sister Cheryl and Brother Henry for their lovely report and both certainly do appreciate the efforts being done to make the coming Triennial Assembly a glowing success. They are both proud to have these two jurisdictions working together.

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Eight of the newest recipients of Honourary Memberships in this Grand Chapter were escorted to the East and presented with their certificates by Sister Stella, W.G.M. and Brother Zeke, W.G.P. All were given a hearty welcome.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2010

Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P.: The Jurisprudence Committee comprised of Sister Carol Clark, GGCCM; Sister Marion Conrad, PGM and myself, Brother Adrian Pearson, GGCCM, Chairman, have reviewed the proposed Notices of Motion for 2010 and report as follows:

1. Increase Affiliation Fee Approved as to form.
2. Dis-continue complimentary copies of Proceedings to WM & WP Approved as to form.
3. Add 70 year Jewels to list Approved as to form.

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4. Hold Elective Office in two Chapters - with exceptions Approved as to form.
5. Dis-continue copies of Fraternal Correspondent Report Approved as to form.
6. Order of Introduction - reverse Grand Reps. & DDGMs Approved as to form.
7. All Members eligible to serve on specific Committees Approved as to form.
8. Grand Chapter pay for up to three nights accommodation for
MWGM & MWGP during their triennium when at Grand Chapter.
Approved as to form.
9. WGM name Chairman of Membership Committee Approved as to form.
10. AGM no longer be DDGM Approved as to form.
11. Dis-continue use of term "Fictitious" etc Approved as to form.

Brother Adrian Pearson, GGCCM moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Carol Clark, GGCCM and the motion was carried.

REMARKS

BROTHER RONALD E. BOUDREAU GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAPTER RESTORATION

Brother Ron, G.G.C.C.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all.

As we all know declining membership in our Beautiful Order has been and still is a problem that we have not yet been able to come to grips with. It is not that we have not tried and those General Grand Chapter Committee Members who have preceded me and served on Vision Quest have worked very hard to find new ways to attract new members and retain those that we now have. They have held Conferences, prepared handbooks for new members and have spoken at many meetings. But in spite of their efforts we continue to see a decline in membership and to see Chapters close.

For this Triennium all Chapters have received from "the office of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary" a very interesting booklet entitled "Cultivating Grass Roots For Growth". This booklet gives a glossary of interesting facts gathered by previous committees regarding membership. I am encouraging all of our members to make sure they read this booklet. It covers many areas that may contribute to loss of or help gain members.

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My efforts on membership was to first seek the support of the Past Grand Officers and to that end I addressed the Past Grands on this subject at our last meeting. My understanding was that I would have their support. At that time I advised them that I am sure every one of our members have some thoughts on this subject and that I would be seeking in writing, e-mail, etc, "with or without a name," input from all members as how to deal with declining membership. What are we doing wrong. What is wrong. Why do their friends who are members not attend; what do we need to do to address this problem. Interesting input is beginning to trickle in. I ask every member to keep it coming.

It is my opinion that we cannot fix something when we do not know what is wrong. Some of our problems may be referred to in the above mentioned booklet. I have spoken on the subject of Declining Membership, Chapter closing, Charity work of our Order in four Chapters and to every Master Mason that will listen. I encourage all our Members to let the masons, that they have contact with, know the good things about our Order and how the Eastern Star benefits their Lodges.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ESTHERS (Honour Station for 2009-2010)

Twelve Subordinate Chapter Esthers were presented in the west and introduced: Sister Annie Brown, Cedar #3; Sister Ada Turner, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Ruby MacKenzie, Evangeline #15; Sister Agnes MacDonald, Harmony #25; Sister Dawn Wambolt, Arbutus #30; Sister Jo Leath, Annaval #31; Sister Kelly Foxton, St. Mary's #35; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Mystic Star #40; Sister Helen Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Frances Jackson, Elm #48; Sister Linda McKay, Queen Esther #61; Sister Jean Annear, Montague #69.

Sister Anna Ford, Grand Esther: It is an honour to extend a welcome to the subordinate chapter Esthers. As Grand Esther it has been a pleasure to share this Star point and visit with each of you in your Home Chapter.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter may you enjoy your "Romancing the Sea" session. May you have time to visit with old friends and make new ones this week.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, may you both have an enjoyable Grand Session and I want to thank you both for the privilege of serving as your Grand Esther, your chosen honour station, and the opportunity of welcoming the Subordinate Chapter Esthers to this Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Kelly Foxton (35):** On behalf of the Chapter Esthers, I would like to thank you for your kind words of welcome.

With heartfelt thanks I would like to express my deep appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, for the honour you have bestowed on me and St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, in allowing me to give this response.

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BROTHER WILLIAM A. THOMPSON GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIRMAN, EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

Brother Bill, G.G.C.C.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, I thank you for this opportunity to speak for a moment on the Eastern Star Journal Committee of General Grand Chapter.

First I would like to congratulate Sister Rennie and Brother Fred on their election to this high office. I am sorry that I missed such a great important and exciting time but friends who attended in Tulsa and the Journal reports gave me the lowdown on what happened in Tulsa.

I also congratulate the Sisters and Brothers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on their General Grand Chapter appointments and I am very pleased to be a part of this distinguished group. From what I hear and see in the Journal, the Triennium is well on its way to a "Starried Trail".

The committee to which I have been appointed, is truly a working committee and is made up from a great group of sisters and brothers from all across the continent. I had met with many of my Committee in San Antonio, Texas in April, 2009 and I am very pleased with the group of sisters and brothers that comprise the Eastern Star Journal Committee for General Grand Chapter. Although I was Chairman of the Journal for the last Triennium, it was like starting all over again with all the changes that have progressed and a new committee to work with.

The Journal is created, edited and compiled by Charles Hall, Assistant Editor and Jerry Samet, Editor, both in Washington, D.C. We have this year changed the Printer of the Journal and it is now being printed in Washington, D.C. (Note I chuckle at that, as I have learned in my new occupation, that you never really know the truth of location of printing. Everything we see and touch is on the move.) We are also distributing the journal in a new clear envelope and I apologize for the delay in receiving the first issues. As with all new changes, we had some bugs in the distribution and had to work around these issues.

I am most pleased that the Eastern Star Journal Subscribers database has been computerized at headquarters and I am looking forward to getting fresh up to date data on the subscriptions. The initial cost of the new issues are just coming in and it appears the changes will have made a cost savings of 15%.

I would also like you to note that we have the new Eastern Star Journal's website up and running at www.EasternStarJournal.org. Thanks is extended to our Editors from

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the last Treinnium, The Keller's in Tulsa and also to the current Editors for bringing all the past Issues of the Journal into a database that be accessed from the website. If you have reason to view or read a past issue of the Journal, it is now available on line. All copies of the Journal are also available on a CD and can be ordered from the International Headquarters.

The last issue was in celebration of the Girls of Rainbow. Although they are not active in our Grand Jurisdiction, it is good to know about them and their activities in other jurisdictions. Each issue will have special features of interest and information about our beautiful Order.

I would encourage you to submit articles and send them directly to the editor. This saves time and the possibly loss of information if it comes to me while I am on the road and I try to forward it to the editor.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have been most supportive with articles and I hope we can continue to support the Journal with new articles and continue with subscriptions. It's the perfect way to keep up to date on our own Fred's activities along with the messages from other Grand Jurisdictions.

I am most pleased to see the Eastern Star Journal Committee of this Grand Jurisdiction with Sister Doreen Edgar as chairperson having a table set up for the Journal. Oh and yes, Sister Doreen is a Past Matron. In the first Issue I should have noticed that.

The Summer Issue of the Journal will be going to the printer, August 15 and mailed August 31 according to headquarters. . The financial status of the Journal is in good shape. The database has been redesigned and as a note, there is plenty of room for new subscriptions, so help us fill it. Thank you for all your support of the journal.

I thank Sister Rennie and Brother Fred for their continued encouragement and support each month and indeed, the encouragement of you, the members of my own Grand Jurisdiction. Your support sure helps on those days when the email and communications aren't quite so complementary and it is up to me to smooth the waters.

Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron, congratulations on a great year and again thank you for this opportunity to let our members know what is happening in our Eastern Star World of Journalism.

Sisters and Brothers, don't forget to get your subscriptions in early so you don't miss any more issues.

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PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Twenty 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 Joyce Cunningham (5); 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 Iris Newman (28); Sister Emily White (30); Sister Amelia Whalley, (35); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Cora MacKay (48); Sister Nora Moxsom, (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,

Each year I look forward to seeing the Secretaries assemble in the West and to have the honour of extending a welcome to all of you is my greatest pleasure.

*In recent years I've greeted you
With heartfelt thoughts in rhyme;
And when I tried to tweak it now
I had no luck this time.*

*Sincerely, I can never voice
My deepest thanks to you,
But your chapters hold together
Because YOU are the glue!*

*Keep balancing and balancing,
Write orders, pay out funds -
Even when there is no meeting
Your work is never done.*

*So once again I thank you much,
I'm happy you are here;
Help keep your chapters running well
And come again next year.*

Welcome and I hope you will enjoy this “Romancing the Sea” Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of extending a welcome to the secretaries.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The **response** was given by **Sister Amelia Whalley**, Secretary (35):
Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary:

On behalf of all the Chapter Secretaries I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you our thanks for your kind welcome and our appreciation for all that you do for us. Yours is a very busy job but you always have time and patience for each of us when we call on you for help.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke for the honour you have bestowed on me and St. Mary's Chapter No. 35, Digby, in allowing me to give this response.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

This year I have again attended to the duties of the Grand Secretary as promptly as possible so that the records of Grand Chapter are kept up to date.

It is always a pleasure working with Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, in keeping the financial records in good order. As well, I appreciate the dedication of the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries in promptly getting necessary information to me so that our membership records are also up to date.

During the past year the main topic of interest in other Grand Jurisdictions has been the printing and mailing of Proceedings to other jurisdictions. Nearly 1/3 of these are now sending the proceedings on CD's - which is a considerable savings. However, the soft cover book form is still most important as a permanent record and will remain so as electronic technology changes so rapidly.

Over the last few years the cost of mailing proceedings to other jurisdictions has increased enormously. Two years ago it was passed that only one copy be sent. Last year the cost of mailing that one copy was as much as previously mailing two copies. This year I experimented and had CD's made for other jurisdictions which has saved us \$6.00 per copy in postage alone. This will help cut down on postal expenses in future.

This past year our Grand Chapter was saddened by the passing of many devoted sisters and brothers including Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles Thompson. Our membership continues on the downward slope and we lose more members than we initiate. We hope this trend will reverse in the very near future.

Unfortunately during this past year another chapter surrendered it's Charter - Faith Chapter, No. 54, and we hope these members will affiliate with neighbouring chapters.

The statistical report reflects the figures of the previous year, 2008-2009, as follows:

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STATISTICS

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

1 June 2008 to 31 May 2009

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2008: 2,218

No. of Members Initiated: 41

No. of Members Affiliated: 52

No. of Members Re-Instated: 2

SUB-TOTAL: 95

TOTAL: 2,313

No. of Members Died: 77

No. of Members Demitted: 110*

No. of Members Suspended: 12

SUB-TOTAL: 199

No. of Members as of 31 May 2009: 2,114

No. of Chartered Chapters: 40

No. of Members paid full Per Capita: 2,114

No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation: 19

No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership: 21

* Note: 85 of the members demitted were members of:
Halifax Chapter, No. 7, whose charter was surrendered on June 30, 2008
and Britannia Chapter No. 18, whose charter was surrendered on May 31,
2009.

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Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009:

<u>Name & 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 31,2009</u>
Mayflower #2	1		2		1		60
Cedar #3	4	3		1			43
Keystone #5	1			2	1		45
Halifax #7					39		0
Grace #8	4	1					51
Century #10	1	1		4	1		74
Queen Elizabeth #14	2			3	2		45
Evangeline #15				7	6		78
Britannia #18		1		2	38	7	0
Victoria #19	3			6	1		81
Myrtle #21		2		5	2		62
Fairfield #22	2						38
Crystal #1 PEI				3	1		108
Westville #24				1			82
Harmony #25				3	2		64
Munro #26				1	1		46
Kwebec #27	2	1		1		2	79
Amethyst #28	4	13		3		1	70
Arbutus #30				2			37
Annaval #31		4		1			46
Queens #34							26
St. Mary's #35	2	1		2	1		56
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				3	1		49
Mae #38	1	1					44
Mystic Star #40		2		4			47
Armcrest #45	1			2			50
Florence Fraser #47							46
Elm #48	2						41
Scotia #49		1		1			43
Regent #52		2		3			50
Faith #54					3		27
Elmsdale #55				1	2	1	37
Ruth #57	1				2		46
Emerald #58	1	8		3	1		57
Shoreham #59				2	1		31
Queen Esther #61	1	5			1		95
Atlantic #65		2		3	3	1	23
Starlight #66	1	2		3			29
Laurel #67	1	2					63
Montague #69	4						56
Crescent #70				4			52
Pearle #71	2			1			37

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**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES
2009-2010**

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

Mayflower #2	Chapter donation	50.00
Cedar #3	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Rev. Bill Fraser	50.00
	Eileen Paul in memory of Rev. Bill Fraser	10.00
	In memory of Betty Parker and Pat Parker	50.00
Keystone #5	In memory of Phyllis MacKay	25.00
Grace #8	Chapter donation	100.00
	Dianne Levy in honour of Gloria Turner, GCCM	5.00
	In memory of Ruth Waterbury from:	
	Gloria and Bob Turner	30.00
	Dianne Levy	10.00
	Sheila and Lowell Levy	20.00
	In memory of Laurie Myra from:	
	David Waterbury	20.00
Sheila MacDonald	20.00	
Annie Mae (Backman) Waterbury	10.00	
Century #10	Chapter donation	200.00
	From individual Members	85.00
	From D. Edna MacLean:	
	in memory of Margaret Chisholm	100.00
In memory of Olive Bowen	100.00	
Queen Elizabeth #14	Chapter donation	200.00
	John and Carole Newell in memory of	
	Ruth Waterbury	25.00
Evangeline #15	Irma Maxwell in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	40.00
	In memory of Ruth Waterbury	50.00
	In memory of Ruth Waterbury	50.00
	In memory of Ruth Waterbury from:	
	Nan Varner & Mab Cole Smith	25.00
	B. Fogelson	50.00
	D. Salsman	10.00
	Gerald & Marie Parks	20.00
	Phyllis Jarvis	25.00
Mary Jane Noyes	20.00	

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	Past Matrons Club in memory of Julia Heald	50.00
	Patricia Lenethen	50.00
	White Funeral Home	10.00
Victoria #19	Chapter donation	200.00
	Katherine Robinson in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	25.00
	In memory of Effie Bain	20.00
	In memory of Christabelle Nicholson	20.00
	In memory of Isabel MacFarlane	20.00
Myrtle #21	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Helen White	25.00
	In memory of Christine Fair	25.00
	In memory of Bill Jenkins	25.00
	In memory of Myrtle Kreger	25.00
Fairfield #22	Chapter donation	280.00
Crystal #1 PEI	Chapter donation	500.00
Westville #24	Chapter donation	280.00
	In memory of Anna Wuite	50.00
	In honour of Dorothy & Carl Levo's 50 th Anniversary	50.00
	In memory of Della Cameron	50.00
	In memory of Ann Feit	50.00
	In honour of Murray Gardner, GGCCM	20.00
	In memory of Pansy MacKay	50.00
	Joyce & Philip Roode in memory of Lottie and Clarence McFadden	50.00
	Mel & Linda Scott in memory of Ann Feit	30.00
	Helen Connors in honour of Frank Cullen, Gr. Sent.	20.00
	Sharon Ward in lieu of gifts to visiting Grand Representatives	50.00
Harmony #25	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Beatrice Ferguson	25.00
	Gail & Peter Kay in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	50.00
	Gladys Hennigar in memory of Olive Bowen	25.00
	Gail & Peter Kay in memory of Beatrice Ferguson	25.00
	Susan and John Lorimer in memory of Beatrice Ferguson	50.00
Munro #26	Chapter donation	141.00
	Chapter donation	8.00
	Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in memory of Ruth Waterbury	20.00

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Kwebec #27	Chapter donation	200.00
	Past Matrons Club	25.00
	Margaret Burhoe	25.00
	Margaret Burhoe in honour of Sylvia McCleave, Grand Representative	15.00
	Margaret Burhoe in memory of Audrey Locke	15.00
Amethyst #28	Chapter donation	250.00
	Past Matrons Club	50.00
	Clara Nieforth in lieu of gifts to ESTARL guest speakers - George Myles & David Dellapinna	10.00
Arbutus #30	Chapter donation	50.00
Annaval #31	Katharine Evans in memory of Linda O'Hearn	20.00
Queens #34	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Linda O'Hearn	25.00
	Gordon O'Hearn donations received in memory of Linda O'Hearn	65.00
	Velda Forrest in memory of Linda O'Hearn	15.00
	Harry & Roxy Nelson in memory of Linda O'Hearn	25.00
St. Mary's #35	Chapter donation	50.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Chapter donation	100.00
	In honour of Marian Dickie - 50 year pin	50.00
	In honour of Diane Hayman, guest speaker at 60 th anniversary	50.00
	In honour of Georganna Waters - 60 year pin	25.00
	In honour of Flora Austin - 60 year pin	25.00
Mae #38	Chapter donation	50.00
	Norman & Janet Pentz Trust Fund	398.37
Mystic Star #40	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	100.00
Armcrest #45	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Reta Matthews	25.00
Florence Fraser #47	Chapter donation	50.00
	Joyce Johnston & Brenda Johnston-Giles in memory of Linda O'Hearn	25.00
Elm #48	Chapter donation	300.00
	Chapter donation	300.00

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Scotia #49	Chapter donation	200.00
	In honour of guest speaker, Nora Moxsom	20.00
Regent #52	Chapter donation	100.00
	Melda Johnston in lieu of gifts to Installing Officers	50.00
Faith #54	Chapter donation	200.00
Elmsdale #55	Chapter donation	450.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
	Nora Moxsom in lieu of honour night gifts for Grand Officers and G.C.C.M.s	100.00
Ruth #57	Chapter donation	200.00
Emerald #58	Chapter donation	200.00
Shoreham #59	Glynne Lloyd in memory of Ruth Waterbury	200.00
	Glynne Lloyd in memory of Marvel Mattson	200.00
	Sheila Findlay in memory of Jean V. Wandlyn	50.00
Queen Esther #61	Chapter donation	700.00
	Chapter donation	300.00
Atlantic #65	In honour of Annie Leslie, Secretary and Barbara Ferguson, G.C.C.M.	25.00
	In memory of J. Baillie	25.00
	Elizabeth Langille in honour of Installing Team	25.00
Starlight #66	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	50.00
Laurel #67	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of the Veterans	40.00
	Marion & Morley Robinson in lieu of gifts to Installing Officers	50.00
	Fred & Peg Lipskey in memory of Linda O'Hearn	10.00
	Jeanette Durnnian in lieu of gifts on honour night for: Norman Card, Grand Representative; G.C.C.M.s: Tracey Hobson, Gladys Hobson, Jack Calder	20.00
Montague #69	Chapter donation	150.00
Pearle #71	Chapter donation	150.00
	Eleanor & Raymond Freeman in memory of Ruth Waterbury	20.00
	Eugene Penny in memory of Linda O'Hearn	10.00

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Other Donations to ESTARL:

District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	423.60
	District #2	378.00
	District #3	400.00
	District #4	287.05
	District #5	160.00
	District #6	109.60
	District #7	200.00
	District #8 (P.E.I.)	436.85
	District #8 (N.S.)	248.00
Grand Chapter Church Service, July 5, 2010		870.44
Grand Chapter	In memory of Charles Thompson	50.00
Past Grands Club:	In memory of Ruth Waterbury	25.00
	In honour of Eleanor & Allison Mitchell's 55 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Evelyn & Marshall Thompson's 55 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Cyril & June MacIntosh's 65 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Eleanor & Raymond Freeman's 50 th Anniversary	25.00
	In memory of Evelina Owen, wife of MWGP Bill Owen	25.00
	In honour of Ken & Betty Smith's 55 th Anniversary	25.00
	In memory of Charles Thompson	25.00
	In honour of Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer's 55 th Anniversary	25.00
Grand Representatives Association		100.00
Sam Karrel in memory of Ruth Waterbury		25.00

CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE

Fairfield #22	25.00
Laurel #67	100.00
Sales at Grand Chapter	1,042.15

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (TEMPLE FUND)

Victoria #19	50.00
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IN APPRECIATION

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

Another successful year has been accomplished in our Grand Chapter and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all the Sisters and Brothers for the continued support I received during the year.

As always I want to thank the Chapter Secretaries for the nice notes, phone calls and emails I receive and for their promptness and devotion to their duties.

Again I wish to especially thank you, Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, for all your banking expertise. And I want to congratulate you on your General Grand Chapter Special Appointment as Finance Chairman for this Grand Jurisdiction. I know you will be kept busy during the next three years.

It is an honour and a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary and my sincere thanks goes to each member for your friendship and support.

Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, may you always have fond memories of your year, "Romancing the Sea".

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

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

Brother Ward Cunningham (5); Sister Frances Duncan (10); Sister Aileen MacKillop (19), Sister Elinor Sanford (22); Sister Maureen Weeks (IPEI); Brother Allister Thompson (24); Sister Caryl Yates (26); Sister Shirley Burns (31); Sister Evelyn Aulenback (34); Brother George Moxsom (55); Sister Doris Hillier (58); Sister Barbara Ferguson (65); Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Suzanne Aitken (69); Brother Ron Boudreau (70).

Sister Dorothy: I look forward to each Grand Chapter for the pleasure of welcoming each of you to the session. You are one of the principal officers of your Chapters and without you, working hand in hand with your secretaries, your Chapters would not flourish.

This year, I thought I'd share a few facts about daisies with you, one of our Worthy Grand Matron's favourites. Did you know that the daisy is known as the children's flower? Little girls have always loved to gather daisies for posies or to make daisy chains. The daisy is sometimes known as Baby's pet or Bairn-wort, which means child-flower. How many young girls have discovered their future by pulling the petals off a daisy to the little verse "He loves me, he loves me not."? It has been said that if a girl picks a bunch of daisies with her eyes shut the number of flowers in the posy will be the number of years before she marries.

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Daisy means "the day's eye", or the eye of the day. The flower is true to its name because it opens in the morning with the light of day and when the sun sets in the evening, the daisy folds up its petals as if going to sleep. The meaning is reflected in a little poem:

*"I'd choose to be a daisy, if I might be a flower;
Closing my petals softly, at the twilight's quiet hour,
And waking in the morning, when falls the early dew;
To welcome Heaven's bright sunshine,
and Heaven's bright teardrops too."*

May you enjoy your time together at this Romancing the Sea Grand Chapter Session. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of welcoming our Subordinate Chapter Treasurers.

The **response** was given by **Sister Suzanne Aitken**, Treasurer (69): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure on behalf of the Treasurers to thank you, Sister Dorothy, for your kind words. It has been a pleasure to work with you and Sister Betty Ann this past year.

Sister Stella, thank you for the honour given me and my Chapter, Montague Chapter #69, to respond to Sister Dorothy's remarks. I wish for you and Brother Zeke a great Grand Chapter that you both will look back on with pride and satisfaction of a job well done.

CLOSING

At 12:10 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.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 6, 2010

1:35 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.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

We have now closed the books on another successful year in our Grand Chapter, one with many milestones and celebrations that will go down in the history of our wonderful Order. It has been an honour for me to serve once again this year as your Grand Treasurer and I thank each of you for your continued trust in me.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

This year, with careful budgeting and the implementation of some economic efficiencies we managed to save a few dollars and meet most of our projected expenses. While costs continue to rise in everything from postage to District Deputy Grand Matron expenses, both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, along with the Finance Committee consistently look for ways to economize. This has resulted in us being able to complete a budget for the next year without touching our investments. We will continue to strive to maintain this over the coming year.

In Appreciation

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of being a part of your Grand Family this year. While I was not able to travel with you (working full-time sometimes gets in the way), my thoughts and prayers for your successful year always travelled with you.

A special thanks to the Finance Committee this year, especially Brother Harry who made sure we met often, talked lots and accomplished much.

To my "partner in crime": Sister Betty Ann: I can't believe we've been together seven years, the time has flown by. We're almost like an old married couple: we never fight, we finish each others' sentences, we travel together, we even dress the same! Seriously, your friendship means the world to me and I look forward to many more years in service with you. To Sister Rennie and Brother Fred, I would be remiss in not congratulating both of you and to express my sincere thanks and joy in being a part of your triennium. I was thrilled to go to Monterrey for your first official visit and to spend time with my friends in San Antonio and look forward to more time together.

*“Thanks for all the memories
In which you all have played a part,
For they are always nearest
And dearest to my heart...
Thanks for all the memories
That are yours and mine alone,
For they recall so many
Special moments I have known...
Thanks for all the memories
That time can never dim...
I never could repay you
For the joy I've found in them!”*

In closing, I submit the Financial Statements for the year ending May 31st, 2010 as distributed to the members at registration.

Sister Dorothy moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Lillian Symonds, W.M. (28) and the motion was carried.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN
STAR OF NOVA SCOTIA AND
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
May 31, 2010**

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, 2010

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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, 2010 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 28, 2010

Deborah Loughnan
Accountant



GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT MAY 31, 2010**

	Estarl Fund (Note 3)	Benevolent Fund (Note 3)	General Fund (Note 3)	2010 Total	2009 Total
ASSETS					
Current					
Cash	\$ 6,158	\$ 4,757	\$ 35,543	\$ 46,458	\$ 58,652
Marketable Securities (Note 4)	1,000	16,500	25,000	42,500	55,000
Accounts Receivable	-	-	1,814	1,814	1,079
Inventory	-	-	5,242	5,242	4,360
Accrued Interest	421	277	174	872	1,853
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	8,442	8,442	8,038
	<u>7,579</u>	<u>21,534</u>	<u>76,215</u>	<u>105,328</u>	<u>128,982</u>
Investments (Note 4)	34,147	41,000	34,192	109,339	102,647
Capital Assets (Note 5)	-	-	2,042	2,042	3,031
	<u>\$ 41,726</u>	<u>\$ 62,534</u>	<u>\$ 112,449</u>	<u>\$ 216,709</u>	<u>\$ 234,660</u>

	Estarl Fund (Note 3)	Benevolent Fund (Note 3)	General Fund (Note 3)	2010 Total	2009 Total
LIABILITIES AND NET EQUITY					
Current					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Grand Chapter Pre-registration Receipts	-	-	5,110	5,110	3,005
Contributions Payable (Note 6)	-	-	29,863	29,863	43,584
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,473</u>	<u>35,473</u>	<u>47,089</u>
Net Equity	<u>27,394</u>	<u>68,427</u>	<u>101,964</u>	<u>197,785</u>	<u>191,247</u>
	<u>\$ 27,394</u>	<u>\$ 68,427</u>	<u>\$ 137,437</u>	<u>\$ 233,258</u>	<u>\$ 238,336</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS:

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

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**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, 2010**

	Estarl Fund	Benevolent Fund	General Fund	2010 Total	2009 Total
Revenue					
Membership Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,140	\$ 21,140	\$ 22,180
Registration Fees	-	-	7,772	7,772	8,606
Craft Sales	-	-	1,611	1,611	791
Donations	33,107	-	-	33,107	11,454
Other	-	-	1,462	1,462	1,419
Interest Income	1,198	1,679	1,221	4,098	8,731
	<u>34,305</u>	<u>1,679</u>	<u>33,206</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>53,181</u>
Expenses					
Amortization	-	-	989	989	989
Annual Proceedings	-	-	2,809	2,809	4,025
Benevolent Assistance	-	6,500	-	6,500	4,700
District Deputies	-	-	3,096	3,096	1,559
Estarl Bursaries	13,280	-	-	13,280	14,300
Grand Session	-	-	4,416	4,416	4,638
Honoraria	-	-	9,800	9,800	9,650
Honoraria For Triennium	-	-	221	221	-
Insurance	-	-	1,100	1,100	1,096
Church Services/Grand Chaplain	-	-	797	797	600
Memorial Donations	-	-	50	50	50
Office, Postage, Bank Charges	-	-	8,572	8,572	10,073
Office Rent	-	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Per Capita Assessment, General Grand	-	-	2,394	2,394	2,302
Professional Fees	-	-	500	500	500
WGM and WGP Jewels	-	-	1,400	1,400	717
	<u>13,280</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>37,644</u>	<u>57,424</u>	<u>56,699</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	21,025	(4,821)	(4,438)	11,766	(3,518)
Net Equity, Beginning of Year	6,369	73,248	106,402	186,019	194,765
Net Equity, End of Year	<u>\$ 27,394</u>	<u>\$ 68,427</u>	<u>\$ 101,964</u>	<u>\$ 197,785</u>	<u>\$ 191,247</u>

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 CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2010**

	2010	2009
Cash Provided By Operating Activities		
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ 11,766	\$ (3,518)
Items Not Requiring an Outlay of Cash:		
Amortization	989	989
	<u>12,755</u>	<u>(2,529)</u>
Changes in Non-Cash Working Capital Balances		
Decrease (Increase) in Marketable Securities	12,500	23,000
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(735)	(213)
Decrease (Increase) in Accrued Interest	981	1,315
Decrease (Increase) in Inventory	(882)	681
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	(404)	(1,707)
(Decrease) Increase in Grand Chapter Pr-registration Receipts	2,105	(1,127)
(Decrease) Increase in Contributions Payable	<u>(13,721)</u>	<u>30,780</u>
	<u>(156)</u>	<u>52,729</u>
	12,599	50,200
Investing Activities		
Decrease (Increase) in Investments	<u>(6,692)</u>	<u>(26,147)</u>
	<u>(6,692)</u>	<u>(26,147)</u>
Increase in Cash	5,907	24,053
Cash, Beginning of Year	<u>58,652</u>	<u>34,599</u>
Cash, End of Year	<u>\$ 64,559</u>	<u>\$ 58,652</u>

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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, 2010

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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Unaudited - See Notice to Reader

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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

	2010	2009
Estarl Fund	\$ 36,147	\$ 36,147
Benevolent Fund	57,500	57,500
General Fund	59,192	64,000
	<u>\$ 152,839</u>	<u>\$ 157,647</u>

	Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
				2010	2009
<u>ESTARL FUND</u>					
	Scotiabank	September 16, 2009	3.30%	-	2,000
	Montreal Trust	November 19, 2012	5.18%	3,000	3,000
	Scotiabank	January 29, 2014	3.62%	-	5,000
	Scotiabank	January 29, 2015	3.41%	5,000	
	Scotiabank	June 7, 2010	3.60%	-	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	18,147
	Scotiabank	March 17, 2015	2.51%	2,000	
	Scotiabank	June 7, 2010	3.70%	1,000	
	Scotiabank	May 26, 2014	3.00%	1,000	1,000
				<u>\$ 36,147</u>	<u>\$ 36,147</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)				1,000	2,000
				<u>\$ 35,147</u>	<u>\$ 34,147</u>

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4. Investments (continued)

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
			2010	2009
<u>BENEVOLENT FUND</u>				
Scotiabank	September 16, 2009	3.25%		10,000
Scotiabank	October 26, 2009	3.90%		5,000
Scotiabank	May 30, 2011	4.58%	3,500	3,500
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	4.70%	5,000	
Scotiabank	November 19, 2009	4.80%		5,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2010	4.95%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2011	5.05%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	December 18, 2007	4.20%		5,000
Scotiabank	May 26, 2012	2.29%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	2.50%	5,000	
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	4.42%		5,000
Scotiabank	October 16, 2009	4.15%		3,000
Scotiabank	March 17, 2015	2.51%	5,000	
Scotiabank	March 7, 2014	2.21%	5,000	
Scotiabank	March 18, 2013	1.91%	3,000	
Scotiabank	March 18, 2013	2.11%	10,000	
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	10,000	10,000
			<u>\$ 57,500</u>	<u>\$ 57,500</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			16,500	23,000
			<u>\$ 41,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,500</u>

GENERAL FUND

Scotiabank	October 12, 2009	4.15%		10,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2010	1.00%		10,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	9,000	9,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2009	4.80%		4,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2012	5.18%	2,000	2,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2011	1.30%	4,192	
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	15,000	15,000
Scotiabank	April 16, 2012	2.46%	8,000	8,000
Scotiabank	May 25, 2012	2.60%	10,000	
Scotiabank	March 18, 2013	2.11%	10,000	
Scotiabank	March 17, 2011	0.45%	1,000	
Scotiabank	December 28, 2009	4.20%		6,000
			<u>\$ 59,192</u>	<u>\$ 64,000</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			25,000	30,000
			<u>\$ 34,192</u>	<u>\$ 34,000</u>

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5. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2010	Net 2009
Office Equipment	\$ 6,450	\$ 6,450	\$ -	\$ -
Jewels & Regalia	19,776	17,734	2,042	3,031
	<u>\$ 26,226</u>	<u>\$ 24,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,042</u>	<u>\$ 3,031</u>

6. Contributions Payable

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

	2010	2009
Donations received for the Estarl fund	\$ 15,185	\$ 33,107
Program Booklet	\$ 12,544	\$ 9,815
Other donations	2,134	662
	<u>\$ 29,863</u>	<u>\$ 43,584</u>

7. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2010	2009
Grand Matron Expenses Honoraria	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Grand Patron Expenses Honoraria	1,500	1,000
Grand Secretary Expenses Honoraria	4,000	3,600
Grand Secretary's Assistant Expenses Honoraria	300	300
Grand Treasurer Expenses Honoraria	2,000	2,000
District Deputy Expenses	3,096	1,558
	<u>12,896</u>	<u>10,458</u>
Office Rent to Grand Secretary	1,500	1,500
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>\$ 14,396</u>	<u>\$ 11,958</u>

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Sister Alma Carter, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration - US Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas was introduced at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Donna Hope, Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Texas was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Ann Wight, Worthy Matron, Myrtle Chapter #21 was introduced in the west, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and given a hearty welcome.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) gave the following report:

Members registered from our Grand Jurisdiction:	305
Members registered from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>210</u>
Total attendance to date:	515

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69) and the motion was carried.

COLLECTION FROM ESTARL SERVICE

The Grand Secretary announced that the collection at the ESTARL Service held on Monday afternoon amounted to \$870.44.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Romancing the Sea" Grand Chapter Session, July, 2010:

1. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the Sixty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia on July 5-7, 2010, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters Page 19, Article 22. Fees, Dues and Assessments:

Section 1: Change "**and the affiliation fee from a member in good standing shall be "ten" dollars, which shall accompany the application.**"

Rationale: The current fee is \$5.00 but our per capita to Grand Chapter for International Temple Fund is \$7.50 which should be covered by the Fee.

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

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) moved, seconded by Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

2. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the Sixty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia on July 5, 6, and 7, 2010, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

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

Delete: **"two copies to each Subordinate Chapter for the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the year concerned,"**

Rationale: Due to the high cost of printing and postage for the proceedings, it would be more economical for Grand Chapter if the number of complimentary copies were reduced. A Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron can purchase a copy as do other members.

Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40)

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40) moved, seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) that this motion be accepted.

Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) moved an amendment to the motion "that the two copies be mailed and invoiced to the chapters for the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron." Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) seconded this amendment and it was defeated.

The motion as amended was voted on and defeated.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the Sixty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia on July 5, 6 and 7, 2010, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

CL&R, Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 30, (Fifty and Sixty Year Jewels) - Page 25 be amended as follows:

Title: Change to read: **Fifty, Sixty and Seventy Year Jewels**

Change the entire Article 30 to include **"Seventy Year Jewels"** as follows:

Section 1, line 3: Between the words "fifty or sixty" **replace** the word "or" with a comma and after the word "sixty" **add: "or seventy"** and continue to the end of the sentence.

Section 1, line 4: Between the words "fifty or sixty" **replace** the word "or" with a comma and after the word "sixty" **add: "or seventy"** and continue to the end of the sentence.

Section 4, line 1: Between the words "Fifty (50) or Sixty (60)" **replace** the word "or" with a comma and after the word "Sixty (60)" **add: "or Seventy (70)"** and continue to the end of the paragraph.

Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40)

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40) moved, seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

4. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the 63rd "Romancing the Sea" Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved the following to be effective immediately:

Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters Article 16, Paragraph 4b, Page 16a, Dual Membership, Privileges:

Delete (b) in its entirety and substitute therewith:

(b) To hold office therein, except the offices of Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron which may be in only one Chapter, and Secretary which may be in only one Chapter - these being perceived as a conflict of interest. However, a member may hold the office of Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron in one Chapter and Secretary in the other Chapter.

Rationale: In our Grand Jurisdiction, we have a majority of Chapters that are existing solely on the strength of their affiliate members. To not permit the holding of elective office (with the exception as noted) in both Chapters, places an unnecessary strain on the membership and may cause a Chapter to be forced to surrender its Charter.

(If the foregoing Motion is carried, the following will apply:)

a) Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters Article 8, Paragraph 3, Page 8, Officers - Election and Appointment

Delete the period after the word "appointment" substituting with a comma, and the entire second sentence which reads "A member may hold an elective office in only one chapter at the same time, but may hold an appointive office in more than one chapter", and adding the words:

provided said officer is not offering for the position of Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron in both Chapters and likewise for the position of Secretary in both Chapters.

This will now read:

3. Officers must be members of the Chapter at the time of election or appointment, provided said officer is not offering for the position of Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron in both Chapters and likewise or the position of Secretary in both Chapters.

b) Book of Instructions Subordinate Chapters Article 30, Paragraph 3, Page 59, Election of Officers

Delete the last sentence in its entirety and substitute therewith:

No person who is Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron in one Chapter may be elected to the position of Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron in the affiliate Chapter, and likewise no person who is Secretary in one Chapter may be elected to the position of Secretary in the affiliate Chapter.

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

Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59) moved, seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) that the first motion be accepted. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) moved an amendment "to hold office except Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron and Secretary at the same time." Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24) seconded the amendment and it was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION:

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.

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

Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Brother William Cox, P.P. (30) that the motion be accepted. Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (1PEI) moved an amendment "that it be available in some form - on line or printed off - to members if they so wish." Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) seconded the amendment and it was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next stated business meeting of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, July 2010, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Article 16 page 30 Instructions for Subordinate Chapters re- numbers.

Move Grand Representatives to #10

Move District Deputy Grand Matrons to #11.

Rationale: The present order of introduction is contrary to the General Grand Chapter Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations (RED BOOK).

Grand Representatives are a designation of General Grand Chapter. Grand Representatives are appointed to represent a State or Province from which they are appointed in their Jurisdiction. This appointment comes from the recommendation of the Worthy Grand Matron.

District Deputy Grand Matrons are not an appointment recognized by General Grand Chapter. This appointment comes from an individual Grand Chapter By-law, Reference Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 7 page 35 Business of Grand Chapter does not list District Deputy Grand Matrons in Order of Introductions. General Grand Chapter Protocol Book, lists order of presentation after Grand Representatives.

Margaret Clarke, P. M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved, seconded by Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (67) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

7. NOTICE OF MOTION:

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

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter: Article 3, (page 26) Grand Chapter Committees and their Duties, paragraph 2 , which now reads:

"All Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are eligible for membership on any committee" **be amended to read.**

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"All Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are eligible for membership on any committee and all members in good standing are eligible for membership on the Crafts and Treasures, Publicity, WGM & WGP Special Project, and Program Booklet Committees"

Rationale: Many members who are not Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons or Worthy Patrons have a contribution to make.

Also Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are asked again and again to serve on committees due to our membership declining.

Marion Buchan, P.M. (67)

Sister Marion Buchan, P.M. (67) moved, seconded by Brother Frank Cullen, P.P. (24) that this motion be accepted.

The motion was carried.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the Sixty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia on July 5-7, 2010, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 9, Page 36, Section 3, line 3, Visitors to Sessions of Grand Chapter: Delete the word "once"

Section 3 will then read:

Grand Chapter shall pay for up to three nights accommodations for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron during their triennium, when they attend our Grand Chapter Session.

Dorothy Powroz, P. M. (28)

Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) moved, seconded by Sister Lillian Symonds, W.M. (28) that this motion be accepted.

The motion was carried.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION:

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

That the Laws & Regulations - Grand Chapter, Article 3, paragraph 6, page 26 last sentence be amended to read, "A Chairperson is to be appointed each year by the Worthy Grand Matron."

Rationale: The Chairperson of other committees is appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Wilma Verge, P.M. (58)

Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. (58) moved, seconded by Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (31) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved that **Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 2, page 12, duties of Associate Grand Matron, # 12, be deleted.**

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, article 2, page 12 duties of Associate Grand Matron #13, be renumbered to #12.

Rationale: This would give the Associate Grand Matron more time to make arrangements for her year as Worthy Grand Matron. Also this would allow for another District Deputy Grand Matron to be appointed.

Edith Conrod, P.M. (61)

Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) moved, seconded by Sister Marion Buchan, P.M. (67) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Take notice that at the 63rd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia, on July 6, 2010, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

Laws and Regulations Grand Chapter, Article 2, Page 10 Number 3. District Deputy Grand Matrons- add second paragraph as follows:

On the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matrons to the chapters in their District, when there is not a legitimate Petition and/or Investigating Committee Report, the Worthy Matron will say, "We will now exemplify the Ballot for the District Deputy Grand Matron." The balloting will then be exemplified in the usual manner, with the Worthy Matron using the proper name of the Sister or Brother, taking the part of the candidate.

Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 22, Page 39 The Ballot-after second paragraph, ending in "when a ballot is cast.", add a new paragraph as follows:

On the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron, when there is not a legitimate Petition and/or Investigating Committee Report, the Worthy Matron will say "We will now exemplify the Ballot for the District Deputy Grand Matron." The balloting will then be exemplified in the usual manner, with the Worthy Matron using the proper name of the Sister or Brother taking the part of the candidate."

Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 27, Page 47 Initiatory Ceremony- after second paragraph, ending in "choice of additional regalia"- add new paragraph as follows:

During the Initiatory Ceremony on the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron, when there is not a new candidate to be initiated, Officers will introduce the Sister and/or Brother taking the part of the candidate, by his/her proper name.

Rationale: Petitions and/or Investigating Committee Reports would only be read if they were legitimate ones from persons seeking membership into our Order. This would eliminate the need for fictitious Petitions and/or Investigating Committee

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Reports we have been reading through the years. The important part is the exemplification of the Balloting and the Initiatory Ceremony for the District Deputy Grand Matron.

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

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. (65) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

BROTHER ALLAN CONRAD GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER MEMBERSHIP

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

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the opportunity to serve our Order as a committee member on Membership. When I look at membership, I think of not only new members but of the members that for one reason or another do not come to chapter. Have we really stopped and asked ourselves why? If the members would answer this question, there wouldn't be any surprises as we all know what some of the reasons are. I feel we are a bit nervous of what we have to do.

Sisters and Brothers, ask ourselves these three questions: (1) who do we want to join; (2) what are we willing to give up; and (3) what are we willing to change (e.g., we have never done that or tried that before). When we have answered these questions, I think we will be on the road to attract new members.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to address this Grand chapter.

BROTHER KEITH PETTIGREW GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES

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

I wish to thank Sister Rennie and Brother Fred for this GGCCM appointment on Scottish Rite Charities. This appointment is special and dear to my heart.

What I am going to tell you about is one of the most important developments Scottish Rite in Canada has ever had the opportunity to be involved with and one which will see tremendous improvement in the lives of the children it touches.

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In September 2003, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada entered into an exciting new project through their charitable foundation when they opened their first Learning Centre for Dyslexic children in London, Ontario. That Centre has been followed by Centres in Windsor, ON; Halifax, NS; Vancouver, BC; and Barrie, ON; with others in various stages of planning.

These centres are patterned on a similar system operated in the United States by the Scottish Rite there with this major difference: while the tutors and other personnel in the U.S. are paid, the tutors in Canada are all volunteers.

The charitable foundation provides the necessary training of the tutors at its own cost and provides the staff and facilities for each centre.

Let me give you some background on Dyslexia and how it affects children. Many people think that it is a reversal of letters and that makes it impossible for a child with Dyslexia to read, and while that is partially true, it is much more.

First: it is not a disease and therefore cannot be "cured". It is just that the brain works in a different way than it does for most people.

Second: it does not mean that the person is stupid; it just means that the person has to use their brain in a different way to obtain the same results. Incidentally, about 15% of the population is Dyslexic, so you probably know many people who have this condition and how they deal with it in various ways with various levels of success.

Third: most Dyslexic children become frustrated with school because they find it difficult to keep up, and often there are children who act up and cause disruption in class and end up dropping out of school if the condition is not diagnosed and dealt with. This unfortunately can lead to a life at odds with society and the law.

Fourth: school boards are most often not able to deal with Dyslexic children effectively because of funding challenges. It requires one on one tutoring of the child.

Fifth: private tutoring is very expensive and most families would find it a considerable burden. The Scottish Rite provides one on one tutoring without charge. It is all provided for by the charitable donations from many sources.

Six: children who are identified and are tutored either in a private facility or in one of our centres are able to bring their reading and comprehension skills up to their peers' level within three years.

I will tell you of my personal experience. In June 2009, Carol and I had an invitation to the first graduation of our Halifax Centre's three year students. Our Sovereign Grand Commander and many more were in attendance. There were six students at that time and each of them spoke to tell of their experience. It brought tears to my eyes because each told of failure in their grades, but with the help of

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our centre and the loving care received during their three years of individual tutoring, each passed with honours and they were NOT shy in expressing their gratitude. Their story was, "Learn to read so you can read to learn".

You might ask, "How can I help?" There are several ways.

1. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter can have the Scottish Rite Learning Centres for their special project. The Grand Chapter of Ontario 2009 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Special Project was the Scottish Rite Learning Centres and they received a donation of \$100,00.00.

2. You can visit our table where we have some pamphlets explaining in more detail Dyslexia and our Learning Centre program. If you wish, you can make a donation at this display table as well. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation will send you a tax receipt for any donation over \$10.00. Also, as a reward for donating \$10.00 or more, we will present you with a certificate signed by our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron acknowledging your contribution to one of their special projects.

In addition, your name and chapter will be included in a book to be presented to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron at the next triennium.

3. If you live in an area where there is a Learning Centre or where there is going to be one, volunteers are needed to assist with this great work.

Thanks and good luck to the Learning Centres and thank you, members of Eastern Star, for your attention. Also, thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for your time.

BROTHER GEORGE CROUCH GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER SHRINERS CHARITIES

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers.

First, I want to thank Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke and Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Oton for appointing me as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Shrine Charities. I have been a Shriner for 35 years and have seen films of wonderful things that happen to children that have been treated in our hospitals. Each temple throughout North America has different ways of funding Shriners charities. Philae Temple in Halifax, for example, raffle off a car every year. This money is primarily used to transfer children and a parent in need of help to the Shrine hospital in Montreal. We also have social events carried out by the different clubs throughout the province. As a matter of interest, Montreal hospital, an orthopaedic unit, is a research hospital and the one most often used for the children from the Atlantic provinces. We

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have 22 hospitals in North America and each is dedicated to giving new life and self esteem to each child that they treat. Many have been cured or substantially helped. Our Shrine hospitals continually search for new ways to heal. We consider the Shrine the worlds greatest philanthropy. Those members who wear the fez wear it with pride.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Brother Harry Daine, P.P. (58), Chairman of the Finance Committee was unable to attend to present the report. It was read by Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49).

Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, following is the report of the Finance Committee for 2009-2010.

The Finance Committee for the year were Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49) , Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27), and I, Brother Harry E. Daine, P.P. (58), Chairperson.

The Finance Committee met in November, February, March and June.

At these meetings we received all invoices from the Grand Secretary pertaining to the operation of Grand Chapter. These invoices were all reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and were found to be legal Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star expenses.

The Finance Committee met on March 14, 2010 with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to review the year-to-date results and to assist them with preparing the budget for the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year. We were able to prepare a budget which we think will be acceptable to all members. With the up coming, budget we did not have to cash in any GIC's. I believe this is the first time in a few years that we did not have to use any of the investments.

In going over last year's year to date expenses, we note that the District Deputy's expenses were a little over \$1,000 over budget. I would ask that all District Deputies please refer to the CL&R re their expenses and adhere to those rules.

We were a little disturbed that the Grand Chapter booklet committee had to refund over \$500.00 to Chapters and a business for ads not included in the booklet. There is a very strong feeling by the Finance Committee, that this booklet has great potential to assist with the expenses of Grand Chapter. We also feel that, this being a fund raiser for Grand Chapter, that it should come under the umbrella of the Finance Committee. We also feel that the printing of the booklet should stay with Allen Print, since they would have the necessary set up for same.

At our meetings we also discussed the possibility of changing the fiscal year for Grand Chapter. There is quite a bit of confusion regarding the monies for last

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year and this year. It would make more sense to have the fiscal year run from January 1 to December 31. This would not have any direct effect on the workings of any Chapter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We, the Finance Committee, recommend that the Program Booklet Committee report to the Finance Committee on a regular basis.
2. That the Fiscal Year of Grand Chapter be changed to the 1st of January to the 31st of December.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure serving on the Finance Committee for the past three years. As this is my third and final year on this Committee, I wish to thank the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, as well as the other Committee members for their assistance during this time. I wish them the best of luck for the coming years.

Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M., moved that this report be adopted. It was seconded by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. and the motion was carried.

MOTIONS

Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. moved that the Fiscal Year for the Order of the Eastern Star be changed to January 1st to December 31st. The motion was seconded by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27).

On the question Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. stated that the Jurisprudence Committee should look into this. Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) stated that this is not presently in the CL&R so a Notice of Motion would not be required.

This motion was not put to the vote.

Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. moved that the Grand Chapter Program Booklet Committee report to the Finance Committee on a regular basis. The Worthy Grand Matron referred this matter to the Jurisprudence Committee.

After some discussion on this motion it was put to the vote and **the motion was carried.**

The Finance Committee presented the Budget for 2010-2011 as printed on the back of the Financial Statement and handed out at Registration.

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OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Budget 2010 - 2011

Revenue

Per Capita Assessments	\$20,000
Registration Fees	14,000
Craft Sale	1,000
Donations and Sundry	100
Interest	2,000
Sale of Supplies	1,600
Program Booklet	<u>2,500</u>

Total Revenue

\$41,200

Operating Expenses

Printing, Postage and Office Expense	8,000
Worthy Grand Matron Expenses	2,000
Worthy Grand Patron Expenses	1,000
Grand Secretary Expenses	4,000
Grand Treasurer Expenses	2,000
Office Rent	1,500
Insurance and Bonding	1,200
Annual Proceedings	4,000
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Jewels	800
Grand Officer Badges	200
District Deputies Expenses	3,000
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter	2,400
Church Services	675
Accounting	600
Amortization Expense	1,000
GGC Appointment Expense	<u>800</u>

Total Operating Expenses

34,875

Grand Session Expenses

Printing and Supplies (Sessions)	800
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

5,800

Total Expenses

40,675

Budgeted Net Income

\$ 525

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REMARKS

SISTER RENNIE OFTON MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, beloved Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Stella and Brother Zeke - our "children", how well you have presided. I can tell your membership loves you - their loving comments have been plentiful. You, the membership, have always been so kind and loving during my many visits and this visit has been no exception. Thank you, dear members.

This is not my official visit but Lord willing, I will do that at your session next year.

It has been a special pleasure to be here for your wonderful honours for Brother Fred Clarke, "Our" Most Worthy Grand Patron, and our Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke. I share in your pride of Brother Fred and his distinguished career of the past and for the future service he will perform for you and me.

To Sister Marion Buchan and Brother Frank Cullen, I extend sincere best wishes for your year. Some of us will be leaving for New Brunswick early in the morning for my official visit at that Grand Chapter.

To my Page, Sister Nora Bishop during this session, I extend sincere thanks. You have been outstanding! To Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, thank you for answering questions for me and sending me information when I needed help. Special thanks to Sister Cheryl Denton for answering questions about Digby and other assistance. Brother Allen was a great leader on the late night drive from Greenwich to Digby and seeing us safely into our housing.

The reports from our General Grand Chapter Committee Members were encouraging and heartwarming. I keep Brother Adrian quite busy!

Again dear Sisters and Brothers, thank you for every loving kindness. Be sure to keep November, 2012 marked on your calendar. Y'all come now. Ya hear!

Sister Rennie was given a standing ovation.

BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron. General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers, Sisters and Brothers. It great to be back in the land I love and I would not trade it for anywhere I have been. Looking out over the Minas Basin on the way to my

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beloved Valley, I am home. What a beautiful sight to me. Well, in November in Tulsa, after having been nominated by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke and elected by the Membership, Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron and I and our core of Officers were installed by our Senior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Cox and Brother Edward MacDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and their Installing team. It was great to have my Family with me for the installation. It was very special to have my life partner, Sister Margaret, Past Grand Matron, installed as Worthy Grand Esther. Few Most Worthy Grand Patrons have a spouse who is qualified. Thank you, Sister Rennie, for extending that honour to us. This is my 14th visit. I have had excellent responses on the official visits.

Even before installation I had the opportunity to go with our previous Most Worthy Grand Matron to Romania to find out the situation there. I found out very quickly that I had inherited very great problems, which I hope are resolved. I also had the opportunity to be invited by the Grand Master of Romania to attend his Grand Lodge. All of Europe's Grand Masters were present as well as two Americans and myself.

My Deputy, Sister Aruna, has now told me that we have three Chapters ready to be constituted, hopefully, in September if all works out. One Chapter is to be reinstated as well and also that a new Chapter U.D. is waiting in the wings to be instituted. A new Chapter is to be Constituted in Brazil and one to be constituted in Columbia. Maybe just maybe we will get to form a new Grand Chapter in Italy. That's all the news that I have except there has been intent shown to forming Chapter in Haiti. There are signs that my special Project to install an exhibit in the George Washington Masonic Memorial may be a reality soon. We still need support from all the Grand Chapters. This is a way we can help ourselves to become better know to the Masonic World as to just what our Practices and Principles are, presented in a factual manner. Sisters and Brothers, we have to change our attitudes. We have to start practicing what we preach. I am sorry to say that our Obligation means nothing to some members. If we "Love One Another", how can we be so critical of each other? The Membership and their retention in the Order is the most important. I am sorry to say it but our leaders do nothing to teach about the Order. It is very hard to teach when you don't know your subject matter. We have changed our Membership requirements numerous time with no increases what so ever. We are a Masonic based organization and a part of the Masonic Family. Our life blood is in our relationship with the Masonic Order. We in both organizations have to act like a Family. If they revive which all indications show they are doing then we can feed of their new Membership. We have to tell our story and make the Masonic Order realize that working together we can return as a vital Organization. Without the Membership in the Subordinate Chapters we would cease to exist. We, as delegates, need to act as delegates and talk to our Membership and let them know what is proposed at General Grand Chapter. Why does Membership not increase - because our Members have never extended a petition to persons who are eligible. Most Members have not even replaced themselves. The Lord has said "that he will help those who help themselves".

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This reminds me of a story about a young man with a very young family who had just lost his job and went to his local Minster looking for help. The Minister said we are a very small Parish and can only help a little. The Minister told the young man that all things come through the power of Prayer. On the way home he saw a sign LOTTERY \$40 Million. So he went home and prayed and prayed and prayed every day long and hard. After a while he got exasperated and said to God why do you not hear my prayers. God answered, Son I have heard your every prayer but you have to help yourself. Please go buy a Lottery Ticket. Maybe it is time to help ourselves. It all up to you the Membership to take action.

May you have faith that sees the invisible, believes the incredible and accomplishes the impossible.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for the Honour Banquet and thank you to Grand Chapter for the gift.

Brother Fred was given a standing ovation.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. Letter from the George Washington Masonic Memorial thanking Grand Chapter for the donation and support of the Memorial which is Brother Fred Clarke's Special Project for 2009-2012.
2. Letter of regrets from Sister Barbara Benton, PMWGM and Brother Tom Benton, PGP of Oklahoma who are unable to attend this session.
3. Letter of regrets from Sister Marjorie Morgan, PGM of Ontario who is unable to attend this session.
4. Letters from Sister Betty St. Onge, PGM of Ontario; Sister Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth and PGM of Ontario; and Sister Judith Brightman, PGM of Rhode Island and Brother Clifford Brightman, PGP of Massachusetts, thanking Grand Chapter for their Honourary Memberships.
5. Letter of regrets from Brother Reginald MacRae, PGP who is unable to attend this session.
6. Letter from the WGM and WGP of Alberta inviting all members to attend their 100th Grand Session, June 2-5, 2011 in Calgary, Alberta.
7. Letter from Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM and Secretary of Munro Chapter #26, North Sydney, expressing the gratitude of their member, Sister Audrey MacDonald who, due to Macular Degeneration, has been unable to take part in chapter activities for several years. Thanks to the CNIB Reading Book Program - the project of Sister Gail Cook and Brother

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Ron Boudreau, she is now able to read and Munro Chapter says thank you for the comfort it has brought to our Sister Audrey.

8. Letter from Sister Christine Carmichael, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, wishing us a successful session and to say that a delegation from Scotland is attending our session.

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

(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

Brother George Myles: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, Protocol being established, I will, as Chairperson of the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (E.S.T.A.R.L.), give my annual report.

I am George Myles, PP, Amethyst Chapter #28 and I would like to name the committee: Brother Donald Medicraft, PP, Annaval; #31; Brother Charles Paterson, PP, Elmsdale #55; Sister Nora Moxsom, PM, Elmsdale #55 and Sister Marianne MacMillan, PM, Cedar Chapter #3.

On September 28th, 2009 I sent a Notice of Meeting to the Committee Members of our annual Meeting, a copy of notice is attached to this report. The meeting was held at my house on November 14th, 2009 to do our duty to receive, review and process the applications for E.S.T.A.R.L. awards that we had received from our Grand Secretary. Two of the members were absent with other activities but we did the job we were supposed to do. There were ten applications for awards. Each got \$1,660.00. A copy of the letter sent to Chapter Secretary's with names and other information is attached.

This past year, as per Motion at last years Grand Chapter, the criteria for Music as outlined in our CL&R and in the instructions to the Committee were attached to the applications that were sent to Universities and Colleges.

The motion to sort and shred old articles over seven years was looked after this week.

I would like to thank Sister Marion Miller, PGM and Brother John Patterson, PGP for the appointment to the E.S.T.A.R.L. Committee. At first I thought five years but it isn't as long as you think. I enjoyed the appointment. I would also say a sincere thank you to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, for all the assistance she gave me and all the questions she answered for me. Thank you, Betty Ann. During the last five years I have spoken on E.S.T.A.R.L. at several Chapters and at a couple of the E.S.T.A.R.L. Church Services and found it very interesting and rewarding.

My thanks go to the Eastern Star members for your support.

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Brother George Myles moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Brother Don Medircraft, P.P. (31) and the motion was carried.

Awards listed by University

Atlantic School of Theology:

Juanita Barteaux Helena Malton
Susan Mary Betuik Mary Taylor
Janice Frame Edward Trevors

Regent College:

Michael A. Vlahos

McGill Presbyterian College:

Tracy L. Ramsay-MacLeod

Presbyterian College, Montreal:

Andrew Scott MacDonald

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Brother Richard Haynes, Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton, I thank you most sincerely for the privilege of serving as your Grand Chaplain this past year. It was a most satisfying and worthwhile experience and was certainly an honour for both me and my home chapter, Mayflower Chapter #2. I was especially moved that your special project was the Canadian Cancer Society, as I have personally experienced the sad loss of three family members to this dreadful disease.

I regret, due to work commitments, that I was only able to attend two schools of instruction, and was very limited to the number of official visits I could attend. However, all events that I attended were found to be very enjoyable and rewarding. I have endeavoured to perform my duties to the best of my ability, and hope it has met with your satisfaction.

I would like to thank the other members of the Grand Family for their help and advice over the past year especially to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan for her support and assistance, as it was most appreciated.

Although our Grand Family Circle remains unbroken this year, we sadly mourn the loss of our Past Grand Patron, Brother Chuck Thompson.

Regretfully, as part of my duties over this past year, I have sent 65 sympathy cards to Chapters in this Jurisdiction, as well as 92 to other Grand Chapters.

Once again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a real pleasure to serve as your Grand Chaplain.

Brother Richard Haynes moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary MacLennan, W.M. (2), and the motion was carried.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn
some things,
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know,
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.*

Anonymous

TRIBUTE IN LOVING MEMORY

OF OUR DEPARTED

**PAST GRAND PATRON
BROTHER CHARLES H. THOMPSON**

WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1972-1973

PASSED AWAY ON November 19, 2009



CHARLES H. THOMPSON
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1972-1973

**Tribute to
Brother Charles (Chuck)Thompson
Past Grand Patron**

by
Sister Sarah Jean Doty, Past Grand Matron

Charles (Chuck) H. Thompson was born in Pictou, August 20th, 1925. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942, participating in the convoys and D-Day Invasion and served for 27 years, retiring in 1969. He met and married Elizabeth Amanda Rundle in 1948. They had seven children, three daughters and four sons. After retiring from the Navy in 1969, he joined the Dartmouth Regional Vocational School as Head Teacher of the Hospitality and Food Services Programme, retiring in 1990. Chuck was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and a Past Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia. He was Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in 1985. He was, also, an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and attained the rank of Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island serving as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Sarah Jean Doty as Worthy Grand Matron in 1972-1973. Their Grand Chapter Session "Harbour Lights of Friendship" was held in Yarmouth at the Dr. George Burrige Regional Vocational School Campus in July 1973. His Hymn for the year was "No Man is an Island".

Charles was an Honourary Member of the Pictou Legion, Director of Naval and Benevolent Fund, Director of Nova Scotia Seniors' Association, Member of the North British and Scots Society, held many positions within the Masonic Organizations involving all Concordant bodies affiliated with Masonry, too many to mention. He was an Honourary Member of Keystone Chapter #5, Hebron, Yarmouth County.

Chuck was predeceased by his loving wife of 47 years, "Sis" Elizabeth (Rundle) (of New Glasgow), his daughter Rosalind Anita Mahood, and his brothers George, Minton, William and his sister Annie Higgins. He is survived by his daughters Heather (David) Mills of Chester and Charlene Fairchild of Golden, B. C.; sons Scott (Donna Tufts) of Waverley, Ian of Chezzettcook, Martin and Adrian of Golden, B.C.; sisters Jean Brain of New Glasgow and Wilma Campennaro of Guelph, Ont.; many nieces and nephews; also, survived by 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to his surviving family and to his Eastern Star Chapter, Ruth Chapter #57.

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Sister Stella, WGM: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the Altar in memory of our Past Grand Patron.

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Brother Richard, Grand Chaplain:

*From our chain this link has fallen
In our land his star has set.
But enshrined in memory's tablet,
His true worth we'll ne'er forget.
Somewhere the record is written
Of his love and loyalty to our beautiful Star;
Somewhere the rewards will be given
And his crown will shine from afar.*

Holy and merciful Father, today we drape this Altar in loving memory of our Past Grand Patron, Brother Chuck Thompson, of this Grand Chapter. We would ask that his life be an inspiration to us all, and let his memory linger on as an inspiration for us to live by those virtues as exemplified in the lives of our heroines.

Please bless and console those bereaved by his passing and grant that they may find comfort in the knowledge that he is now at rest with our Lord in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heaven. Amen

Solo: "Each Step I Take" was sung by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35)

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

THEY HAVE NOT GONE

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There! She's gone".

Gone where? Gone from my sight, - that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There! She's gone", there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!" And that is dying!

The length of our days is in Your hands O Lord. What counts though, is not how long we live but how we spend those days. Give us wisdom to know how short, how fleeting life really is.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Grand Secretary, you will now read the scroll of departed members of our Subordinate Chapters.

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SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS: 2009-2010

MAYFLOWER #2

Marion Gould

CEDAR #3

Aubrey Chapman
Patricia Parker
Betty Parker

KEYSTONE #5

Phyllis MacKay

GRACE #8

Laurie Myra
Donald Hardy

CENTURY #10

Margaret Chisholm
Olive Bowen
Mary Stallard

EVANGELINE #15

Elaine Phillips
Donald MacKenzie

VICTORIA #19

Effie Bain
Isabel MacFarlane
Christabelle Nicholson
William MacKay

MYRTLE #21

Helen White
Christine Fair
William Jenkins
Myrtle Kreger
Doris Patterson

CRYSTAL #1 (PED)

Sean David MacIntosh
Carmena MacRae
Erma Hughes
Myra MacIntosh

WESTVILLE #24

Anna Wuite
Della Cameron
Ann Feit
Pansy MacKay

HARMONY #25

Gloria Ross

MUNRO #26

Joyce Fraser

KWEBEC #27

Audrey Locke
Ruby Orr

AMETHYST #28

William Vergie
Alice Williamson
Lillian Milne
Jacqueline Taylor

ARBUTUS #30

Karen MacNeil
Donald Richard

QUEENS #34

Linda O'Hearn

DR. GORDON MACLEOD #37

Flora Austin
Marie MacDonald

MAE #38

Elaine Knock
Phyllis Rhodenizer

MYSTIC STAR #40

Violet Christie
Robert Munday

ARMCREST #45

Georgia Clark
Reta Matthews

FLORENCE FRASER #47

Norma MacDonald

ELM #48

Robert Redden
Violet Redden
Annie Brown

SCOTIA #49

Viola Nieforth

REGENT #52

Dorothy Ingraham

FAITH #54

Flora Campbell

RUTH #57

Lawrence Mandy
Charles Thompson

SHOREHAM #59

Laurie Myra
Marvel Mattson

QUEEN ESTHER #61

Ruth Pring

MONTAGUE #669

Percy Myers
Lynn Aitken

CRESCENT #70

Chester Laing

PEARLE #71

Idella Parker
Helen Rawding

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The scroll was reverently placed on the Altar by the Grand Marshal.

Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary:

*"Their ships have silently sailed away
Across the shadowy unknown sea
The mist has hidden their snow white sails
From the sight of the gazers - you and me*

*Their ships will never be seen again
Nor lie at anchor near this fair shore
We have no chart of their final voyage
We know but this, they will come no more.*

*We will watch and wait a little while
Till the stem lines are set free
And then with our strength of hope and faith
We too shall sail o'er the unknown sea."*

Brother Richard, Grand Chaplain:

We assemble here today to praise God for the memories of all those who have finished their course in Constancy, Faith and Love and are now at rest from their labours.

We place ourselves on the shore watching their ship extend its white sails and travel upon the ocean blue to a place not made by hands. We watch them sail into the sunset to their eternal home.

Brother Charles, Grand Marshal:

We place upon this ship the perfect wheel of fraternalism, in loving memory of the Master Masons of our Order who have departed and gone into that place where the sky and sea mingle with each other.

The Grand Marshal placed a small ship's wheel on the stern of the ship.

The Star Points placed a battery operated candle on the shore in remembrance of the departed Daughters, Widows, Wives, Sisters and Mothers of our Order.

Sister Janet Hue, Grand Adah:

In loving memory of the daughters of our Order
A violet sweet is for Adah, so brave and true
A sign of Fidelity bright:
On the shore we place a candle of blue
That symbol of honour, duty and right gleaned from Adah's bight hue.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Sister Sandra Denton, Grand Ruth:

In loving memory of the widows of our Order
Jessamine bright for Ruth, its constancy to present.
But on the shore, in very truth, is placed this candle of yellow
A symbol of constancy true, shining forth its golden hue.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

Sister Anna Ford, Grand Esther:

In loving memory of the wives of our Order
A lily pure for Esther is best, for loyalty, joy and light.
So , on the shore , among the rest, this white candle is right
That symbol of Esther's courage and might, shining forth of purest white.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called
the children of God.

Sister Gloria Turner, Grand Martha:

In loving memory of the Sisters of our Order
A graceful fern for Martha is seen an emblem of hope, immortal life
Placed on the shore this green candle shines supreme
A symbol of faith, shining forth an eternal green.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Grand Electa:

In loving memory of the Mothers of our Order
For Electa's virtue, a rose of crimson hue, for fervency truth and love
The glow of this red candle shines true,
A symbol of courage and power from above

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.: Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Brother Richard, Grand Chaplain:

Our Heavenly Father, we pray in peace for our Sisters and Brothers who have
been called to that world not made by human hands. Their memories rest in all of
us for they have answered the Captain's call. Be with those whose household has
been broken and are saddened by the loss of their loved one. May they find
Constancy in knowing they are surrounded by love. May Your caring way guide
us through the labyrinth of human life until we too shall cross that portal and
forever sail into the sunset.

In Thy name we ask it. Amen

The Grand Choir sang "*Sunset and Evening Star*".

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CLOSING

4:05 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 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 7, 2010

9:00 a.m.: Grand Chapter was called to order by:
Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.E.C.M. (1PEI) and
Brother Ron Boudreau, G.G.C.C.M.. (70)

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: It is indeed a great honour for me, along with Brother Ron, to declare open this sixty-third Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We warmly welcome all distinguished guests, especially Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke and all the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members.

May I extend a special welcome to Nova Scotia's native son, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred and also to Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther. It is great to have you both Home and all of those other members who are visiting and serving in distinguished offices, we hope you have experienced a true Maritime welcome. To our own Grand Chapter Committee Members and special appointments from our Grand Jurisdiction - and we are too numerous to mention! Thank you for your on going work representing Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred and our beautiful Maritime Provinces, in this Grand Jurisdiction.

To all our Sisters and Brothers from near and far without you all, there would be no need of us all. May you find friendship and fun at this Romancing the Sea Session and come often.

Brother Ron, may we have your greetings please.

Brother Ron P.G.P.: Welcome Sisters and Brothers to this “Romancing the Sea” Grand Session. I am honoured to have this opportunity to extend a special welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke and our very own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke. I also extend this special welcome to all General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, their Escorts and all Sister and Brothers from this and other Grand Jurisdictions who are with us today. May your visit with us be an enjoyable one.

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Past Grand Matron, Sister Marion, I consider myself honoured to be here in the East with you today. This is a time for us to be working together that is dictated by the illness of your Past Grand Patron, Brother John Patterson and my Past Grand Matron, Sister Gail Cook. Brother John and Sister Gail we wish you both a speedy and complete recovery.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: I now call to order this Formal Opening of the 63rd session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, "Romancing the Sea" Session.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

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

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Sister Stella, what a pleasure to welcome you to the Formal Opening of your "Romancing the Sea" Session. When we first met I extended my right hand and you know the rest of that story, and I'm still looking for it, along with Brother Denton. We spoke of your journey in the future to the Grand East and you said sometime maybe later, well here you are at your Session. I know you have worked hard towards your "Romancing the Sea" session and I hope that all your wishes come true. I know you are a very savvy business lady, as you got 4 Past Grands for the price of 2 in Brother Ron and I, with special wishes to you from Brother John and Sister Gail.

Brother Ron, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke your work for this Sixty-third Grand Session is almost completed. Over the past year our Order has been well served by you and I commend you for work well done. Now you can look forward to a short break and to joining the Ranks of the Past Grand's. But before that please accept my thanks for allowing me to take part in this opening of our Grand Session.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Brother Zeke we have looked forward to this moment in time, you have worked very hard to get to this position and all our Crystal Chapter members are very proud of you and your accomplishments this year. You have supported Sister Stella diligently and represented our Grand Jurisdiction with honour. Now your wheels have stopped turning and you are safely at your "Romancing the Sea" Session. We wish both you and Sister Stella smooth sailing through your session.

Sister Marion and Brother Ron: But if the sailing gets rough, we brought you these from Sister Gail and Brother John and us to help you along. (Hold up Life rings)

Sister Marion and Brother Ron: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

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Sister Stella and Brother Zeke were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Sister Stella, I present you with your gavel.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Thank you Sister Marion, G.G.C.C.M., I was so honoured when you agreed so willingly to open this session on the final morning of our Grand Chapter. Your wit and wisdom have endeared you to many and I am privileged to have you take part. Over the past few years, I always enjoy stopping at the "Red Rooster" to indulge in some of your delicious cooking and Island hospitality, celebrate birthdays and so on. Thank you my friend . Sister Stella presented a gift to Marion.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: Brother Ron, GGCCM, we have been friends for many years and I was proud to be part of your Grand Family when I was elected as Associate Grand Conductress. You have always encouraged me to follow my dream and I thank you. I thank both Sister Grace and yourself for your support and am pleased to call you my friends.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P. also thanked Sister Marion and Brother Ron for opening this session. He presented a gift to Brother Ron.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

"Hope is a Star" was sung by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (3)

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Sister Fern Leaman, Grand Chapter Committee Member on Crafts and Treasures and Worthy Matron of Arbutus Chapter #30 was presented in the west and welcomed by Sister Stella and escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

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 the motion was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M., gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69) and carried.

Members:	312
Visitors:	<u>213</u>
Total registered to date:	525

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

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Allan Conrad, G.G.C.C.M. (49)

Co-Chairman: Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59)

Group A

Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3)

Sister Alena Buchanan, P.M. (69)

Sister Faye Calder, P.M. (15)

Brother William Jackson (10)

Group B

Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. (61)

Sister Peg Lipskey, P.M. (67)

Sister Carole Newell, P.M. (14)

Brother Charles Teal, P.P. (38)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2010-2011: Sister Marion Buchan, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Frank Cullen, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Jane Wooldridge, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Fred Lipskey, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Grand Conductress.

The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Mary Reid, P.M. (25)

Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. (58)

Sister Sharon Layton, P.M. (45)

For Grand Sentinel:

Brother Charles Graves, P.P. (IPEI)

Brother Larry Ingham, P.P. (10)

Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2)

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Sister Mary Reid was elected Associate Grand Conductress

Brother Ralph Swinamer was elected Grand Sentinel

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

JURISPRUDENCE

Brother Adrian Pearson, G.G.C.C.M.: We are pleased to present the report of the Jurisprudence Committee for 2009-2010.

Members of the Committee are: Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.; Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. and Brother Adrian Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. - Chairman.

Duties of the Committee are set out in Article 3, Pg. 27 of the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee reviewed the Instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron for 2009-2010 and found them to be in keeping with the CL&R and Ritual and were

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therefore approved. Sister Stella reminded us that we are all human, some days are better than others. So, speak kindly and leave the rest to God.

All Members of this Committee attended the Officers School in Digby. All Ritualistic work was exemplified followed by a Q&A period. Grand Officers were congratulated on their proficiency.

Likewise, we all attended the three Schools of Instruction - Work was well done. Q&A periods were informative. Two questions were referred for further research and reply.

1. Can Past Grands be given Grand Honours at their Chapter Offices i.e. Marshal, Organist, Conductress. etc. (not be introduced)?
2. "Presenting" Emblems during closing ode while Chapter still open.

Most Worthy Grand Matron was contacted on these matters and respectfully declined comment; citing noninterference in Grand Chapter issues. Red Book - By-Laws Chap. 11 - Sec. 1B.

In light of this, the Jurisprudence Committee concluded as follows:

Question 1. Grand Honours to Past Grands. Reference Red Book - BOI - Pg. 40. Grand Honours Para. 2 - A PGM or PGP who holds any other office, must be introduced as such, if they are to receive Grand Honours. Also, CL&R - BOI - Pg. 31, Art 17 - A PGM or PGP must be introduced as such, if they are to receive Grand Honours. ERGO - Past Grands shall be introduced as such and receive Grand Honours usually three times a year. First meeting of the Chapter year. WGM's Official visit. DDGM's Official visit. And Special Occasions.

Question 2. "Presenting emblems" during Closing Ode. Not specifically addressed in Red Book or CL&R. This is an enhancement to the Closing Ode. It is noted that not all Chapters choose the Corresponding Ode that accompanies the "Presenting emblems".

Therefore - This is a permissible enhancement to the Closing Ode.

The Committee recommended that the WGM advise the Membership accordingly.

Schools of Instruction -Attendance - Charlottetown - 70.; Bedford - 104.; Middleton - 72.

The Committee received advance notice from the Associate Grand Matron of the format to be used at her Schools of Instruction in September 2010. This was approved by the Committee.

Several questions were referred to the Worthy Grand Matron in keeping with the CL&R.

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Notices of Motion were received from the Grand Secretary. We report separately on these.

The Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were received in a timely manner. They were found to be in order and reflected a busy and productive year.

We congratulate them on their service, enthusiasm and dedication to this Grand Jurisdiction and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

As well, we reviewed Sister Marion Buchan's instructions for the Subordinate Chapters for 2010-2011 and found them to be compatible with the Ritual and CL&R. The Worthy Grand Matron elect wants us to remember Electa's pass - Love one another!

In closing, I want to thank Sister Marion and Sister Carol for their assistance this past year and wish them well as they continue in their duties.

Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P.: I move the adoption of this Report. This was seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M., and the motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee consisted of: Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. (58), Chairperson, Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (31), Sister Karyn Grant, P.M. (55), Sister Susan Martin, P.M. (24), Sister Velda Forrest, P.M. (71), Brother Rowan Caseley, P.P. (52), Brother Cryil Marsters, P.P. (22), Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26) and Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M. (10).

Sister Wilma Verge: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Membership Committee submits the following report.

In September, a letter was distributed to all Chapters, from the Membership Committee, requesting that Chapters invite the person on Membership for their District, to visit their Chapter to speak.

Six of the nine members on the Membership Committee were requested to speak at 12 Chapters. Brother Ralph Swinamer, also spoke to the Kings Masonic Education Committee.

In October as the Chairperson of the Membership Committee I sent out a package to all members of the Membership Committee as a guide to use when speaking on Membership. Information was sent on the Rob Morris Membership Program, on how Members could obtain the Jewel, our Grand Chapter Fraternal, Heritage Recognition Project, our "New Members Booklet" along with some tips and suggestions on how we may increase and retain Membership to our beautiful Order.

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One of our Committee Members, Brother Rowan Caseley, developed a powerpoint presentation, which he used when he spoke at a Chapter in Prince Edward Island.

When speaking at Chapters, I requested that if members had concerns or ideas on how we can restore our Order, and if they did not want to share their ideas or concerns with other members of the Chapter, I provided them with an envelope and paper and gave all envelopes to Brother Ron Boudreau, Past Grand Patron, who is a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Membership Restoration, who advised that he would look into their issues and concerns.

We received a booklet in all Chapters from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, in February of 2010 titled "Cultivating Grass Roots". This booklet has some great ideas for attracting new members, getting inactive members active again and retaining our present membership. Some Chapters have adopted some of the ideas already, by forming membership committees within their own chapter, absorbing dues of new members for the first Eastern Star calendar year and are in the process of checking demits for the past 15 years to see if any of these members wish to return to our Order.

The Grand Secretary has advised that as of 31 May 2009 our Membership is 2,114. On the 31 May 2008 it was 2,218 a difference of 104 Members, which is a significant drop in Membership. When this report was compiled, not all annual returns for this year had been received by the Grand Secretary.

Sister Wilma thanks Brother Ralph Swinamer for all his work on this committee over the last three years.

Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. and the motion was carried.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 2012

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your Arrangements for General Grand Chapter Committee 2012, wish to present this short report.

The members of the Committee are: Brother John Newell, GGCCM on Housing, Allen Denton, PGP on Transportation; Sister Marion Miller, GGCCM on Social; Sister Isabelle Pearson, PGM on Favours; and I am Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM -Chair.

It is hard to believe that almost one year has passed since Installation in Tulsa. And now we have over two years to make big plans for Fort Worth on November 1st to the 8th 2012. Every member who can, should start saving Loonies and Twonies and plan to go to Fort Worth and make this General Grand Chapter Session one to remember.

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Housing: I am told the hotels are built and arrangements are underway but no information has been released as yet.

Transportation: No report! It is much too soon to decide how we will get there.

Social: No social events have been planned. Tuesday night is usually reserved for each Jurisdiction to hold an event of their choice. Our big event and responsibility will be to Host our Most Worthy Grand Patron's Banquet which will be held on Wednesday Night.

Keep in mind the name "Billy Bob's" because I hear it will be the Hot Spot for General Grand Chapter fun.

Favours: Many favors will be needed. Suggestion from the members in this matter will be appreciated. Sister Belle will be sending out an information letter to each Chapter in this regard.

Also our Grand Chapter has unanimously voted to support Brother Bill Clark, Past Grand Patron in his bid to be elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee. Favours will be needed to help him in his journey.

At this point our aim is to get started on our Arrangements for General Grand Chapter, 2012. We need the support of every Chapter - get excited about Fort Worth 2012.

Sister Sheila MacDonald , P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Isabelle Pearson, 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, M.W.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 the year 2009-2010.

Those who need assistance are usually in an emergency situation and we thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their prompt action in sending the cheques to the recipients.

All requests must be made in writing giving the mailing address to which the cheque is to be sent. We ask the membership to please let us know of any need. All requests are handled with utmost secrecy so as to avoid any possible embarrassment.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we congratulate you on a very happy and successful year and wish all the best for you in the future.

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Sister Helen Connors moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. and the motion was carried.

RECOMMENDATION

Sister Helen, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron,

We would like to present the following recommendation. Several of our requests for assistance have been from chapters asking for assistance in paying for dues for senior members in nursing homes or unable to attend to their financial affairs. We would suggest that in these cases these members if they are active members be made life members, thus being exempt from dues or in the case of inactive members simply move to exempt them from dues.

The Benevolent Committee members asked that the Worthy Grand Matron make a ruling on this recommendation.

Sister Stella Trask, Worthy Grand Matron, recommends that the chapters accept this recommendation and she asked that the Grand Secretary write and inform the chapters of this decision.

HISTORIAN

Sister Margaret J. Allen, P.M. (3): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

62nd SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND “MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS”

Westin Hotel

Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2008

Worthy Grand Matron
Edith Conrod

Worthy Grand Patron
Tabor (Ted) Caulier

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2008 - 2009

Worthy Grand Matron	-	Mrs. Edith Conrod (61)
Worthy Grand Patron	-	Mr. Tabor (Ted) Caulier (27)
Associate Grand Matron	-	Mrs. Stella Trask (35)
Associate Grand Patron	-	Mr. R.G. (Zeke) Eaton (1 PEI)
Grand Secretary	-	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	-	Ms. Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	-	Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)
Associate Grand Conductress	-	Mrs. Jane Wooldridge (1PEI)
Grand Chaplain	-	Mrs. Marianne MacMillan (3)
Grand Marshal	-	Mr. Larry Ingham (10)
Grand Organist	-	Mr. Ray Horton (66)
Grand Adah	-	Mrs. Shirley Walton (61)
Grand Ruth	-	Mrs. Audrey Farquharson (1PEI)
Grand Esther	-	Mrs. Lorraine O’Neill (61)

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Grand Martha	-	Mrs. Doreen Edgar (58)
Grand Electa	-	Mrs. Gail Kay (25)
Grand Warder	-	Mrs. Ethel Brown (55)
Grand Sentinel	-	Mr. Frank Cullen (24)

EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Secretary Emeritus – Mrs. Hazel MacLeod (45)

Grand Treasurer Emeritus – Mr. Cecil Decker (55)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1	-	Mrs. Evelyn MacDonald (19)
District #2	-	Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins (48)
District #3	-	Mrs. Marion Tizard (57)
District #4	-	Mrs. Beverly Caulier (27)
District #5	-	Mrs. Joan Mills (8)
District #6	-	Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)
District #7	-	Mrs. Stella Trask (35)
District #8	-	Mrs. Jane Wooldridge (1PEI)

“MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS” DEDICATION

This 62nd 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 every day 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 in 1978 – 79 and Sister Carol Boutilier who was to have been Grand Esther in 2003-04.
Emblems:	Crown and Sceptre
Scriptures:	Worthy Grand Matron – The 23 rd Psalm Worthy Grand Patron – 15 th Psalm
Colors:	Red, Green and Royal Blue
Flowers:	Worthy Grand Matron - Red Rose and Poinsettia Worthy Grand Patron - Daisy
Fun Symbols:	Worthy Grand Matron - Snowmen and Angels Worthy Grand Patron - Penguins
Special Project:	Alzheimer Society
Project Pin:	Forget Me Not
Musical Selections:	Worthy Grand Matron - “I Walk With His Hand in Mine” - “Love Lifted Me” - “Precious Memories”

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Worthy Grand Patron - “Danny Boy”
- “This Little Light of Mine”
- “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

WGM/WGP Selections: - “One Day At a Time”
- All Christmas Music

The “Memories of Christmas” Session began with the ESTARL Church Service in the Grand Chapter Room at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax. The offering for the service was \$1,111.58 and was given to the ESTARL Bursary Fund. The service was largely attended.

On Monday evening at 6:15 p.m. the presentation of the 2008/2009 Grand Family and Escorts took place narrated by Sister Barbara Bowser, Queen Esther, #61 followed by an impressive placing of the emblems narrated by Sister Gail Cook, PGM.

Those Sisters and Brothers taking part in the Emblem Ceremony were as follows:

Bible	-	Sister Michelle Boutilier (61)
Sword & Veil	-	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring (55)
Sheaf	-	Sister Beverly Wentzell (27)
Crown & Sceptre	-	Sister Linda MacKay (61)
Broken Column	-	Sister Marilyn Parker (61)
Cup	-	Sister Helen Fredericks (57)

The Informal Opening was called to order by Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Past Grand Matron and Brother Allison Mitchell, Past Grand Patron (61).

The formations were narrated by Sister Marian Durling, Past Grand Matron (61) as the “Memories of Christmas” Session Processional followed with the Grand Officer Sisters forming a Christmas tree and the Grand Officer Brothers forming the trunk of the tree. The District Deputy Grand Matron’s formed the star on top of the tree and the Subordinate Chapter Esthers forming the base of the tree. The Grand Pages formed the presents under the tree and the Grand Guards the ribbon on the gifts. To complete the Christmas scene the Grand Representatives formed a wreath around the tree and the gifts.

The invocation prayer was given by Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain.

The presentation of flags was under the direction of Brother Ron Boudreau, Past Grand Patron (70) and tributes were given to the Canadian Flag and the United States of America Flag.

Presentations of distinguished guests followed and we were honoured to have Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island along with Nine General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

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Three members were then presented with 60-year pins and thirty-nine Sisters and Brothers with 50 and 50-plus years of service were introduced.

Greetings were acknowledged as follows:

Provincial - The Honorable Dr. Leonard Preyra, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia.

Civic - Mr. David Hendsbee, Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Masonic Greetings - Right Worshipful Brother Owen Walton, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia.

- Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Brother Rowan B. Caseley.

Shrine - Noble Peter Kay of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Daughters of the Nile - Queen Sylvia McCleave, Queen of Athena Temple #149

Host Facility - Mr. Glen Bowie, Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

At this time the WGM and the WGP made a presentation to Alzheimer's Society, their Special Project for 2008-2009. A cheque was presented to Mary Ross Balkam, Executive Consultant, Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$33,478.95.

Brother Gordon Schultz, PP (61) was presented with a Grand Representative Commission to Saskatchewan followed by a welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters by Sister Julia Dunn, PM (61).

Other presentations:

Three Worthy Grand Matron's and Four Worthy Grand Patron's of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Eighteen Past Grand Matron's and Seventeen Past Grand Patron's of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Eleven Past Grand Matron's and Thirteen Past Grand Patron's of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Five Elected and Seven Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

One Emeritus Grand Officer

Five District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

One Visiting District Deputy Grand Matron

Thirty-Five Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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

Eight Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions

One General Grand Chapter Special Appointment, "Friend of a Feather"

Thirty-Six Grand Chapter Committee members of this Grand Jurisdiction

Two Visiting Grand Chapter Committee Members

Twenty-Six Worthy Matron's and Seventeen Worthy Patron's and Two Visiting Worthy Patron's from New York and Massachusetts

Twenty-Eight members of Hostess Chapters

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The formal opening was held on Tuesday morning with the placing of the Emblems.

Rules of Order were read by the Parliamentarian, Brother Adrian Pearson, Past Grand Patron. The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron were read and accepted.

Notices of Motion

The Notices of Motion were presented by the Jurisprudence Committee and can be found on Page 103, Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

11 Esthers, Honour Station for 2008-2009 were presented.

24 Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and 1 Visiting Secretary were presented followed by the Report of the Grand Secretary.

16 Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented followed by the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

At this time remarks were given by Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Sister Sheila MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee Member (Credentials); Brother William Thompson (Jr.), General Grand Chapter Committee Member (Eastern Star Journal); Sister Marion Conrad, General Grand Chapter Committee Member (Heart).

The report of the Finance Committee was then heard.

Memorial Service

A tribute to the departed Sister and Brothers of our Subordinate Chapters was held in a meaningful Memorial Service under the direction of Sister Marianne MacMillan, Grand Chaplain. A tribute was given by Sister Sheila MacDonald, Past Grand Matron in remembrance of the Late Ruth Waterbury.

There were 72 names read from the scroll of departed members representing 28 Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers took place on Wednesday morning and the following 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 elected for the ensuing year:

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Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Sentinel

The following reports were presented: ESTARL, Chaplain, Jurisprudence, Arrangements for General Grand Chapter, Historian, International Headquarters, Eastern Star Journal, Fred's Crew, Homecoming for Brother Fred Clarke, Librarian, Fraternal Correspondence, Publicity, Program Booklet.

Remarks were heard from Brother Allen Denton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member (Shriner's Hospital); and Isabelle Pearson, General Grand Chapter Committee Member (Visionquest).

Wednesday afternoon several more reports were given: Website Report, Courtesy, Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project.

The Grand Organist was acknowledged along with his assistant, the choir and the soloists.

The Final Report of the Credential Committee was given and the total attendance was 515.

The Grand Chapter Session for 2008-2009 closed with a beautiful ceremony to retire the badges narrated by Sister Marion Miller, Past Grand Matron and Brother John Patterson, Past Grand Patron.

The installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Officers was carried out by Sister Sarah Doty, Past Grand Matron and several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Sister Stella Trask and Brother Zeke Eaton were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron respectively.

Sister Edith and Brother Ted, you have had a wonderful year representing this Grand Chapter. This ends my report of the "Memories of Christmas" Session, a truly merry, memorable year and your aim to work in harmony to rebuild our Chapters and increase our membership is instilled in our minds.

It was moved by Sister Margaret Allen and seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) that the Historian's report be accepted. The motion was carried.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (formerly TEMPLE FUND)

The Committee Members are: Sister Margaret Fisher, P.M. (34) Chairman; Sister Mildred O'Neil, P.M. (31) and Sister Freda Ells, P.M. (14).

Sister Margaret Fisher: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your International Temple Fund Committee, would like to submit the following report:

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This year (2009-2010) three letters were sent out to all Chapters reminding them to send in their \$7.50 for all new or affiliated members. Also, a little history of our beautiful International Temple was sent with each report. We are grateful to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann for sending these reports out with the Chapter mailings.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Sister Margaret Fisher, P.M. moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Sister Shirley Moir, P.M. (45) and the motion was carried.

LIBRARIAN

Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. (24): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I wish to submit the following report as Librarian for the year 2009-2010. During the year I received seven requests for addendas and/or programs, which were forwarded promptly by mail or personally by myself or with assistance from another member. My sincere thanks to those members who assisted me in carrying out my duties.

Sincere thanks also to Sister Janet Merry for her cooperation in forwarding on several requests she had received.

Brother Bill Bishop, Webmaster, very kindly posted my letter to the Chapters on our OES website, and this was very much appreciated.

As has been the custom, I am asking if anyone has new programs which they would share with others, please forward them to me, and they will gratefully be added to our collection.

With the permission of Grand Chapter, I wish to update these files by disposing of some copies of programs for which there are many extra copies; and making sure there are at least two copies of each item on file. This hopefully, will lighten the file contents and make the files more easy to manage.

Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, I thank you sincerely for this appointment, and congratulate you both on a very successful year.

Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. moved the adoption of his report. This was seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and the motion was carried.

MOTION

Sister Janet Johnson, P.M.: "I move that un-necessary and/or multiple copies of programs in the files held by the Librarian, be disposed of, making sure there are at least two copies of each item on file." This motion was seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. and **the motion was carried.**

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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:

Once again it is my privilege to present a report on behalf of Fred's Crew. When I stop to reflect on the last number of years--it didn't seem possible that the time would fly as quick as it did. We were thrilled and honoured to be in Tulsa last November to see Sister Rennie and Brother Fred installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. We are now looking forward to sharing in their General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas in November 2012. I want to thank all who attended and waved our flags and hats when the invitation was extended to hold the upcoming Session in Fort Worth. I believe Texans and our Grand Chapter Members just about circled the assembly room. We sure showed everyone there that we were enthusiastic and supportive of Sister Rennie and Brother Fred.

This past Sunday we thoroughly enjoyed hosting the Homecoming for our Most Worthy Grand Patron. What a wonderful evening! Our sincere thanks goes out to Sisters Vi Blair, Cheryl Denton, Marie Black, LaVerne Porter and Allan and Shirley Conrad for a job well done. I know there are many, many more who have worked with these members behind the scenes and on behalf of Fred's Crew I sincerely thank you.

At the present time we stand on good financial ground to take us into co-hosting General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth and look forward to seeing Ya All at Billy Bob's.

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.

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

The Committee Members: Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. (58), Chairman, 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) and Sister Fran Harding, P.M. (52).

Sister Doreen Edgar: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Eastern Star Journal Committee submits the following report for the year 2009-2010:

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Summer Journal 2009:

	Number submissions	Comm. Member	Past Comm. Member	Other
	20	5	8	7
Fall Journal 2009:	9	3	5	1
Winter Journal 2010:	6	3		3
Spring Journal 2010:	9	5	0	4

44 submissions for the Eastern Star year

16 of these were sent in by the newly appointed GCCM'S for the Journal

13 of these were by previous GCCM'S on the Journal

15 of these by the membership in general

These totals show that the previous Committee members are still working for the Journal and many members are starting to contribute the stories of their individual chapters.

The Journal has changed its format and it has taken some adjustment with all parties involved. It still gives the stories of members around the world and that is what matters. Patience is a virtue, there is always a new day ahead of us. We will be looking forward to contributing to the next four issues and hopefully will be able to report as many submissions next year. We all look forward to seeing the write ups of the travels of Brother Fred and Sister Rennie as they continue on their remarkable journey. Please visit our table for any information that can make your chapter known through out our Eastern Star world. We would like to thank Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for appointing us to serve on this committee.

Sister Doreen Edgar moved the adoption of this report and Sister Joyce Cunningham, P.M. (5) seconded the motion and it was carried.

PUBLICITY

The members of the Publicity Committee: Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59), Chairman, Sister Ann Ross, P.M. (19), Sister Gayle Smith, P.M. (21), Sister Lynn Thurber, P.M. (61), Sister Marelene Clyde, P.M. (28), Sister Amelia Whalley, P.M. (35), Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15), Sister Alena Buchanan, P.M. (69).

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

I am pleased to present the following report on Publicity.

First let me say thank you to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for appointing us to this committee.

In the first mailing of the Grand Secretary a letter was sent to all subordinate chapters requesting information, pictures and articles for your scrapbook. We have heard back from most chapters in either write up form or pictures.

It is very interesting to see in the Pictou County area that they are able to have articles and pictures in their papers. They are very fortunate.

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We hope when the hustle and bustle of this week is over that you have an opportunity to curl up in your favourite deck chair and travel down the roads of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and remember the many friends and good times you had as you romanced the sea.

Sister Vicki Perry moved the adoption of this report. Sister Amelia Whalley, P.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sister Vicki: Worthy Grand Matron, may we approach the East?

PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

Sister Vicki Perry, Chairman, Publicity Committee and Sister Amelia Whalley, P.M. were escorted to the East. They presented Sister Stella and Brother Zeke with their beautiful albums of memories.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Canadian Cancer Society,

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Divisions

The Committee Members: Sister Charlene Davis, P.M. (35) Chair; Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI), Co-Chair; 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 Wamboldt, P.M. (71), Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67).

Brother Ted Davis, P.P. (35) (my husband who spent many hours at the mall selling what he could for the Special Project.)

Sister Charlene Davis, Chair: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Committee Members on your Special Project "The Canadian Cancer Society, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Divisions," I am pleased to give the following report and I thank you for the honour you have given us and our respective chapters by appointing us to serve on this most worthwhile committee.

Through the sale of Scarves, Fish Dishes, Date Planners and Daffodil Pins a total of \$6,282.00 was realized and has been remitted to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

A beautiful Dresden Plate double quilt was made and generously donated by Sister Gloria Turner of Grace Chapter #8 for ticket sales for the Special Project. A total of \$3,043.34 including donations was realized and has been remitted to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The winner of the quilt was Sister Mary Anne Kaizer, Bickerton West, Nova Scotia.

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For a **Grand Total of \$9,325.34**

I would like to thank the subordinate chapters, the members of this committee and my husband for their participation and support of this project.

Sister Charlene Davis, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. and the motion was carried.

The Throw was won by Sister Donna Himmelman, P.M. (5) and the Christmas Runner was won by Sister Carolyn Crosby, P.M. (35).

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

Sister Barbara Burtchett, P.M., Midlothian Chapter No. 85 in Virginia was escorted to the East and presented with an Honourary Membership by Sister Stella, W.G.M. Sister Barbara thanked the Grand Chapter for this honour and was proud to be asked to perform the Emblem Ceremony during this session.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67) that seats be reserved for the Installation this evening. The motion was carried.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

This year the Fraternal Correspondent Committee consisted of Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress, Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Conductress and myself, Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Matron. I would like to begin by saying "Thank-you" to Sister Jane and Sister Mary Lou for their assistance in compiling the Fraternal Correspondent information this year. "Thanks" also to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan for distributing the Grand Chapter Proceedings to us. Each of us received seventeen Proceedings for review - a total of fifty-one Jurisdictions visited.

The Fraternal Correspondent report was first created in 1876 by the Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut. Her idea was to share ideas and promote fellowship among the eight Jurisdictions then in existence. How impressed she would be to know that we are still sharing ideas and promoting fellowship in the year 2010!

It is interesting and rewarding to review the Grand Chapter Proceedings of other Jurisdictions. It is of particular interest to note other Jurisdiction's reviews of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I was especially interested to note that our Jurisdiction is considerably younger than many Jurisdictions. While the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is considerably smaller in

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numbers than many others, there are some who are smaller. There are many similarities as well as unique differences, which is to be expected, considering our varied locations as well as our different histories. One prevalent similarity is how gracious and welcoming our Sisters and Brothers are when they greet us. Another similarity is our dedication to Service and how very generous our membership is. Sadly, another prevalent similarity is the continued loss of membership. Although it is sad to see, we are encouraged by the fraternal love and respect shown and shared by our membership.

It is impressive to note the high numbers of Fifty year members and Sixty year members who are honoured at each Grand Chapter Session. The total number of years of service to our Order would amaze all of us. Our sincere "Thanks" to these dedicated Sisters and Brothers for their significant contributions. We continue to follow the Star Trail and their belief in Charity, Truth and Loving kindness.

A full report is printed and available at the registration desk.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress. The motion was carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) expressed his sincere thanks to all members for their support in his nomination as a General Grand Chapter Trustee at General Grand Chapter in 2012.

PROCESS REVIEW

The Process Review Committee members are: Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24), Chairman; 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).

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. gave a brief but detailed verbal report of the areas that the committee has been looking into to make our Grand Chapter run more efficiently. He moved that this report be accepted and it was seconded by Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Unfinished Business Committee members are: Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24), Chairman, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. (61), Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. (65).

Sister Diane Hayman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers; We wish to submit the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business divided the Proceedings from 1998-2008 among our members, and reviewed each of those years, as well as the year 2009, to check if there was any business which had not been completed.

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There is an old saying, "Be careful what you wish for, because you just might get it." Well, I got it!

Under New Business at the Grand Chapter Session in 2006, I made a motion that "a second appendix to the Maritime Star Trails History of Grand Chapter (to include the years 1998-2007) be compiled and published following the 60th Grand Chapter session in July 2007." This was seconded and carried.

Brother Bill Thompson, GGCCM, and I were to compile the information for the booklet, which we did get started - but then-, due to various circumstances, somehow it got put on the back burner, and is still there. For this I apologize sincerely!

We would then recommend that the appendix be extended to also include the years of 2008-2012, making a total of fifteen, rather than ten years.

In 2012, we will be celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our Grand Chapter by opening the Time Capsule which was stored at the Masonic Temple in Halifax in the year 2000. The appendix could then be launched at this special event.

Also, at the 1999 Grand Chapter Session, the Finance Committee had moved and it was carried, that "the Grand Treasurer earmark the sum of \$2500.00 over the next three years to be used toward the 60th anniversary of Grand Chapter." This money was not set aside, so **we would now recommend that the amount of \$2500.00 be set aside over the next two years to be used towards the 65th anniversary of Grand Chapter in 2012.**

The celebration of our 65th anniversary in September 2012, would be a great "kick off" party for General Grand Chapter as many members will be then heading soon to Texas where Sister Rennie, MWGM and Brother Fred, MWGP will preside over "The Nature of God's Love Around the World" General Grand Chapter Session.

While reviewing the proceedings of 2009, the following items were noted for action to be taken:

Motions made by the ESTARL Committee

1. "that specific criteria as set out in the C.L.&R for Church music be included with the application form."

This has been done.

2. "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".

The Committee's plans are to have this completed at this Grand Chapter Session or shortly after.

Sister Inez Daye: Notices of Motion:

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

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

These changes have been made and chapter secretaries were notified of the new return date of June 30th for end of the year returns.

New Motions:

1. "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."

2. "that the Grand Secretary only provide notices of motion from General Grand Chapter to those who intend to go to General Grand Chapter."

3. "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."

4. "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 the 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.

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."

Bro. Bill Clark, PGP was appointed committee chair of the three member Process Review Committee by Sister Edith Conrod, W.G.M.; and Sister Stella Trask A.G.M. recommended that Brother Bill select the other two members for this committee. Two more committee members were appointed, at the request of Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask.

The members appointed were: Sisters Cheryl Denton P.G.M., Mary Ellen Bishop P.M., and Brothers Ron Boudreau and Lawrin Armstrong, Past Grand Patrons.

This committee has been working this past year, and will continue for 2010-2011, as they have been reappointed by the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell:

2. 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."

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This Unfinished Business Committee, composed of Sisters Diane Hayman, Inez Daye and Eleanor Mitchell, Past Grand Matrons, was appointed by 2009-2010 Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella Trask. This committee has been re-appointed for the year 2010-2011.

3. 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 was done with the December mailings from the Grand Secretary.

4. "that the 2009-20 10 Hostess Chapters receive \$3500 from Grand Chapter (an increase of \$1000) for the 2009-2010 year only."

The amount of \$3500 was given to the 2009-2010 Hostess Chapters.

5. "that a monetary gift of \$1000.00 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."

This gift was presented to Brother Fred in Tulsa, Oklahoma on behalf of all the members of this Grand Chapter.

6. Sister Nora Bishop P.M. of Evangeline Chapter No.15, announced that their chapter had purchased new Star Point chairs. The chapter offered the chairs to Grand Chapter and would like to know whether or not Grand Chapter would like to have them.

No motion was made and we do not know if any action was taken regarding this offer during this year.

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. moved that the report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

MOTIONS

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M.:

"I move that a second appendix to the Maritimes Star Trails History which was to include the years 1998-2007, also include the years 2008-2012, and be launched at a 65th anniversary of Grand Chapter in September 2012. The Grand Chapter Time Capsule, prepared in 2000, will be opened at this anniversary event, to be held in the Pictou County area, as has been the custom."

This motion was seconded by Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. and it was carried.

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M.:

"I move that the Grand Treasurer earmark the sum of \$2500.00 over the next two years to be used towards the 65th anniversary of Grand Chapter."

This motion was seconded by Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. and it was carried.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) was escorted to the East. Sister Stella, W.G.M. thanked Sister Beth for the beautiful shawl which was presented by Sister Beth's sister, who was unable to attend.

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Sister Stella then presented Sister Beth with a Grand Representative Commission to Louisiana. Sister Beth was then escorted to the Altar for proper introduction and back to the East where she received Grand Honours.

CLOSING

11:55 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. sharp.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 7, 2010

1:50 p.m. Prior to the opening of the afternoon session, Brother Robin Ward, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.P. of Ontario, with the assistance of Constable Darrell MacNeil of the R.C.M.P., Digby Detachment, did a Power Point presentation on Service Dogs showing how they assist children with Autism and other special needs. Brother Robin is the Canadian Chairman of the Service Dogs Committee - the Special Project of Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

2:00 p.m. Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Grand Officers assumed their stations. Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labour.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Brother Ken Conrod, G.C.C.M. on Program Booklet Committee was introduced in the West, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron, escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

Members: 313 Visitors: 213 Total: 526

Sister Tracey Hobson moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69) and the motion was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PROGRAM BOOKLET

Brother Ken Conrod, Chairman:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers; the following is a report of the 2009-2010 Program Booklet Committee.

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On behalf of the Committee members I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the appointment to this committee.

As Committee chairperson, I wish to extend heartfelt thanks to the Committee members who did such an excellent job with the sale of ads in their Districts - without their time and commitment the booklet would not have happened. The Committee members are as follows: Brothers Wayne Crawford, District #1; Larry Ingham, District #2; Darrell Thurber, District #4; Charlie Teal, District #5; Jack Whalley, District #6; Jack Calder, District #7; Allison MacDonald, District #8 and myself, Ken Conrod, District #3 and Committee chairman.

There are a couple of thank you's that must be made and the 1st would be to a member of Queen Esther Chapter #61 - Brother George Struthers who is the man behind the production of the booklet at Allen Print; to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann who assisted with the billing of ads and who spell checked countless 'stars' to ensure that they were correct and a special thanks to Brother Darrell Thurber who spent countless hours from his own business who prepared numerous ads to ensure that they were in 'printer ready' format to keep the production costs to a minimum.

As a result of the participation of our members, OES Chapters, Concordant bodies, politicians and our friends in the business community, we were able to amass enough ads to fill 76 pages in this year's Program Booklet. There were 34 - full page ads, 31- ½ page ads, 7- 1/3 page ads, 16 - 1/4 page ads, 44--business cards ads and over 260 individual stars purchased with total revenues of \$8,058.00 - unfortunately the costs of production of and set up charges amounted to \$6,452.30 leaving us a total profit of \$1,605.70.

We should take this opportunity to thank all those that participated in this year's booklet and we should also make special mention of our friends in the business community whom contributed to this successful endeavour. Please have a look through the booklet at those that have supported us and perhaps somewhere during our usual vocations we may be able to thank them for their participation.

I believe that this has been, or will be the 5th year for this committee. While we have been able to make a profit each year we are doing so with little or no clear direction or mandate for the committee. In order for the committee to run a little smoother and to eliminate some of the obstacles that are presented each year the committee feels that there should be some guidelines put in place that will address our concerns.

The concerns center around 3 areas: 1. the structure of the committee - in that some people on the committee are not sales people and therefore find that the committee is not what they were expecting; 2. the duration of appointments to the committee and the selection process for the members of the committee - in that, should the appointments be for a little longer so the members can become familiar in their duties and be able to gain a 'rapport' with contacts and 3. the

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contents of the booklet - should we be looking at just selling ads or should this give us an opportunity to provide some avenue to send a special message or on topics that would be of interest to our members?

With this in mind the committee will present a recommendation to this Grand Chapter which will hopefully address these concerns.

On behalf of the committee I, Ken Conrod, would move the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Jack Whalley, P.P. (35) and the motion was carried.

Recommendations:

1. Guidelines and Terms of Reference for the Committee should be established.
2. The Grand Chapter should explore a different structure for the Program Booklet Committee in an effort to see if another structure would be better suited for the committee to assist in reaching the targeted goals established in the committees' terms of reference. The committee structure proposal would be brought before the 2011 Grand Chapter Session for implementation in the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter year.

MOTIONS

1. Brother Ken Conrod, P.P., moved, seconded by Brother Jack Whalley, P.P., "that guidelines and terms of reference be established for this committee."

The motion was carried.

2. It was moved by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P., and seconded by Brother Jack Whalley, P.P., "that Grand Chapter should explore a different structure for the Program Booklet Committee in an effort to see if another structure would be better suited for the committee to assist in reaching the targeted goals established in the committee's terms of reference. The committee structure proposal would be brought before the 2011 Grand Chapter Session for implementation in the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter year."

The motion was carried.

COURTESY

Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

The Courtesy Committee for the "Romancing the Sea" Grand Chapter Session wish to submit the following report.

I take pleasure in introducing the members of this committee, Brother Ted Caulier, Past Grand Patron, Sister Jean Coombes, Past Matron, Sister Carol Nielsen, Past Matron, and I am Edith Conrod, Past Grand Matron.

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The Session was held at the Digby Area Recreation Facility in Digby, Nova Scotia July 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2010.

We began on Sunday, July 4, 2010 at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, Nova Scotia with the Homecoming of the Most Worthy Grand Patron our own Brother Frederick W Clarke, then we travelled on to Digby for the Session. Prior to the Informal Opening on Monday July 5th, 2010 the ESTARL church service was held at 4:30 pm in the Digby Baptist Church.

It was indeed an honour to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofon, Past Grand Matron of Texas and our own Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We also greeted and welcomed many other distinguished guests. Among these guests were elected and appointed General Grand Chapter Officers including Worthy Grand Esther, our own Sister Margaret Clarke, along with General Grand Chapter Committee Members including those from our own Jurisdiction who are serving General Grand Chapter on numerous Committees.

Greetings were extended from Provincial and Civic Officials also from Masonic, Shrine, Daughters of the Nile and the Digby Area Recreation Facility.

A cheque was presented to the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Divisions of the Canadian Cancer Society by our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Stella Trask and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Zeke Eaton.

Special Hospitality was provided to our Members and Guests in the form of a Hospitality Room, Afternoon Tea, Luncheons and Banquet followed by Entertainment.

It was a great pleasure and we were delighted to welcome Distinguished Visitors from many Jurisdictions near and far to the "Romancing the Sea" 63rd Session of this Grand Chapter as follows.

- 1 Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 1 Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 1 Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 12 General Grand Chapter Officers
- 40 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 8 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 19 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 44 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 18 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 0 Emeritus Grand Officers
- 1 General Grand Chapter Special Appointment

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- 7 District Deputy Grand Matrons and other Deputies
- 31 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 12 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 8 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 7 Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 39 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 2 Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 31 2009-2010 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 0 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

I would like to thank Sister Tracey and the Credentials Committee for all of their help in compiling the list of Distinguished Guests to be introduced.

Also a special thank you to the other members of my committee for the time spent getting the cards and other items ready for introductions of our Distinguished Visitors.

We would like to thank all of the Members from near and far who took the time to be with us and make this Session one to be remembered. May you all have a safe journey as you return to your homes. Please return to visit with us often.

We would like to congratulate Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Zeke Eaton, Worthy Grand Patron on their “Romancing the Sea” Session. We hope it was all that you could have wished for or dreamed of.

Sister Edith Conrod, Past Grand Matron, moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Ted Caulier, Past Grand Patron and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF 60 YEAR MEMBERS

The Grand Conductress escorted Sister Sarah J. Doty, Past Grand Matron (5) and Sister Mildred I. Wagner, Past Matron (28) to the Altar where they were introduced, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East to receive their 60 year pins. They were both given Grand Honours.

The members of Keystone Chapter #5 and Amethyst Chapter #28 approached the East and presented each with bouquets of flowers. Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. sang “*No Man is an Island*”, to them. He was accompanied by Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5) (sister of Sister Sarah Doty) on the piano. Both were given a standing ovation.

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A draw took place for the following items which were fund raisers for the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project:

The quilt was won by Sister Mary Anne Kaizer, P.M. (47).

The collector doll, donated by Sister Yvonne Stephenson, P.M. (14) was won by Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Winna Smith, P.M. (35) Chairman, 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).

Sister Winna Smith, P.M. (35), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers,

We beg to present the report of the Crafts and Treasure committee:

We are happy to report sales of \$901.00 were realized. There are considerable items still available. We express our heartfelt thanks to the membership for their continuing support of this project.

Many of our members are in the process of downsizing in their homes, and as crafts are not a top seller in the marketplace, it may be worth considering other means of fund raising.

Since Eastern Star members are noted for their love of good food, possibly some sort of Bake Sale would be an option.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of serving as your chairman of this committee.

Sister Winna Smith, P.M., moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Fern Leaman, P.M. and the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. (28) on behalf of all members present, expressed thanks to the Hospitality Committee for all their efforts during this session. It has been much appreciated.

MOTIONS

1. Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49), Finance Committee, moved that the Budget for 2010-2011 be accepted as printed in the Finance Report. Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27) seconded **the motion and it was carried.**

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2. It was moved by Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. and seconded by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. that the fiscal year for Grand Chapter be changed to: January 1 to December 31. **The motion was carried.**

RECEPTION OF GRAND ORGANIST AND GRAND CHOIR

The Grand Organist, Sister Louise Seeley and 18 members of the Grand Choir were escorted to the west, introduced and warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The response was given by Sister Louise Seeley, Grand Organist:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke:

My gratitude to this Choir for sharing their talents for our enjoyment in "Romancing The Sea". How fortunate we are to have such lovely voices in our midst. Also, to the soloists, flutist and guitarist: you have charmed each and everyone here. "Thank You" to Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist and Sister Joyce Johnston, Choir Conductress, for all their assistance has added much happiness to this Grand Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke, on behalf of this Grand Choir, we trust our music has filled your hearts to overflowing with your Love of Music that fills the heart with Joy and Peace.

Thanks to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity of responding to your "Welcome" on behalf of the Grand Choir, and for the opportunity of serving this past year as your Grand Organist. It has been most enjoyable to travel many times with you this past year. As you retire from your Office, take time to relax and enjoy your family.

Sister Stella, W.G.M. went to the west and presented each member of the Grand Choir and the Grand Organist with a thank you gift.

Sister Louise Seeley was escorted to the East and presented Sister Stella and Brother Zeke with a copy of the music which was sung during this Grand Chapter session.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The winner of the picture which was painted and donated by Sister Shirley Shot, P.M. (34) was Sister Dawn Wambolt, Arbutus Chapter #30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. and Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M., members of the Jurisprudence Committee, requested that Brother Bill Cox have a chance to speak on the motion which was presented by the Finance Committee prior to the reception of the Grand Organist and Grand Choir.

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The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Finance Committee to present their motion regarding the Fiscal Year change of dates.

Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49), moved, seconded by Sister Margie Burhoe, P.M. (27), that the fiscal year of Grand Chapter be changed to: January 1 to December 31.

Brother Bill Cox questioned “since we have approved the budget, when will this take effect.” Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, stated that it is the intent to present a 7 month budget and a 12 month budget at the next Grand Chapter Session. After some discussion and clarification, **the motion was put to the vote and the motion was carried.**

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Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M., thanked Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for presenting the 60 year pins. She also thanked her chapter for the honour and expressed her thanks to her sister, Sister Louise Seeley for the solo and Brother Whitman Giffin for accompanying her.

Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. also thanked Grand Chapter for her 60 year pin which she will wear with pride.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Mary Lou Higgins and seconded by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) that the Grand Chapter Session be held in Truro, Nova Scotia on July 8, 9 and 10, 2013. **The motion was carried.**

QUESTIONS

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) questioned why the new petitions ask for the date of birth of the petitioner. The Grand Secretary replied that these forms come from General Grand Chapter but the information is kept within the chapter. It is not forwarded to either Grand Chapter or General Grand Chapter.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) asked for clarification - if a Mason is demitted, can a member join through him. The Worthy Grand Matron answered - yes if the demitted Mason was in good standing at the time of his demit they are qualified to join.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. to invite Grand Chapter to meet on July 4, 5 and 6, 2011 at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, Nova Scotia for the “Ribbons of Hope” Grand Chapter Session. **The motion was carried.**

CLOSING

3:20 p.m.: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 6:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 7, 2010

6:30 p.m. The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of the "Romancing the Sea" Grand Chapter Session.

Narrator:	Sister Barbara Burtchett, P.M., Midlothian Chapter #85, Virginia
Bible:	Sister Susan Eaton (1PEI)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring (55)
Sheaf:	Sister Lynn Thurber, P.M. (61)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Heather Lynch, P.M. (38)
Broken Column:	Sister Dawn Wambolt (30)
Cup:	Sister Olivia Small (35)

6:45 p.m. The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, P.G.M. (8) and Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59).

Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, P.G.M.:

It is with pleasure I welcome you and call to order the final "Romancing the Sea" Session this evening. My most sincere appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for permitting me with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit, to once again preside in the East of Grand Chapter.

It is with a keen feeling of pride that I extend greetings to each one of you attending our Session. To our own members, it is an honour and a privilege to greet you in fraternal love. To our guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, I extend the hand of friendship and please come back and visit with us often.

We are greatly honoured to have with us the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred. Sister Rennie, it is a special honour to have you attend this 63rd Annual Grand Chapter Session. To our very own Brother Fred, welcome home. We are happy to have you with us, if but for a little while. We appreciate your presence with us and wish you both God's richest blessings as you continue to give distinguished leadership to our beloved Order.

I trust that all who have attended, enjoyed the hospitality of this Grand Chapter and will be looking forward to next year when Sister Rennie and Brother Fred will be making their Official Visit. Brother Whit - -

Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P.:

I feel so privileged to have been asked to open the final session of this Grand Chapter along with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae. We have finally graduated. Do you think it suits us? We are now considered among those "has beens" who are taken out of mothballs and dusted off ever so frequently to do such things as opening Grand Chapter Sessions. You know - - it feels good standing once more in the East of Grand Chapter.

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Good evening, Sisters and Brothers, are you having any fun yet??? What a wonderful Grand Chapter Session this was! We certainly hope that you have had fun because when you consider the overall cost associated with being here, if you didn't have any fun, you didn't get your money's worth. Of course, part of the enjoyment has been due to having our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, our own Brother Fred, with us. It is so nice to be able to officially say a big welcome. We look forward to your Official Visit with us at our next Grand Chapter Session. Sister Annie Mae - - -

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.:

It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that all remain seated during the formations. Grand Marshal - you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

FORMATIONS

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) presided over the Formations. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.:

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.:

It is with pleasure I welcome you and Brother Zeke to this your final session. Sister Stella, we first became acquainted six years ago at Grand Chapter. I have enjoyed good times spent with you and Murray. I admire your courage and spirit and I am proud to call you friend. The friendships you have made are among the most beautiful flowers in your garden of life. You are to be commended for the way the business of this Grand Chapter was handled with dignity, caring and understanding. Though the light of your Session may be fading, the warm glow will long be remembered.

Brother Zeke, I have watched your progress from day one and I greatly admire the work you have done in our beautiful Order and your friendship means a lot to me. I wish you both much love, good health and many years of success. In a few short hours, I will be able to greet you both as "Past Grands" - your new titles, and welcome you to our ranks. I congratulate you both for your leadership, dedication and service. God Bless!

The moving finger writes and having writ, moves on as we will soon turn to a new page and begin a new year in the life of this Grand Chapter.

Brother Whit, P.G.P.:

Sister Stella, the hostess with the mostest --- it has been wonderful getting to know you and your husband, Murray. We have enjoyed some wonderful talks, some laughs, some musical moments, and the warmth and good feeling that true friendship brings. Your kindness and hospitality will always be remembered.

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Brother Zeke, very gentle, great and kind brother. I consider it a privilege to have been able to get to know you better over the years as you progressed to the position you now hold. You have never ceased to amaze and baffle me. In conversations, I have mentioned something and no matter how remote, you have already "been there and done that." You are a remarkable man and one who is well worth knowing.

My friends, may I express my congratulations on leading these, your "Romancing the Seas," Grand Chapter Sessions. You have conducted yourselves in quiet, happy, and friendly dignity.

Sister Annie Mae, 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 Stella and Brother Zeke.

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron your gavel has been used wisely during our deliberations and you are now ready to complete the business of this final session. My sincere congratulations.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Sister Penny Pederson, Grand Martha, Saskatchewan sang "*A Gift of God*" to Sister Stella and Brother Zeke.

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Thank you, Mrs. Waterbury and Brother Whit for opening our final session of "Romancing the Sea". Sister Annie Mae, Brother Whit, I was your Grand Conductress at your session and we had a wonderful time. I appreciate your friendship, love and support in the past and look forward to time spent together in the future. Don't forget to invite me to your next Grand Family Reunion as I will have more time after tonight. Thank you for presenting me with my gavel. Please accept this small token of my appreciation.

Brother Zeke, W.G.P. also thanked Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit for opening the final session of their "Romancing the Sea" Grand Chapter Session. He presented Brother Whit with a gift of appreciation.

Both Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the gifts.

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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**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED**

Sister Judith Wilkie, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Edwin DeWitt, Worthy Grand Patron of Maine were introduced at the Altar, warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where they were given Grand Honours.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary read the partial minutes from the Wednesday afternoon session. She moved the acceptance of these minutes and Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) seconded the motion and it was carried.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are: Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31) Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) and Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69).

Due to illness, Sister Katharine Evans, Chairman was unable to attend the session. Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. read the report:

Members of this Grand Jurisdiction:	313
Members of other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>213</u>
GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE:	526

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. and the motion was carried.

The following is a list of the Subordinate Chapters and the number of members who attended the "Romancing of the Sea" Grand Chapter Session in Digby, N.S.

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<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Mayflower #2	10	Queens #34	3
Cedar #3	3	St. Mary's #35	20
Keystone #5	11	Dr.GordonMacLeod#37	0
Grace #8	9	Mae #38	2
Century #10	12	Mystic Star #40	3
Queen Elizabeth # 14	5	Armcrest #45	5
Evangeline #15	19	Florence Fraser #47	4
Victoria #19	4	Elm #48	4
Myrtle #21	6	Scotia #49	4
Fairfield #22	8	Regent #52	4
Crystal #1 PEI	13	Elmsdale #55	10
Westville #24	14	Ruth #57	4
Harmony #25	13	Emerald #58	8
Munro #26	1	Shoreham #59	4
Kwebec #27	8	Queen Esther #61	17
Amethyst #28	15	Atlantic #65	6
Arbutus #30	5	Starlight #66	7
Annaval #31	9	Laurel #67	15
		Montague#69	11
		Crescent #70	8
		Pearle #71	9

Total Number of Chapters: 39

Number of Chapters attending: 38

TOTAL	number of Members in attendance:	313
TOTAL	from Other Jurisdictions	<u>213</u>
	GRAND TOTAL:	526

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ADDRESS

Sister Stella, W.G.M. invited **Brother Robert E. DeBruyn, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Northern Italy** to speak.

Brother Robert DeBruyn brought greetings from Northern Italy. This was his first visit to Nova Scotia and he was pleased to be able to attend this Grand Chapter Session. He had attended the General Grand Chapter Session when it was held in Toronto in 1979. Brother Robert represents Brother Fred, Most Worthy Grand Patron when he is not able to attend to do constitutions of new chapters and other functions in Northern Italy. He is pleased to have the opportunity to work with all the General Grand Chapter members. He thanked Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for giving him the privilege of speaking to the membership. He also thanked them for the hospitality and courtesies he received during his visit here.

PRESENTATIONS

Sister Mab Cole Smith (8) was escorted to the East and presented a monetary gift of \$300.00 to Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for their Special Project. This donation comes from the sale of jewellery during the Grand Chapter Session and is given in memory of her mother, Sister Alice Cole, P.G.M. and her father, Brother Wilfrid Cole, P.G.P.

Sister Eleanor Freeman was escorted to the East and Sister Stella, W.G.M. presented her with a gift of appreciation for preparing and presenting the Formation Ceremony for this session.

FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Stella E. Trask

Sister Stella, W.G.M.:

Sisters and Brothers, before we close the 63rd "Romancing the Sea" session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I wish to thank each one of you for a very successful Grand Chapter. Your support, love and cooperation has meant so much to me. It has been a distinct honour to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. Now as I prepare to hand Sister Marion my gavel, my heart is full to overflowing with gratitude for this wonderful experience.

Sister Marion and Brother Frank, we wish for you a wonderful year ahead. May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your faces and the rain fall softly upon your fields. May you remember to forget the things that made you sad, but never forget to remember the things that made you glad. And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sisters and Brothers, Speak kindly and leave the rest to God. Thank you one and all.

Sister Stella Trask, Worthy Grand Matron, was given a standing ovation.

FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother R. G. Zeke Eaton

Brother Zeke, W.G.P.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, I speak to you now with both joy and sadness in my heart as I bid you farewell as your Worthy Grand Patron.

It has been a delight to visit our chapters, several times over the past few years to renew old acquaintances and meet some of you for the first time. I look forward to visiting again in the future.

This year, which seemed so slow approaching, has flown by all too fast, but the memories will last a lifetime.

Thank you, one and all for all the many warm welcomes Sister Stella and I have received and all the courtesies extended to us. Thank you also for all the hard work so many of you have put in to make this year a success and for the generous contributions so many have made to our special project.

We know you will support our successors as strongly as you have supported us.

And one last word from the Sages: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

God bless you all.

Brother Zeke, Worthy Grand Patron, was given a standing ovation.

Sister Stella, W.G.M. asked the Grand Choir to sing a "Farewell" song to her and Brother Zeke. The Grand Choir sang a special song written for them and sung to the tune of "The Tennessee Waltz".

Sister Stella, W.G.M. thanked her friend for the 5th bouquet of flowers she received during this session. They were much appreciated.

Sister Stella, W.G.M. invited Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P.(24), Installing Grand Officer to the east to preside over the Installation Ceremony.

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. Installing Grand Officer announced the names of those members assisting him in the Installation Ceremony.

Brother Bill Clark introduced Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67), who will narrate the Badge and Bible ceremony.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

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RECESSIONAL OF 2009-2010 GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Gail Cook, G.G.C.C.M. (67) narrated a beautiful ceremony to retire Badges as follows:

CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

Sister Gail Cook, G.G.C.C.M.:

Very soon the "Romancing the Sea" Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will come to a close. Our Grand Family extends a special thank you to the members for their love and support this past year and during the Grand Chapter Session. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the retiring Grand Officers to positions around our Holy Altar.

Duet: "*Faith Unlocks the Door*" was sung by Sister Kay, P.M. and Brother Ray Horton, P.P. (66)

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.:

*Their badges now they lay to rest
Trusting that they've done their best.
From the Altar they received them,
On the Altar they now leave them.*

As the Grand Officers deposited their badge, the Worthy Grand Matron presented each with a Daisy.

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.:

The District Deputy Grand Matrons are the first ones to retire their badges, Sisters Linda McKay, Sheila Levy, Donna Himmelman, LaVerne Porter and Donna White remember the nights they brought the Worthy Grand Matron's instructions and inspected the Chapters.

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| Fred Lipskey, Grand Sentinel | Lays upon the Altar the crossed swords which brought security and protection from interruption. |
| Melda Johnston, Grand Warder | Places upon the Altar the peaceful dove of pure harmony and peace, necessary to the success of our Order. |
| Yvonne Stephenson, Grand Electa | Now places upon the Altar the cup of charity and hospitality, overflowing with blessings. |
| Gloria Turner, Grand Martha | Lays upon the Altar, the broken column, representing hope, immortality and a trustful faith in God. |
| Anna Ford, Grand Esther | Lays upon the Altar the crown and sceptre representing justice and loyalty. |

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Sandra Denton, Grand Ruth	Places upon the Altar, the golden sheaf of constancy with plenty abound.
Janet Hue, Grand Adah	Lays upon the Altar, the sword and veil that brings fidelity to a vow obeyed.
Louise Seeley Grand Organist	Now places upon the Altar the lyre from which Sweet music resounds.
Charles Graves, Grand Marshal	Lays upon the Altar the crossed batons which with courtesy attended.
Richard Haynes, Grand Chaplain	Now places upon the Altar the open Bible, God's word to receive blessings impart.
Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Conductress	Places upon the Altar, the baton representing preparing for leadership.
Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress	Lays upon the Altar, the scroll and baton symbolizing where plans are made with care.
Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer	Places upon the Altar the crossed keys to keep our funds secure.
Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary	Now lays upon the Altar, the crossed pens for records that long will endure.
Frank Cullen, Associate Grand Patron	Lays upon the Altar the star within a star, divine guidance does show.
Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Matron	Places on the Altar, the Effulgent Sun that makes our principles glow.
Zeke Eaton, Worthy Grand Patron	Now places upon the Altar the Square and Compass which links us to our Brothers.
Stella Trask, Worthy Grand Matron	Lays upon the Altar, the gavel the emblem of authority used with caution and prayer.

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Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.:

*These are the emblems, loaned to them for a year.
They return them now with a prayer so sincere.
May our Father in Heaven hold secure with His might
Our new leaders who will receive these tonight.
We ask Him to love them and keep them from harm
May they always find comfort in His loving arms.*

*Life is sweet because of friends we have made
And the things which in common we share.
We want to live on not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.
It is giving and doing for somebody else
On which all life's splendor depends
And the joy of this life, when you've summed it all up
Is found in the making of friends.*

All officers formed a circle around the Altar joining hands.

The Grand Choir sang: "*Go in Love*".

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.: SISTERS AND BROTHERS, THIS IS YOUR "ROMANCING THE SEA" GRAND FAMILY.

The 2009-2010 Grand Officers retired and a recess was called for the preparation of the Installation of the 2010-2011 Grand Officers.

INSTALLATION OF 2010-2011 GRAND OFFICERS

Prior to the Installation ceremony, the family, friends and chapters of the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to seats in the Grand Chapter room.

8:15 p.m.: Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24) attended at the Altar informally.

Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. was presented at the Altar, welcomed by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P and escorted to the East where he was accorded Grand Honours.

Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P (70) led the members in prayer.

Installing Grand Officer: Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24)

Assisted by:

Installing Grand Marshal: Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther

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Assisting in the East: Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. (67) - Installing the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) - Installing the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron
Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) - Installing the Grand Secretary
Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) Installing the Grand Treasurer
Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) - Installing the Grand Conductress, the Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Organist
Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) - Installing the Grand Star Points
Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14) - Installing the Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel

Installing Grand Marshal:	Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther
Installing Grand Conductress:	Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24)
Installing Grand Chaplain:	Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. (70)
Installing Grand Organist:	Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59)
Installing Grand Warder:	Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. (2)
Installing Grand Sentinel:	Brother William Thompson, Jr., P.G.P. (24)

Soloists: Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67)
Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61)
Sister Beth Lois Brett, P.M. (19)
Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. (19)
Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (67)
Sister Penny Pederson, Grand Martha, Saskatchewan

Flutist: Sister Loretta Dow, P.M., Florida

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M., Installing Grand Marshal. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Sisters wore beautiful three piece gowns in navy. The Worthy Grand Patron wore a Gordon tartan kilt and Bonnie Prince Charlie jacket. The brothers wore black tuxedos with Gordon tartan bow ties and cummerbunds. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore three piece gowns in blue in the same style as the Grand Officers. The Worthy Matrons wore pink two piece gowns and the Worthy Patrons wore regular suits or tuxedos.

Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. installed Sister Marion Buchan as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an Honour Guard of the members of Laurel Chapter, No. 67 and her family and

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friends who were holding her symbols for the year - butterflies and lilies. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. (67) sang "*Here I am Lord*" to Sister Marion. Sister Loretta Dow, P.M., Florida accompanied Sister Gail on the Flute.

Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. installed Brother Frank Cullen as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East through a Guard of Honour of the members of Westville Chapter No. 24 and family and friends holding his symbols -eagles and trains. He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

Sister Penny Pederson, Grand Martha, Saskatchewan sang "*On Eagles Wings*" to Brother Frank.

Following the installation of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) and Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. (19) sang "*The Prayer*" to Sister Linda Townsend.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) sang "*Whither Thou Goest*" 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 **2010-2011**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Marion Buchan	(67)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Frank Cullen	(24)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Jane Wooldridge	(1PEI)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Fred Lipskey	(67)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Mary Lou Higgins	(48)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Mary Reid	(25)
Grand Chaplain	Sister Linda Townsend	(67)
Grand Marshal	Brother John Lorimer	(25)
Grand Organist	Sister Kay Horton	(66)
Grand Adah	Sister Linda Foote	(67)
Grand Ruth	Sister Lillian Symonds	(28)
Grand Esther	Sister Leota Meisner	(70)
Grand Martha	Sister Doris Cullen	(24)
Grand Electa	Sister Heather Lynch	(38)
Grand Warder	Brother Roy MacKinnon	(66)
Grand Sentinel	Brother Ralph Swinamer	(2)

**ADDRESS OF THE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
2010-2011
SISTER MARION BUCHAN**

It is a distinct honour and a privilege to be elected to serve this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as Worthy Grand Matron. I thank-you!

I am aware of the responsibility you have placed on me and I appreciate your confidence and trust. I ask for your prayers as we begin this year. May God walk beside me on this journey and I pray He will guide and direct me.

I am humbled by the love and support of so many people. I am so grateful to many of our Sisters and Brothers who have inspired and encouraged me as I travel on the Star trail.

It is said that a "Journey of a million miles begins with a single step". This is a very big journey and impossible to make alone. The Sisters and Brothers of Laurel Chapter #67 have been with me every step of the way and I am so proud of you and I love you. Your generosity knows no limit and I am deeply indebted to you! Thank-you! Please stand!

I am happy to serve with Brother Frank Cullen, Worthy Grand Patron. He is a dedicated Brother and I appreciate his integrity, his patience and his willingness to take this journey with me. We have a long journey ahead of us. Let us travel safely and arrive at our destination at the "Ribbons of Hope" Session to be held July 4, 5, and 6, 2011 at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich.

It was a beautiful Installation! My special "Thanks" to Brother Bill Clark and to each of the Installing Officers. Each of you gave graciously of your time and I am thankful for your willingness to assist. Sister Joan Campbell is with us in her heart and I hope she is well soon.

How very special to have Worthy Grand Esther as our Grand Marshal! You are always willing to lend a helping hand and I appreciate your guidance. Thank you, Sister Margaret.

I am so pleased to be installed by THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Brother Fred Clarke. Brother Fred and his mother, Dorris Clarke, were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron the day I was initiated in Laurel Chapter. Brother Fred was my first Worthy Patron. Today again, you played an important role in my Eastern Star life. Thank you, Brother Fred.

Music adds so much to the Installation ceremony and touches our hearts as nothing else can. I want to "Thank" the piper, Christianne Luddington. I love the bagpipes! Brother Whit, thank you for being Installing Organist and accompanying the soloists. Sister Gail, my friend, thank you for singing for me so beautifully. Sister Penny, what an appropriate song for Brother Frank! Sister

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Beth Lois and Brother Shane, that was wonderful! I love "The Prayer" and knew it would be a perfect song for our Grand Chaplain. Sister Marian, I knew you were the right person to sing this song to the Star Points as Ruth is my Honour Station. My sincere "Thanks" to each of you.

To the Elected Grand Officers - I congratulate you on your election and I am happy to have you in our Grand Family. A special welcome to the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Mary Reid and Grand Sentinel, Brother Ralph Swinamer.

To the Appointed Grand Officers - Each of you is special to me and I am so grateful for your friendship. It is my expectation that we are going to have a wonderful year together. I want you to "Be happy" and wear a cheerful smile that radiates warmth and love. We are going to have a busy year as we host several events beginning with the International Week-end on October 29 to 31, 2010. We have invited nine Jurisdictions to join us and I really hope our own Sisters and Brothers will attend and have a good time.

We will host the Maine Maritime Exchange on March 26, 2011 in Truro and the Maritime Exchange on May 7, 2011 in Westville. Most exciting of all, we will honour our own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke on July 3, 2011. Next July is also the Official visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons - you were specially chosen to represent me as you make your Official Visits to the Subordinate Chapters. I wish for each of you -Joy, Love and Peace.

To the Grand Chapter Committee Members - I am so glad you accepted my request to serve on various committees. "Thank-you"! Sister Mary MacLennan, Chairman of the Special Projects, will have pins and calendars available for sale following the installation.

To the Hostess Chapter 2011, will you please stand so I can thank you for your time and your willingness to prepare for Grand Chapter next year? Each member of each Chapter is making a valuable contribution and I do "Thank you".

To the 2010-2011 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, I look forward to our visits to your respective Chapters. I encourage you to attend one of the Schools of Instruction. They are on September 11, 2010 hosted by Starlight Chapter #66 in Port Hawkesbury, September 18, 2010 in Evangeline Chapter #15 in Kentville and September 25, 2010 in Mystic Star Chapter #40 in St. Margaret's Bay.

We have chosen the Shriners Hospitals as our Charity in memory of my husband, Gerry Buchan and to honour my son Shane, who is Potentate of Philae Shriners this year. My youngest son, Rob just recently joined the Shrine line as Oriental Guide and I wish him well. Brother Frank has been a Shriner for many years and is active in his Pictou Shrine Club. I am a Daughter of the Nile and a Past Queen

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of Athena Temple #149 in Halifax. So choosing the Shriners Hospital was an easy decision. A new Shriners Hospital is scheduled to be built in Montreal and there are many ways to contribute and many needs to be met. As we visit your Chapters, we would ask donations to our Special Projects be made in lieu of personal gifts.

I am often moved by the needs of many in our communities, especially children who are often hungry. As Jesus told Peter in St. John 21:15, 16, and 17 "Feed my lambs", I would ask if you would be willing to prepare a basket for your local food bank, to be presented the day of our visit. I will leave it with your Chapter to be delivered to the food bank. I encourage you to choose a theme eg. baby's needs or children's healthy snacks and ask your members for their support.

This year, I chose the Star Point Station of Ruth to be my Honour Station. I love the Old Testament Bible story of Ruth and the song "Whither Thou Goest, I will go". As a child, I remember a picture of "The Gleaners" that hung in my Grandmother's home. The Station of Ruth is the only Star Point station I have held in my Chapter. Each Star point represents a position in a woman's life, that of a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother and a widow. I have held each one of these positions. Ruth's lesson is that of constant devotion to a righteous purpose. My purpose is to be devoted to my Obligation and I am committed to being faithful to the duties of the Worthy Grand Matron.

We dedicate this Grand Chapter year to the members of Laurel Chapter #67 and Westville Chapter #24 in appreciation of their love and support. Our appreciation goes to Sister Doris Cullen, a wonderful wife and sister, and in memory of Gerry Buchan who inspired many with his love of children and his dedication to the Shriners Hospital.

I have been blessed with a wonderful family and several good friends who are here tonight. Please stand as I introduce you. I would like you to meet my son Shawn, his wife Christa and daughters, Brittany and Erin, and my son Rob and his friend, Lisa. My son, Shane and his wife Tina are attending Imperial Council in Toronto and wish they were here. My grandsons, Dillon and Brock are here and I am so glad to see all of you. You are my sunshine, the joy in my life! My brother-in-law, Sandy is also here.

I welcome friends from church, Dr. Reverend Randy and Brenda Crossman. Thank you for coming! Many members of the Daughters of the Nile are here and I will ask you to stand and be recognized including the Eastern Star ladies.

Sister Stella, Past Grand Matron, you have been a wonderful sister to me and I "Thank-you" for the monthly reminders of how fast the year was going. We have shared many good times and I hope they will continue. Brother Zeke, Past Grand Patron, I hope this year will allow you more relaxation time. Take care of yourself and be well. Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, may you enjoy many years as Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron.

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Sister Jane, Associate Grand Matron, and Brother Fred, Associate Grand Patron, I really appreciate your support and I wish for you a good year as you prepare for your Grand Chapter.

Sister Mary Lou, Grand Conductress, now that you know who your Grand Sentinel is, you will begin your planning in earnest. Enjoy your year as Grand Conductress! Sister Mary, this is your first day in a big journey. Travel safely.

I will close with a prayer:

*Upon this very special day,
Bestow your blessings here.
Keep us always in thy love
With hearts which are sincere.
We come to you in humbleness,
And ask a guiding hand
From one who knows our earthly trials
A God who understands.
Stay near us Lord, our earnest prayer,
And make us more like Thee,
That love and goodness to mankind
Be all that we shall be.*

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, I now invite you to address this assembly.

PRESENTATION

Before Brother Frank addressed the members, Sister Marion Buchan's son Shawn was invited to the East. He spoke on behalf of the family and presented Sister Marion with a beautiful bouquet of roses from her son, Shane and his wife, Tina.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2010-2011 BROTHER FRANK CULLEN

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

It is a privilege to have been elected to, and installed in, this office of Worthy Grand Patron. I thank this Grand Chapter for according me this honour, and allowing me to be one of your representatives both in, and out of, this Grand Jurisdiction. I will serve this office to the best of my ability.

Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, let me congratulate you on your installation. It is an honour to serve this Grand Chapter with you. I am looking forward to working with you this year.

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I congratulate the newly elected officers and those who have advanced in their stations. My congratulations and thanks to the appointed officers and committee members who have accepted these offices and I look forward to our activities and visits throughout the coming year.

A well deserved thank you to our installation team. It has been a most impressive program. It has been a special honour to have been installed by our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred. Thank you, Brother Fred. I wish you, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie and Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret, good health, happiness and success during your triennium.

My family is here tonight. My wife, Sister Doris, now Grand Martha, thank you for the love and support you have given me over the years, and thank you for accepting the position of Grand Martha. Our son Murray is here. Murray, would you please stand. He works for CBC Television in Halifax. Thank you Murray, for coming. Our piper this evening is my niece, Christianne Luddington. She is an E.R.Nurse, and plays with a pipe band in Fredericton. She is here from Moncton with her husband, Peter. These two have raised their own Pipe Band, four children, two of them pipers and two of them drummers. Thank you Christianne, for coming and playing for us. Other members of the family were planning to come, but there was a death, and they had to attend the funeral.

To Westville Chapter, would the members please stand. Thank you for your love and support over the years. You are a very generous and caring Chapter. Would the members of District 2 chapters please stand. Thank you for the support you give to the Order of the Eastern Star.

I hear some of you saying "What is with the kilt". I am wearing it in honour of several things. Firstly, all my Scottish ancestors, all Sister Doris' Scottish ancestors, all Sister Marion's Scottish ancestors, and in honour of my late sister, our piper's mother, who made the kilt for me. I have been wearing a kilt occasionally for many years. The first time in public, I was 13 years old, playing drums in a pipe band. My last band was Orak Shrine Temple Pipe Band in Michigan City, Indiana, with whom I played for 7 years, while we lived in the Chicago area.

Nova Scotia, is, of course, Latin for New Scotland, and the eastern end of this province, where we come from, is full of Scottish heritage, complete with the language of the Scots, Gaelic. There are two bibles on the Altar tonight, the second, which is not open, is my old Gaelic Bible.

Our special project is the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, and specifically, the Montreal Shriners' Hospital.

These Hospitals provide a high quality pediatric specialty care to thousands of children each year. All care is provided without financial obligation to the patient or their family, and their mission is made possible through the generosity of

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donors. As Shriners, we provide treatment, round trip transportation and accommodation for the child and parent for as many trips as required. We hope you will all support this worthwhile project.

Thank you all, and thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2010-2011 were presented in the west, introduced and escorted to the East. The five appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons are: Sister Ann Ross, Sister Gail Kay, Sister Bonnie Boutilier, Sister Patricia Wamboldt and Sister Marion Robinson.

Sister Marion, W.G.M. and Brother Frank, 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 Ann Ross, P.M.	(19)
District No. 2	Sister Gail Kay, P.M.	(25)
District No. 3	Sister Bonnie Boutilier, P.M.	(61)
District No. 4	Sister Mary Lou Higgins, G.C.	(48)
District No. 5	Sister Patricia Wamboldt, P.M.	(71)
District No. 6	Sister Marion Robinson	(67)
District No. 7	Sister Mary Reid, A.G.M.	(25)

PRESENTATION OF THE 2010-2011

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

At this time **sixteen Worthy Matrons and eleven Worthy Patrons** for 2010-2011 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Marion and Brother Frank:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey, Mayflower #2; Sister Brenda Clarke, Keystone #5; Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, Grace #8; Sister Jean Jack, Century #10; Sister Jean Millett, Evangeline #15; Sister Janet Merry, Kwebec #27; Sister Sharon Adams, Amethyst #28; Sister Carolyn Phinney, Annaal #31; Sister Joan Mills, Mae #38; Sister Mildred Wagner, Mystic Star #40; Sister Donna Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Shoreham #59; Sister Carol Nielsen, Queen Esther #61; Sister Evie Jean Lazenby, Atlantic #65; Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, Laurel #67; Sister Kathryn Acker, Crescent #70.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Arnold Dempsey, Mayflower #2; Brother Barry Jack, Century #10; Brother Roy Martin, Evangeline #15; Brother David Hobson, Fairfield #22; Brother George Myles, Amethyst #28; Brother Robert Turner, Arbutus #30; Brother Ralph Swinamer, Annaal #31; Brother Charles Teal, Mae #38; Brother David Waterbury, Shoreham #59; Brother Harold Farrow, Atlantic #65; Brother Norman Card, Laurel #67.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East and received a hearty welcome and then escorted back to their seats.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

To Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan

Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, W.M. (67) and Brother Norman Card, W.P. (67) approached the East and presented Sister Marion, W.G.M. with a special gift from the officers and members of Laurel Chapter #67.

To Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank Cullen

Sister Rosemary Hayter, A.M. (24) and Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) approached the East and presented Brother Frank, W.G.P. with gifts from the officers and members of Westville Chapter #24. He received his Bible and a beautiful handcrafted Bible case made by Sister Maureen Roddick (24) and Bible marker made by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24).

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Presentation of Past Grand Matron's Jewel

Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5) was escorted to the East for the presentation of the Past Grand Matron's jewel to Sister Stella Trask, Junior P.G.M.

Sister Sarah, P.G.M.:

Sister Stella, Junior Past Grand Matron, what a pleasure to be the first to present you with your new title. My membership in the Order has given me many joys, but none has given me greater pleasure than presenting, to you, your Past Grand Matron's Jewel as in 1972 your mother, Sister Annie Burnie, Past Matron of Port Royal #1, was one of my District Deputy Grand Matrons. I present this Jewel with the love and admiration of your Sisters and Brothers, for this is a gift without price. I know you will wear it with joy, as you have served faithfully, lovingly and happily "Romancing the Sea". I trust and pray that the love you have spread throughout this Jurisdiction will return to you with undiminished lustre and will be a beacon to you throughout the rest of your life. May you always find peace and happiness for the good you have done, your days be filled with sunshine and your years be happy. You had a wonderful "Romancing the Sea" Session.

Sister Stella thanked Sister Sarah for presenting and pinning her Past Grand Matron's jewel which she will wear with pride.

Presentation of Past Grand Patron's Jewel

Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) was escorted to the East for the presentation of the Past Grand Patron's jewel to Brother Zeke Eaton, Junior P.G.P.

Sister Marion presented Brother Zeke with the Past Grand Patron's jewel which had been presented to Brother A. J. William MacKeigan in 1949 and presented to Sister Adline Purves in 1953. Sister Susan Eaton, wife of Brother Zeke, proudly pinned the jewel on him.

Brother Zeke thanked Sister Marion for presenting this jewel which he will wear with pride and honour and Sister Susan for pinning it on.

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SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. and Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and signed the Bible. They were escorted back to the East.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. presented Sister Marion Buchan, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction and wished her much success. Sister Marion thanked Sister Stella for presenting this jewel and said she will be honoured to wear this jewel.

Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. presented Brother Frank, 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 Frank thanked Brother Zeke and stated he will wear it with pride and dignity.

Sister Annie Patterson and Brother William McLellan were the first Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and presided over the first Grand Chapter Session held in 1948.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES For 2010-2011

STANDING COMMITTEES

FIVE YEAR Appointment:

E.S.T.A.R.L.: Sister Shirley Shot, P.M. (34)

THREE YEAR Appointments:

Credentials: Sister Cora MacKay, PM. (48)

Finance: Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M. (61)

Jurisprudence: Brother Allan Conrad, G.G.C.C.M.. (49)

Membership: Sister Ruth Donaldson, P.M. (55)

Brother Hayward Meisner, P.P. (70)

Sister Heather Boyd, P.M. (21)

Eastern Star Journal:

Sister Susan Lorimer, P.M. (25)

ONE YEAR Appointments:

Courtesy: Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. (35)

Brother R.G. Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. (1PEI)

Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI)

Sister Anna Ford, P.M. (71)

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Crafts and Treasures:

Sister Judy Graves, P.M. Chairman	(1PEI)
Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. Co-Chairman	(40)
Sister Katherine Robinson, P.M.	(19)
Sister Margaret Muise, P.M.	(25)
Brother Kenneth Josey, P.P.	(49)
Sister Phyllis Munroe, P.M.	(38)
Sister Charlene Davis, P.M.	(35)
Sister Marguerite Morrison, P.M.	(22)

International Headquarters Fund:

Sister Phyllis Vallis, P.M. Chairman	(61)
Sister Frances Duncan, P.M.	(10)
Sister Cal Shorten, P.M.	(2)

Librarian: Sister Janet Johnson, P.M.	(24)
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Program Booklet:

Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. Chairman	(61)
Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P.	(19)
Brother Peter Kay, P.P.	(25)
Sister Vicki Perry, P.M.	(40)
Brother Charles Teal, P.P.	(38)
Sister Donna Himmelman, P.M.	(5)
Sister Phyllis Jarvis, P.M.	(15)
Sister Susan Aitken, P.M.	(69)

Publicity: Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. Chairman	(70)
Sister Carole Newell, P.M.	(14)
Sister Gale Langille, P.M.	(10)
Sister Sharon Horne, P.M.	(57)
Sister Sylvia McCleave, P.M.	(27)
Sister Anna Cox, P.M.	(30)
Brother Morley Robinson, P.P.	(67)
Sister Melda Johnston, P.M.	(52)

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:

Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M. Chairman	(2)
Sister Edna MacVicar, P.M.	(14)
Brother Kenneth Langille, P.P.	(10)
Sister Linda Holmes, P.M.	(61)
Sister Betty Smith, P.M.	(27)
Sister Jean Luxton, P.M.	(71)
Sister JoAnne Newell, P.M.	(5)
Sister Helen Nicholson, P.M.	(1PEI)

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ONE YEAR Appointments:

Process Review:	Brother William Clark, P.G.P. Chairman	(24)
	Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M.	(35)
	Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M.	(31)
	Brother Ron Boudreau, G.G.C.C.M.	(70)
	Brother Lawrin Armstrong, P.G.P.	(40)

Unfinished Business:

	Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. Chairman	(24)
	Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.	(61)
	Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M.	(27)

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER, 2010

10:20 p.m. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene on July 4, 2011 at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich, Nova Scotia.

The Grand Officers retired and formed a receiving line at the back of the auditorium.

“RIBBONS OF HOPE”

GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

To be held at the Old Orchard Inn and Spa in Greenwich, Nova Scotia
July 4, 5 and 6, 7, 2011

Dedication: We dedicate this Grand Chapter year to the members of Laurel Chapter #67 and Westville Chapter #24 in appreciation of their love and support. Our appreciation goes to Doris Cullen, a wonderful wife and sister, and in memory of Gerry Buchan who inspired many with his love of children and his dedication to the Shriners Hospital.

Aim: To be faithful to our Obligation and to serve to the best of our abilities

Motto: Be well and be happy

Scriptures: WGM:

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

WGP:

Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. Job 22:21

Honour Station: Ruth

Emblem: The Sheaf

Special Project: The Shriners Hospital

Watchwords: Joy, Love and Peace

Colours: Star Point colours

Flowers: All Lilies, roses and orchids

Fun Symbols: WGM: Butterflies, All things Scottish
WGP: Eagles, Trains

Musical Selections:

*The Wind Beneath My Wings
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
We are Pilgrims on a Journey
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
On Eagles Wings*

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
In the Bulb There is a Flower
The Lord's My Shepherd
Unto the Hills
Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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DECORATIONS

“ROMANCING THE SEA”

JULY 5, 6 and 7, 2010

A special thank you goes to Sister Clara M. Nieforth, P.M. (28) and Grand Representative of Oklahoma, for the following detailed description of decorations in the Grand Chapter room during the session.

“Romancing the Sea” Session of Grand Chapter,
Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We entered the Digby Arena through the main entrance in the South Wall. If you turned to the right it took you to the Registration area, Courtesy desk and hospitality room, craft sale and other tables displaying items of interest.

As you entered the area where our sessions were held, there were three short 'pillars' on either side of the walkway with painted daisies at the base and nearly at the top where inflated blue dolphins frolicked in the air above imaginary waves. On either side, after you passed the last dolphins, were large planters with a display of various live plants including petunias, calendula, geraniums, snapdragons, single coreopsis, painted daisies and cascades of tiny blue and white flowers complemented by ivy and other trailing greenery.

When you paint a picture, you paint what is farthest away from you first - that is what I will endeavour to do in describing the Grand Chapter Room.

All of the arena's advertising on the east wall was covered to create a solid blue background. Across the back of the stage were the masts and white sails of eight sailboats, each flying a coloured pennant. The flag bearers, in the opening ceremony, placed the flags strategically in front of these 'sailboats'. There were sufficient chairs across the stage to seat all the dignitaries and invited guests. Behind the podium in the East were two large blue-grey easy chairs for the comfort of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. At either side of the podium were collector dolls flanked by large baskets of flowers.

At the front of the stage, facing the assembly, were two fairly large daisies, (approximately eighteen inches to two feet tall) one at either side. The blossoms were made up of miniature white lights with miniature yellow lights in the centers. The stems, with two leaves to each stem, were miniature green lights.

The Charter stood on an easel in its designated spot in the Northeast.

Atop the podium, right in the center, was a small bouquet of daisies. The Worthy Grand Matron told us that at the beginning of each session another small bouquet would mysteriously appear. At the close of Grand Chapter she had accumulated five small bouquets and thanked her mystery friend for her lovely flowers.

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South of the podium was the Worthy Grand Patron's Bible case with the square and compasses skillfully superimposed on its face. Nestled close to this Bible case was a cuddly stuffed white rabbit. The Worthy Grand Matron's Bible case bearing our Star stood in the Northwest corner of the stage. Both faced the assembly.

Along the three edges of the stage were additional small baskets of flowers, stuffed rabbits of all sizes and colours, collector dolls and about the middle of the south edge was another lighted daisy. A stuffed dolphin occupied one of the wooden chairs at the southwest corner of the stage. Hanging across the front of the stage were four wreaths of blue-grey tulle with daisies affixed to them. One was at each corner and the other two were evenly placed between them.

Beside the lighted daisy north of the podium, closest to the Grand Chaplain's station, stood our little Jenny who travelled with the Worthy Grand Matron on all her official visits (suitably dressed for the occasion and location) proudly representing all the children living with a diagnosis of cancer. Jenny was a gift to the Worthy Grand Matron from her cousin in Rhode Island.

Standing on the floor at either front corner of the stage was a tall thin tree with its bare branches painted white with blue-grey tulle intertwined among its branches. From a distance, the tree at the northwest corner appeared to be graced with white lights and small cardinals and the tree at the southwest corner of the stage with red and white lights. Upon closer inspection the red lights on the latter proved to be cardinals that were actually lights and all of the white lights had daisy reflectors.

Both the Grand Secretary's desk and the Grand Treasurer's desks were covered with blue table cloths. In front of the Grand Secretary's desk were two more inflated dolphins. In front of the Grand Treasurer's desk was another basket of flowers and a clothed rabbit about two feet tall who very much resembled the one Alice encountered when she had her adventure through the looking glass.

On the floor beside the Grand Chaplain's chair was a basket of daisies, daffodils and greenery. Daffodils are the emblem of the Canadian Cancer Society and, because Grand Chapter is held in July, live ones are not available this time of year. Consequently, the baskets of daffodils, daisies and greenery were very life-like silk flowers but all other flowers, vines and other greenery around the chapter room were real and living in planters - some looked like large white urns while others were nestled in large baskets.

The processional and distinguished guests entered the arena through the west wall and passed through a skillfully crafted white archway to enter the chapter room proper. In a garden, this archway would have served as a trellis but there were no garlands or vines climbing its sides. Implanted about eye-level in each side was a transparent Eastern Star about a foot in diameter - somewhat like a sun catcher. Outside this archway at the base on either side was another large planter with flowers similar to those near the entrance to the arena. Each had a brown stone

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rabbit hiding near its base and sitting among the flowers in the planter south of the arch was a jointed white fabric rabbit. Beside the planter at the northwest side of the arch was a basket of long-stemmed artificial daisies. These were for the use of the Subordinate Chapter Esthers taking part in the formations.

The labyrinth was encircled by its usual white rope suspended from the familiar white posts. Atop each of the posts stood a beautiful collector's doll. Most wore ruffled skirts and they all were wearing old-fashioned bonnets. All would have passed for Jenny's cousins and would undoubtedly have delighted little girls of all ages.

There was a large basket of lilies, roses, daisies and greenery behind the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron's chairs and hiding behind the Associate Grand Matron's chair at the base of the basket was another stone rabbit.

Each of the Star Point pedestals was graced with a spray of flowers in the appropriate colours. Behind each of their chairs was a large basket containing a planter of ivy and other broadleaved greenery (mistaken for hosta at a distance) interspersed with miniature daisies and other small white flowers.

During the lunch break on Tuesday, a model sailboat appeared on a table in front of the Grand Treasurer's desk. During the memorial service that afternoon the Grand Marshal equipped it with a sturdy ship's wheel and each of the Star Point officers placed a candle beside it with a light in each of their appropriate colours, symbolizing the daughters, widows, wives, sisters and mothers as a tribute to the late members honoured by this service.

The Worthy Grand Matron's watchwords this year were Hope, Believe and Perseverance. Paper banners showing these watchwords were taped to the Plexiglass in front of the elevated seating along the west side of the arena, both north and south of where the processions entered the arena. These were accompanied by dozens and dozens and dozens of paper daisies of various colours and sizes.

The Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's special project this year was the Canadian Cancer Society and in lieu of personal gifts on the occasion of her official visit to each chapter, Sister Stella requested donations of comfort shawls for cancer patients. She was completely overwhelmed by the generous response of the members who showered her with no less than 410 of these shawls. Most of these were tastefully displayed along the south and east walls of the arena. Many were draped over the top of the Plexiglass - in two layers - and many more were hung on five quilt racks or wooden clothes drying racks spaced out along these two walls. Each shawl was given a number and they were all catalogued. A list was posted on a bulletin board (in the hallway going toward the registration area) with corresponding numbers showing the donor of each shawl.

On the floor at the base of these wooden racks were more small baskets of artificial flowers and more stuffed rabbits. Small stuffed bunnies also sat among

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the shawls on top of the wooden racks. Those doing the decorating ran out of space to display all of the shawls on these two walls so there was another smaller display draped over the Plexiglass at the northwest side of the arena.

There were shawls, stoles and shrugs - some were knitted, others crocheted and some were quilted. Others were made of blanket fleece. Some were plain and down-to-earth (just cuddly and comfortable) while others were delicate as a spider's web. Some were purchased but most were lovingly hand-crafted by Eastern Star members or family and friends of Star members. Many of the crafts people probably had thoughts of a family member or friend afflicted with this dreaded disease foremost in their minds as they laboured lovingly on their projects. All were donated in the hopes that someone, somewhere, would be blessed by the receipt of their creation.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday, July 5, 2010

- 11:00 a.m.** Past Grands Meeting, Digby Baptist Church Hall
11:30 a.m. Grand Representatives Meeting, Trinity Anglican Church Hall
12:30 p.m. Past Grands Luncheon, The Captain's Cabin
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Tea
4:30 p.m. ESTARL Church Service, Digby Baptist Church
The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

- 7:15 a.m.** Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast, The Captain's Cabin
12:30 p.m. Grand Representatives Luncheon, The Digby Legion
6:00 p.m. "*Down by the Sea*" Main Banquet, Champlain Hall
Entertainment followed at Champlain Hall.

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

- 7:15 a.m.** Grand Family Breakfast, Fishers Galley
12:30 p.m. "*Pearls of Hope*" Luncheon, (Secretaries and Treasurers),
The Captain's Cabin
12:30 p.m. "*Leaders of the Fleet*" Luncheon, (All Matrons and Patrons),
The Digby Legion

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HONOURARY MEMBERS

* Mr. R. Donald 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
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* Mrs. Sarah Foster, P.G.M. & Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Rhode Island	July 1990
* Mr. Ralph Foster, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (83-84)	July 1990
* Mrs. Ella B. Delay, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (66-68)	July 1990
* Mr. Tom Delay, Past Patron of Tennessee	July 1990
Mr. Dick Flashenburg, P.G.P. & Grand Secretary of Nevada	July 1991
Mrs. Florence Flashenburg, Past Matron of Nevada	July 1991
Mrs. Mary Jane Noyes, Past Grand Organist of Florida	July 1991
Mrs. Irene Campbell, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (82-84) Ohio	July 1991
* Mr. Charles Campbell, Past Patron of Ohio	July 1991
* Mrs. Hazel B. Luisgnan, Past Matron, Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Christie Peterson, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota	July 1992
Mrs. Bette Macintosh, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (88-90) New Brunswick	July 1992
Mr. Joseph Potter, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1992
Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (68-70)	July 1992
* Mrs. Virginia M. Painter, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1993
Mr. Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1993
Mrs. Anna Hill, Past Grand Matron of Quebec	July 1993
* Mrs. Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of New Brunswick	July 1993
Miss Pauline Allan, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mr. DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
* Mrs. Lottie MacCallum, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mr. Alexander MacCallum, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Flora Whalen, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
Mrs. Vera Heffel, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mr. James Heffel, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mrs. Geraldine A. Nowe, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts	July 1995
Mr. Healy A. (Skip) Nowe, Past Patron of Massachusetts	July 1995
Mrs. Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1996

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* Mr. Robert L. Baker, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1997
Mrs. Florence Adair, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1998
Mrs. Hazel Sandler, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mr. Loren Sandler, Past Grand Patron , Massachusetts	July 1998
Mrs. Ilse Nicoll, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mr. Irving Nicoll, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mrs. Hazel Lovington, Ontario	July 1998
Mr. Lennart A. Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1999
Mrs. Janice Renn Benham, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (96-97) Florida	July 1999
Mrs. Natalie Graham, Grand Representative of N.S.&P.E.I. (93-94) New Brunswick	July 2000
* Mr. Carr Graham, Past Grand Patron, New Brunswick	July 2000
Mrs. Betty J. Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary , Past Grand Matron, Iowa	July 2000
Mr. William Briggs, Past Patron, Iowa	July 2000
Mr. Bruce Wedlock, Grand Representative of N.S.&P.E.I. (98-00) New Hampshire	July 2000
* Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron (2000-2003)	July 2001
Mr. Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron (2000-2003)	July 2001
Mrs. Jeanette Vreeland, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (97-98) New Jersey	July 2001
Mrs. Estelle Creech, Past Matron, Louisiana	July 2002
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Cond., Past Grand Matron, Texas	July 2002
Mrs. Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2002
Mr. Ronald "Pete" Forrest, Past Grand Patron, Maine	July 2002
Mrs. Carol Jean Forrest, Past Matron, Maine	July 2002
* Mrs. Reta Fogg, Past Grand Matron, Manitoba	July 2002
Mrs. Marjorie Morgan, Past Grand Matron, Ontario	July 2003
* Mrs. Margaret McBournie, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mr. Robert McBournie, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mrs. Judy Fenner, Past Grand Matron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mr. Frank Fenner, Past Patron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mrs. Janice Herridge, Past Matron, Texas	July 2004
Mr. Donald Heiser, Past Grand Patron, Wyoming	July 2004
Mrs. Eunice Heiser, P.M., Wyoming & Grand Representative of N.S./P.E.I.(02-04)	July 2004
Mrs. Nancy Barr, Past Grand Matron, Connecticut	July 2004
Mrs. Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, California	July 2004
Mrs. Frances Groat, Past Matron, California	July 2004
Mrs. Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron (2003-2006)	July 2005
Mr. Gary Rasmusson, Past Patron, Minnesota	July 2005
Mr. Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron (2003-2006)	July 2005
Mrs. Joan Stark, Past Matron, California	July 2005
Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron, Texas	July 2006
Mrs. Betty Martin, Past Matron, Texas	July 2006
* Mr. Lawrence Chichester, P.P., New York, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (03-05)	July 2006
Mrs. Sally Chichester, Past Matron, New York	July 2006
Mrs. Bonnie Zumalt, Worthy Grand Matron, Massachusetts	July 2006
Mrs. Virginia Charles, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jerri Holt, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Gretchen Brisette, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jean Lowell, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Nancy Ryder, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Margery Zurko, Past Matron, Connecticut	July 2007
Mrs. Betty St. Onge, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Ontario	July 2007
Mrs. Glenda Meeks, Worthy Grand Matron, South Dakota	July 2007
Mr. Craig Wallace, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2007
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

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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
Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and P.G.M., of Vermont	July 2010
Mrs. Mary Lochridge, Worthy Grand Marshal and P.G.M. of Michigan	July 2010
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and P.G.M. of Texas	July 2010
Mrs. Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah and P.G.M. of Missouri	July 2010
Mrs. Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth and P.G.M. of Ontario	July 2010
Mrs. Diane Peters, Worthy Grand Martha and P.G.M. of Arkansas	July 2010
Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and P.G.M. of Louisiana	July 2010
Mrs. Vivian Chrisopoulos, Worthy Grand Warder and P.G.M. of Ohio	July 2010
Mrs. Glenna Densmore, Past Grand Matron, Vermont	July 2010
Mr. Ronald Boudreau, Past Grand Patron, Vermont	July 2010
Mrs. Barbara Burtchett, Past Matron, Virginia	July 2010
Mrs. Mary Ellen Hailey, Past Matron, Florida	July 2010
Mr. Al Hailey, Past Patron, Florida, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (05-07)	July 2010

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* 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
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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, 21 Hidden Meadows Place, Coldbrook, N.S., B4R 0A3	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, 161 Clark's Road, R.R.#3, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	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 Waterbury, 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
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* Mr. J. William McLellan	1947-48
* Mr. A.J.W. MacKeigan	1948-49
* Mr. Laurie Gibson	1949-50
* Mr. Floyd Smith	1950-51
* Mr. Douglas Horton	1951-52
* Mr. Willard V. Longley	1952-53
* Mr. Maxwell Wharton	1953-54
* Mr. Joseph Steadman	1954-55
* Mr. J. Alburne Ruffee	1955-56
* Mr. Ray Schwartz	1956-57
* Mr. Lauchie Johnson	1957-58
* Mr. W. Everett Moseley	1958-59
* Mr. Jeptha Munro	1959-60
* Mr. Walter Hines	1960-61
* Mr. Mert MacLellan	1961-62
* Mr. Chesterton Davies	1962-63
* Mr. Hector Grimley	1963-64
* Mr. Vernon Robart	1964-65
* Mr. Frank Ripley	1965-66
* Mr. Winthrop Doty	1966-67

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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	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, 11494 Hwy 215, Urbania, N.S., BON 2H0	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, 21 Hidden Meadows Place, Coldbrook, N.S., B4R 0A3	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
Mr. R.G. Zeke Eaton, 18804 Malpeque Rd., RR4, North Wiltshire, PEI, C0A 1Y0	2009-10

GRAND SECRETARY

* Miss Jessie C. Moss	1947-53
* Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1953-63
* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1963-77
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1977-85
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1985-98
Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan	1998-

GRAND TREASURER

* Mrs. Evelyn Ladner	1947-51
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1951-55
* Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1955-59
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1959-64
* Mrs. Eunice Davies	1964-68

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* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1968-88
Mrs. Margaret Clarke	1988-92
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	1992-03
Miss Dorothy Powroz	2003-

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* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1977-82
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1994-
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1998-01

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* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1988
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-

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ALABAMA - Oct. - Mrs. Elaine Springsteen, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd., Prattville, AL, 36067
ALBERTA - June - Mrs. Lee Clay, 330 12 th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0H2
ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Diana Houlette, PGM, 4600 N. 24 th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Rosemary Messersmith, PGM, 610 Royal Lane, Bentonville, AR, 72712
AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Lorraine Ellison, PWM, Box 574, Lithgow, NSW, 2790, AUS.
BOLIVIA - Mrs. Maria Eugenia de Landivar, Calle, Barachavi No. 230, Barrio Urbari, 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, 890 Red Skelton Circle, Franklin, IN, 46131-2577
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 St., 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
MISSOURI - Oct. - Mrs. Marilyn Woods, PGM, P.O. Box 1065, High Ridge, MO, 63049
MONTANA - June - Mrs. Carol Zehntner, P.O. Box 330, White Sulphur Springs, MT, 59645
NEBRASKA - May - Mrs. Jan E. Thoman, PGM, 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. Ella R. Kovash, PGM, 111 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807-3101
NEW MEXICO - Oct. - Mrs. Barbara B. Eichmuller, 1602 S. Saddler, Deming, NM, 88030

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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 3rd St., Fargo, ND, 58102
 NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - July - Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan, 2375 Roosevelt Drive, Halifax, NS, B3L 3H8
 OHIO - Oct. - Mrs. 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. Chris Nacheff Maneker, 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. Beverley C. Brooks, PGM, 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

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Mabel Haynes (2)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2011
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
Joan Mills (8)	California	Dec. 31, 2011
Shirley Jennings (57)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2010
Norma Thompson (52)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2011
Rosemary Hayter (24)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2012
Louis Ihasz (19)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2012
Hilda Allen (24)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2010
Gordon O'Hearn (34)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2011
Olga Beno (57)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2010
Iris Williams (58)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2012
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
Beth Brett (19)	Louisiana	July 01, 2012
Frances Jackson (48)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2011
Mildred Wagner (28)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2010
Ray Horton (66)	Maryland	June 15, 2012
Helen Wamboldt (61)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2010
Patrick O'Neill (61)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2012

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Ethel Pearston (21)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2010
Marion Tizard (57)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2011
Maureen Weeks (1PEI)	Missouri	June 16, 2011
Colleen McPherson (25)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2011
Midge Medicraft (31)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2011
Christene MacLeod (19)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2010
Edmund (Ted) Davis (35)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2011
Ellen Swan (21)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2012
Leora Enslow (70)	New Jersey	Jan. 01, 2011
Ralph Donaldson (55)	New Mexico	Dec. 31, 2010
Robert Leard (69)	New York	May 01, 2012
Malcolm MacPherson (37)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2011
Wayne Beno (57)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2011
Marie Black (15)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2011
Clara Nieforth (28)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2011
Marjorie Conrod (61)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2010
Audrey Farquharson (1PEI)	Oregon	May 01, 2012
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
James MacKenzie (15)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2011
Ethel Brown (55)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2012
David Hobson (67)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2011
Agnes MacDonald (25)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2011
Brenda Clarke (5)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2012
Patricia Batstone (47)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2011
Beverly Caulier (27)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2011
Harold Ferguson (65)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2010
Geraldine Parker (28)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2012
Helen Hazeldine (45)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2010
Cheryl Gillis (37)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2011
James Estey (58)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2010

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Robert Chard	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2010
Carol Sorum	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2011
Dorothy Henley	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2010
Mary Pitts	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2011
Barbara Andresen	Australia	Dec. 31, 2010
Richard Armitage	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2011
Barbara Brown	California	Dec. 31, 2011
Edwin Chase	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2010
Linda Martus	Connecticut	May 07, 2012
Signa Souder	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2011
Daniel Benn	District of Columbia	June 30, 2010
Joseph Earnhardt	Florida	Dec. 31, 2011
Ruth Wellman	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2011
Paul Lesneski	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2010
Patricia Hiester	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2010
Marcia LaBounty	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2011
Alan Moore	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2011
Kathleen Ferris	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2010
Brenda Gormley	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2010
Dorothy Mouton	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2010

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Brenda Hall	Maine	May 31, 2012
Vasti Lamb	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2010
William Gyr	Maryland	June 01, 2012
Holly Jones	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2011
Cheryl O'Connell	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2011
Allen Porter	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2010
Sherry Kendall	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2011
William Shermer	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2012
Keay Cowen	Montana	Dec. 31, 2011
Mary Ann Townsend	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2011
Flo Flashenburg	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2011
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
Teresa Lewis	New York	Dec. 31, 2011
Harriet Pitts Wright	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2011
Pam White	North Dakota	July 31, 2011
Georgia Manning	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2010
Deane Watt	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2011
Lynda Terence	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2011
Shirley Moore	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2011
David Myers	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2010
Francisco Velez	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2011
Rodney Jenne	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2010
Meredith Pfefferle	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2011
Heloisia Vargas Da Silva Custodio	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2011
Myrna Kissick	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2010
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2011
Gale Rickert	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2010
Christie Peterson	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2011
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
Cleo Wiggins	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2010
Judith Herrst	Washington	Dec. 31, 2011
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
2009-2010**

<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mrs. Arlene Riswood Box 469 Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 nd Tuesday
Cedar #3	Wallace	Mrs. Marian Durling, P.G.M. 127 Golden Sands Drive Malagash Mine, N.S., B0K 1E0	2 nd Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6 Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0	2 nd Tuesday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mrs. Geraldine Delk 841 Mason's Beach Road RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0	2 nd Thursday
Century #10	New Glasgow	Mrs. Georgie Dewey P.O. Box 625 Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X0	4 th Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 rd Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Mrs. LaVerne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Road Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7	1 st Tuesday
Victoria #19	Baddeck	Mrs. Ann Ross P.O. Box 501, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0	4 th Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Gayle Smith 13 Beverly Avenue Truro, N.S., B2N 4Y5	3 rd Tuesday
Fairfield #22	Windsor	Mrs. Margaret Bonn 141 Dill Road R.R.#1, Windsor N.S., BON 2T0	1 st Thursday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 rd Friday
Westville #24	Westville	Mrs. Diane Hayman, P.G.M. P.O. Box 853, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	3 rd Monday
Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704 Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 nd Thursday
Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. 14 Oland Avenue Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1 st Thursday

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Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 th Monday
Amethyst #28	Halifax	Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9	4 th Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277 Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 st Thursday
AnnaVal #31	Middleton	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bishop P.O. Box 23 Lawrencetown, N.S., B0S 1M0	3 rd Tuesday
Queens #34	Liverpool	Mrs. Hattie Hagen 469 Oldham Road Oldham, N.S., B2T 1C2	3 rd Thursday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. Amelia Whalley P.O. Box 746 Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2 nd Thursday
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162 Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0	2 nd Thursday
Mae #38	Bridgewater	Mrs. Helen Holden 130 Lakeview Haven Drive Hebville, N.S., B4V 7A9	2 nd Wednesday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Mary Zinck 3003 Olivet Street, Apt. 409 Halifax, N.S., B3L 4A1	1 st Monday
Armcrest #45	Halifax	Mrs. Hazel MacLeod 1822 Robie Street Halifax, N.S., B3H 3G3	1 st Wednesday
Florence Fraser #47	Sherbrooke	Mrs. Barbara Crosby Box 99 Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0	2 nd Tuesday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Mrs. Cora MacKay 474 College Road Truro, N.S., B2N 2R2	2 nd Tuesday
Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis-Snow 6 Rosehill Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6E5	2 nd Thursday
Regent #52	Central Bedeque, P.E.I.	Mrs. Fran Harding 2710 Rte. 20, Darnley Kensington, R.R.#1, P.E.I., C0B 1M0	3 rd Tuesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom 8565 Hwy 14 Hardwoodlands, N.S., B0N 1Y0	2 nd Wednesday

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Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Linda Grainger 23 Atholea Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3A5	2 nd Friday
Emerald #58	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9	2 nd Thursday
Shoreham #59	Chester	Miss Vicki Perry 2816 Hwy #3 R.R.#1, Chester, N.S., B0J 1J0	3 rd Tuesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Jean Coombes 10 Horizon Ct., A. 1504 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 0A4	1 st Tuesday
Atlantic #65	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Cooper Road, Fr. River RR#2, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	4 th Wednesday
Starlight #66	Port Hawkesbury	Mrs. Yvonne Fox 397 Hwy 19 Newtown, N.S., B9A 1J2	4 th Wednesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Box 281 Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0	3 rd Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague, P.E.I.	Mrs. Alena Buchanan Montague P.E.I., C0A 1R0	2 nd Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs. Grace Boudreau P.O. Box 342 Shelburne, N.S., B0T 1W0	2 nd Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Anna Ford R.R.#2, Caledonia N.S., B0T 1B0	4 th Thursday

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