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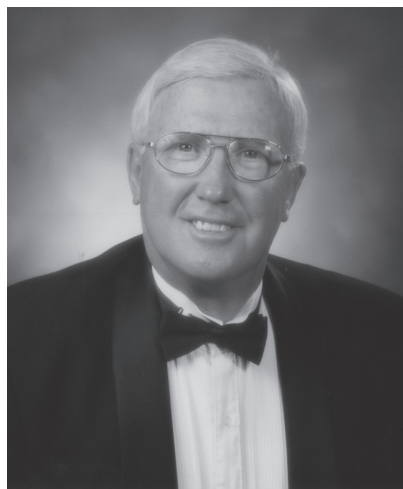
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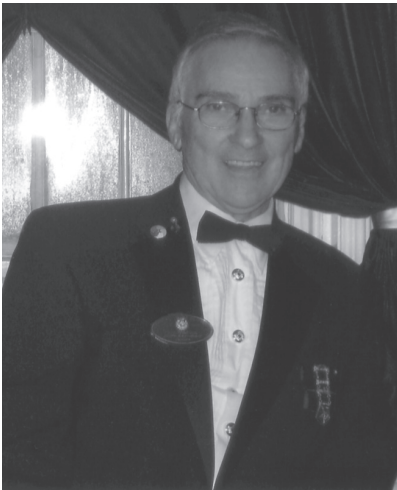
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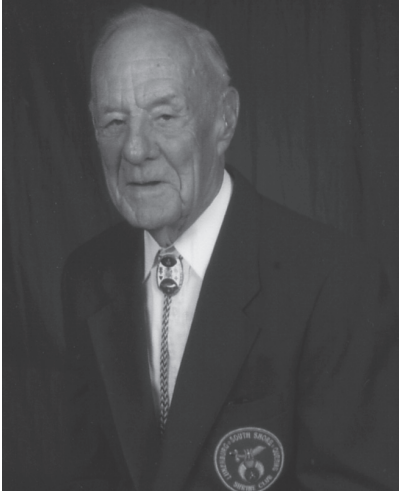


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“RIBBONS OF HOPE”

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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: W.G.M.: *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*
Romans 8:28
In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6

W.G.P.: *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 Hospitals**

WATCHWORDS: Joy, Love and Peace

COLOURS: Star Point colours

FLOWERS: All lilies, roses and orchids

FUN SYMBOLS: W.G.M.: Butterflies, All things Scottish
W.G.P.: Eagles, Trains

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

The Wind Beneath My Wings
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
In the Bulb There is a Flower
We are Pilgrims on a Journey

The Lord's My Shepherd
Joyful, joyful we adore you
Unto the Hills
On Eagles Wings
Great is Thy Faithfulness

Sunday, July 3, 2011
“CELEBRATING OUR STARS”
HONOUR BANQUET

This event was organized by a committee of four: Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P., Chair; Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, P.G.M., Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. and Brother Tabor Caulier, P.G.P. to honour the General Grand Chapter Appointed Officer, Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and the 17 General Grand Chapter Committee Members and 3 Special Appointments.

The committee produced a beautiful souvenir booklet to honour the distinguished guests. The booklet, along with a program and the menu for the evening, were attractively placed at each table for each guest. The hostesses at each table were the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. During the meal Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist, provided all in attendance with beautiful background music. Brother John Lorimer, Grand Marshal, provided all the decorations and flowers which adorned the Banquet room and were an added attraction to complete this festive occasion. This jurisdiction is especially honoured to have so many of our members representing Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island during this Triennium, 2009-2012. The General Grand Chapter Session will be held in Fort Worth, Texas in November 2012, and these members are working hard to make it a memorable occasion.

We were saddened that Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother John Grobler, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron were unable to attend this honour banquet. Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, read a lovely letter from Sister Rennie, expressing her regrets and extending her best wishes to all those being honoured this evening.

Monday, July 4, 2011
DIVINE SERVICE

The “*Ribbons of Hope*” ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter room at the Old Orchard Inn and Spa, Greenwich, N.S., on Monday, July 4, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. and was well attended.

The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Randy Crozsmann assisted by Sister Linda Townsend, Grand Chaplain. Sister Marion Buchan, W.G.M. welcomed all members to the service. Sister Kay Horton, Grand Organist and the Grand Choir provided us with beautiful music during the service. Hymns during the service were “*Come and Find the Quiet Centre*”, “*Make me a Channel of Your Peace*” and “*May the God of Hope Go with Us*”. The message was “*Hope - Our Breath and Our Heartbeat*”

The offering from this service amounted to **\$923.62** and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Programme.

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INFORMAL OPENING MONDAY EVENING, July 4, 2011

6:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

6:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION of the 2010-2011 GRAND FAMILY AND ESCORTS:
Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) introduced the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and their escorts.

Sister Diane: Good evening Sisters, Brothers and Friends, and welcome to the Introduction of those Sisters and Brothers who have guided us through this last Grand Chapter year.

Please welcome first, our Ribbons of Instruction and Guidance, our District Deputy Grand Matrons:

Sister Marion Robinson, District Deputy Grand Matron District No.6, is a nineteen year member of Laurel Chapter No.67, where she has served as Worthy Matron three times. Sister Marion has served Grand Chapter previously as Grand Electa in 2001, a five year member on the ESTARL Committee and as a member of the Special Project in 2009-2010; and said this last year has been another learning and rewarding year, and she looks forward to many more years of friends and fellowship in this beautiful Order. Her escort is her husband, Brother Morley, a current member of our Publicity Committee, and for many years, our Official Grand Chapter Photographer.

Sister Patricia Wamboldt, District Deputy Grand Matron District No.5, is a twenty- eight year member of Pearle Chapter No.71, Caledonia, and has just completed her third term as Worthy Matron. Sister Trish has served as a Grand Chapter Committee Member on Courtesy as well as a Grand Representative of New Mexico, where she was privileged to attend their Grand Chapter Session. Her escort is Brother Howard Ford, Past Patron, and the proud father of this year's Grand Electa.

Sister Bonnie Boutilier, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No.3, was initiated into Queen Elizabeth Chapter No.61 in November 1992, where she served as Worthy Matron in 1997-1998. Sister Bonnie has served Grand Chapter as a Committee Member twice, as Grand Ruth in 2000-2001 and was Grand Representative of New Brunswick, our closest neighbours, in 2008 and 2009. Her escort is her son, Ken, an accomplished athlete, who has competed in the World Championship Long Course Triathlon in Sweden, as well as the Iron Man Triathlon in New York.

Sister Gail Kay, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No.2, has been a member of Harmony Chapter No.25 for sixteen years, and presently serves as Starpoint Electa. Sister Gail is a retired school teacher, very active in the life of Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton, and enjoys sharing in the lives of her three young grand-children. She is escorted by her husband, Brother Peter, a member of the Program Booklet Committee for Grand Chapter this year. Brother Peter, Membership Chairman for Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, can often be seen in parades, driving "his brainchild" the one of a kind-two fronted car, sponsored by the Pictou County Shriners Club. This car was constructed to bring attention to the work of Shriners and their fund-raising efforts to support the Shriners Hospitals for Children- particularly the one in Montreal, which will be the recipient of the monies raised through this year's Special Project.

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Sister Ann Ross, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No.1, just recently celebrated twenty years as a member of Victoria Chapter No.19 in Baddeck, on beautiful Cape Breton Island. She has served her Chapter in various offices, including the responsible position of Secretary. She and her late husband owned and operated a motel in Baddeck until retiring in 2004- and I am sure Sister Ann has a store-house of memories of folks she has met from all across the globe coming to visit a special part of God's world. Sister Ann's escort is her own sister, our Cape Breton songbird, Sister Beth Brett, who joined our beautiful Order with Sister Ann.

It is now my great pleasure to introduce the following eighteen Grand Officers who have performed their duties well through this "Ribbons of Hope" year. These Sisters and Brothers, have followed the aim for this year "to be faithful to our Obligations, and to serve to the best of our abilities"; and are now ready to lead us through another Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Ralph Swinamer, Grand Sentinel, and our Ribbon of Protection, joined Mayflower Chapter No.2, Kingston, in November 1982, and has served as a Worthy Patron nine times. Brother Ralph served Grand Chapter as Chairman of the Membership Committee, Grand Chaplain 1993; and Grand Representative of Utah 1996, 1997 and 1998. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Marylyn, a thirty-three year member of Mayflower Chapter No.2, a former Grand Representative of New York, Worthy Grand Matron 2004-2005, and currently serving as Ambassador to New York for General Grand Chapter.

Brother Roy MacKinnon, Grand Warder, and our Ribbon of Peace, will become a thirty year LIFE member of Starlight Chapter No.66, Port Hawkesbury, this coming November. Brother Roy has filled every office available to a Brother with the exception of Organist over his years as a member. And although he never was the pianist, he treated many Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons with his beautiful vocal presentations, on Official Visits and at Grand Chapters. Brother Roy, a former Grand Representative of New Mexico and Wisconsin, is a professional hair stylist by trade, and in his spare times, enjoys "acting up a little" in a local theatre group. Brother Roy is escorted tonight by Sister Maxine Smith, Past Matron of Starlight Chapter. Sister Maxine has served as a Grand Representative of Connecticut, Grand Chapter Committee member, Grand Chaplain, and District Deputy Grand Matron.

I now have the pleasure of introducing those five Sisters who represent the virtues of virtues of the Distinguished Heroines of our Order.

Sister Heather Lynch, Grand Electa, our Red Ribbon of Charity and Loving Kindness, is a ten year member of Mae Chapter No.38, Bridgewater, as well as a dual member of Pearle Chapter No.71, Caledonia. I have learned that Sister Heather is often a girl of few words- but she does enjoy working and playing in the outdoors. There is an old saying that "you can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl"- and I believe her parents taught her well to appreciate nature and all the good things we receive from our land. Just one question for Heather? Have you ever tried to garden in those great high heel shoes you so enjoy wearing?? Sister Heather's escort is her husband Brother Jamie, who is also a member of Mae and Caledonia Chapters; and her helpmate in bringing up their three great children, Riley, Alex, and Jada.

Sister Doris Cullen, Grand Martha, our Green Ribbon of Faith, joined the Order thirty-two years ago in the former lady Doric Chapter No.29, Trenton, and upon their closure, affiliated with Westville Chapter No.24, Westville. Sister Doris served both Chapters as Worthy Matron;

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was a former Grand Representative of Maine; Grand Martha 2000-2001; served on various Grand Chapter Committees, and has held the office of Treasurer in the Grand Representatives Association the last thirteen years. On a personal note- way back in 1971, Sister Doris and I were members of Beta Sigma Phi, and we had the distinction that year, of welcoming sons to both our families. Sister Doris is proud to have as her escort, her son Murray, a Broadcast Technologist at CBC- who, as a student, assisted in operating the sound system at Dalhousie University for Grand Chapter in 1995; and has worked with his father, Bro. Frank, Worthy Grand Patron, to set up the sound system in various Grand Chapter rooms.

Sister Leota Meisner, Grand Esther, our white Ribbon of Royalty and Power, and her husband Brother Hayward, are thirty-one year members of Crescent Chapter No. 70, Lockeport, as well as Honorary Members of Queens Chapter No. 34, Liverpool. Sister Leota is retired from Canada Post, and now enjoys the freedom to garden, take walks with her sister, and spend the summers with her grandsons. She is a former Grand Representative of Idaho and has held many chapter offices in her years of membership. Brother Hayward is her escort tonight, and if you enjoy attending car shows during the summer, keep your eyes posted for a 1971 Mustang- you may just find Brother Hayward behind the wheel and Sister Leota in the passenger seat.

Sister Lillian Symonds, Grand Ruth, our yellow Ribbon of Constancy, is an eight year member of Amethyst Chapter No. 28, serving as Worthy Matron last year. Sister Lillian is a retired nurse, and she and her husband Brother Ted, have been married 44 ½ years and enjoy their family of two children and five grandchildren. I have learned that sometimes she may be seen wearing a “RED HAT” at various events- and this year, serves as Princess Royal, Daughters of the Nile. She is escorted tonight by her husband Brother Ted, a first time Worthy Patron in Amethyst Chapter, who is retired from our Canadian Military.

Sister Linda Foote, Grand Adah, our blue Ray of Fidelity, is a forty-one year member of Laurel Chapter No. 67 as well as the former Fairfield Chapter No. 22, Windsor; and served as Worthy Matron in both. Sister Linda, when not on the line, has served her Chapter as Electa and/or Chaplain. While not working for Canada Post in her local Pharmasave, she volunteers on the executive of the local Fire Department; as well as growing apples and cherries on the family farm. Sister Linda is escorted by her husband, John, Deputy Chief of the Waterville and District Fire Department, who, although not a member of the Order, is a strong supporter of any Star events; and he also looks forward to Sister Linda’s retirement before too long, so that they can spend more time with their grand-daughter, and enjoy some travelling.

Sister Kay Horton, Grand Organist, and our Ribbon of Music and Harmony, joined Starlight Chapter No. 66, Port Hawkesbury in 1977, and became a Dual Member of Peace River Chapter No. 30, Arcadia, Florida, in 2009, where she currently serves as Associate Matron. Sister Kay is a former Grand Representative of Louisiana and holds an Honorary Membership in that Grand Chapter, as well as Adah Chapter No. 219 .St. Petersburg, Florida. Her hobbies include golf, gardening, reading, and needlework. As a retired Music Educator, music is still a big part of her life as she serves as Chapter Organist, sings in church choirs, conducts a community choir, and plays the flute in two community concert bands. Her escort is her husband, Brother Ray, our Grand Organist in 2003-2004 and 2007-2008. Sister Kay and Brother Ray had the great distinction of singing for our beloved Brother Fred, at his Installation as Most Worthy Grand Patron in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and they received the Robb Morris Award in 2010.

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Brother John Lorimer, Grand Marshal, our Ribbon of Direction, is a seven year member of Harmony Chapter No.25, where he has served in office since becoming a member. Brother John's mother and grandmother were Charter Members of Harmony Chapter, and he is a fifth generation Mason in his family. Brother John is known for his decorating abilities and his talent is very evident in this beautiful Grand Chapter Room. Brother John is escorted by his wife and travelling companion of thirty-nine years, Sister Susan, an avid picture taker, and currently a member of the Eastern Star Journal Committee.

Sister Linda Townsend, Grand Chaplain, and our Ribbon of the Word of God, an eleven year member and Past Matron of Laurel Chapter No.67, joined the Order in Myrtle Chapter No.21, Truro where she served as Worthy Matron in 1977. Before retiring, Sister Linda worked at the Elms Nursing Home in Windsor, where she served as Chaplain to the guests- a very good pre-requisite for the office she has held this year. Sister Linda served as Grand Representative of New Mexico in 2007 and 2008; and I know, is extremely proud to have as her escort, her reciprocal, Brother Charles "Sarge" Biggs, currently the Grand Marshal of New Mexico- and a fourth time visitor to our Grand Chapter.

Sister Mary Reid, Associate Grand Conductress, our Ribbon of Leadership, is a twenty-six year member of Harmony Chapter No.25, Stellarton, and has served in the East of that Chapter five times. Sister Mary has served Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representative of Virginia. Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration, and Crafts and Treasures, and Grand Electa 2005-2006. Sister Mary is retired from the Payroll Department of Michelin Tire Granton Plant, and now works part-time as Office Manager for the Anglican Churches of Pictou County. She can often be found in the kitchens of the church and Fire Hall, helping "dish up a meal" for a private catering or a fund raiser. Sister Mary is escorted by her husband, Brother Allen, who also served Grand Chapter as Grand Representative twice, a Committee Member, and Grand Marshal 2001-2002.

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Grand Conductress, our Ribbon of Kindness, is a twenty-two year member of Elm Chapter No.48, Upper Stewiacke. Sister Mary Lou loves to dance, and when doing floor work in her chapter, she has often been seen- waltzing around the room!! Sister Mary Lou loves music of all kinds, but personally, I believe she is a country music girl at heart- and has a fondness for an artist named Johnny Reid! In her spare time, she keeps involved in church activities, gardening in season, and keeping her hubby Ross busy taking her out to different restaurants for a nice meal. Sister Mary Lou's escort is her cousin, no stranger to this Grand Chapter, Brother Murray Gardner, the newly installed Worthy Patron of Century Chapter No.10, New Glasgow, and a dual member of Sister Mary Lou's Chapter, Elm No.48. Brother Murray is serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Member -on ESTARL as Canada Chairman- and we know he will do a FANTASTIC job!

Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, is our Ribbon of Security. Sister Dorothy was initiated at a Maritime Exchange Night in 1976, when Sister Jessie Nutter was serving as Worthy Grand Matron, and has served Amethyst Chapter No.28, three times as Worthy Matron. She has served Grand Chapter on our Finance Committee twice, Publicity, Grand Adah in 1988-89, and was a former Grand Representative of Australia, and forged a lifelong friendship with her reciprocal, who visited here, following Sister Dorothy's trip to their United Grand Chapter. Sister Dorothy has been Grand Treasurer for seven years, and because of her varied experiences as a "banker, trainer, and manager" with Scotiabank, she keeps our finances in great order. In her free time, she enjoys using her creative spirit in many different ways-

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quilting, sewing, card making etc. Her escort, Brother Ken Smith, Past Grand Patron, is a valued member of Kwebec Chapter No. 27, Bedford, and is the fellow who keeps us honest, by making sure we follow the CL&R properly!

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, our Ribbon of Intelligence, is a forty-eight year member of Mystic Star Chapter No.40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay. She has served her Chapter twice as Worthy Matron, thirteen years as Secretary- and has been our Grand Secretary for thirteen years. For those of us who are or have been Chapter Secretaries- we admire her dedication. Grand Secretary is an "almost full-time" job, and it does not leave much free time; but when the chance arises, Sister Betty Ann enjoys gardening, both at home and at the family's cottage, where she can relax with her husband Brian and other family. She is escorted this evening by Brother Dan Campbell a fifteen year member of our Order. He was initiated in the former Halifax Chapter No. 7, and is now a member of the home Chapter of the Grand Secretary- where he is serving as Worthy Patron for the second year. Brother Dan served Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain in 2001-2002. He is also a Past Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia.

Brother Fred Lipskey, Associate Grand Patron, who is our Ribbon of Divine Guidance, was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Prince Albert Chapter No.16, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, twenty-two years ago and is now a member of Laurel Chapter No.67, Berwick. Brother Fred has held several Chapter Offices, and served as Grand Chaplain in 2006-2007; and because of his "great connections" he was able, several times, to bring to our Grand Chapter, all the way from Saskatchewan, his dear friend, "Queen Elizabeth the Tooth", who provided us with much laughter and joy! I am sure she will be visiting us again very soon. Brother Fred is proudly escorted by his daughter, Meg Persson, all the way from Vancouver, British Columbia, who is here especially for her Dad's Big Night in just forty-eight hours.

Sister Jane Wooldridge, Associate Grand Matron, our Ribbon of Light, is unable to be with us this evening and we miss her-but look forward to welcoming her later this week, as she prepares to take the final step on our Grand Chapter ladder. Sister Jane joined Crystal Chapter No.1, Charlottetown in November 1964, and has been Worthy Matron twice as well as serving as Chaplain, Ruth and Electa. She was Grand Chaplain in 2005-2006 and in July 2008 began her journey towards the East of this Grand Chapter. Her escort this evening was to have been her son-in-law Capt. Sheldon White, a pilot with 413 Squadron, Greenwood Air Force Base here in the Annapolis Valley. Captain Sheldon has served one tour of duty in Afghanistan, and we salute him and all of our military, for their great service to our country- so that we may enjoy freedoms like this-being able to meet with Sisters and Brothers at our Grand Chapter each year.

Brother Frank Cullen, Worthy Grand Patron, our Ribbon of Relationships, has been a member of the Order for thirty-two years, and was initiated in the former Lady Doric Chapter, No.29, Trenton, and a member of Westville Chapter No.24, Westville for over ten years. He has served as a Worthy Patron five times, served a five year term on our Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee, and, for a number of years, Brother Frank operated the sound system for us at our Sessions. Brother Frank is a Retired Professional Engineer, and as most of you already know, a designer of freight cars. Because of his position, Brother Frank travelled extensively all around the world- and he and Sister Doris even lived for a time in the Chicago area. He is very proud of his Scottish ancestry, enjoys wearing his kilt, and has even been spotted playing the drums in pipe bands. Brother Frank is escorted this evening by our Junior

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Past Matron of Westville Chapter, Sister Nancy Doyle. I know Brother Frank, as well as all our Chapter members, appreciate Sister Nancy's effort to be here tonight- as she is recovering from surgery just one month ago. Sister Nancy and her husband Joe, in just six days, will celebrate their first anniversary! Being the Acting Principal at New Glasgow Junior High School, and keeping track of a blended family of six young adults, keeps Sister Nancy very busy.

Sister Marion Buchan, Worthy Grand Matron, our Ribbon of Authority, was initiated into Laurel Chapter No.67, by Brother Fred Clarke and his mother Sister Dorris Clarke. She served as Chapter Ruth, Treasurer and Worthy Matron twice- once with Brother Fred Clarke and once with her son Shane! She served as DDGM in 2006-2007, and was elected "On the Line" that year. Last year, she had the distinct privilege of being installed into this high office, by the same Brother who initiated her, and stood by her side as Worthy Patron in Laurel Chapter- our beloved Brother Fred, MWGP. Sister Marion has served in a top position previously, as Queen of Athena Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Because her husband and son Shane both served as Potentate of Philae Temple, and the Worthy Grand Patron is also a Shriner, it is no surprise that Shriners Hospital in Montreal was the Special Project this year. A very appropriate choice! Sister Marion has been kept busy managing a bus company for a number of years, but in her spare time, she is known to host lovely tea parties in her home for various charitable purposes; and I can personally vouch, that she is "a hostess with the mostess". Hopefully, when this journey ends, she will find the time to do more of what she enjoys so much- spending time with her family and in particular, her grandchildren. Speaking of grandchildren- Sister Marion's escort, as she begins the last days of a memorable year, which she enjoyed immensely spending time with our membership, is her handsome grandson, Brock Burgess who has just graduated from Grade 10 at Horton District High School.

May this Grand Family always enjoy the ties that bind us close in this great fellowship, and may the "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session be filled with much Joy, Love and Peace. Sister Marion and Brother Frank- may the butterflies and eagles fly free, the train stay always on the track, and when you pull into the last station on Wednesday evening, and embark on another step in your Eastern Star lives- as a Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, may you each feel a sense of accomplishment and contentment; and always remember to "Be well and be happy".

Sister Marion, and Brother Frank, thank you both for this honour.

6:30 p.m.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

The Emblem Ceremony was narrated by Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61) as the emblems were placed at the stations.

Sword and Veil:	Sister Peg Lipskey, P.M.	(67)
Sheaf of Wheat:	Sister Penny Parker	(67)
Crown and Sceptre:	Sister Marelene Clyde, P.M.	(28)
Broken Column:	Sister Jeanette Durnnian	(67)
Cup:	Sister Beverley Wentzell	(27)
Bible:	Sister Maureen Roddick	(24)

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7:00 p.m. Sister Gail Cook, G.G.C.C.M. (67) and Brother Ron Boudreau, G.G.C.C.M. (70) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.: Good Evening;

Brother Ron, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Distinguished and honoured guests, Sisters, Brothers and friends. It is indeed a special honour to have been asked by our own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, to open this 64th *Ribbons of Hope* - Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

A hundred thousand welcomes to each of you. We are delighted to extend the hands of friendship to many distinguished guests. We are pleased to welcome Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, who was my Most Worthy Grand Matron. Also a warm Valley welcome to Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Connie Woodward and our own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke. To all our special guests who have travelled to visit us, we extend our friendship and love.

We are disappointed that our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, is not able to be with us due to some health challenges. Sister Rennie is an honorary member of this Grand Chapter. She is also an honorary member of Laurel Chapter # 67 Berwick, which was Brother Fred Clarke's home chapter. Brother Fred will always be remembered as our Most Worthy Grand Patron. We send our best wishes to Sister Rennie and pray for the quick return to good health.

Our jurisdiction includes two provinces; Prince Edward Island, the Garden of the Gulf - but I call it the Pearl of the Atlantic, as the countryside reminds me of my father's home, the Danish Island of Bornholm, which is known as the Pearl of the Baltic. Prince Edward Island is the home of Confederation, where our nation began its formation in 1867. It is also famous as the home of Anne of Green Gables.

Nova Scotia also has many special places of history, and beautiful areas to explore. Pictou County and the Island of Cape Breton offer much, like the Scottish culture - Gaelic, that ancient language, is being kept alive and the sound of bagpipes is often heard. Nova Scotia means New Scotland.

The Acadian culture is found at Grand Pre, a very historic site, and around what's called the French Shore - from Digby to Yarmouth, as well as Cheticamp and Louisburg in Cape Breton. We also have German culture found around the Lunenburg area - Home of the famous Bluenose Racing Schooner.

As you share with us this session, we hope you get the opportunity to visit some of our scenic and historic spots, make many great memories and experience peace, joy, love and a sense of coming home as we welcome each of you.

I am happy and pleased to be sharing the East of this Grand Chapter with Brother Ron Boudreau, who was my Worthy Grand Patron.

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Brother Ron, G.G.C.C.M.: Sister Gail, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, how honoured I am to assist you in opening this 64th Grand Session, named the *Ribbons of Hope*. You were my Worthy Grand Matron in our *Musical Gales* Session and it appears that the Gale is still in progress.

To all Distinguished Guests, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, I also bid you a good evening and hearty welcome. I am sure you will understand when I tell you that I will always remember Past Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke as our very own Most Worthy Grand Patron and we will never forget his dedication and service to this Grand Jurisdiction and to the Order of the Eastern Star. To Past Grand Matron, Sister Margaret Clarke, and now Worthy Grand Esther. Although you have travelled a very difficult road you never gave up on this beautiful Order. We respect you and your dedication and are proud of you.

To all members and especially those visiting this beautiful province, I invite you to explore the South Shore of Nova Scotia from Yarmouth to Lunenburg. To do this you will need to get off of the 103 highway and enjoy the beauty of our small villages and friendly people. The South Shore is also steeped with history, a large lobster fleet, sand beaches and Kejimkujik, a National Park.

May each of you enjoy this 64th Session of our Grand Chapter as much as we enjoy, having you here to share it with us. I thank you for coming.

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.: I now call to order the Informal Opening of this 64th annual Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - The “Ribbons of Hope” Session. It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional so that you can see the formations.

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

PROCESSIONAL

RIBBONS OF HOPE Grand Chapter Session
Narrated by Carol Clark, P.G.M., G.G.C.C.M., (24)

Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M.:

*Butterfly, Butterfly
So awesome and free,
Spread your wings and fly to me
Ever so graceful and full of love
You shine like the sun above
Butterfly, Butterfly
So awesome and free,
I wish for the true love you'd bring me to see.*

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*Butterfly, Butterfly
So full of colour and cheer,
When I see you, I feel so near.
Butterfly, Butterfly
You lighten my day,
And I hope in my life you will stay.*

Like the butterfly we are all different and beautiful in our own way. The butterfly symbolizes change, hope, love, joy, freedom, peace, rebirth and renewal.

As the butterfly pushes itself out of its cocoon, it emerges as one of God's most wondrous insects and its beauty can take your breath away. It is like a flying flower, a graceful beauty that enhances our gardens when it lands on the flowering plants. It is such a delight to see and enjoyed by all ages.

Our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen the butterfly as her fun symbol and because of her love for our wonderful Order her hope is that it will continue to prosper and grow, as only the butterfly should also continue to do.

The symbol of the butterfly is very fitting this year especially as her watch words of Joy, Love and Peace are very enduring to the butterfly.

The Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Subordinate Chapter Ruths and Grand Pages have formed the wings of the butterfly. As you can see our Sisters and Brothers have created very colourful wings.

The Grand Guards have formed the head, antennae and tail which keep our butterfly's wings intact and allow it to enjoy its freedom to fly in God's wonderful world.

The Grand Representatives, "Our Ribbons of Love" have encircled our butterfly and have created a chain of friendship that has strengthened our fraternal love throughout the Eastern Star world.

May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun and find your shoulder to light on, to bring you luck, happiness and riches, today, tomorrow and beyond.

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.:

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar for proper introductions.

Sister Marion: It is so wonderful to have the honour of welcoming you to your Grand Session. We have been special friends for many years and have shared many travelling adventures.

I am very proud of your accomplishments especially this year. You have been a very caring, considerate and gracious Worthy Grand Matron always taking the time to listen to your fellow members and making each of us feel special. When I read this quote of Nathaniel Hawthorne it reminded me of your philosophy of life.

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“Happiness is a butterfly which, when pursued, is always found just beyond your grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly may alight upon you.” May this session be all that you have hoped.

Brother Frank, I congratulate you on a job well done. Both you, and your wife, Sister Doris, have given many years to our Order. I was so pleased that you were part of Brother Ron's and my Grand Family. May this session be all that you could wish.

Brother Ron, G.G.C.C.M.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan. Thank you for extending to me the great Honour of assisting in this Informal opening of your Ribbons of Hope Grand Session. You have travelled many miles, visited many chapters, presented many awards and piloted our Order through a great year and I congratulate you on your success. Well done, Worthy Grand Matron, Marion.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank Cullen, you have served this Grand Jurisdiction well. My first contact with you was when you operated the sound system for a number of Grand Chapter Sessions. Sister Gail and I had to work hard to persuade you to allow someone else to operate the sound system while you joined our Musical Gales Grand Family serving as our Grand Marshal. Brother Frank, you were not only elected to the office of Worthy Grand Patron but you have earned this office. Now I thank and congratulate you for work well done.

May this Ribbons of Hope Grand Session be the best that any Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron could ever wish for.

Solo: Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. (24) sang “*The Prayer*” to both Sister Marion and Brother Frank.

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.:

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East in this Grand Chapter.

Grand Honours were given to Sister Marion and Brother Frank.

Sister Gail, G.G.C.C.M.:

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

Sister Marion, W.G.M. thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for opening this session and to Sister Gail for presenting her with her gavel. She presented Sister Gail with a gift.

Brother Frank, W.G.P. thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for opening this session. We all have known each other for several years, and this is like old friends getting together. Brother Ron, please accept this small gift in appreciation.

At this time both Sister Marion and Brother Frank thanked Sister Diane Hayman for introducing the Grand Family and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

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PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

Under the direction of **Brother William A. Thompson, Jr.**, G.G.C.C.M.. (24)

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by **Brother Hayward Meisner**, P.P. (70) followed by the singing of "*0 Canada*". The flag was then placed in the East.

The tribute was given by Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. (40):

At noon on February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time. The flag belongs to all Canadians; it is an emblem we all share.

Although simple in design, Canada's flag well reflects the common values we hold so dear: freedom, peace, respect, justice and tolerance.

Canada's flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and expresses throughout the world and always our pride in being Canadian.

The maple leaf pays homage to our geography, reflects the grandeur of our history and represents our national identity.

Our flag thus honours Canadians of all origins who, through their courage and determination, have helped to build and are continuing to build our great country, a dynamic country that is open to the future.

Let us be proud of our flag! Let us recognize how privileged we are to live in Canada, this magnificent country that encompasses our history, our hopes and our future.

The above tribute was taken from a Declaration National Flag of Canada Day made by the then Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chretien on that date.

The **Union Jack** was presented by **Brother Howard Ford**, P.P. (71), followed by the singing of "*God Save The Queen*". The flag was placed in the East.

The flag of the **United States of America** was presented by **Brother Frank H. Fenner**, P.G.P., Massachusetts and Special Deputy to Bolivia, followed by the singing of "*The Star Spangled Banner*".

The flag was placed in the East and the **tribute was given by Sister Shelley Gullett, W.G.M.**, New Hampshire:

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. I thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me and the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, by allowing me to pay tribute to the Flag of a great Country, America. I dedicate this tribute to ALL of the

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Members of the Armed Forces who have fought and laid down their lives for the freedoms we are privilege to experience with each other today. As I repeat the words in this poem I am reminded of a Master Mason in New Hampshire, Brother Bernard “Skins” Watkins who was a Pearl Harbor survivor whom I had the privilege of hearing recite this poem on many, many occasions. So I present to you in memory of Skins, this poem:

*Here's to the red of it
There's not a thread of it
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head
But heroes bled for it
Faced steel and lead for it
Precious blood shed for it
Bathing it red!
Here's to the white of it
Thrilled by the sight of it
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night
Womanhood's cared for it
Made manhood dare for it.
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so white!
Here's to the blue of it
Beauteous view of it
Heavenly hue of it
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true
Diadems gleam for it
States stand supreme for it
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the blue!
Here's to the whole of it
Stars, stripes and pole of it
Body and soul of it
O' and the roll of it
Sun shining through
Hearts in accord for it
Swear by the sword for it
Thanking the Lord for it
Red, White and Blue*

Please accept my personal thank you to all who serve or have served for our liberties.

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The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Brother David Clarke, P.P. (5) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Sister Susan Eaton, (1PEI), together at the Altar and placed in the East.

Brother Bill Thompson: These flags are also presented in memory of Brother Frederick W. Clarke “under these flags he travelled” in the Eastern Star world.

The **Texas** Flag was presented in respect of Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas, by Brother Philip Roode, P.P. (24).

The **Christian** flag was presented by Brother Barry Jack, P.P. (10) and the **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Brother Earl Chisholm, P.P. (21) together at the Altar and placed in the East.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Brother Bill, thank you very much for arranging for the presentation of the flags this evening. It is an honour to have you with us. Please accept this gift in appreciation.

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by **Sister Linda Townsend, Grand Chaplain.**

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Grand Marshal, you will proclaim this Informal Opening of the 64th Annual Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the *"Ribbons of Hope"* Session called to order.

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Sister Marion, W.G.M.:

Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers, and Friends: Welcome to the **"Ribbons of Hope"** Grand Chapter! This is the 64th Grand Chapter Session of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I am pleased to have the honour of WELCOMING each of you.

I am sorry that our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler are not able to be with us, as this was to be their Official Visit to our Jurisdiction. We will miss them.

The Annapolis Valley is one of many historic areas of Nova Scotia and I hope you will have time to do some sightseeing. The view of the valley, the North Mountain, Cape Blomidon and the Bay of Fundy are easily seen from the Old Orchard Inn's dining rooms.

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"Thank-you" to Sister Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron, for the introduction of our Grand Family and their escorts. I would like to say a special 'Thank-you' to my escort, my grandson, Brock Burgess.

"Thank-you" to Sister Marian Durling, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and to the Sisters taking part in the Emblem Ceremony. It is so meaningful to our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers.

"Thank-you" to Sister Gail Cook, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Brother Ron Boudreau, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, for opening this Grand Chapter at the Informal Opening. You are both good friends and I "Thank-you" for your kind words!

Sister Carol Clark, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, you have written and created a beautiful butterfly in the formations. "Thank-you" for creating and narrating for me.

Sister Sharon Ward, Past Matron - You have a beautiful voice - "Thank-you" for singing '*The Prayer*'. I love the lyrics and the music.

"Thank-you" to Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., General Grand Chapter Committee Member, for the Presentation of the Flags and "Thanks" to each of you who assisted. We have just celebrated Canada Day and, of course, our American friends are celebrating July 4 today. It is good to honour what each flag represents.

"Thank-you" to each of our Distinguished guests for taking your time to come and share with us. Some of you have come a long distance and it is appreciated.

May this be a day to remember, because of the Joy it brings and may our Grand Chapter be blessed with all of life's good things! Please enjoy your time with us!

Brother Frank, W.G.P.:

Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, I extend a most cordial welcome to you and I hope you have an enjoyable stay here in this beautiful Annapolis Valley. I hope you will have an opportunity to visit some of our attractions during your visit. Thank you for coming.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Marion, W.G.M: Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, I am delighted that you are here with us tonight. You have visited our Grand Jurisdiction often and we are pleased to see you this year. I extend to you 'one hundred thousand welcomes'. I hope and pray that you will enjoy yourself and come back again and again.

Sister Barbara was escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

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APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

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

Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers: Sister Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand Matron of Ontario and Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Sister Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth, I am thrilled that you and your husband have come to Nova Scotia to our Grand Chapter. As Ruth is my honour station, it is extra special to say a warm and sincere welcome to you. Please enjoy your time with us and please come back again.

Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther, last night was indeed a special night, as we honoured you, and I trust you enjoyed every minute.

*Often through the passing days,
We feel deep down inside,
Unspoken thoughts of friendship
And fond, admiring pride,
But words can say so little
When the heart is overflowing,
And often those we love the most
Just have no way of knowing,
The many things the heart conceals
And never can impart
For words seem so inadequate
To express what's in the heart.*

It is a real pleasure to welcome you home!

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: I am pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to our Grand Session. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy your visit to Annapolis Valley.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Twenty-three 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 NEW YORK: Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

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- BENEVOLENCE and SOCIAL CHAIRMAN, CANADA:** Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- CHAPTER RESTORATION:** Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
- CHARTERS:** Chairman, Sister Judith Brightman, P.G.M., Rhode Island;
- CREDENTIALS:** 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;
- EDUCATION:** Canada Chairman, Sister Donna Allen, P.G.M., New Brunswick;
- ESTARL:** Canada Chairman, Murray Gardner, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Margaret Hourston, P.G.M., Quebec;
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** 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;
- 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;
- NECROLOGY:** Canada Chairman, Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; U.S. Chairman, Sister Betty Robertson, P.G.M., New Mexico;
- 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;
- 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; Canada Chairman, Brother Donald Thornton, P.G.P., Ontario;
- 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;

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: General Grand Chapter Committee Members, it is very rewarding to see so many of you here tonight. To our visiting General Grand Chapter Committee Members, I extend a hand of friendship and say "Welcome to our Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island." In order to fully appreciate this Jurisdiction, you need to come back again next year to Prince Edward Island. To our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, I hope you enjoyed the "Celebration of the Stars" evening. We are proud of you and your accomplishments and are happy to call you "ours". I wish you well as you continue to serve this Jurisdiction and The General Grand Chapter. Welcome to your Grand Chapter!

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Brother Frank, W.G.P. extended his words of welcome to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Response: Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M.:

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

Sister Marion and Brother Frank, I wish to thank you for your wonderful words of welcome given to all the Distinguished Guests previously presented, and express our pleasure in being present at this Informal Opening of the "Ribbons of Hope Session".

I feel honoured to be able to respond on behalf of the Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Connie Woodward and our own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke. It is an added pleasure to respond on behalf of our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, too numerous to mention, that you have all seen before you, and those who are visiting from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are delighted to be here and thank you for all courtesies extended to us and for your loving welcome, we hope for a productive and joyful Grand Chapter Session

Thank you Sister Marion for the opportunity of responding to the welcome to your Distinguished Guests.

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

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR and 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Thirty-one 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)-66 years, Sister Kathleen Boutilier (47)-64 years, Sister Freda Ells (14)-64 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-62 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-62 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-62 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-61 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-59 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-59 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-58 years, Brother William Thompson, Sr. (24)-58 years, Sister Janet Merry (27)-57 years, Sister Alena Buchanan (69)-57 years, Sister Ada Turner (14)-56 years, Sister Helen Holden (38)-55 years, Sister Eleanor Decker (55)-54 years, Sister Margaret Allen (3)-53 years, Sister Shirley Conrad (49)-53 years, Sister Margaret Clarke (67)-53 years, Sister Eleanor Mitchell (61)-52 years, Brother Charles Teal (38)-52 years, Brother Cecil Decker (55)-52 years, Sister Marjorie Conrod (61)-51 years, Sister Joyce Cunningham (5)-50 years, Brother Ward Cunningham (5)-50 years, Sister Marie Black (15)-50 years, Sister Diane Hayman (24)-50 years, Sister Beulah Lynch (28)-50 years, Sister Barbara Paterson (55)-50 years, Sister Marion Tizard (57)-50 years and visiting from Idaho - Sister Marion Wallace -60 years.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.:

WOW! I hoped there would be many of you here tonight and it is indeed my privilege and honour to welcome each and every one of you.

*Memories of more than fifty years
Hold a wealth of dreams come true
As hearts and hands of friends are joined
In this meeting tonight with you.*

*May blessed peace dwell in your hearts
And may the blessings you've given others
Circle back again to each of you
Through the love of your Sisters and Brothers,*

*You have been strong and of good courage
And carried our Star within your heart
As a jewel of love to treasure
And from its teachings never to part.*

*So it is with sincere pleasure
That we give to each a rose - the symbol of love
And we now humbly add our blessing
To those of our Heavenly Father above.*

Brother Frank, W.G.P.:

My Sisters and Brothers, you represent many years of dedicated work, building our Order, maintaining its principles and making a path for us to follow. May the memories of your accomplishments and the friends you have made be with you always. May you continue to have a healthy and happy life. We are pleased to have you with us this evening.

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

The honoured members were given a standing ovation.

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

Sister Marion, W.G.M.:

I am pleased to introduce to you, the Honourable Ramona Jennex, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Education. Yours is a very challenging portfolio and I compliment you for your hard work. I am pleased that you were able to attend this evening and I would ask you to bring greetings to us from the Province of Nova Scotia.

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The Honourable Ramona Jennex, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia brought greetings from the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Darrell Dexter. She had fond memories of Brother Fred Clarke and had a special message for Sister Margaret Clarke. She welcomed everyone to her area, the Annapolis Valley. She extended birthday wishes to all the American visitors on this their country's birthday. She spoke about the good work of the Shriners Hospitals - as a young girl from the valley had been treated at the Hospital in Montreal. She enjoyed all the ceremonies, the protocol and tributes that she witnessed this evening and thanked Sister Marion for the invitation to attend. She also enjoyed the soloist and the background music during the evening and felt very honoured to be with us.

Response: Brother Ralph Swinamer, Grand Sentinel:

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

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to respond to the greetings of our Provincial representative. In the early twentieth century, it was common practice for an individual to work a complete lifetime for the same employer, thus having only one boss. In the mid twentieth century, workers tended to move around in their employment, thus having had several bosses, during their lifetime. Those who choose politics as their vocation have hundreds of bosses, as the majority of the voters THINK they know more than those in elected office. We congratulate you in your choice of service to the public, and wish you well in your chosen profession.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule, to attend our Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of responding to the greetings of our elected representative.

MASONIC GREETINGS

Brother Frank, W.G.P: Our Eastern Star Grand Chapter has jurisdiction over the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, each of which has Masonic Grand Lodges. This evening we are pleased to have with us the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, Brother Barry Imber and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Prince Edward Island, Brother Larry Etherington. It is an honour to introduce both to our Grand Chapter.

Most Worshipful Brother Barry, thank you for the courtesies extended to our Worthy Grand Matron and myself at your Grand Lodge meeting in Truro last month. Would you please address our Grand Chapter on behalf of the Masons of Nova Scotia.

Most Worshipful Brother Barry S. Imber:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, members of the Order of Eastern Star, Brothers and Sisters.

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I am very pleased to be here this evening to bring you the greetings and warmest felicitations from the members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

As you all know your Order was established by Dr. Rob Morris from Boston, Massachusetts in 1850, which was sixteen years before the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Like you, we too trace our heritage back to Massachusetts when the provincial Grand Master Henry Price sent Erasmus James Philips from Boston to form the first warranted Lodge in Canada at Annapolis Royal. The year the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formed in 1866 Dr. Morris started working with Robert Macoy who organised the current system of Chapters and modified Dr. Morris' Rosary into the Ritual from which all OES rituals are descended. Now most Freemasons know of Robert Macoy as the founder of the masonic regalia and publishing company.

Although regular Craft Freemasonry has been a preserve of males only, without the support and assistance of our wives and families we would not be able to function and it is through the OES that the experience of masonry is made available at a shared family level.

Your values state that you strive to live your lives by the enduring beliefs of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, Love, Friendship, Community Service, Diversity and Charity. It is through these shared values that we come together as part of the same Masonic family: that we provide a foundation, a constant and stable exemplification of those verities that are our best qualities.

Masonry in all its different forms is a touchstone for all that we can be. And on behalf of all the Masons in Nova Scotia I wish you an enjoyable, educational and productive communication.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.:

Most Worshipful Brother Larry, we also attended your Grand Lodge session in Summerside last month, and we thank you for the courtesies extended to us. Would you please address our Grand Chapter on behalf of the Masons of Prince Edward Island.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island Brother Larry Etherington addressed the members and thanked Sister Marion for the invitation to attend. Although he is not a member he is impressed with the ceremonies and work of the Eastern Star. He brought regrets from our Past Grand Patron, Brother Reg MacRae, who is having some health issues at the present time. He congratulated Sister Marion and Brother Frank on their session and extended an invitation to all members to visit Prince Edward Island.

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The **response** was given by **Brother Fred Lipskey, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and visitors. I have the privilege of extending a welcome on behalf of all the members of this Grand Chapter in responding to the Masonic Greetings from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to you both on your recent elections and wish you fair winds and following seas.

Our members often refer to our strong ties with the Masonic Fraternity and it is our wish that the spirit of co-operation now established will continue for years to come and we very much appreciate you making the effort to be with us tonight.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity of responding to the Greetings from our Distinguished Masonic Brothers.

SHRINE GREETINGS

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: I have the privilege of introducing the representative of Philae Shrine Temple, Noble Rob Buchan. The Worthy Grand Matron knows him well. Welcome Noble Rob, we are happy to have you with us tonight. Would you please address our Grand Chapter on behalf of the Shriners of Philae Temple.

Noble Rob Buchan brought greetings from the Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on behalf of Potentate Shane MacFarlane, who was unable to attend this Informal Opening. He thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing the Shriners Hospitals, a most worthy cause, as their special project for the year. He concluded his remarks by wishing them a successful Grand Chapter session.

Noble Rob is the son of Sister Marion, our Worthy Grand Matron.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: I now have the privilege of introducing Queen Marelene Clyke, Reigning Queen of Athena Temple, Daughters of the Nile. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our opening this evening.

Sister Marelene Clyke: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is an honour for me to be invited to speak at this 64th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I bring greetings from the Supreme Queen, Laura Richardson.

I am Marelene Clyke, Queen of Athena Temple # 149, Daughters of the Nile, in Halifax. Our Worthy Grand Matron is one of our Past Queens.

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Daughters of the Nile is a benevolent international fraternal organization. To become a member you must be related to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile. There is pride in our efforts towards supporting the great philanthropy of the Shriners Hospital in Canada to assist the "almost miracles" performed there. I might mention that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Special project this year has been the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

In early June of this year I attended the 95th Annual Session of Supreme Temple Daughters of the Nile - held in Tampa, Florida - along with 12 other Ladies of our Household. Many of us visited the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Tampa to see the life changing work being done there - the making of and repairing of every type of prosthesis - building special equipment for their needs as they grow. Above all we witnessed the Love and Respect of Children, Parents and Staff. I use the word "Amazing".

The members of the Nile are proud of their heritage and are grateful to the Shriners of North America for allowing us to assist with this wonderful work.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, much success in their "Ribbons of Hope" Session. Thank you for allowing me to speak at this session.

Brother Fred Lipskey, A.G.P. thanked both Noble Rob Buchan and Sister Marelene Clyke for bringing greetings from the Shriners and the Daughters of the Nile.

HOST FACILITY

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: I will now introduce, Mr. Bill Wallace, the Manager of the Old Orchard Inn and Spa.

Mr. Wallace, I know you are a busy man because everyone I talk to says they have been talking to you. You have been very helpful since we began planning this Grand Chapter. I would like to say 'Thank-you' for allowing us to store the paraphernalia here last year. There have been several changes and some cancellations and I compliment you and your staff for your capable assistance. Could I invite you to speak to our membership?

Mr. Bill Wallace thanked Sister Marion for the invitation to attend this Informal Opening and stated that it was an honour to be present and to have Grand Chapter at this location. He said that he is getting to know many of the members and looks forward to greeting the Order of the Eastern Star in the future. He hoped that everyone would enjoy their stay and wished Sister Marion and Brother Frank a successful Grand Chapter session.

PRESENTATION
TO
MONTREAL SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Special Project of 2010-2011

By Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: I am happy to welcome Madame Celine Doray, Administrator of the Shriners Hospital in Montreal. When I spoke to you in January in Halifax, I thought it was a dream that you would actually come back in July. It is good to see you again and I thank you for coming. We chose the Shriners Hospital for our Special Project for several reasons and I am so very grateful to our members for the wonderful, generous support you have given to this project. I would like to thank Sister Mary MacLennan, Chair of the WGM and WGP Special Project and the committee members for their commitment and compliment you on your success. This committee is still at work and I encourage any and all who are interested to contribute to this worthwhile endeavour.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: When we decided to make the Shriner's Hospital our project for this year, it merely acknowledged the fact that we have been supporting the Hospitals for many years. Sister Marion with Daughters of the Nile, her late husband as Potentate of Philae Temple, her son as Potentate of Philae, and two more sons members. I have been a Shriner for 32 years, and have worked at fundraising all those years. Welcome Madame Doray, we are happy to have you with us tonight.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: **Madame Celine, it is our pleasure to present to you a cheque to the Shriners Hospital for \$25,500.00 with more to come.** I will invite you to speak to our members now.

Madame Celine Doray: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, ladies and gentlemen,
Thank you for inviting me to this special event of the Order of Eastern Star. It is always a pleasure to bring some words about the Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children from the Board of Governors, our leadership team, physicians and staff. As you know, we could not offer the care and services we provide to children, adolescents and their families without your support. Excellence in patient care is what we strive for and is supported by research and teaching.

We can take collective pride in the fact that our hospital is recognized from coast to coast and internationally as a truly unique institution.

Our hospital mission is three fold:

To consistently provide quality care to children with neuro-musculo skeletal conditions within a family centered, compassionate environment;

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To continue our longstanding tradition of educating physicians and other health professionals;

To conduct pioneering research that will improve the treatment and life of children with neuro-musculo skeletal conditions.

The next chapter in providing exceptional treatment and care includes the construction of our new hospital, adjacent to the Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH) of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) on the Glen campus. The campus represents a historic opportunity to be an integral part of Canada's redeveloped health care infrastructure. The hospital will cost \$127M, \$97M will come from Shiners and \$5M from the MUHC. We will be launching our first ever capital campaign in the fall, our goal is to raise \$28M, \$25M will go towards the construction project and \$3M towards the creation of the Francis Glorieux Research Chair, a first within the Shrine system.

The new hospital will be taking patient care, research and teaching to a new level, in a new environment meeting a broader range of patient needs. In terms of new programs, in addition to having 18 single patient rooms, we will have 4 rooms that will be dedicated as step down or paediatric intensive care beds. We will also have a motion analysis lab (gait lab). From an education and research perspective, we will have 25,000 square feet dedicated to research and our education center will include a large conference room and a surgical skills lab (again, this is a first within the Shrine system). This is a unique opportunity to support excellence.

The planning for the capital campaign is underway. The structure will include a campaign Chair, 6 regional chairs and regional vice-chairs (Shriners positions) as well as an ambassador group represented by former patients and parents. In the next few months, the various regions will be approached as we launch the campaign.

2015 is not far away, however with your help and support, we can continue to offer the best care to children and their families. Again, on behalf on the Board of Governors, our physicians and staff, I want to express our gratitude for your very generous donation.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Distinguished Guests and other who wish to leave may do so at this time. You are all more than welcome to stay if you wish.

The Grand Choir provided beautiful Musical Selections at this time.

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. (22), Chair of Hostess Chapters, 2011:

Welcome, Sisters and Brothers to this "Ribbons of Hope" Session. We trust that the arrangements for comfort and enjoyment we have made meet with your approval. We hope you will not only enjoy this session but have an opportunity to visit our

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wonderful and picturesque countryside here in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton. In visiting other Grand Chapters I have always tried to stay an extra day or two to see the area and I hope you have done the same. If we can do anything to assist you, I am sure our members will be pleased to aid you.

Meet new friends, enjoy those you already know and do enjoy our session. Again welcome and do come back again.

The response by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Grand Conductress:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends: On behalf of the Sisters and Brothers in this Grand Jurisdiction, it is my privilege to extend thanks to the Hostess Chapters and thank YOU, Sister Megan, for your kind words of welcome.

We know you have been working very hard over many months to make this a special time for all who are in attendance at this "Ribbons of Hope" session. We appreciate all you have done and thank you for the friendly way in which we have been welcomed and for the many courtesies extended to us. We also know, because of your preparation and efforts, this will be a GRAND Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank: May God's blessings be with you both as your guide this Grand Chapter Session and make it a memorable conclusion to a wonderful year. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Hostess Chapters Welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Four Worthy Grand Matrons and Three Worthy Grand Patrons were presented: Sister Julie McMillen, Illinois; Sister Carol Jones, Massachusetts; Sister Sherry Mitton, New Brunswick; Sister Shelley Gullett, New Hampshire and Brother Victor Taggart, Massachusetts; Brother Ronald Oakley, New Brunswick and Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Texas.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: I am delighted to welcome you and I hope you are having the time of your life as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Don't run through the year so fast that you forget not only where you've been but where you are going. May all your dreams come true! To be without dreams is to be without hope and to be without hope is to be without purpose. My focus this year has been health and happiness and I'd like to read a little poem about happiness.

Happiness

*Think of the Hopes that lie before you
Not of the waste that lies behind;
Think of the treasures you have gathered,
Not the ones you failed to find;*

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*Think of the service you may render,
Not of serving self alone;
Think of the happiness of others,
And in this you'll find your own.*

Be well and be happy!

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Welcome to our Grand Chapter Session. We hope each of you has had a year that left you with wonderful memories, and you have made new and lasting friendships along the way. We are pleased you could be with us this evening.

The **response** was given by **Sister Sherry Mitton**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick:

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

On behalf of the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, I would like to extend our fraternal greetings and wish you a very successful and harmonious Grand Chapter Session.

They say time flies and I certainly believe that; this year has passed very quickly. For some of us the journey is just beginning while others are approaching the end as we prepare for our Sessions.

You have had a busy year and have welcomed us with love and joy. And, like Ruth, you have gladdened the hearts of many. We are pleased to be here to share this time with you.

Thank you, Sister Marion and Brother Frank, for the honour bestowed upon me and the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick to respond to your gracious words of welcome at the Altar.

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

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS
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Please note that 9 Past Grand Matrons and 9 Past Grand Patrons were introduced as General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members.

Eleven Past Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Megan Church, 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 and Sister Stella Trask.

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Nine Past Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Ward Cunningham, Brother William Clark, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother William Thompson, Sr., Brother John Patterson, Brother Whitman Giffin, Brother Tabor Caulier and Brother Zeke Eaton.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it has always been a pleasure to see you at the Official Visits to each chapter and to see so many of you taking an active role in your individual chapters. Your dedication is impressive and you are always willing to lend a helping hand. This Grand Chapter is a good example of your commitment to our Eastern Star and this jurisdiction. Many of you are helping in different roles and I sincerely thank you for your inspiration and support. Welcome to the "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Frank, W.G.P. added his words of welcome to all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and also thanked them for their support during the year.

The **response** was given by **Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the delightful privilege of responding on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Jurisdiction, to your cordial and sincere welcome.

We have watched with pride this year as you travelled to all Chapters and visited other Jurisdictions as our representatives. In all these duties you taught us the true meaning of your aim: "to be faithful to our Obligation and to serve to the best of our abilities".

We commend you for a year-long performance of great success. It is our hope that this "Ribbons of Hope" Session will bring you the reward and satisfaction for duties performed with dignity and integrity. We look forward to having you as the newest members of the Past Grands Club. Thank you again for this honour. May God bless you both.

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

Five Past Grand Matrons presented were: Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts and Grand Representative of Bolivia in New Hampshire; Sister Donna McEwan, New Brunswick; Sister Lynn Hutchin, New Brunswick; Sister Anita Young, Quebec and Grand Secretary; Sister Rosie Fiscus, Wisconsin.

Five Past Grand Patrons presented were: Brother Clifford Brightman, Massachusetts; Brother John Howard, Massachusetts; Brother Doug Swan, New Brunswick and Grand Secretary; Brother Tom Benton, Oklahoma; Brother Howard Hazzard, Ontario.

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Brother Frank, W.G.P. welcomed the visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and hoped that they will enjoy their time with us and come back again.

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

Two Elected Sisters and One Brother were presented: Sister Mildred Homer, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Sister Jean Duncan, Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Brother Gordon Young, Associate Grand Patron, Quebec.

Fourteen Appointed Sisters and Brothers were presented: Sister Eleanor Carbonarao, Grand Chaplain, Connecticut; Brother Glenn Kinloch, Grand Warder, Idaho; Brother James Spurrell, Grand Chaplain and Grand Representative of Alabama in Massachusetts; Sister Margaret Howard, Grand Warder, Massachusetts; Sister Faye Oakley, Grand Electa, New Brunswick; Sister Susan MacDougall, Grand Warder, New Brunswick; Sister Virginia Mitchell, Grand Marshal, New Hampshire; Sister Jane Carter, Grand Ruth, New Hampshire; Sister Cynthia Rogers, Grand Martha, New Hampshire; Sister Roberta Langis, Grand Electa, New Hampshire; Brother Charles Briggs, Grand Marshal, New Mexico; Sister Jeanie Norman, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma; Sister Betty Boyett, Grand Electa, Oklahoma; Sister Marty Drescher, Grand Esther, Texas.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers,

*May your term as Grand Officers bring great pleasure for you,
May something special make each day wonderful and new
May you know throughout the year, the precious art of giving
And may you always have time to find the art of living.*

It is my pleasure to welcome you and I hope you will enjoy your visit to our Grand Chapter.

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

GRAND OFFICER EMERITUS

Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented and welcomed by the Worthy Patron.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Welcome to this year's Grand Chapter. You have served our Grand Chapter many years, and have earned the honorific Grand Officer Emeritus.

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

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
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While the Grand Representatives were assembling in the west, the Grand Choir sang "*It's A Small World*". They were then escorted to the Altar for introduction.

Twenty Grand Representatives were presented: Sister Shirley Walton, Australia; Sister Joan Mills, California; Sister Rosemary Hayter, Delaware; Sister Rose Salmons, Idaho; Sister Iris Williams, Illinois; Brother Heber Ross, Indiana; Sister Joyce Roode, Iowa; Sister Beth Brett, Louisiana; Brother Barry Jack, Maine; Brother Ray Horton, Maryland; Sister Marion Tizard, Mississippi; Sister Midge Medcraft, Nebraska; Sister Irene MacIsaac, North Carolina; Sister Marie Black, Ohio; Brother Kirk MacLennan, Ontario; Sister Brenda Clarke, Texas; Sister Beverly Caulier, Vermont; Sister Nancy Doyle, Virginia; Sister Geraldine Parker, Washington; Brother Bryan Campbell, Wyoming.

The welcome was prepared by **Sister Jane Wooldridge, A.G.M. and read by Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome to this "Ribbons of Hope" 64th Annual Session, those Grand Representatives who represent other Grand Jurisdictions in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I hope that you have been able to visit or correspond with your counterpart, and that you are "singing the praises" of both Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and are enjoying one of the most treasured appointments that can be given by a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. May your commissions leave with you many pleasant memories as you continue on the Eastern Star Trail.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, thank you for the opportunity to welcome these Grand Representatives, and I wish for you and Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron, the JOY of a rewarding year, the LOVE of your family and friends, and PEACE in the knowledge of a job well done.

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

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
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IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

Thirteen Grand Representatives were presented at the Altar: Brother Floyd Culver, Idaho; Brother Robert McMillen, Illinois; Sister Marcia LaBounty, Indiana; Sister Winona Gebauer, Kansas; Brother William Gyr, Maryland; Brother Charles Jackson, Mississippi; Sister Teresa Lewis, New York; Sister Eileen Hatfield, Ohio; Sister Deane Watt, Oklahoma; Sister Lynda Terence, Ontario; Sister Shirley Moore, Oregon; Brother Gary Drescher, Texas; Sister Evelyn Menke, Wisconsin.

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Sister Marion, W.G.M.: It has been delightful to receive notes, letters and even pictures from several of you. I truly wish that I had more time to get to know each of you. "Words cannot express what makes our STAR so bright. It's the warm and friendly members that give our STAR its light." I would like to thank you for coming to our "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session. Enjoy yourselves!

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

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Four Grand Representatives were presented at the Altar: Sister Nancy Ryder, Mississippi in Maine; Sister Carolyn Gyr, Alberta in Maryland; Sister Gloria "Sue" Biggs, Florida in New Mexico; Sister JoAnne Schmoutz, New Brunswick in Pennsylvania.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: We congratulate you on your appointments. You are the ambassadors of our Order and are serving as such at present. Thank you for attending our session and we are glad to have met you.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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

Sister Irma Maxwell, Cardinal Crew Committee Member;

Brother Karl Drescher, Cardinal Crew Committee;

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

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

Sister JoAnn Drescher, Pin Chairman, International Grand Representatives Association;

Sister June Bell, Arrangements, Stage Page, Grand Chapter of Texas

Sister Marion, W.G.M.:

A special appointment is a very special thing and I know why these members were chosen because they are very special people. I wish for you;

Beautiful memories of beautiful years;

good things accomplished, some laughter, some tears;

Your record of service is splendid to view,

you've set a high standard and it is a pleasure to welcome you!

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

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

The following **District Deputy Grand Matrons** were introduced: Sister Ann Ross, District No. 1; Sister Gail Kay, District No. 2; Sister Bonnie Boutilier, District No. 3, Sister Patricia Wamboldt, District No. 5 and Sister Marion Robinson, District No. 6 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Visiting: Sister Judy Tavernier, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 19, New York; Sister Bonnie Gainey, District Deputy Grand Matron, Oklahoma.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: It is an honour to welcome you here tonight. To our District Deputy Grand Matrons, I want to thank you for assisting me in presenting the Grand Representative Commissions this year. I know you did a great job!

*May joy and peace surround you
Contentment latch your door
And happiness be with you now
And bless you ever more.*

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

While the Grand Chapter Committee Members were assembling in the west, the Grand Choir entertained us with more of their beautiful music.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thirty-nine Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Grand Jurisdiction were introduced in the west:

Courtesy: Sister Connie MacDonald; Sister Anna Ford

Crafts and Treasures: Sister Judy Graves, Chair; Sister Mary Zinck, Co-Chair; Sister Margaret Muise; Sister Phyllis Munroe

Credentials: Sister Mary MacDonald; Sister Cora MacKay

Eastern Star Journal: Sister Susan Lorimer, Sister Evelyn Aulenback, Sister Fran Harding

ESTARL: Brother Donald Medcraft, Chair; Sister Marianne MacMillan

Finance: Sister Shirley Conrad, Chair

Historian: Sister Margaret Allen

International Headquarters: Sister Phyllis Vallis, Chair; Sister Frances Duncan

Librarian: Sister Janet Johnson

Membership: Sister Wilma Verge, Chair; Sister Velda Forrest, Brother Cyril Marsters

Music: Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist; Brother Ray Horton, Choir Director

Program Booklet: Brother Kenneth Conrod, Chair; Brother Shane MacFarlane; Brother Peter Kay; Sister Vicki Perry; Brother Charles Teal; Sister Donna Himmelman; Sister Phyllis Jarvis; Sister Suzanne Aitken

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Publicity: Sister Grace Boudreau, Chair; Sister Carole Newell; Sister Gale Langille; Sister Melda Johnston

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project: Sister Mary MacLennan, Chair; Brother Kenneth Langille; Sister Betty Smith; Sister Helen Nicholson

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: I want to say "Thank you" to each of you again for serving on your respective committees. Each committee chair has my deep appreciation for a job well done. Welcome to the 'Ribbons of Hope' Grand Chapter Session. 'Have a song in your heart, a smile on your lips and nothing but joy at your fingertips'.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Sisters and Brothers, we know how much effort goes into the committee work for Grand Chapter. We sincerely appreciate your serving as committee members this past year. Thank you all.

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

PRESENTATION OF 2010-2011 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

Seventeen Worthy Matrons, Eight Worthy Patrons and Two Visiting Worthy Matrons were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Matrons: Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey, Mayflower #2; Sister Heather Matthews, Cedar #3; Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, Grace #8; Sister Jean Jack, Century #10; Sister Carole Newell, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Jean Millett, Evangeline #15; Sister Kathryn Doughart, Crystal #1(PEI); Sister Janet Merry, Kwebec #27; Sister Sharon Adams, Amethyst #28; Sister Carolyn Phinney, Annaval #31; Sister Mildred Wagner, Mystic Star #40; Sister Rosamond Campbell, Scotia #49; 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 and Visiting Worthy Matrons: Sister Winona Gebauer, Lakin #244, Kansas and Sister Lois Taylor, Pilgrim #55, New Hampshire.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Arnold Dempsey, Mayflower #2; Brother Barry Jack, Century #10; Brother Roy Martin, Evangeline #15; Brother George Doughart, Crystal #1(PEI); Brother Douglas Tidgwell, Kwebec #27; Brother William Hilden, St. Mary's #35; Brother Harold Farrow, Atlantic #65; Brother Norman Card, Laurel #67.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: It was so very enjoyable to visit your chapters. It is now my turn to extend a warm welcome to you. I am pleased that you are here tonight. To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only to plan, but also believe. You have served your chapters well and it has been a pleasure getting to know you better.

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

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HOSTESS CHAPTERS AND COMMITTEES

Twenty-six 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 Marion, W.G.M.: Welcome to all members of the Hostess Chapters 2011. Grand Chapter, "Ribbons of Hope" is taking place because of your dedication, your leadership, your energy and hard work. I want to say a sincere "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart.

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be.

I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day,

As you have meant dear friends of mine, to me along the way.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Sisters and Brothers of the Hostess Committee: A great big thank you for all the work you have done this past year. You have raised money, organized everything, arranged this event, and did it admirably. Thank you.

The **response** was given by **Sister Marion Robinson:** On behalf of the Hostess Chapters for this Grand Session, I thank you for your warm welcome and kind words. We have enjoyed assisting with all the arrangements and sincerely hope everyone is satisfied with our efforts.

I would also like to thank you for the honour of responding to your welcome.

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

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Sister Mary Lou, Grand Conductress and Sister Mary Reid, Associate Grand Conductress - thank you so much for the introductions and presentations of our many distinguished guests. Please join me in saying "Thank-you" for your excellent work. I am very proud of you. I wish you well in your Eastern Star journey. Love is like a butterfly: It goes where it pleases and pleases wherever it goes.

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

CLOSING

10:35 p.m.: **Sister Marion, W.G.M.:** I now declare the Informal Opening closed. Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar informally.

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

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Good-evening Sisters and Brothers!
The Grand Choir sang "*Go Now in Peace*".

**FORMAL OPENING
TUESDAY MORNING, July 5, 2011**

8:45 a.m.:	Emblem Ceremony:	
	Narrator:	Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61)
	Sword & Veil:	Sister Peg Lipskey, P.M. (67)
	Sheaf of Wheat:	Sister Penny Parker (67)
	Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Marelene Clyde, P.M. (28)
	Broken Column:	Sister Jeanette Durnnian (67)
	Cup:	Sister Beverley Wentzell (27)
	Bible:	Sister Maureen Roddick (24)

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 Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) and Brother Tabor Caulier, P.G.P. (27)

Sister Edith, P.G.M.: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers, Welcome to the formal opening of the 64th Annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the "Ribbons of Hope" session.

I extend a sincere welcome to all of our visitors who have travelled from afar especially to Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, it is always a pleasure to have you with us, also the General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I give a special welcome to our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, as well as to all of the Sisters and Brothers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is an honour through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank Cullen to be here with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted Caulier. It hardly seems possible that two years have passed since our "Memories of Christmas" Session.

Today, as the work of this Grand Chapter begins, may the deliberations be held with peace and harmony in our hearts.

Brother Ted would you like to bring us your words of welcome.

Brother Ted, P.G.P.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers.

You have heard the opening remarks and warm welcome from my very own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith. It is with pleasure that I also welcome you to this Official Opening of Grand Chapter. We extend to you a most cordial welcome to our beautiful Annapolis Valley. Nothing now remains to be done but to sit back, relax, observe and enjoy your stay with us.

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Sister Edith, P.G.M.: I now call to order the Formal Opening of the 64th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island "Ribbons of Hope" Session. It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated for the formations.

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

FORMATIONS

Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Chapter Ruths and Grand Representatives, entered the Grand Chapter room.

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

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

Sister Edith, P.G.M.: Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron, it is an honour for me to be welcoming you to the Formal opening of your "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session and to once again have my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted, at my side. Thank you for affording me this honour. Sister Marion, only two short years ago you were my Grand Conductress and Brother Frank, you were Grand Sentinel, when Christmas was celebrated for an entire year with Snowmen and Penguins wherever you turned. This year I have enjoyed attending many of your official visits. The time has now arrived for you to begin the deliberations of your Grand Chapter Session where it is my wish that joy, love and peace will abound. Brother Ted, I will give you a chance to speak.

Brother Ted, P.G.P.: Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron, it almost seems like yesterday we stood here for our Gand Chapter and I must say that it was most enjoyable to have you by our side on our journey. Now it is your time, may you have a very successful Grand Chapter filled with many fond memories.

The musical selection "*What a Wonderful World*" was sung to Sister Marion and Brother Frank by Sister Kay Horton and Brother Ray Horton at this time.

Sister Edith, P.G.M.: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank to the East.

Sister Marion and Brother Frank were each accorded Grand Honours in the East.

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Sister Edith, P.G.M.: Sister Marion, it is my pleasure to present your gavel to you and I trust you will use it wisely.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.:The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Thank you, Sister Edith and Brother Ted, for opening this Formal Opening of the "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session. You have been an advisor, a mentor and good friends. We have shared many good times together and I trust they will continue. Thanks for your help in preparing for the International Weekend and for serving on the Committee for the "Celebrations of the Stars" banquet. I know it was a challenge at times and **I know it was a success!** Thank you Sister Edith for presenting me with my gavel. I trust that I will use it wisely.

Sister Marion presented Sister Edith with a small gift of appreciation for opening this session.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Brother Ted, it was an honour to have you and Sister Edith open our session today. I was pleased to serve in your Grand Family, and I look forward to our chapter visits together in the future. Please accept this gift as a token of appreciation.

OPENING CEREMONY

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

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: "*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*" was sung.

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

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Sister Kay and Brother Ray - my sincere "Thanks" for singing 'What a Wonderful World'. It is indeed a wonderful world and a beautiful morning.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Past Grand Patron, Brother Vincent Ells (14) was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where he was given Grand Honours.

Grand Representatives - Sister Kris Martin of British Columbia and Yukon, **Sister Norma Thompson**, Connecticut, **Sister Audrey Farquharson**, Oregon, **Brother**

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Gordon O’Hearn of Georgia and **Brother David Hobson**, South Dakota, 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, Credentials; **Sister Lorraine O’Neill**, Finance; **Sister Margaret Bonn**, Eastern Star Journal; and **Brother Charles Paterson**, ESTARL were presented in the west and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron: Sister Joan Mills and Brother Charles Teal (38) were presented in the west, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Let us begin the business of Grand Chapter. Let us give serious consideration to the business of Grand Chapter and may the decisions made be for the good of our Order.

Brother Adrian Pearson, G.G.C.C.M., Parliamentarian: You will read Robert's Rules of Order.

ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

Brother Adrian Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. (25), Parliamentarian: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, - Thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your “Ribbons of Hope” Session.

Sisters and Brothers, as we commence the Business of Grand Chapter, may our actions be bound by the Ribbons of Past Service and Hope for the Future of our Beautiful Order.

Officially, Roberts Revised Rules of Order shall apply at all times.

Following are ten selected items:

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

Thank you for you co-operation.

ADOPTION OF 2010 MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), **Grand Secretary** moved the adoption of the 2010 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (40). The motion was carried.

REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2010-2011
SISTER MARION BUCHAN

Sisters and Brothers: Last July, I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It was a humbling experience to be installed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke. It was an exceptional night and one I shall always remember fondly. I was thrilled to have family and friends as well as many of my Sisters and Brothers in Eastern Star in attendance, especially the Sisters and Brothers of Laurel Chapter #67. It has been an honour and a privilege to be introduced at the Altar in every chapter I visited. I am sincerely grateful for the warm welcomes extended to me and for your generous hospitality.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session This is the 64th Grand Chapter of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Thank you for coming and I hope you will return again and again.

DEDICATION

We dedicated 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.

We dedicate this Grand Chapter Session to Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frederick W. Clarke, and pay tribute to his memory.

MEMORIALS

A loving tribute will be given at the Memorial Service. We were saddened by the loss of Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Past Grand Patron, Brother Allison Mitchell and Past Grand Matron, Sister Sarah Doty. We extend our sympathy to our Sisters and Brothers who are grieving the loss of loved ones. When we lose the ones we love, a part of our heart goes with them. We are reminded that we are not alone.

GIFTS

My Bible was a gift from my Laurel Chapter and it is a keepsake that I will always treasure. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank and I alternated meetings when our Bible would be on the Altar. It was signed by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of each chapter as a permanent record of our visit. Sister Shirley Daine gave me a beautifully cross stitched Bible marker and it remains in the Bible.

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Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank and Sister Doris Cullen gave me a beautiful sheaf of barley as Ruth is my honour station. It has been at Ruth's station in each chapter we visited.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank presented me with a hand crafted gavel and sounding block for me from Ash trees on his wood lot. He also made a carrying case, which is nicely engraved. This is a very special gift. The Worthy Matrons of each chapter were pleased to use this gavel and I am pleased to use it for this Grand Chapter Session.

My fun symbol is a butterfly and it has multiplied throughout our travels. I hope everyone likes them as they seem to be everywhere. My watchwords are Joy, Love and Peace.

GRAND OFFICERS

Each Grand Family is unique and special. Nine officers are elected and nine officers are appointed and like today's families, you have blended very well. I am so grateful for the love and respect you have shown throughout the year. Your support and friendship have made this year extra special. Our chosen officers are:

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)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1	Sister Ann Ross (19)
District #2	Sister Gail Kay (25)
District #3	Sister Bonnie Boutilier (61)
District #5	Sister Patricia Wamboldt (71)
District #6	Sister Marion Robinson (67)

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

In accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations, a School of Instruction for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons was held on July 8, 2010 at St. Mary's Chapter room in Digby, Nova Scotia. The Jurisprudence Committee was invited and attended.

My plans for the Schools of Instruction for the Subordinate Chapters, the Maine Maritime Exchange, the Maritime Exchange and the plans for the International Week-end were discussed. My instructions for the District Deputy Grand Matrons were reviewed. We also took some time to become better acquainted with each other. Thanks to the brothers of St. Mary's Chapter for setting up the Chapter room.

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Thanks to Brother Bill and Sister Nancy Hilden for coffee and lunch.

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

September 11, 2010 - Starlight Chapter #66 in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia

September 18, 2010 - Evangeline Chapter #15 in Kentville, Nova Scotia

September 25, 2010 - Mystic Star Chapter #40 in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia

The Grand Officers, with a few exceptions, attended each School. I, myself, had to leave early on September 25th. The Jurisprudence Committee also attended with a few exceptions. At each School, the required work was exemplified in the morning and each Officer described and explained the duties of their office in the afternoon. Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Clark, with his wit and expertise, expanded and summarized the goal to hold efficient and interesting meetings in the hope of encouraging attendance. My sincere "Thanks" to Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill. I thank each Chapter for hosting the Schools of Instruction and for the coffee, muffins, fruit, etc. as well as the lovely lunches served to us.

On a negative note, I was quite disappointed in the attendance of our members and would recommend a change in order to reach our membership.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON'S REPORTS

It was moved and passed at Grand Chapter that the Associate Grand Matron would not be required to act as a District Deputy Grand Matron. As all passed motions are to be in effect immediately, I chose to change the Districts. District #5 added Crescent Chapter #70. District #6 (minus Crescent Chapter #70) added Mayflower Chapter #2, Evangeline Chapter #15, Fairfield Chapter #22, and Laurel Chapter #67. District #7 became District #6 and District #8 became District #7. There was no District #8.

District #1 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Ann Ross, witnessed the initiation of one new member in Starlight Chapter #66. Sister Ann was well received in all five chapters. The Secretaries and Treasurers books were found to be in good order. The ritualistic work was well done with the help of protem officers in some situations. These chapters are very supportive of each other. Sister Ann presented Sister Sadie MacKenzie with her 50 year jewel.

District #2 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Gail Kay, witnessed the initiation of two new members in Elm Chapter #48. It was noted that some of the Secretaries have shortened their minutes as suggested at the Schools of Instruction. Sister Gail expressed her appreciation of well done presentations during initiations yet some parts were read in other chapters. Some chapters are struggling with age and health issues yet endeavouring to do their best. Membership and the shortage of Brothers is a concern. Protem Worthy Patron in one chapter.

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District #3 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Bonnie Boutilier witnessed the initiation of three new members - one in Scotia Chapter #49 and two in Queen Esther Chapter #61. Sister Bonnie was warmly welcomed in all four chapters and found the books to be in good order. Some officers read from the ritual during the initiation and no chapter had more than four short form openings.

District #4 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Conductress Mary Lou Higgins, witnessed the initiation of one new member in Kwebec Chapter #27. Initiation was impressive with musical accompaniment. Secret work was short in three chapters, too many rituals open, too many short forms used, books audited by only two auditors. In one chapter the Conductress carried the ritual during the initiatory work.

District #5 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Wamboldt, witnessed the initiation of three new members - one in Arbutus Chapter #30, one in Queen's Chapter #34, and one in Crescent Chapter #70. Some chapters do not have a full slate of officers and use protem officers and not all stations were filled. The introductions were not completed in one chapter.

District #6 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Robinson, was disappointed not to witness any new members initiated though two petitions were read for next month and another chapter expects petitions in December. Sister Marion was well received in seven chapters. She found the Secretaries and Treasurers books in order and the ritualistic work done well with some reading their parts. Sister Marion noted that it is sad to see how many chapters couldn't function without loyal Sisters and Brothers who regularly help out. The Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, attended part of a meeting.

District #7 - District Deputy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Mary Reid, witnessed the initiation of one new member in Cedar Chapter #3. The flag was not presented properly in two chapters. Sister Mary noted that most members do not attend the Schools of Instruction but work well together and try to do their best considering the challenges of getting older and struggling with poorer memories. She commends the members for their determination to attend, to do their best and to keep their chapters alive.

In summary, I want to say a sincere "Thank you" to each District Deputy Grand Matron for their wonderful reports. I appreciate the extras you have done in collecting items for the draws at the International Weekend and for your assistance in presenting Grand Representative Commissions. I wish to say a special "Thank you" to Sister Patricia Wamboldt and Sister Marion Robinson for re-scheduling their visits due to the change in their Districts.

Accordingly, I thank each chapter for hosting the District Deputy Grand Matrons so graciously. It is WONDERFUL to welcome eleven new members!

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ESTARL - Church Collections

District #1: \$347.00	District #2: \$270.00	District #3: \$325.00
District #4 : \$203.40	District #5: \$202.05	District #6 : \$264.00
District #7: \$341.75	Total: \$1,953.20	

IRREGULARITIES

Many of the same discrepancies as noted previously.

- 1) More than one ritual open at one time.
- 2) Members entering and leaving the chapter without giving the Salutation sign to the Worthy Matron.
- 3) Many introductions were done incorrectly - the Executive Committee is one of the General Grand Committees. It is to be introduced alphabetically.
- 4) Motions passed at Grand Chapter not put into practice immediately.
- 5) Members not standing when addressing the Worthy Matron.
- 6) Short form used more than four times during the year.
- 7) The flag not presented properly.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES - Recommended and Appointed

ALBERTA	Mrs. Agnes MacFarlane (19)
ARIZONA	Mrs. Catherine Crawford (19)
ARKANSAS	Mr. Garth Wall (52)
AUSTRALIA	Mrs. Shirley Walton (61)
BOLIVIA	Mr. Everald Armstrong (45)
B.C. & YUKON	Mrs. Kris Martin (15)
COLORADO	Mr. Fred Matthews (37)
FLORIDA	Rev. Charles McPherson (25)
IDAHO	Mrs. Rose Salmons (21)
INDIANA	Mr. Heber Ross (69)
IOWA	Mrs. Joyce Roode (24)
KANSAS	Mrs. Mary Anne Kaizer (47)
KENTUCKY	Mrs. Brenda Johnston-Giles (27)
MAINE	Mr. Barry Jack (10)
MANITOBA	Mr. Dennis Hagen (34)
MASSACHUSETTS	Mr. Gary Sterling (3)
MINNESOTA	Mrs. Helen Fisher (48)
MISSOURI	Mrs. Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson (1PEI)
MONTANA	Miss Christine Ryan (40)
NEVADA	Mrs. Kathleen Holmes (70)
NEW BRUNSWICK	Ms. Patricia Mooney (49)
NEW JERSEY	Mrs. Linda MacKay (10)
NEW MEXICO	Mr. Kenneth Wile (71)
NORTH CAROLINA	Mrs. Irene MacIsaac (66)
OKLAHOMA	Mr. John Dollimount (38)
ONTARIO	Mr. Kirk MacLennan (2)

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PENNSYLVANIA	Ms. Donna Hazeldine (45)
PUERTO RICO	Mr. Sylvain Rouillard (57)
QUEBEC	Mrs. Sandra Denton (35)
SAO PAULO	Mr. Bruce Fleet (58)
SASKATCHEWAN	Mrs. Elizabeth Dean (30)
VIRGINIA	Mrs. Nancy Doyle (24)
WEST VIRGINIA	Mrs. Elizabeth Langille (65)
WYOMING	Mr. Bryan Campbell (49)

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
in other Grand Jurisdictions**

ALABAMA	Mrs. Polly Fulford
ARIZONA	Kathy Pierson
AUSTRALIA	Mrs. Diana Kay Van Lissum
COLORADO	Mr. Len Wardlaw
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Helen B. Wilhelm
IDAHO	Floyd Culver
ILLINOIS	Robert McMillen
KANSAS	Winona Gebauer
KENTUCKY	Agnes Bacon
LOUISIANA	Paula Sue Stewart
MANITOBA	Mrs. Marion Scott
MINNESOTA	Bruce Flygare
MISSISSIPPI	Dr. Charles A. Jackson
NEW BRUNSWICK	Vivien Kierstead
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Ms. Alice Kenney
NEW JERSEY	Maria Endicott
NEW MEXICO	Robert Sherman
NORTH CAROLINA	Ruth Powell
OHIO	Eileen Hatfield
PENNSYLVANIA	Marlene F. Moisey
PUERTO RICO	Vionette Lopez
QUEBEC	Mrs. Mildred Orr
SASKATCHEWAN	Mrs. Bev Chesney
SOUTH CAROLINA	David Cunningham
TENNESSEE	Connie Whitaker
TEXAS	Gary Drescher
UTAH	Mrs. Margo K. Bird, PGM
VERMONT	Mrs. Meredith Supernault
VIRGINIA	Maldeen S. Martin
WEST VIRGINIA	Mary Beth Paletta
WISCONSIN	Evelyn Menke, PGM
WYOMING	Margo Cornett

DISPENSATIONS

There were a total of twenty-seven dispensations issued during the year:

Fourteen dispensations issued for a change of date:

- Starlight Chapter #66 - Port Hawkesbury
- Harmony Chapter #25 - Stellarton
- Kwebec Chapter #27 - Bedford
- Crescent Chapter #70 - Lockeport
- Arbutus Chapter #30 - Milton
- Arbutus Chapter #30 - Milton
- Munro Chapter #26 - North Sydney
- Queen Elizabeth #14 - Sydney
- Mystic Star #40 - St. Margaret's Bay
- Mayflower Chapter #2 - Kingston
- Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37 - Whycocomagh
- Pearle Chapter #71 - Caledonia
- Munro Chapter #26 - North Sydney
- Shoreham Chapter #59 - Chester

Six dispensations issued for a change of time:

- Keystone Chapter #5 - Yarmouth
- Florence Fraser Chapter #47 - Sherbrooke
- Starlight Chapter #66 - Port Hawkesbury
- St. Mary's Chapter #35 - Digby
- St. Mary's Chapter #35 - Digby
- Laurel Chapter #67 - Berwick

Three dispensations issued for a change of place:

- Cedar Chapter #3 - Wallace
- Annaval Chapter #31 - Middleton
- Munro Chapter #26 - North Sydney

Two dispensations issued for a change of place and date:

- Munro Chapter #26 - North Sydney
- Munro Chapter #26 - North Sydney

Two dispensations issued for a change of date and time:

- St. Mary's Chapter #35 - Digby
- Amethyst Chapter # 28 - Halifax

SPECIAL EVENTS

- July 9, 2010 Attended Grand Chapter of New Brunswick
- July 17, 2010 Attended a party for Sister Lucy Gillis, Laurel Chapter #67 who celebrated her 100th birthday
- July 25, 2010 Attended the Official Visit of the Supreme Queen to Athena Temple #149, Daughter's of the Nile in Halifax, NS
- July 27, 2010 Attended the Supreme Queen's Official Visit to Nereides Temple #78 in St. John, New Brunswick

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- July 29, 2010 Visited Sister Ann Ross in her home in Baddeck, NS and presented her with her District Deputy Grand Matron's badge. WGP Brother Frank and Sister Doris Cullen accompanied me.
- August 6, 2010 Visited MGWP, Brother Fred Clarke and Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke at their home with WGP Brother Frank
- Sept. 27, 2010 Attended the Memorial Service for PGP Allison Mitchell
- Sept. 30, 2010 I was honoured to serve tea with St. Mary's Chapter #35 in Weymouth, NS
- Oct. 11, 2010 Presented PM Florence Campbell with her 70 year jewel
- Oct. 15, 2010 Attended the Pictou County Shrine Club for the Potentate's visit
- Oct. 16, 2010 Attended the Memorial Service for PGM Sarah Doty
- Oct. 17, 2010 Attended funeral service for David Thompson
- Oct. 29-31, 2010 Hosted the International Weekend at the Old Orchard Inn
- Nov. 4, 2010 Visited Sister Mary Ellen and Brother Bill Bishop in their home
- Nov. 8, 2010 I took part in the Eastern Star Funeral Service for Sister Alice Sullivan in Windsor, NS
- Nov. 9, 2010 Presented Sister Lorna Bradley with her 60 year jewel in her home
- Nov. 10, 2010 Attended the Eastern Star Funeral Service for Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, Secretary of Annaal Chapter #31- in Middleton, NS
- Nov. 13, 2010 Attended the 80th Anniversary of Keystone Chapter #5
- Dec. 4, 2010 Returned to visit Arbutus Chapter #30 as the Official Visit was shortened due to excessive heat.
- Dec. 15, 2010 At the official Visit to Laurel Chapter #67, AGP Fred Lipskey, Grand Chaplain Linda Townsend, Grand Adah Linda Foote and DDGM Marion Robinson were honoured as well as Grand Representatives and GCCMs.
- Dec. 31, 2010 Attended a New Year's Eve games night at Laurel Chapter #67
- Jan. 8, 2011 Attended the Eastern Star Funeral Service for MWGP, Brother Fred Clarke
- Jan. 15, 2011 I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend the Annual Shrine Installation and banquet. WGP Frank and Sister Doris attended.
- Jan. 28, 2011 Grand Ruth, Lillian Symonds was honoured at the Official Visit
- Feb. 25-27, 2011 Attended the CAN/AM held in Ottawa, Ontario. The Sisters of our jurisdiction succeeded in winning a Gold Title for entertainment at the banquet.
- Mar. 4, 2011 Attended the funeral service for Illustrious Sir Brian Miller, Potentate of Philae Temple.
- Apr. 3, 2011 Attended the Athena Temple Installation where Sister Marelene Clyde was installed as Queen.
- Apr. 4, 2011 Attended the 60th Anniversary of Mystic Star Chapter #40
- Apr. 5, 2011 Attended the Presentation of an award to PGM Edith Conrod and PGP Ted Caulier for their contribution to the Alzheimer's Society
- Apr. 10, 2011 Attended the ESTARL Church Service in Kingston United Church

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- Apr. 12, 2011 Attended the Honour Night for Grand Conductress, Mary Lou Higgins, Grand Representatives and Grand Chapter Committee Members
- Apr. 16, 2011 Attended the Eastern Star Funeral Service for Brother Ted Davis
- Apr. 30, 2011 Presented Brother Charles Gosling, Keystone Chapter #5 with a 50 year jewel at St. Vincent's Guest Home in Halifax accompanied by Sister Carolyn Galley-Card. Brother Charles celebrated his 102nd birthday just days before my visit.
- Apr. 30, 2011 Attended "The Gamblers" in Bedford
- May 3, 2011 Attended Honour Night for DDGM Bonnie Boutilier
- May 7, 2011 Attended Maritime Exchange, hosted by Westville Chapter #24
- May 12, 2011 Attended Honour Night for GGCCM, Adrian Pearson, Associate Grand Conductress, Mary Reid, Grand Marshal John Lorimer, DDGM Gail Kay, Grand Representatives and GCCM
- May 14, 2011 Attended the Joint Homecoming for the WGM and WGP
- May 20, 2011 Attended Honour Night for Grand Sentinel, Ralph Swinamer
- May 21, 2011 Attended the Honour Tea for Grand Organist, Kay Horton, Grand Warder, Roy MacKinnon and Grand Representative, Ray Horton
- May 23, 2011 Attended Honour Night for Grand Esther, Leota Meisner, GGCCM, Ron Boudreau, Grand Representatives and GCCMs
- May 28, 2011 Attended Honour Tea for AGM Jane Wooldridge
- May 28, 2011 Crystal Chapter #1 celebrated their 90th Anniversary with a banquet and entertainment at the time of the Official Visit.
- June 4, 2011 Accepted the invitation to attend the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to be presented at their annual communication
- June 8, 2011 Presented a 50 year jewel to Joyce Elliott in Margaretsville, NS accompanied by Sister Jean Beckwith
- June 11, 2011 Accepted the invitation to attend the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island
- June 18, 2011 Attended the Honour Tea for Grand Martha Doris Cullen and presented Sister Frances Thompson with her 60 year jewel.
- June 18, 2011 Visited PGM Joan Campbell in hospital
- July 3, 2011 Happy to attend the "Celebration of the Stars" banquet honouring Worthy Grand Esther, Margaret Clarke and General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointments.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I was delighted to receive a Life Membership from my own Laurel Chapter #67 at our Homecoming. It is very meaningful to be recognized by your own Sisters and Brothers. I will always remember the love and support you have given me. I am deeply indebted to you.

Honorary memberships were received from Westville Chapter #24, Mayflower Chapter #2 and Evangeline Chapter #15. Each of these is very special to me and I will treasure them. I say a sincere "Thank you"! I am grateful for your friendship.

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50, 60 AND 70 YEAR JEWELS

It was so enjoyable to have the honour of presenting our long serving Sisters and Brothers with their fifty, sixty and seventy year jewels. A total of thirty-two jewels were requested and presented - 21 fifty year jewels, 10 sixty year jewels and 1 seventy year jewel. We are blessed with so many dedicated Sisters and Brothers.

I received a letter, dated April 1, 2010, from MWGM Rennie Ofton regarding the ceremony for presenting these jewels. It is her decision that the member would be escorted by the Conductress to the Altar for introduction by entering the Labyrinth in the regular manner. The Conductress would introduce the members in her own words.

The Presiding Officer would welcome and congratulate the recipients and instruct the Conductress to escort the recipients to the East. The Chapter members would be called up as they walk to the East. The Presiding Officer would put the pin on the recipients and ask the members to extend Grand Honours. The intent is to honour the recipients who have served for many years. This decision will be supported with legislation at the 2012 General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas.

50 year members are as follows:

Alberta Campbell	Queen Esther #61
Marjorie Conrod	Queen Esther #61
Hazel Wagner	Queen Esther #61
Diane Hayman	Westville #24
Rodney LeGay	Armcrest #45
Marie Black	Evangeline #15
Beulah Lynch	Amethyst #28
Gyde Lynch	Amethyst #28
Eleanor Tapper	Ruth #57
Edna Matheson	Victoria #19
William Roberts	Victoria #19
Sarah Christine MacKenzie	Victoria #19
Minnie Roberts	Munro #26
Fern Leaman	Arbutus #30
Dale Wolfe	Arbutus #30
Charles Gosling	Keystone #5
Ward Cunningham	Keystone #5
Joyce Cunningham	Keystone #5
Marion Tizard	Ruth #57
Pauline Brooks	St. Mary's #35
Joyce Elliott	St. Mary's #35

60 year members are as follows:

Carrie Langille	Cedar #3
Lorna Bradley	Myrtle #21

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Dorothy Williams	Century #10
Helen Comeau	Century #10
Jean MacMillan	St. Mary's #35
Sheila Beattie	Munro #26
Edith Wentzell	Arbutus #30
Jean Tymer	St. Mary's #35
Frances Thompson	Westville #24
Geraldine Stevens	Mystic Star #40
70 year member as follows:	
Florence Campbell	Emerald #58

DECISIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

- a) I decided to try to make the Schools of Instruction more interesting and to improve attendance by adding to the required Ritualistic work. Each Grand Officer was asked to prepare a guideline of the duties of their Office in a Subordinate Chapter. PGP Bill Clark spoke at each School and provided educational and entertaining ways of shortening our meetings and making them interesting.
- b) A Worthy Matron decided to cancel an Official Visit due to excessive heat. The opening was not completed when this decision was made - I supported her decision. We returned at a later date and completed the visit.
- c) Two Official Visits were postponed due to winter storms in agreement with the Worthy Matrons.
- d) I decided to cancel the Maine Maritime Exchange when I learned that no one from Maine was planning to attend. I consulted with the hosting Chapters (Myrtle Chapter #21 and Elm Chapter #48) planning the event and they concurred. I then informed the Grand Secretaries as well as the WGMs of the three Jurisdictions of this decision. I understand that the date chosen for this function was not suitable for the Jurisdiction of Maine.
- e) I decided to give the profits from the International Weekend to Grand Chapter as there was no budget prepared for the Reception General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments. The Sisters and Brothers who worked together to host the International Weekend supported this decision and requested that this money be used expressly for this Reception.
- f) I supported a request made by Cedar Chapter #3 and Atlantic Chapter #65 to attend the ESTARL Service with District #2 rather than the DDGM of District #7 holding a separate ESTARL Service for these two chapters. The Grand Secretary was informed.

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- g) I decided that demitted members should be given admission to Grand Chapter even though the Registration Form states: admission only by current dues card. This was discussed by the Chair of the Credentials and Registration. My reasoning is that some recently demitted members are serving on Committees and would attend Grand Chapter to fulfil their committee requirements. Also - Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters: Article 18, #1 Demitted members have no rights or claims on any Chapters. They may visit for one year upon presenting a demit, unless objected to by a member of the chapter visited.
- h) I decided against forming a committee of three Past Grand Matrons or Patrons in regard to the Consolidation of Shoreham Chapter #59 and Grace Chapter #8. Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters, Article 31, #1: This committee to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron **on or as and when required basis**. It is my opinion that this consolidation will take place as planned.

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

- a) What is the Chapter Secretary required to record and report?
Answer: Book of Instruction Subordinate Chapter, Article 19, Order of Business: Minutes should be as brief as possible yet they should record all items of business. Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapter, Article 40, Miscellaneous: A Worthy Grand Matron cannot give a Secretary authority to exclude from the minutes of a meeting what transpires in the meeting, giving only motions.
- b) Can a dual member who is an elected officer in a subordinate chapter hold an elected officer in the other chapter?
Answer: Laws and Regulation Subordinate Chapters, Article 16 - Dual Membership #4b: To hold office therein, except the offices of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron and Secretary.
- c) Where is the Union Jack located in the Chapter room?
Answer: I can not substantiate this answer but know that the Canadian Flag is required to be at the far right of the Worthy Matron. I answered that the Union Jack would be between the WM and the Canadian Flag.
- d) Is a dispensation required when a stated meeting is cancelled due to bad weather?
Answer: Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapter, Article 7, Meetings, #9 (A dispensation is not required and) the meeting should be held within two weeks of the original date, if at all possible.

LIST OF IRREGULARITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Copying from the Ritual: Book of Instruction Subordinate Chapter, Article 10 Officers: All officers must memorize their work and not use a Ritual in the Chapter room. My recommendation is that Officers be allowed to read from the Ritual when absolutely necessary, although only one Ritual is to be open at a time.

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- b) All questions should be directed to the Worthy Grand Matron first. Recommendation: The Office of the Worthy Grand Matron should be respected. The Worthy Grand Matron has as a resource, the Jurisprudence Committee and the Office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
- c) This is not an irregularity but an observation and I do not have a recommendation as that will be choice of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. The Schools of Instruction are not reaching our membership as they are intended. The attendance was very poor at all of the Schools. The time, effort, cost and travel for the Grand Officers is not beneficial or rewarding.

THANK YOU

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, my first "Thank you" is to you. I thank you for being so reliable and for all the laughs along the way. We have gone many miles this year and now that you are finished with this responsibility, you can devote your time to your other commitments.

Sister Doris, you are a patient lady and along the way we have become good friends and I am grateful for that. Enjoy the summer at the cottage!

Elected and appointed Grand Officers: **Remember What is most Important!**

*It's not having everything go right;
it's facing whatever goes wrong,
It's not being without fear;
it's having the determination to go on in spite of it.
It's not where you stand,
but the direction you're going in.
Remember to live just this one day
and not add tomorrow's troubles to today's load.
Remember that every day ends and brings a new tomorrow
full of exciting new things.
Love what you do,
do the best you can
and always remember that you are loved.*

I must say to Grand Secretary, Betty Ann, that I appreciate all your help this year. You always responded to my emails quickly and efficiently. Thank you!

Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy, I appreciate your insight and foresight. Your experience is invaluable.

District Deputy Grand Matrons, your work has been exceptional and hope that you are gratified with a job well done.

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Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons - I say a sincere thank you for your kind words of welcome and hospitality beyond compare.

Hostess Chapter 2011 - Your help has been outstanding. From the lobster supper, the turkey dinner we catered, the ticket sales to the work you are doing at this Grand Chapter. You have proved that many hands make light work. I am deeply indebted and feel that "Thank you!" is never enough.

Thank you to Brother Howard Ford for building this beautiful arbour. It has been a lovely addition to the Grand Chapter Room.

Brother John Lorimer, Grand Marshal, the decorations are fantastic. The Grand Chapter is beautiful. You are a talented decorator and I say a sincere "Thank you!" for your efforts.

Sister Marion Buchan, Worthy Grand Matron, moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, W.M. (67) and the motion was carried.

DONATIONS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
MONTREAL SHRINERS HOSPITAL

Associate Grand Conductress 2007-2008:

Morley & Marion Robinson	20.00
Annie Mae Waterbury	10.00
Norm & Carolyn Card	10.00
Megan Church	10.00
Margaret Clarke	20.00
Gertie Cook	5.00
Lloyd & Gail Cook	10.00
Whitman & JoAnne Giffin	10.00
David & Gladys Hobson	10.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Stuart & Muriel Johnstone	10.00
Laurel Chapter #67	30.00
Marves Mitchell Mansfield	5.00
Irma Maxwell	10.00
Penny Parker	5.00
Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer	10.00
Elizabeth Thompson	10.00
Robert & Gloria Turner	20.00
Ted & Bev Caulier	10.00
Edith Conrod	25.00
Ken & Betty Smith	10.00

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Grand Conductress 2008-2009:

Annie Mae Waterbury	10.00
Joan Campbell	10.00
Frank Cullen	25.00
Edith Conrod	20.00
Morley & Marion Robinson	20.00
Ken & Betty Smith	10.00
Robert & Gloria Turner	30.00
Stella Trask	50.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton	20.00
Don & Midge Medcraft	5.00
Janet Merry	10.00
Elizabeth Thompson	10.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau	10.00
Kathryn Acker	10.00
Eleanor Freeman	20.00
Gail Cook	10.00
Mary Ellen Bishop	20.00
Ted Caulier	25.00
Sale of General Grand Pins	160.00
Marion Buchan	300.00
	In memory of Gerry Buchan
	In honour of MWGP Fred Clarke
	WG Esther Margaret Clarke
	100.00
	In honour of GGCCMs and
	Special Appointments
	100.00
Margaret Clarke	10.00
Harmony Chapter #25	25.00
Marion Prest	10.00
Westville Chapter #24	25.00

Associate Grand Matron 2009-2010:

Ruth Bond	10.00
Jean Beckwith	10.00
Edith Conrod	25.00
Irma Maxwell	25.00
Bonnie Boutilier	20.00
Phyllis Jarvis	25.00
Morley & Marion Robinson	50.00
Anonymous	20.00
Larry Ingham	25.00
Joan Campbell	25.00
Mary Lou Higgins	25.00
Cora MacKay	20.00
John & Susan Lorimer	20.00
Peter & Gail Kay	30.00

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Fred & Peg Lipskey		25.00
Tracey Hobson		10.00
David & Gladys Hobson		20.00
Ken & Betty Smith		10.00
Bob & Gloria Turner and Edith Taylor		30.00
Jane Wooldridge		20.00
Ken & Betty Smith		10.00
Helen Connors		20.00
Norm & Carolyn Card		20.00
Elizabeth Thompson		20.00
Don & Midge Medicraft		5.00
Beverley Brown		20.00
Barbara Bowser		10.00
Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer		20.00
Millie Wagner		15.00
Howard & Anna Ford		10.00
Heather Lynch		10.00
Lloyd & Gail Cook		20.00
Stella Trask, WGM		100.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau		20.00
Alvin & Violet Blair		20.00
Dick & Lola Pineo		20.00
Jean Millett		10.00
Sheila Levy		25.00
Jeanette Durnnian		5.00
Ted & Bev Caulier		50.00
Larry & Shelley Gullet		20.00
Worthy Grand Matron 2010-2011:		
Sheila MacDonald		10.00
Caryl Yates		10.00
Geddes & Carole Simpson	To honour our friend	
	WGM Marion Buchan	100.25
Peter & Gail Kay	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00
Vicki Perry	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	50.00
Eleanor Decker	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	50.00
Darrell & Myrna Blenus	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	50.00
Sylvia McCleave	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	100.00
Past Matrons Queen Esther #61	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	50.00
Edith Conrod	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
A Friend	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00
Raymond & Eleanor Freeman	In Memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	10.00
Donald & Barbara Cooke	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00

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June Dauphinee	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00
Ian & Maude Snow	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Jane K. Barkhouse	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Eleanor Tapper	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Mary Smith	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Marian Durling	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00
Irving & Ilse Nicholl	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Ronald G. & Carol Jean Forrest	In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	25.00
Lyda Fisher c/o Katherine Ritson	In memory of Lloyd Fleck	10.00
Mary Reid	In memory of parents Bob & Norma McLaughlin	50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27-Vera Tattrie	In memory of her brother Lloyd Fleck	25.00
Peter & Gail Kay	In memory of Larry Ingham's son Robert In memory of Bill Stevens wife Wylena In memory of James Hood a Shriner	50.00
Raymond & Eleanor Freeman	In memory of PGM Sarah Doty	10.00
Fairfield Chapter #22		50.00
Linda Foote WM Fairfield Chapter #22		50.00
Cedar Chapter #3		50.00
Shoreham Chapter #59		25.00
Ruth Chapter #57		100.00
Crescent Chapter #70		25.00
Harmony Chapter #25		75.00
Harmony Chapter #25		25.00
Mary Smith		25.00
Fern Leaman WM Arbutus Chapter #30		25.00
Rhoda Tupper		50.00
Mystic Star #40		50.00
Queen Esther #61		75.00
Arbutus Chapter #30		40.00
Crescent Chapter #70		50.00
Norman & Carolyn Card	In lieu of gifts for installing officers	40.00
Cedar Chapter #3		25.00
Shoreham Chapter #59		25.00
Elsie Brinkschulte, WM of Ruth Chapter #57 - for addendum		25.00
Mae Chapter #38		50.00
Sheila MacDonald		10.00
Carol Yates		10.00
Roy MacKinnon		50.00
Mystic Star #40	in corsage for WGM	10.00
District Deputy Grand Matron Official Visits:		
District #1:		
Queen Elizabeth #14		50.00
Munro Chapter #26		25.00

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Victoria Chapter #19	50.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	25.00
District #2:	
Elm Chapter #48	25.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47	25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	25.00
Harmony Chapter #25	25.00
Century Chapter #10	50.00
Westville Chapter #24	25.00
District #3:	
Elmsdale Chapter #55	10.00
Scotia Chapter #49	100.00
Ruth Chapter #57	25.00
District #4:	
Sharon Adams, WM Amethyst Chapter #28	25.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	25.00
District #5:	
Queens Chapter #34	50.00
Joan Mills, WM Mae Chapter #38	10.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	20.00
Grace Chapter #8	25.00
Pearle Chapter #71	25.00
Shoreham Chapter #59	25.00
Crescent Chapter #70	25.00
District #6:	
Keystone Chapter #5	25.00
WGM travelling companions	530.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson In memory of Mary Ellen Bishop	10.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61 In memory of Ethel Pearson	25.00
Jim & Joyce Johnston In memory of PGP Allison Mitchell	20.00
Irene Johnson	20.00
Janet Merry, WM Kwebec Chapter #27	35.00
Doug Tidgwell, WP Kwebec Chapter #27	25.00
Starlight Chapter #66	50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	50.00
Carolyn Card, WM Laurel Chapter #67	30.00
Grace Chapter #8	100.00
Keystone Chapter #5	50.00
Queens Chapter #34	50.00
John & Susan Lorimer	100.00
Mayflower Chapter #2	100.00
Laurel Chapter #67	100.00
Laurel Chapter #67	100.00

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Linda Foote	In honour of Grand Officers, GCCMs, Grand Representatives	25.00
Ted & Bev Caulier	In lieu of sending Christmas cards	15.00
Mary Smith		25.00
Jeanette Durnnian	In honour of Grand Officers, GCCMs, Grand Representatives	20.00
Elizabeth Thompson	In honour of Grand Officers, GCCMs, Grand Representatives	80.00
Mary Lou Higgins	In memory of Mary Ellen Bishop	25.00
Elm Chapter #48		25.00
Josie Zwicker	To honour Shriner's child - Greg Bent	20.00
Annavaal Chapter #31		100.00
Carolyn Phinney, WM Annavaal Chapter #31		100.00
Sharon Ward		20.00
Mary Lou Higgins	In lieu of Christmas gifts for Grand Family	50.00
Helen Connors		50.00
Susan Martin		50.00
Westville Chapter #24		50.00
Hattie Hagen	In lieu of Christmas gifts to friends	50.00
James A. Estey	In lieu of gifts Grand Representatives	30.00
Scotia Chapter #49		50.00
Century Chapter #10		100.00
Frances Burgoyne Jackson		20.00
Mary Lou Higgins	In honour of Louise Logan's 90th birthday	10.00
Barry & Jean Jack		20.00
Mary Smith	Valentine donation	50.00
Lillian Symonds	In honour of Laurel Chapter's Grand Officers	40.00
Sharon Adams		30.00
Marves Mitchell Mansfield	In memory of Donald Mitchell	25.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	with corsage	10.00
Amethyst Chapter #28		25.00
Sylvia McCleave	In honour of Grand Officers and Special Appointments	35.00
Evangeline Chapter #15	with corsage	100.00
Past Matrons Myrtle Chapter #21		25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21		50.00
Laurel Chapter #67	Coffee party - February 14, 2011	185.00
Weldon & Barbara Bowser	In memory of MWGP Brother Fred Clarke	25.00
Phil & Irene Beeler	In memory of MWGP Brother Fred Clarke	25.00
Julie Baker	In memory of Max Baker	25.00
Phillis Jarvis	In honour of Laurel Chapter's Grand Officers	25.00
Mayflower Chapter #2	In memory of MWGP Brother Fred Clarke	25.00
Goldie Chisholm	In lieu of gifts to honour Grand Representatives	50.00
Dick Coleman		20.00

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Velda Forest	In lieu of gifts - honour night	20.00
Wilma Verge	In lieu of gifts - GCCM's honour night	25.00
Pearle Chapter #71		50.00
Amelia Whalley		25.00
Mary Smith		50.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton		100.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35		100.00
Emerald Chapter #58		150.00
Past Matrons Emerald Chapter #58		25.00
Atlantic Chapter #65		35.00
Beverly Caulier	In honour of Grand Representatives	20.00
John & Diane Patterson	In honour of Grand Conductress, Mary Lou Higgins	25.00
	Grand Representatives Fran Jackson, Les Graham, GCCM Cora MacKay	
Irene Johnson	In honour of GCCM Cora MacKay	20.00
	Grand Representatives Fran Jackson, Les Graham	
Anonymous		200.00
Frances Bugoyne Jackson	In honour of Grand Conductress, Mary Lou Higgins	40.00
	Grand Representatives Fran Jackson, Les Graham, GCCM Cora MacKay	
Cora MacKay	In honour of Grand Conductress, Mary Lou Higgins, Grand Representatives Fran Jackson, Les Graham	50.00
Mary Lou Higgins	In honour of Subordinate Chapter - Conductresses	25.00
Past Matrons Queens Chapter #34	In memory of Ethel Pearson	25.00
Carolyn Matthews		5.00
Arlene Antle	In honour of Millie Wagner, Clara Nieforth, Geraldine Parker	25.00
Crescent Chapter #70	In memory of Raymond Page	100.00
Crescent Chapter #70	In memory of Raymond Page, Beatrice Enslow, Dorothy Williams	75.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	Donation - Fairfield Chapter #22 closure	500.00
Ethel Brown	Addendum	25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55		25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55		50.00
Jack & Amelia Whalley	In memory of Ted Davis	15.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14		100.00
Victoria Chapter #19		50.00
Mary Reid	In lieu of gifts	200.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	In lieu of gifts	50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	In memory of Mae Oderkirk	20.00

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Victoria Chapter #19	Addendum	50.00
John & Carole Newell		100.00
Carole Newell		50.00
Evelyn Aulenback	In lieu of gifts for honour night	100.00
Sheila MacDonald	In memory of mother Effie MacDonald PM, MacKeigan Chapter #64	20.00
Lyda Fisher c/o Katherine Retson	In honour of Grand Representative, Fran Jackson, GCCM Cora MacKay	20.00
Mary Lou Higgins	To honour Grand Officers and DDGMs	50.00
Sylvia Munroe	In honour of Grand Electa, Heather Lynch, GCCM Phyllis Munroe	20.00
Frances Thompson		20.00
Eleanor Decker	To honour WGM Marion Buchan and WGP Frank Cullen	350.00
	Honour nights for: Sisters Jane Wooldridge, Mary Lou Higgins, Lillian Symonds, Doris Cullen, Marion Robinson, Brothers Fred Lipskey, Ralph Swinamer	
	Grand Chapter Committee Members:	
	Sister Shirley Conrad Finance	
	Sister Marion Conrad Jurisprudence	
	Sisters Wilma Verge, Ruth Donaldson Membership	
	Sisters Doreen Edgar, Evelyn Aulenback, Eastern Star Journal	
	Sister Nora Moxsom, Brother Charles Paterson	
	ESTARL	
	Sister Mary Zinck Crafts and Treasures	
	Sister Sylvia McCleave Publicity	
	Sister Betty Smith WGM & WGP Special Project	
	In memory of Sisters Eveline Vogler and Helen Dauphinee	
William Thompson		20.00
Joan Campbell		100.00
Ken & Betty Smith		50.00
David Clarke	To honour JoAnne and Alfred Newell	10.00
Carol Weir	In memory of PGM Sarah Doty	70.00
Sandra Denton	In memory of PGM Sarah Doty	105.00
Keystone Chapter #5	Addendum	25.00
Brenda Clarke	In honour of GCCM Donna Himmelman Grand Representative David Clarke	35.00
Marion Tizard		25.00
Ruth Chapter #57		150.00
John & Susan Lorimer		100.00
Anonymous		5.00

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Homecoming WGM Marion Buchan and WGP Frank Cullen:

Larry & Vivian Ingham		50.00
Emerald Chapter #58	Ticket sales for Sister Annie Drover's ring	330.00
Janet Merry	The Gamblers donation	300.00
Penny Parker	Crafted crocheted and sold butterfly pins - Laurel Chapter #67	150.00
Murray & Stella Trask		50.00
Marion Conrad	All honourees of different chapters	100.00
Marion Conrad	Crafted and sold blue butterfly pins - presented as a necklace	1,000.00
Marion Conrad	Wake-a-thon	600.00
Millie Wagner	Wake-a-thon	700.00
Clara Nieforth	Wake-a-thon	700.00
Peter & Gail Kay	To honour WGM WGP DDGM and GCCMs	100.00
Peter & Gail Kay	Received on her honour night	25.00
Mary Lou Higgins		50.00
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson		50.00
John Lorimer	Received on his honour night - Adrian & Isabelle Pearson	15.00
Susan Lorimer	Received on her honour night - Adrian & Isabelle Pearson	10.00
Betty Ann Loughnan	In honour of Grand Officers and DDGMs	100.00
Dorothy Powroz	In lieu of gifts for Grand Family	100.00
Lewis & Maxine Smith		30.00
Morley & Marion Robinson	To recognize all honourees	150.00
Jeanette Durnnian		25.00
Margaret Clarke		50.00
Norm & Carolyn Card	In corsage	20.00
Anonymous		25.00
Edith Conrod		50.00
Millie Wagner		150.00
Cora MacKay	In honour of Grand Family and DDGMs	50.00
Ruth Bond		10.00
Megan Church		10.00
Margaret Muise	Received on her honour night	10.00
Margaret Muise	In honour of GCCM	20.00
Lloyd & Gail Cook	To honour WGM WGP Grand Officers, DDGM and GCCMS and Grand Representatives	60.00
Diane Hayman and Janet Johnson		50.00
	In memory MWGP Fred Clarke, James Hood, Muriel Parrington Jeanette Graham and Robert Johnson Manitoba	50.00
Howard & Anna Ford	In lieu of gifts on honour nights for honourees on honour nights	100.00

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Irene MacIsaac		25.00
Maureen Roddick	In honour of WGM and WGP	25.00
Raymond & Eleanor Freeman		50.00
Roy MacKinnon		25.00
Linda Townsend	In lieu of gifts	50.00
Patricia Wamboldt	In lieu of gifts	75.00
Zeke & Susan Eaton		50.00
Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer		50.00
George & Mary Crouch		20.00
David & Annie Mae Waterbury		100.00
Bill & Carol Clark		50.00
Jean Beckwith		40.00
Elizabeth Thompson		20.00
Tracey Hobson	In lieu of gifts for Grand Officers and DDGMs	50.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau	In lieu of gifts for all honourees	100.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau		20.00
David & Gladys Hobson		50.00
Hayward & Leota Meisner		20.00
Cyril & Rowena Marsters	In honour of Mary Lou Higgins, Cora MacKay Ralph Swinamer	50.00
Allen & Mary Reid		45.00
Vince & Irma Maxwell		50.00
Alvin & Violet Blair		20.00

Additional Donations:

Munro Chapter #26	Good of the Order	75.00
Sheila MacDonald	In memory of mother, Sister Effie MacDonald, MacKeigan Chapter #64	25.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	Closure of Fairfield Chapter #22	150.00
Mildred Aker		20.00
Helen MacLeod		50.00
Joan M. Mills	Proceeds Chowder lunch - Mae Chapter #38 WM Joan Mills and WP Charlie Teal	200.00
Joan M. Mills	In honour of Grand Electa Sister Heather Lynch, GCCMs - Sister Phyllis Munroe and Brother Charlie Teal	15.00
Kathryn Acker	To honour members of Crescent, Queens and Keystone Chapters	100.00
Stella Trask	In memory of Ted Davis, Grand Representative of NB	25.00
Montague Chapter #69	In honour of officers and members	50.00
Past Matrons Regent Chapter #52		25.00
Regent Chapter #52		50.00

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Crescent Chapter #70 (collected from visitors & members)	Honour Night GGCCM Ron Boudreau and GCCM Grace Boudreau, Grand Esther Leota Meisner, GCCM Hayward Meisner Grand Representatives Leora Enslow and Kathy Holmes	110.00
Marion Conrad	more butterflies	15.00
Jean Profit		200.00
Bonnie Boutilier	Homecoming Honour - Grand Representatives: Helen Wamboldt, Marjorie Conrod Honour - Grand Chapter Committee Members	60.00
Harmony Chapter #25	In lieu of gifts-Grand Appointments honoured	125.00
Mary Smith		25.00
Mae Chapter #38		50.00
Carl & Norma Thompson		25.00
Sheila MacDonald	Donation - Homecoming	20.00
Leota Meisner	Received on her honour night	20.00
Mabel Haynes	In lieu of gifts - Grand Sentinel, Ralph Swinamer's honour night	20.00
Jean Coombes	In lieu of gifts - DDGM Bonnie Boutilier and GCCMS	25.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37		50.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	Walk-a-thon	358.00
The Gamblers	Fund Raising Games Night	305.00
WGM travelling companions		500.00
Marion Buchan	With appreciation - Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Grand Representatives	300.00
Beulah Lynch		5.00
Donations at Grand Chapter:		
WGM & WGP Special Project Committee		2,700.71
Grand Guards	Presentation to WGP Frank Cullen from the Worthy Patrons	85.00
Wilma Verge		10.00
Gloria Turner		100.00
Heather Lynch		100.00
PAGO's	Special Project	200.00
Grand Representatives	Presentation to WGM Marion Buchan	100.00
Grand Representatives	Presentation to WGP Frank Cullen	100.00
Past Matrons Evangeline Chapter #15		50.00
Grand Pages	Presentation to WGM Marion Buchan from the Worthy Matrons	150.00
Keystone Chapter #5		200.00

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Wilma & Rita Baker		100.00
Tickets on Tie Quilt	Crafted and donated by JoAnne Newell	185.00
Tickets	Masonic Book by Dr. Rob Morris	145.00
	Donated by PGP Ted Caulier	
Joyce Cunningham		20.00
Grand Officers	Donated from Grand Officers	80.00
	with gift of a Swarovski butterfly	
Anonymous		20.00
Hostess Chapter 2011		55.00
Hostess Chapter 2011		145.00
Mab Cole Smith	Donation from Fifth Avenue Purchases	300.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	Memorial donation - Arnold Tobey	50.00
Lowell & Sheila Levy		50.00
Evelyn Aulenback	Received on Honour night from	
	JoAnne Newell	10.00
John Lorimer		500.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47		50.00
Reginald & Gladys MacRae		20.00
Marion Miller		50.00
Crystal Chapter #1	In honour of:	210.00
	Sister Jane Wooldridge AGM	
	Sister Marion Miller GGCCM	
	Sister Maureen Weeks Grand Representative of Missouri	
	Sister Audrey Farquharson Grand Representative of Oregon	
	Sister Connie MacDonald GCCM on Courtesy	
	Sister Judy Graves GCCM on Crafts and Treasures	
	Sister Helen Nicholson GCCM	
	on WGM & WGP Special Project	
Charles & Anna Carr		25.00
Crystal Chapter #1 PEI		75.00
Past Matrons Crystal Chapter #1	In recognition of the Official Visit	180.00
	and In honour of:	
	Sister Jane Wooldridge AGM	
	Sister Maureen Weeks Grand	
	Representative of Missouri	
	Sister Audrey Farquharson Grand	
	Representative of Oregon	
	Sister Connie MacDonald GCCM on Courtesy	
	Sister Judy Graves GCCM	
	on Crafts and Treasures	
	Sister Helen Nicholson GCCM	
	on WGM & WGP Special Project	
	Sister Marion Miller GGCCM	
	Arrangements for General Grand Chapter	

**Combined reports of WGM and WGP - Donation to the Shriners Hospital
\$32,420.49**

Many beautiful gifts were received throughout the year - I will treasure these gifts as well as the rewarding experience of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. Each chapter gave me memories and pictures for a lifetime.

The dedication and generosity of the Eastern Star members in our Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is remarkable and appreciated so very much. Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you!

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2010-2011
BROTHER FRANK CULLEN**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Esther, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Visitors, Sisters and Brothers.

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to the "Ribbons of Hope" Session, the sixty-fourth annual session of The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It seems a very short time since I was installed in this office. This year has passed very quickly, and I hope I have fulfilled my duties satisfactorily.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, it has been an honour and a very great pleasure to serve as Worthy Grand Patron with you. Sister Doris and I have enjoyed your company, hospitality and friendship over these years, and I know it will continue in the future.

Sister Jane and Brother Fred, you will assume the duties of this Grand Chapter in a very short while. My very best wishes for you in the next year. May you succeed in accomplishing your goals and objectives.

Elected Grand Family. Thank you for your company and support during this past year. I wish you very great success as you progress through your offices.

Appointed Grand Family and District Deputy Grand Matrons. Thank you for accepting your offices, and doing excellent work at your stations. Thank you for accompanying us on our visits throughout the year.

Grand Chapter Committee Members. Thank you for accepting your appointments, and thank you for the time and effort you have put in to make our year a success.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers and members of all subordinate Chapters. I thank you for all the courtesies extended to me during our visits to your Chapters. The addenda, gifts and monetary gifts to our special project are all very much appreciated, and are a reminder of your kindness.

Thank you, sisters and brothers of Westville Chapter, for the encouragement and support you have given me over the years. Thank you for the honour nights and your contribution to the Homecoming Celebration. I am very proud of the life membership to Westville Chapter presented to me at our homecoming.

I was honoured and proud to receive honorary memberships in Laurel, and Mayflower chapters. Thank you very much, Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Doris, Grand Martha, I very much appreciate the support, assistance and love you have given me over these years. You have been my companion on this journey in Eastern Star. Without all of this, I would not be here today. I love you very much.

I have attended all Official Chapter visits, except one, and that was because of a snowstorm, attended and participated in all Schools of Instruction, International Weekend and Maritime Exchange.

I attended, with Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, the several funeral services for our late members, the installation of the Philae Temple Potentate, Illustrious Sir Brian Miller, the installation of Queen Marelene Clyde, reigning Queen of Athena Temple, Daughters of the Nile, the annual meeting of the Masons Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia held in Truro, N. S., and the annual meeting of the Masons Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island held in Summerside, P.E.I. We were welcomed and introduced at each event. We attended our Homecoming.

The listing of the by-law changes which were approved during the year, and the listing of the donations to me for our Special Project will be printed in the proceedings.

The following by-law changes were approved during this past year:

- Feb. 4, 2011 Evangeline Chapter, #15, General update of By-Laws to conform with changes to Grand Chapter CL&R
- Feb. 24, 2011 St. Mary's Chapter, #35 Time of Meetings changed to 7.30, and Chapter closed Jan. and Feb.
- May 29, 2011 Arbutus Chapter, #30, Meetings to be held on the first Saturday of each month with the exception of July and August, at the hour of 2:00 pm.
- June 10, 2011 Scotia Chapter, #49, Jan. and Feb. meetings changed to the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm.

Brother Frank moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, P.M. (24) and the motion was carried.

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**DONATIONS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Adrian and Isabel Pearson	\$20.00
Anna and Howard Ford	\$20.00
Barbara Bowser	\$10.00
Bonnie Boutilier	\$40.00
A Friend	\$20.00
Edith Conrod	\$20.00
Frances Thompson	\$40.00
Gail and Lloyd Cook, in honour of WGM, WGP, Grand Officers, GCCMs and Grand Representatives of 2010-2011	\$70.00
Gloria and Bob Turner, Edith Taylor	\$30.00
Helen Connors	\$20.00
Inez Daye	\$10.00
Inez Daye in honour of Doris Cullen	\$10.00
Joan Campbell	\$120.00
John and Diane Patterson	\$25.00
Margie Allen	\$20.00
Marion Robinson	\$20.00
Mary Lou and Ross Higgins	\$70.00
Rosemary and Tim Hayter	\$70.00
Sharon Ward	\$20.00
Stella and Murray Trask	\$150.00
Ted and Bev Caulier	\$50.00
Westville Chapter	\$300.00
Westville Chapter WM Nancy Doyle and WP Garry Hope	\$20.00
Westville Chapter, in honour of Susan Martin, Janet Johnson and Doris Cullen	\$30.00
Nancy Doyle and Garry Hope in lieu of gifts at installation	\$20.00
Rosemary Hayter and Bill Clark in lieu of gifts at installation	\$60.00
Westville Chapter in honour of Hilda Allen	\$25.00
Westville Chapter in lieu of flowers at installation	\$50.00
Wm. A. Thompson	\$40.00
Mary Smith	\$75.00
Fairfield Chapter	\$25.00
Mae Chapter	\$25.00
Cedar Chapter	\$25.00
Shoreham Chapter	\$25.00
Crescent Chapter	\$25.00
Arbutus Chapter	\$25.00
Harmony Chapter	\$25.00

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Armcrest Chapter	\$25.00
Ruth Chapter	\$50.00
Florence Fraser Chapter	\$50.00
Starlight Chapter	\$25.00
Queens Chapter	\$50.00
Mystic Star Chapter	\$50.00
Queen Esther Chapter	\$50.00
Kwebec Chapter	\$60.00
Laurel Chapter	\$30.00
Irene Johnson	\$20.00
Helen Connors and Susan Martin	\$50.00
Garry Hope	\$49.00
John and Susan Lorimer, in honour of Grand Officers and DDGMs and in lieu of gifts at honour nights	\$200.00
Scotia Chapter	\$50.00
Century Chapter	\$100.00
Barry and Jean Jack	\$20.00
Amethyst Chapter	\$25.00
Sharon Adams	\$25.00
June Dauphinee in memory of MWGP Fred Clarke	\$20.00
Evangeline Chapter	\$100.00
Myrtle Chapter	\$25.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton	\$100.00
Emerald Chapter	\$50.00
Atlantic Chapter	\$35.00
Pearle Chapter	\$25.00
Mary Lou Higgins in memory of MWGP Fred Clarke	\$25.00
Mary Lou Higgins in honour of Cora MacKay, Fran Jackson and Les Graham	\$20.00
Cora MacKay in honour of all GCCMs	\$50.00
Joyce and Philip Roode in memory of Elizabeth MacNaughton	\$25.00
Joyce and Philip Roode in memory of Shirley Wolfe	\$25.00
Elmsdale Chapter	\$25.00
Victoria Chapter	\$25.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter	\$100.00
John and Carole Newell	\$100.00
Munro Chapter	\$25.00
Ken and Betty Smith	\$50.00
Keystone Chapter	\$25.00
Murray Gardner	\$100.00
Hilda and Bill Allen	\$20.00
Vi and Alvin Blair	\$20.00
Norm and Carolyn Card	\$20.00
The Gamblers	\$200.00

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Gail Fudge	\$100.00
Fred Lipskey	\$100.00
Margaret Clarke	\$50.00
Irma Maxwell	\$25.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham	\$50.00
Janet Johnson and Diane Hayman, in honour of; Rev. Stewart and Betty Russel, Grand Officers, DDGMs Grand Representatives and GCCMs for 2010-2011	\$100.00
Roy MacKinnon	\$25.00
Zeke and Susan Eaton	\$50.00
Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer	\$50.00
George and Mary Crouch	\$20.00
Carol and Bill Clark	\$50.00
Betty Thompson	\$20.00
Lew and Maxine Smith	\$30.00
Mary and Allen Reid	\$25.00
Peter and Gail Kay	\$50.00
Leota and Hayward Meisner	\$20.00
Grace and Ron Boudreau	\$20.00
Dorothy Powroz, in memory of Hilda and John Powroz	\$50.00
Betty Ann Loughnan, in memory of her mother, Helen Dauphinee	\$50.00
Gladys and David Hobson	\$50.00
Marion Miller	\$50.00
Reg MacRae	\$20.00
Montague Chapter	\$50.00
Regent Chapter	\$50.00
Crystal Chapter	\$85.00
Sheila MacDonald	\$20.00
Anna and Charlie Carr	\$25.00
William M Thompson in honour of Doris Cullen and Frances Thompson	\$20.00
Mary Lou Higgins in honour of Doris Cullen and Frances Thompson	\$20.00
Diane and John Patterson in honour of Doris Cullen	\$10.00
Diane Hayman and Janet Johnson in honour of Doris Cullen	\$20.00
Margie Allen in honour of Frank and Doris Cullen	\$20.00
Belle and Adrian Pearson in honour of Doris Cullen	\$15.00
Vivian and Larry Ingham in honour of Doris Cullen	\$20.00
Joyce and Philip Roode in honour of Doris Cullen, Frances Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Spicer	\$30.00
Rosemary Hayter in honour of Grand Martha, Sister Doris Cullen and 60 year member, Frances Thompson	\$50.00
Westville Chapter in honour of Grand Martha, Sister Doris	\$50.00
Roy MacKinnon in honour of Grand Martha, Sister Doris	\$10.00

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Frank, Doris, and Murray Cullen, in memory of our beloved Aunt, Christene MacKay	\$100.00
Frank and Doris Cullen, in honour of Grand family and District Deputy Grand Matrons	\$100.00
Frank and Doris Cullen, in honour of Grand Chapter Committee Members and Grand Representatives	\$100.00
Frank and Doris Cullen, in honour of Mary Lou Higgins and Cora MacKay	\$20.00
Frank and Doris Cullen, in honour of Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther	\$20.00
Frank and Doris Cullen, in honour of tea for Frances Thompson's 60 th anniversary as a member	\$40.00
Frank and Doris Cullen, in honour of Special Appointments: Carolyn Galley Card and Irma Maxwell	\$20.00
Darrell MacKay, in memory of Aunt Christene MacKay	\$93.00
Chris Murray, in memory of Christene MacKay	\$25.00
Vivian Brown, in memory of Christene MacKay	\$20.00
Kathleen Rafuse	\$20.00

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2011

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.: The Jurisprudence Committee composed of Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M; Brother Allan Conrad, G.G.C.C.M. and Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. have reviewed the proposed Notices of Motion for 2011 and report as follows.

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| 1. Members can serve on more than one Committee | Approved |
| 2. Same as number one | Approved |
| 3. Add all expenses of Grand Chapter into one section | Approved |
| 4. No longer have district schools of instruction organized by D.D.G.M's nor do we pay a mileage rate | Approved |
| 5. Do away with voting card | Approved |
| 6. Quickens introductions | Approved |
| 7. All members eligible to be appointed to Grand Representatives | Approved |
| *8. Regarding Program Booklet | Approved |
| *9. Set guidelines for Program Booklet Committee | Approved |
| *10. To include Program Booklet Committee as a Standing Committee | Approved |
| 11. Associate Grand Matron shall serve as a District Deputy Grand Matron | Approved |
| 12. Duties of Grand Secretary | Approved |
| 13. Publication of Records to reduce expenses of Grand Chapter | Approved |

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| 14. Regarding Grand Honors | Approved |
| 15. Regarding Secret Work | Approved |
| 16. Duties of Grand Secretary | Approved |
| 17. Unfinished Business Committee | Approved |

*** Nos. 8, 9 and 10 were withdrawn and will be presented under New Business and presented as a Notice of Motion in 2012, as it would be a change in the "Constitution" section of the C.L.&R.**

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. and the motion was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session, July, 2011:

1. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved the following notices of motion at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

Grand Chapter Laws & Regulations, Article 3 section 3, page 26, delete

Rationale: as our membership is declining it is getting more difficult to get qualified persons to serve on committees

This is not meant to mean that some individuals will be on multiple committees but rather it allows the Worthy Grand Matron more options.

William F Clark, PP Westville #24

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P.(24) moved, seconded by Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

2. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter Laws & Regulations, Article 22, section 2, page 49, delete "or committee member"

Rationale: same as above

William F. Clark, PP Westville Chapter #24

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

3. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter Laws & Regulations, Article 9, Visitors to Sessions of Grand Chapter page 36- section 3 move to Article 11, Expenses, to be numbered section 5, renumber balance of Article 11.

Rationale: to add all expenses of our Grand Chapter into one section.

William F. Clark, PP Westville #24

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This motion was moved for adoption by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) and seconded by Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P. (40). **The motion was carried.**

4. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter Laws & Regulations, Article 11, Expenses, section 4 a) delete the following: line 2 “and when attending their district school of instruction”

b) Delete- “Shall be paid mileage at a rate recommended annually by the Finance Committee and as approved by the Grand Chapter.”

Rationale: we no longer have district schools of instructions organized by our DDGM's nor do we pay a mileage rate

William F. Clark, PP Westville #24

4a) was moved for adoption by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) and seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) and **the motion was carried.**

4b) was **withdrawn** by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24).

5. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter Laws & regulations, Article 7, section 2 (a)-delete “holding the voting card provided by the Grand Chapter for use of the voting delegates.”

The section would then read, “The voting sign of the Order of the Eastern Star is the uplifted right hand.”

Rationale: as all changes to the CL&R are now requiring two-thirds for approval and the fact that we are trying to cut un needed expenses, we should do away with the voting card.

William F. Clark, PP Westville #24

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) that this motion be accepted. After some discussion for and against this motion, it was put to the vote and **the motion was carried.**

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Book of Instruction Subordinate Chapters- Article 16, Introductions, 1st paragraph, page 28- delete the following:

“The conductress and associate conductress remains in the east facing west until introductions are completed and have been instructed by the Worthy Matron to return to their respective station.

Replace with:

“The conductress and associate conductress shall remain in the east facing west until the Worthy Matron gives direction for the next introduction. If those then being introduced are not remaining in the east the conductress and associate conductress shall conduct them back to their seats. The conductress and associate conductress will remain where they dropped off the last person until given instruction to introduce the next group of individuals. This will continue

until introductions are complete and the Worthy Matron instructs both to return to their respective stations.”

Rationale: quickens introductions

William F. Clark, PP Westville Chapter #24

The motion was made by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) and seconded by Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P. (40) that this motion be accepted. An amendment to this motion was made by Sister Marion Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61) and seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, Sr., P.G.P. (24) “When the Worthy Matron calls for introductions, the Conductress and Associate Conductress pick up sisters and brothers on their side and organize in the West.” The amendment was voted on and carried. The original motion was then voted on with the amendment and **it was carried.**

7. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I hereby give notice that I will move or cause to be moved the following motion:

Under the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, that Article 22, page 49 be changed to read:

(1) All members be eligible to be appointed Grand Representatives.

Rationale: We are now re-appointing previous Grand Representatives and there are many, many of our members who have not served as Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron of their chapters but have given wonderful, dedicated service to our Order and would make wonderful Grand Representatives. This is now being done in some of our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Marian E. Durling, PGM (61)

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) moved, seconded by Sister Margie Allen, P.M. (3), that this motion be accepted. Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) moved an amendment “to be a member for at least ten (10) years”. Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) seconded the amendment. **The amendment was defeated.** The original motion was then voted on **the motion was carried.**

8. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Ken Conrod, Past Patron, Queen Esther Chapter #61, will move or cause to be moved at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session that:

Article 3: page 26, of the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, paragraph 6, is amended to read as follows:

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

The Program Booklet committee shall consist of one member from each of the Districts and three additional members shall be appointed to oversee the committee. Beginning in the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter year, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the three members to oversee the committee; one shall be appointed for a one year term, one for a two year term and one for a three year term. Beginning in the 2012-2013 Grand Chapter year, one member shall be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each annual session for a period of three years. The committee chairman shall be the member that has been appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron that has one year left in their three year appointment.

Explanation: This will set the Structure and makeup of the Committee – one member from each District and Three to oversee the committee work, such as keeping inventory of past supporters for future contacts, recording, controlling and forwarding of all ad monies to the Grand Secretary and to work with the printer on the production of the Program Booklet.

The Worthy Grand Matron of the day will have to consult with the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress to see which members will oversee the Committee for upcoming Grand Chapter sessions. In 2011-2012 Grand Chapter years, the incoming Worthy Grand Matron will have to ascertain from the incoming Associate Grand Matron and the incoming Grand Conductress on who will be appointed to the respective 2 and 3 year terms. In 2012-2013, and for each annual Grand Chapter Session after that date, the incoming Worthy Grand Matron will have to consult with the incoming Grand Conductress on who will be appointed to the three year term.

Ken Conrod, P.P., Queen Esther Chapter #61

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. (61)

9. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Ken Conrod, Past Patron, Queen Esther Chapter #61, will move or cause to be moved at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session that:

Article 3, page 28 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter be amended by adding a new page 28A with a new heading. “Program Booklet” followed by:

The Program Booklet Committee is charged with the responsibility of soliciting ads to offset the costs of production for the Program Booklet for each Grand Chapter Session.

Ads may be solicited from members and Chapters within the jurisdiction. Additionally, ads may be solicited from Concordant Masonic bodies as well as businesses and politicians within the jurisdiction.

The Committee shall:

1. Visit Chapters in their District in an effort to obtain promotional ads to support the Grand Chapter Program Booklet
2. Speak with individual members of the Order in an effort to obtain promotional ads to support the Grand Chapter Program Booklet
3. Solicit ads from other Concordant Bodies within the Masonic Community in their respective District
4. Solicit ads from businesses in their respective District in an effort to obtain promotional ads to support the Grand Chapter Program Booklet
5. Solicit ads from politicians in their respective District in an effort to obtain promotional ads to support the Grand Chapter Program Booklet
6. Work in conjunction with the Hostess Committee for each Grand Chapter Session to gain advertising contacts in the Host District.

Explanation: to set guidelines for the Program Booklet Committee to work from.
Ken Conrod, P.P., Queen Esther Chapter #61

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. (61)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Ken Conrod, Past Patron, Queen Esther Chapter #61, will move or cause to be moved at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session that:

Article 9: 1: Committees of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended to include the Program Booklet as one of the Standing Committees.

Article 9: 1: will read: The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, Credentials and Registration and the Program Booklet Committee.

Explanation: To include the Program Booklet Committee as a Standing Committee of Grand Chapter.

Ken Conrod, P.P., Queen Esther Chapter #61

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. (61)

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter Laws & Regulations- **Article 2 Duties of Officers Worthy Grand Matron- section 6-** delete the current second sentence and replace with the following:

Included in the District Deputy Grand Matrons shall be the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress

Associate Grand Matron- change section 12 to section 13 and add section 12 as follows. **"shall serve as a District Deputy Grand Matron"**

William F. Clark, P.G.P Westville Chapter # 24 and

Jane Wooldridge, A. G.M., Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI)

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Laws & Regulations **Article 2 Duties of Officers Grand Secretary- Section 9**-delete and replace with- Send via e mail the amendments to the CL&R and all resolutions passed at each regular or special session within sixty days of passage to each Chapter and Grand Officers. If Chapter or Officer does not have e mail send via regular mail.

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) that this motion be accepted. After discussion, the motion was voted on and **the motion was defeated.**

Section 9 a -- delete

Add section 43- Where it is directed in the duties of the Grand Secretary to send, mail, distribute, correspond, carry on, notify, present, issue, communicate, this shall be via e mail if those receiving the documents have email, otherwise via regular mail.

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was defeated.**

add section 44- The Grand Secretary shall immediately upon receipt of notices of motions send the proposals to the Jurisprudence Committee via email if committee members have same and via regular mail if not.

Add section 45- send approved changes of the CL&R to the Web master within sixty days of each session.

William F. Clark, P.G.P. Chairman Process Review Committee

Section 9(a): sections 44 and 45 were withdrawn by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter, Laws & Regulations, Article 11 Expenses section 6- (a)
add of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island before General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Article 11 Expenses- Publication of Records- second paragraph- Delete and replace with- All material intended to be part of the annual proceedings shall leave the Grand Secretary's office no later than March 1st of each year.

Add at beginning of third paragraph- “The proceedings shall be published on a CD, not hard copy paper. The proceedings shall also be placed on the Grand Chapter Web site each year”. Delete the balance of this paragraph.

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Add 5th paragraph- The C.L.& R. shall be placed on the Grand Chapter Web site. The Grand Secretary will each year send approved changes to the CL&R to the Web Master to up date the CL&R.

Rationale- this will greatly reduce the expenses of Grand Chapter.

William F.Clark, P.G.P. Chairman Process Review Committee

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24)

14. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At Grand Chapter, I will move or cause to be moved the following motion:

From The Constitution, Laws and Regulations, Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapter Article 17, Grand Honours (second paragraph):

A Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron who holds any other office must be introduced as a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron if she/he is to receive Grand Honours. In Subordinate Chapters, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons may be escorted to the East and extended Grand Honours at any time after the Chapter has been declared open for business.

Be changed to: A Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron who holds any other office must be introduced as a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron if she/he is to receive Grand Honours. In Subordinate Chapters, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons shall be extended the Grand Honours at each meeting, at any time after the Chapter has been declared open for the transaction of business. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons do not have to be escorted to the East to be accorded Grand Honours.

Rationale: Since our Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was Constituted, Grand Honours have been extended to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. It is a sign of honour and respect due to these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for their dedication and service.

Marion Buchan, W.G.M.

Sister Marion Buchan, W.G.M. moved, seconded by Sister Carolyn Galley Card, W.M. (67) that this motion be accepted. After some discussion, the motion was voted on and **the motion was carried.**

15. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At Grand Chapter, I will move or cause to be moved the following motion.

From the Constitution, Laws and Regulations, Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapter Article 19, page 32, Order of Business (second paragraph from the end)

The Worthy Patron, Associate Patron and Conductress will each be issued a copy of the Secret Work on the night of Installation. The Secretary will immediately obtain the signature of each of these three officers acknowledging

same. Upon completion of their respective terms of office, these officers shall return these copies promptly to the Secretary.

Be changed to: The Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress and Associate Conductress will each be issued a copy of the Secret Work on the night of Installation. The Secretary will immediately obtain the signature of each of these four officers acknowledging same. Upon completion of their respective terms of office, these officers shall return these copies promptly to the Secretary.

I move the addition of the Associate Conductress and the number of officers changed from three to four to Article 19, Order of Business.

Rationale: Housekeeping in order to correspond with past changes.
Marion Buchan, W.G.M.

This motion was moved by Sister Marion Buchan, W.G.M. and seconded by Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P. (40) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

16. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Take notice that at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held July 4, 5, 6, 2011, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following Notices of Motion:

that No. 4, Duties of the Grand Secretary, Article 2, Laws and Regulations, Page 14, be deleted, and all other duties of the Grand Secretary be re-numbered accordingly from 4-43.

Diane R. Hayman, PGM (24)

It was moved by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and seconded by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

17. NOTICE OF MOTION:

The Unfinished Business Committee be added to Article 3, Laws and Regulations, page 26, "Grand Chapter Committees and their Duties" as follows:

"The Unfinished Business Committee shall review the proceedings of the previous Grand Chapter Session each year, and, forward a report to the Grand Secretary prior to the opening of Grand Chapter. This report will either contain a list of items to be acted upon at the up-coming Grand Chapter Session, or will state that there is no unfinished business with which to deal. The Grand Secretary will then provide a copy of this report to the Worthy Grand Matron before the business session of Grand Chapter."

Diane R. Hayman, PGM (24)

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) moved, seconded by Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P. (40) that this motion be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

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PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Sixteen 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 La Verne Porter, (15); Sister Margaret Bonn, (22); Sister Diane Hayman (24); Sister Isabelle Pearson, (25); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Beverly Caulier (27); Sister Betty Ann Loughnan (40); Sister Cora MacKay (48); Sister Fran Harding, (52); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Vicki Perry (59); Sister Elizabeth Thompson (67); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Grace Boudreau (70) and Sister Anna Ford (71); Sister Jeannette Vreeland, (131) New Jersey.

Sister Betty Ann: Sister Secretaries,

*To welcome you all is something special to do,
It leads to realizing that dreams do come true.
I looked forward to this time,
And now that it is here
My wish is that you will all return again next year.*

It is always a great pleasure to see so many chapter secretaries assembled in the West and I am honoured to extend a warm welcome to each of you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, thank you for the privilege of welcoming the secretaries.

May your “*Ribbons of Hope*” Session be a wonderful conclusion to all your hopes and dreams and leave you with many happy memories.

The **response** was given by **Sister Elizabeth Thompson**, Secretary (67):

Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary:

On behalf of the secretaries of the subordinate chapters, it is my privilege to express our thanks for your kind words of welcome. It is a pleasure to work with you and we are truly grateful for your guidance, patience and understanding. Your friendly assistance makes it much easier for us to fulfill our duties.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, thank you for the honour you have bestowed on Laurel Chapter No. 67 and myself, in allowing me to give this response. May your “*Ribbons of Hope*” Session be filled with Joy, Love and Peace.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The office of the Grand Secretary is an interesting and busy one, yet the daily contact

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with the members make the work most rewarding and enjoyable. It is hard to believe that another year has gone by so quickly.

As in the past, I strive to carry out my duties as promptly as possible to keep our membership and financial records up to date. During the year we changed our accounting programme and that transition went smoothly and is working well.

This past year our Grand Chapter was deeply saddened by the passing of our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, Past Grand Matron, Sister Sarah Doty and Past Grand Patron, Brother Allison Mitchell, as well as many devoted sisters and brothers.

Unfortunately the trend of declining membership continues and we were saddened to lose Fairfield Chapter, No. 22 on May 31, 2011. We hope these members will affiliate with neighbouring chapters. We are encouraged that some chapters are fortunate in bringing in new members and hopefully soon our membership roster will be on the rise.

The statistical report reflects the figures of the previous year, 2009-2010, as follows:

STATISTICS: MEMBERSHIP
Order of the Eastern Star of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
1 June 2009 to 31 May 2010

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2009: **2,114**

No. of Members Initiated:	30
No. of Members Affiliated:	34
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>0</u>
SUB-TOTAL:	<u>64</u>
TOTAL:	2,178
No. of Members Died:	69
No. of Members Demitted:	59*
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>10</u>
SUB-TOTAL:	<u>138</u>
No. of Members as of 31 May 2010:	2,040

No. of Chartered Chapters:	39
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	2,040
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	24
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	26

* **Note:** 27 of the members demitted were members of:
Faith Chapter, No. 54, whose charter was surrendered on August 31, 2009.

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Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010:

<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 31,2010</u>
Mayflower #2	1			1	2		58
Cedar #3	1	5		3			46
Keystone #5	1			1	1		44
Grace #8		1		2	1		49
Century #10	2	2		4	4		70
Queen Elizabeth #14	1						46
Evangeline #15				2			76
Victoria #19				4			77
Myrtle #21		1		5	1		57
Fairfield #22					1		37
Crystal #1 PEI				4	4		100
Westville #24				4			78
Harmony #25	3			1			66
Munro #26				1			45
Kwebec #27	4	3		2	1	1	82
Amethyst #28				4			66
Arbutus #30	1			3			35
Annaval #31		1					47
Queens #34				1			25
St. Mary's #35		2				3	55
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				3			46
Mae #38				2	2		40
Mystic Star #40				2	3		42
Armercrest #45				2	1	2	45
Florence Fraser #47		2		1	1		46
Elm #48	2	3		3			43
Scotia #49				2		1	40
Regent #52	1			1	1	1	48
Faith #54				1	26		0
Elmsdale #55	2						39
Ruth #57	1			2	1		44
Emerald #58	1						58
Shoreham #59				2	2		28
Queen Esther #61	7	1		1	2		100
Atlantic #65		3			1		25
Starlight #66		5			3	1	30
Laurel #67	2	3			1		67
Montague #69		1		2			55
Crescent #70		1		1		1	51
Pearle #71				2	1		34

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DONATIONS TO CHARITIES
2010-2011

ESTARL
(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

From Chapters and Members:

Mayflower #2	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	100.00
Cedar #3	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Joan Boutilier	25.00
	Carol Coulter in memory of Mary Ellen Bishop	20.00
Keystone #5	In memory of Sarah Doty, P.G.M.	25.00
Grace #8	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Helen Corkum from: Sheila and Lowell Levy	10.00
	Nan Varner and Mab Cole Smith	20.00
Century #10	Chapter donation	210.00
	In memory of Mary Stallard	50.00
	In memory of Doris Green	50.00
	Bertha and Russell MacDonald: in memory of Mary Stallard	50.00
Queen Elizabeth #14	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Vera Howie	25.00
	In memory of Katherine Halliday	25.00
	In memory of Katherine Halliday	25.00
	John and Carole Newell in memory of: Allison Mitchell	25.00
	Sarah Doty	25.00
	Mary Ellen Bishop	30.00
	Katherine Halliday	25.00
Helen Dauphinee	30.00	
Evangeline #15	In memory of Vera Currie	50.00
	In memory of Allison Mitchell	50.00
	In memory of Sarah Doty	50.00
	Phyllis Jarvis in memory of: Sarah Doty	25.00

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Victoria #19	Chapter donation	200.00
	Evelyn and Neil MacDonald in memory of: Brenda MacAulay and Gary Ross	50.00
Myrtle #21	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	25.00
	In memory of Doris Patterson	25.00
	In memory of Mary Ellen Bishop	25.00
	In memory of Ethel Pearston	25.00
	In memory of Lorna Bradley	25.00
	In memory of Mary Ellen Bishop from:	
	Trudy Johnson	20.00
	Norma Campbell	20.00
	Joan Campbell	50.00
	Carol Atkinson	20.00
	Heather Boyd	25.00
	Goldie and Earl Chisholm	10.00
	Goldie Chisholm in lieu of gift to Hilda Allen	20.00
Fairfield #22	Chapter donation	500.00
	In memory of Fred Clarke, MWGP	50.00
Crystal #1 PEI	Chapter donation	600.00
	Kathryn Doughart in lieu of 2010-11 gown purchase	200.00
Westville #24	In memory of James Hood	50.00
	In memory of Anna Horne	50.00
	In memory of Fred Clarke, MWGP	250.00
	In honour of:	
	Dan & Loreen Thompson's 50 th anniversary	50.00
	Diane Hayman's 50 th anniversary as a member	50.00
	Bill and Hilda Allen's 65 th anniversary	50.00
	Charles McPherson	20.00
	Joyce & Philip Roode in memory of:	
	Fred Clarke, MWGP	25.00
	Sharon Ward in honour of:	
	Diane Hayman as a 50 year member	20.00
	Hilda Allen, Grand Representative	20.00
	Parents (Hilda & Bill Allen) 65 th anniversary	20.00
	Hilda Allen in honour of Goldie Chisholm and Grand Representatives	25.00 25.00

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Harmony #25	Chapter donation	200.00
	Agnes MacDonald and Chrissie MacMillan	
	In memory of Danny Dykens	20.00
Munro #26	Chapter donation	116.00
	Chapter donation	100.00
	Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in memory of	
	Helen Dauphinee	20.00
Kwebec #27	In lieu of gifts to G.C.C.M.s on honour night	30.00
	Past Matrons Club	25.00
	In memory of Joanne Cameron's father	25.00
	Margaret Burhoe in honour of:	50.00
	Susan Wroe, Grand Representative	
	Betty Smith, G.C.C.M.	
	Sylvia McCleave, G.C.C.M.	
Amethyst #28	Chapter donation	250.00
	Past Matrons Club	50.00
Arbutus #30	Chapter donation	50.00
Annaval #31	Chapter donation	75.00
	In memory of Mary Ellen Bishop	50.00
	Katharine and Roy Evans in memory of:	
	Mary Ellen Bishop and Carrie Sweeney	40.00
	Don and Midge Medicraft in memory of:	
	Mary Ellen Bishop and Carrie Sweeney	50.00
	William James Batson	100.00
	In memory of Mary Ellen Bishop:	
	Mary Kelley	10.00
	Dianne LeGard	10.00
	Dorothy Beals	10.00
Queens #34	Chapter donation	100.00
St. Mary's #35	Cheryl and Allen Denton in memory of:	
	Fred Clarke, MWGP	100.00
	Sarah Doty	50.00
	Joyce & Ward Cunningham's son-in-law	25.00
	Helen Dauphinee	25.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Jessie Gillis	50.00
	In memory of Georganna Waters, Charter Member	100.00

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Mae #38	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Helen Corkum	25.00
	Helen Holden in memory of Helen Corkum	10.00
	Edith (Peg) Cook in memory of Helen Corkum	25.00
Mystic Star #40	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Helen Dauphinee:	
	Glynne Lloyd	200.00
	Rhoda Tupper	25.00
	Shirley Bezanson	20.00
Armcrest #45	Chapter donation	100.00
Florence Fraser #47	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of:	
	Fred Clarke, MWGP	50.00
	Brian Tate	25.00
	Kerry Fleet	25.00
	Alice's Sutherland's sister	25.00
Elm #48	Chapter donation	250.00
Scotia #49	Chapter donation	105.00
	Allan Conrad as guest speaker at Kwebec #27	25.00
Regent #52	Chapter donation	100.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
	2009-10 Worthy Matron's Special Project	137.21
	In honour of:	
	90 th birthday of Audrey Crozier and	
	95 th birthday of Margaret Hunter	70.00
	90 th birthday of Doris Rowell	35.00
	Doris Paynter in memory of Allison Mitchell	20.00
Elmsdale #55	Chapter donation	100.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
	Worthy Matron's Special Project	48.00
	In memory of Mae Oderkirk	25.00
	Ruth Donaldson in lieu of gifts on honour night	20.00
	Nora Moxsom in lieu of honour night gifts	50.00
	as guest speaker at Kwebec #27	25.00
Ruth #57	Chapter donation	500.00
	Chapter donation	200.00

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Emerald #58	Chapter donation	150.00
	Basket draw	70.00
	In honour of PMs and PPs on Chapter birthday	30.00
Shoreham #59	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of:	
	Marvel Mattson	25.00
	Laurie Myra	25.00
	Helen Corkum	25.00
	Lorna MacLeod	25.00
Helen Dauphinee	25.00	
Queen Esther #61	Chapter donation	250.00
	In memory of Connie Conrod	25.00
Atlantic #65	In memory of Mae Oderkirk	25.00
Starlight #66	In memory of Wayne Yorke	25.00
	Roy MacKinnon in memory of:	
	Fred Clarke, MWGP	20.00
	Helen Dauphinee	20.00
Laurel #67	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of the Veterans	40.00
	In memory of:	
	Fred Clarke, MWGP and	
	Lucy Gillis	100.00
	Nora Hamilton	30.00
	Fred & Peg Lipskey in memory of	
Fred Clarke, MWGP	20.00	
Montague #69	Chapter donation	200.00
Crescent #70	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Evelyn MacAdams	25.00
Pearle #71	Chapter donation	150.00
	Eleanor & Raymond Freeman in memory of:	
	Alice Sullivan and Mary Ellen Bishop	20.00
	Helen Dauphinee	10.00

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Other Donations to ESTARL:

District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	347.00
	District #2	270.00
	District #3	325.00
	District #4	203.40
	District #5	202.05
	District #6	264.00
	District #7	341.75
Grand Chapter Church Service, July 4, 2011		923.62
Grand Chapter	In memory of Allison Mitchell	50.00
	In memory of Sarah Doty	50.00
	In memory of Fred Clarke, MWGP	50.00
Past Grands Club:	In honour of:	
	Keith and Carol Pettigrew's Wedding	25.00
	David and Annie Mae Waterbury's Wedding	25.00
	In honour of Fred & Margaret Clarke's 55 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Reg & Gladys MacRae's 60 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Marian and Russell Durling's 50 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Vi & Alvin Blair's 70 th Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Royce & Edith Hefler's 65 th Anniversary	25.00
	In memory of Allison Mitchell	25.00
	In memory of Sarah Doty	25.00
	In memory of Frederick Clarke	25.00
Grand Representatives Association		100.00
General Grand Chapter - Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist: Sale of CD's at Triennium 2009		171.50

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Cedar #3	150.00	For General Grand Chapter's Project 2009-2012
Myrtle #21	50.00	Chapter donation
Florence Fraser #47	100.00	For General Grand Chapter's Project 2009-2012
Regent #52	65.00	For General Grand Chapter's Project 2009-2012

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CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE

Cedar #3	4.00	Donation from Shirley MacTavish
Fairfield #22	25.00	
Laurel #67	100.00	
Sales at Grand Chapter	1,472.80	

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:

It is my pleasure to serve as Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter and I sincerely thank all the members who, through your continued support and friendship, make my work much easier.

To the subordinate chapter secretaries, I extend my thanks for your devotion to your duties and your promptness in sending reports and other information in a timely manner. I do appreciate all the kind notes, emails and phone calls from you. It is most encouraging.

To Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, as usual it has been a pleasure working with you and this year we were brave enough to change the accounting programme and hopefully it will continue to work well. My heartfelt thanks for being there for me and with me especially during this past year.

To all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, my deep and sincere thanks for your support and encouragement during the year. I also want to say a special thank you to the many members who sent cards, phone calls, emails and made personal visits when my dear mother passed away in January. Your thoughtfulness and compassion greatly helped me through that difficult time and I truly appreciated the support.

Sister Marion and Brother Frank, may you always have fond memories of your "*Ribbons of Hope*" year.

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

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PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

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

Sister Frances Duncan (10); Brother Vincent Ells (14); Sister Carol Pettigrew (15); Sister Aileen MacKillop (19), Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Sister Elinor Sanford (22); Sister Maureen Weeks (1PEI); Brother Allister Thompson (24); Sister Caryl Yates (26); Sister Donna Ball (27); Sister Shirley Burns (31); Sister Norma Kennedy (34); Sister Nancy Hilden (35); Sister Doris Hillier (58); Sister Lorraine O'Neill (61); Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Jeanette Durnnian (67); Brother Ron Boudreau (70).

Welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers

Sister Dorothy: One of the highlights of a Grand Chapter session for me is the honour I have in welcoming each of you. You each work very hard for your chapters, ensuring its financial well being is in good hands. For those of you who have served for many years I thank you on behalf of this Grand Chapter. For those of you newly installed I welcome you to the financial fraternity. A special welcome to Brother Cecil, our Grand Treasurer Emeritus, who taught me so much. It's always a pleasure to see you here. This Grand Chapter Session is the "Ribbons of Hope" and I found this lovely poem I'd like to share with you:

*Ribbons of hope are dreams to hang on to
Ribbons of hope are dreams to be cherished
Ribbons of hope are spread throughout the land
Ribbons of hope are dreams to be passed on
Ribbons of hope are gifted to one another
Ribbons of hope are dreams to be thankful for
Ribbons of hope are dreams to be shared*

Enjoy your time sharing hope, joy and laughter at this 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 Lorraine O'Neill**, Treasurer (61). She thanked Sister Dorothy for her dedication to the office of Grand Treasurer and thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for giving her this opportunity to express thanks on behalf of all Treasurers.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer: To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

It has been my honour and privilege to serve this Grand Chapter for another year, one that has been interesting, at times challenging, yet always rewarding.

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With the change to the fiscal year of the Grand Chapter it was also time to make changes to systems and banking. Both Sister Betty Ann and I upgraded to a new accounting system and we had lots of fun trying to make simple things harder for each other. The good news is we're still friends and we love how easy it is. I also decided to look at our banking and the way we invest and found a way to save in service charges and make more money on our investments. This change happened after our fiscal year end and will be reflected in next year's financial statements. One of our goals this year was to make our financial statements easier to read for the membership and I worked closely with our auditor to make that happen and am pleased with the result. When looking at these there are some things to note. Firstly, the statement is for six months to reflect the change to our year end. Most of our revenue came into our account during this time with per capita and registration fees and since the end of December to date we are on track with the budget that was presented last year which took us to May 31st of this year. Of note is that with the change to the districts, the DDGMs expenses significantly decreased over previous years, and by utilizing the same printer for the Program Booklet there were less set up fees so we will be more profitable this year in that undertaking. The drop in the US dollar also allowed us to keep the cost of inventory stable and pricing the same. Attached to the statements are the budgets. This year, the Finance Committee will be presenting two budgets, one to complete this year and one for the fiscal year 2012.

I attached the budget for last year to assist the membership in clarification. I promise after we get through the next seven months it will be much simpler. The budget has been presented and approved by Grand Council.

In Appreciation

Thank you to the Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter for your trust in me to serve this beautiful Order. To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I hope your Ribbons of Hope session is all that you wish it to be and on a personal note my thanks for your understanding of my hectic life this year, while I couldn't be with you, you were in my thoughts and prayers.

To our Finance Committee: It was a pleasure to attend our meetings and to work with Sister Shirley, Sister Margie and Sister Lorraine and I ask the membership to support their recommendations.

To Our Grand Secretary: I know this was a tough year for you sis, but we still had some fun. And I do mean fun between learning the system, and then relearning it and of course cruising. I promise that what we did on the cruise stays on the cruise. My lips are sealed although I'm not sure about pictures.

And finally some **Butterfly Wishes**

*Yesterday a butterfly
Came floating gently through the sky.
He soared up through the atmosphere
Then drifted close enough to hear.*

*I said. "I'd love to fly with you
And sail around the way you do.
It looks like it would be such fun
To fly up toward the summer sun.*

*But I have not your graceful charm.
I haven't wings, just these two arms.
I've been designed to walk around.
My human feet must touch the ground."*
*Then magically he spoke to me
and told me what his wish would be.*

*He said. "What I'd love most to do
Is walk upon God's Earth with you,
To squish it's mud between my toes
Or touch my finger to my nose.*

*I'd love just once to walk around
With human feet to touch the ground,
But I have not two legs that swing,
I haven't arms, just these two wings."*

*And so we went our separate ways
In wonder and surprise.
For we'd both seen God's precious gifts
Through someone else's eyes.*

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

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 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 December 31, 2010 and the statements of income and retained earnings for the six months then ended.

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

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

Halifax, NS
June 19, 2011

Deborah Loughnan
Accountant

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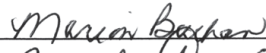

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 2010

	Estarl Fund (Note 3)	Benevolent Fund (Note 3)	General Fund (Note 3)	December 2010 Total	May 2010 Total
ASSETS					
Current					
Cash	\$ 7,688	\$ 5,157	\$ 45,794	\$ 58,639	\$ 46,458
Marketable Securities (Note 4)	6,000	16,500	29,192	51,692	42,500
Accounts Receivable	-	-	869	869	1,814
Inventory	-	-	3,974	3,974	5,242
Accrued Interest	677	945	914	2,536	872
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	3,500	3,500	8,442
	<u>14,365</u>	<u>22,602</u>	<u>84,243</u>	<u>121,210</u>	<u>105,328</u>
Investments (Note 4)	29,147	38,000	30,000	97,147	109,339
Capital Assets (Note 5)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>2,042</u>
	<u>\$ 43,512</u>	<u>\$ 60,602</u>	<u>\$ 115,791</u>	<u>\$ 219,905</u>	<u>\$ 216,709</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET EQUITY					
Current					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Grand Chapter Pre-registration Receipts	-	-	-	-	\$ 5,110
Contributions Payable (Note 6)	-	-	6,457	6,457	29,863
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,457</u>	<u>6,457</u>	<u>35,473</u>
Net Equity	<u>12,435</u>	<u>77,597</u>	<u>123,416</u>	<u>213,448</u>	<u>197,785</u>
	<u>\$ 12,435</u>	<u>\$ 77,597</u>	<u>\$ 129,873</u>	<u>\$ 219,905</u>	<u>\$ 233,258</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS:

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET EQUITY
For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2010**

	Estarl Fund	Benevolent Fund	General Fund	December 2010 Total	May 2010 Total
Revenue					
Membership Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,400	\$ 20,400	\$ 21,140
Registration Fees	-	-	10,992	10,992	7,772
Craft Sales	-	-	946	946	1,611
Donations	-	-	-	-	33,107
Sale of Supplies	-	-	6,011	6,011	-
Other	-	-	60	60	1,462
Program Booklet Advertising	-	-	913	913	-
Interest Income	677	945	850	2,472	4,098
	<u>677</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>40,172</u>	<u>41,794</u>	<u>69,190</u>
Expenses					
Amortization	-	-	494	494	989
Annual Proceedings	-	-	-	-	2,809
Benevolent Assistance	-	2,900	-	2,900	6,500
Cost of Supplies Sold	-	-	4,693	4,693	-
District Deputies	-	-	339	339	3,096
Estarl Bursaries	14,960	-	-	14,960	13,280
Grand Session	-	-	3,500	3,500	4,416
Honoraria	-	-	6,300	6,300	9,800
Honoraria For Triennium	-	-	2,035	2,035	221
Insurance	-	-	1,193	1,193	1,100
Church Services/Grand Chaplain	-	-	100	100	797
Memorial Donations	-	-	-	-	50
Office, Postage, Bank Charges	-	-	4,344	4,344	8,572
Office Rent	-	-	750	750	1,500
Per Capita Assessment, General Grand	-	-	2,183	2,183	2,394
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	500
Program Booklet Expense	-	-	6,452	6,452	-
WGM and WGP Jewels	-	-	225	225	1,400
	<u>14,960</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>32,608</u>	<u>50,468</u>	<u>57,424</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	(14,283)	(1,955)	7,564	(8,674)	11,766
Net Equity, Beginning of Year	<u>26,718</u>	<u>79,552</u>	<u>115,852</u>	<u>222,122</u>	<u>186,019</u>
Net Equity, End of Year	<u>\$ 12,435</u>	<u>\$ 77,597</u>	<u>\$ 123,416</u>	<u>\$ 213,448</u>	<u>\$ 197,785</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 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:

Jewels and Regalia - 20 years

Revenue

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

Restricted Contributions

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

Contributed Materials and Services

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

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3. Purpose of Funds

Estarl Fund

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

Benevolent Fund

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

General Fund

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

4. Investments

	Dec 2010	May 2010
Estarl Fund	\$ 35,147	\$ 36,147
Benevolent Fund	54,500	57,500
General Fund	59,192	59,192
	<u>\$ 148,839</u>	<u>\$ 152,839</u>

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
			Dec 2010	May 2010
ESTARL FUND				
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	May 26, 2014	3.00%	1,000	1,000
			<u>\$ 35,147</u>	<u>\$ 36,147</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			6,000	2,000
			<u>\$ 29,147</u>	<u>\$ 34,147</u>
			\$ 35,147	\$ 36,147
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			6,000	2,000
			<u>\$ 29,147</u>	<u>\$ 34,147</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2010

4. Investments (continued)

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
			Dec 2010	May 2010
<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
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>\$ 54,500</u>	<u>\$ 57,500</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			16,500	23,000
			<u>\$ 38,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,500</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
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)			29,192	30,000
			<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,000</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Dec 2010	Net May 2010
Jewels & Regalia	19,776	18,228	1,548	2,042
	<u>\$ 19,776</u>	<u>\$ 18,228</u>	<u>\$ 1,548</u>	<u>\$ 2,042</u>

6. Contributions Payable

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

	Dec 2010	May 2010
Donations - Estarl fund	\$ 19,365	\$ 15,185
	718	2,134
	<u>\$ 20,083</u>	<u>\$ 17,319</u>

7. Related Party Trans

During the year the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	Dec 2010	May 2010
Grand Matron Honoraria	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Grand Patron Honoraria	1,000	1,500
Grand Secretary Honoraria	2,000	4,000
Grand Secretary's Assistant Honoraria	300	300
Grand Treasurer Honoraria	1,000	2,000
District Deputy Expenses	339	3,096
	<u>6,639</u>	<u>12,896</u>
Office Rent to Grand Secretary	750	1,500
	<u>750</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>\$ 7,389</u>	<u>\$ 14,396</u>

**PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER RUTHS
(Honour Station for 2010-2011)**

Five Subordinate Chapter Ruths were presented in the west and introduced: Sister Gale Langille, Century #10; Sister Freda Ells, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Jan Whamond, Evangeline #15; Sister Sandra Denton, St. Mary's #35; Sister Beverley Wentzell, Emerald #58.

Sister Lillian Symonds, Grand Ruth:

It is a great honour to extend a hardy welcome to all subordinate chapter Ruth's. As Grand Ruth it has been a wonderful experience to share this Star Point and visit most of you in your home chapters. On behalf of this Grand Chapter may you enjoy your "Ribbons of Hope" Session and hopefully renew old friendships.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, may you both have a pleasant and memorable Grand Session. May I take this moment to thank you both for the privilege and the honour of serving as your Grand Ruth, your honour station; also for giving me the pleasure of welcoming the subordinate Ruth's to this session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Sandra Denton (35)**. Sister Sandra thanked Sister Lillian for the warm welcome and she thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for the honour to respond.

Sister Lillian presented each sister with a gift of remembrance of this year.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Sister Rennie Ofton, M.W.G.M. expressing her regrets that she could not attend this session due to ill health.
2. Letter from our late Brother Fred Clarke expressing his thanks for his Homecoming celebrations at the July, 2010 Grand Chapter session.
3. Letter from the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Montreal for the wonderful gift of teddy bears which were collected and presented by Sister JoAnne Giffin, Grand Representative of Quebec, to the Grand Chapter of Quebec. This was a project of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.
4. Letter from Sister JoAnne Giffin, (59), Grand Representative of Quebec in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island expressing her sincere thanks to all chapters who kindly donated teddy bears or dogs. She made a large bag, which converted into a blanket, to hold these stuffed animals. These she presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Quebec at their session in October, 2010.

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5. Letter from Bonny Lea Farm to update this Grand Chapter on the progress of their new facility for their Bark Mulch program. Along with our donation they have received funding from both the Provincial and Federal governments and are now proceeding with construction. A plaque will be placed on the wall of the new facility recognizing our contribution.
6. Letter of regrets from Sister Marjorie Morgan, PGM of Ontario who is unable to attend this session.
7. Letter from the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick expressing their wishes for a successful session and inviting everyone to attend their session which begins on Wednesday.

CLOSING

At 12:20 p.m. the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 5, 2011

1:50 p.m. Grand Chapter was called to order and the Grand Officers resumed their stations. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter session from refreshment to labour.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Sister Sharon Horne and Sister Sylvia McCleave, Grand Chapter Committee Member on Publicity were introduced in the West, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and back to their seats.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Sister Anita Young, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was escorted to the East. Sister Sandra Denton, P.M. (35) was brought to the East and presented with the Grand Representative Commission of Quebec in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Anita: Dear Sister Sandra, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Fabienne Winter, was unable to attend this Grand Chapter due to work commitments and with her blessing and at the request of your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan, I have been asked to assist her in the presentation of this commission which is for a three year term and expires on July 1st, 2014. Personally I have had a wonderful relationship with the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island since 1980 when I was appointed Grand Representative to this Grand Chapter and had as my counterpart, Sister June Dauphinee, who needs no introduction. I do hope that you will correspond with your counterpart, Sister Mildred Orr. I am sure she is anxious to hear from you. If you would like to learn more about our Grand Chapter

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I am sure that your predecessor, Sister JoAnne Giffin can tell you all about us or you can check us out on our website. I do hope you will be able to visit us in Quebec during your term of office. Congratulations and enjoy your commission to the fullest.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for all courtesies which have been extended to me during my visit here with you and I wish for you continued success in your "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter session.

MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the Tuesday morning session and moved the adoption of these minutes. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59) and the motion was carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Members registered from our Grand Jurisdiction:	304
Members registered from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>98</u>
Total attendance to date:	402

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.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: As you can see, the afternoon is full of reports. I would ask if you are prepared to give a report that you are prepared to follow the member ahead of you. I will ask for the Grand Chaplain's report at 3:00 p.m. in order to hold the Memorial Service. We will finish the reports Wednesday. Thank you.

REMARKS

BROTHER DONALD THORNTON GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIRMAN, SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES

Brother Donald Thornton, G.G.C.C.M.:

Sisters and Brothers, have you ever thought about the difference you make in the lives of those around you? Not just your family and friends but those in your community, your church, your neighbourhood and your country. Do you often think- what can I do as an individual when the problem is so big?

I guess it's a little like going camping and leaving the campsite better than you found it. Or like the child who was picking up star fish and throwing them back into the sea when a man came along and said to the child that there are so many star fish that one person can't save them all and the child replied as he threw another one into the sea, "I made a difference for that one".

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Alone we can do little but we can all do something even if it only helps one star fish. Together we can do much and save many star fish.

What the Scottish Rite Learning Centres for dyslexic children is doing is something like the star fish story. The Scottish Rite started with a Centre in London, Ontario, tutoring six children. They now have five Centres across Canada including one in Halifax, tutoring hundreds of children. Each child now has a better chance of reaching his or her full potential because of that experience and we do it all free of charge. They are changing lives for the better and all this is done because individual people, like you and me, are picking up that single star fish and throwing it back into the sea.

My mission during this triennium is to bring awareness of the problem of dyslexia to our membership and to raise money in support of the Learning Centres established by the Scottish Rite. No one person has to do a lot, but if everyone does a little it will help the final outcome. All funds raised here will go to the Centre in Halifax.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, have given me permission to issue a certificate signed by both of them under their seal, to anyone who donates to the cause. In addition, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation will issue a tax receipt and I will see that your name and chapter is included in a memorial book which I will present to Sister Rennie and Sister Margaret, Brother Fred's widow, at the next triennium. My goal is to have every chapter in Canada included in that book. You can help me reach that goal. Will every chapter in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island be listed? Only you can make it happen.

Please come and see me and Brother Keith Pettigrew in the concourse before the session ends and learn how you can save a star fish and give a child a more meaningful future. Remember if it is to be it is up to me!

BROTHER MURRAY GARDNER GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS for RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP " ESTARL "

Brother Murray, G.G.C.C.M.:

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

Let me first express my thanks to Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and Brother Fred Clarke, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, for this special appointment as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on ESTARL.

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Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) were established by action taken at the General Grand Chapter Assembly held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 1952. Since then, the project has been written into the By-Laws of the General Grand Chapter, thus becoming a permanent project of the Order.

Grand Chapters within the General Grand Chapter support this permanent project in different ways. In this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the ESTARL FUND is funded each year by voluntary gifts and memorials given by Chapters and individual members. The Grand Chapter Committee on ESTARL has a very responsible job to review and select from applications received from the various Chapters, and the awarding of these scholarships. We commend this committee, Chaired by Brother Donald Medicraft and members - Brother Charles Paterson; Sister Nora Moxsom; Sister Marianne MacMillan and Sister Shirley Shot.

This program is to encourage and assist those preparing for full time Christian Service.

You are encouraged to continue support of this permanent project of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, I thank you for this opportunity to address this Grand Chapter and commend you for "fantastic" leadership during this your "Ribbon of Hope" session. Thank You.

**ADRIAN PEARSON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
JURISPRUDENCE**

Brother Adrian, G.G.C.C.M.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is a pleasure to share with you, the following report with respect to the General Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee. The Committee consists of three Brothers - Brother John Olson, Seattle, Chairman, Brother Larry Puckett, Georgia and myself.

The duties of the Committee are listed in detail in the BY-LAWS of the General Grand Chapter. I will summarize by saying, we respond to all matters that are directed to us by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. In each case Brother Larry and I forward our replies to Chairman John who passes our majority opinions to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, who makes the final decision in every case.

To date, I can report that the Committee is almost always in agreement in our final submission to Sister Rennie.

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I cannot reveal details of the issues, for privacy reasons, but generally speaking interpretations have been requested from anywhere in the Red Book, or other handbooks. All the questions that arise, are important to the Jurisdiction or individuals who pose them. It is necessary therefore that responses are correct, timely, complete and clearly understood. The answers are not always found and this may lead to suggested changes in legislation at the next Triennial Assembly.

Let me say, that many sensitive issues arise that must be handled with compassion, authority and grace. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron demonstrates all these attributes in dealing with matters of concern. Several situations require repeated correspondence and in some situations, a visit from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, which increases the need for tact while enforcing the Laws and Regulations of the Order.

Examples of subject matter would include, Masonic relationship, age qualification, Prince Hall connection, Grand Honours, presentation of 50 year Pins, and most recently - Plural Installations.

Questions from Grand Chapters are most often referred back to the Grand Chapter for local authority action. The Most Worthy Grand Matron may express an un-official opinion to assist, but not a ruling.

As you know, Chapters subordinate to General Grand Chapter have been organized in many Countries i.e. Brazil, Japan, Italy, Germany. Dealing with inquiries from these Jurisdictions can present logistical problems (as well as the distance factor). The Committee is happy to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron as she deals diplomatically with these Countries and their individual customs and Laws.

In closing, I must tell you that I was hesitant to accept this appointment but thankfully, Sister Rennie and Brother Fred prevailed.

I am grateful to both of them for the opportunity to serve General Grand Chapter in this capacity. It has provided me with an insight into the workings of the Order that would otherwise not have been available to me.

I trust my service has been acceptable and I look forward to the second half of the Triennium.

**DAVID WATERBURY
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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

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

The Red Book describes the duty of the Public Relations Committee as "...to develop a public relations program that there may be increased understanding and appreciation of the purposes and projects of the Order".

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Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, frequently remarks that we must "get the word out".

Public Relations in business is used to attract customers, purchasers of the companies wares. Well, we are not necessary selling stuff to our customers, (those who can best benefit from the fraternity's endeavours), who are the needy. Rather, we must, by good Public Relations attract to our ranks of membership, those who can, and, very importantly, enjoy the opportunity to, extend the establishment of the principles of "truth, generosity and loving kindness" to those around us, principally, to those standing in need of such care. Lets be frank, our public relations is aimed at membership.

So...HOW? Well, our story is more of serving mankind than sensational. We are more concerned with LOVING than INJURING or defeating. Our minutes make the rural weekly's but the dailies prefer shocking stuff. Moreover, I am unable to recall the identity of any candidate that came to us after reading about O.E.S. in the Herald. How will they come? Same as 90% of us all. Some Sister or Brother mentioned what some of the Star members were doing for someone or organization concerned for humanity, and the idea of "Hey"! That's something I'd like to have a piece of. Ethel spoke to Marie, Marie spoke to Ruth, Ruth spoke to Georgie, Georgie spoke to Jan, that sort of thing. My line...Jean spoke to Howard, Howard spoke to me, I spoke to Marshall (or was it the other way 'round?). We both spoke to Don. Got him while on duty at the court house. So, sisters and brothers, you want to see your Chapter grow again?? "Talk Star". Go thou and do likewise..". At coffee clatch, card table, church group, (this way offers a lay means of some of your religious convictions), Golf course, choir practice, grocery line up. Your own enthusiasm is contagious. That's the public relations message.

Thanks for the time, Worthy Grand Matron.

**SISTER CHERYL DENTON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
CO-CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR
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Sister Cheryl , G.G.C.C.M. on behalf of Sister Joan Campbell, Chairman:

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

It is my pleasure to step in on behalf of Sister Joan. As you know she is and has had some major health struggles and I know we all are thinking of her and wishing her a speedy recovery - please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Well, General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas is getting closer and closer. Very soon letters will be coming out regarding accommodations, banquets, entertainment and every possible effort is being made to make this Triennium Session as convenient and enjoyable as possible for all who attend.

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I urge as many of you as possible to try to attend. Let us all make this session the best one ever and especially one that would make Brother Fred very proud.

Just yesterday afternoon we had a meeting regarding the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Banquet and I can tell you that arrangements are finally starting to come together and all who attended the meeting agree that it is high time to start “putting the metal to the pedal”.

As you know, Sister Joan and I, being on the Executive Committee work closely with Brother Henry Martin of Texas and we are both in touch with him frequently. He has been very forth coming and up front with expectancies that they have of us and we will be working diligently to fulfill those duties.

Many of you may already have heard of “Billy Bobs” in Fort Worth - rodeo, cowboys, etc. - really quite famous. Well, just wait until we Maritimers get there - what a hoot that will be and what wonderful memories we will come back with.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to stir up more enthusiasm for the Triennium Session in 2012.

**BARBARA BENTON
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Sister Barbara Benton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Guests, all Sisters and Brothers:

Chick Chick A Ma!

How sweet it is to be back with you in your beautiful country. You most likely haven't kept count of the times I've been here. Really, I didn't keep count either until I was elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee in 1991. Last night as I sat in this room I thought about Elizabeth Pettigrew and Allison Mitchell. I attended their session in 1992; the “Golden Apple, a Gift of Love” session in 1996 when Margaret Clarke and Howard MacInnis served as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; 1999 when Cheryl Denton and Ted Miller were in the East; “Hearts in Harmony” in 2002 when Isabelle Pearson and William Thompson graced the East; the “Golden Harvest” 2004 session with Inez Daye and Allen Denton presiding; 2005 when Marylyn Swinamer and Allan Conrad were Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; in 2008 when I made my Official Visit as Most Worthy Grand Matron to Annie Mae Backman Waterbury and Whitman Giffin's “Beacons of Light” session and was given an Honorary Membership; and now, as Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to this session of “Ribbons of Hope”. In Choctaw - Ribbon of hope - Hope white man won't talk with forked tongue. It has, up to now, been a beautiful and inspiring session.

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The courtesies to your guests have been many and all are appreciative of them. Tom and I have already eaten the fruit out of the courtesy basket; the red rose is dressing up our room; the bookmark gift from the East; and since I'm a 56 year member I was lucky to receive one of the cute little crochet doilies with the little bird.

Sister Marion and Brother Frank, you had such a terrific "Opening Night", starting with the 4:00 p.m. ESTARL Church Service; the Choir gave us much joy; Diane Hayman did a super job on the introduction of the Grand Family; and the presentation of flags and their tributes under the direction of Brother Bill Thompson were heartfelt. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for showing us such a good time.

I just feel that I want to talk about your Fred Clarke for a minute. He gave me, on one of my visits here, a certificate entitling me as a member in the Order of the Good Time in Nova Scotia – a fellowship and good cheer club. Fred was a cheerful fella. In Georgia, Fred was asked to present the Canadian Flag – he looked so sharp in his kilts. When he posted the flag he sat down in one of those folding chairs that has no cushion and he said as he sat, "ooh-cold!" As all of you know, our Eastern Star members do a lot of things for a lot of people, but very few of us do as much for so many people for as long a time as your Margaret and Fred Clarke have done.

Margaret, you have been the longest time friend we've ever had in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (and even Canada). You and Tom formed a special friendship when Fred and I were going about our duties in General Grand Chapter. You've always been so thoughtful and kind. You found a place in our hearts and you have remained there. We are proud to have you serve our General Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Esther and you have our very best wishes for a really super remainder of this Triennial.

To the other General Grand Chapter appointments, "may your walk on this General Grand Chapter trail be one of beauty and harmony and the satisfaction of a job well done."

I feel close enough to all you Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island folks to know that you will be relentless in your efforts to make the 2012 Assembly in Texas a huge success for all of us. Love ya all bunches and gobs.

In closing her address, she left us with this:

"On the plane I shared seats with a Russian and an American. The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!' The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!' I, the Indian, said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. 'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian. To which I, the Indian, replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the following is the report of the Finance Committee for 2010-2011.

The Finance Committee for the year consisted of Sister Margaret Burhoe, PM (27), Sister Lorraine O'Neill, PM (61) and I, Sister Shirley Conrad, PM (49) Chairperson.

The Finance Committee met in November, March, and June with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and the Chairperson was invited to and attended a meeting with the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Chairperson of the Program Booklet Committee for a 'brain storming session'. I heartily recommend that the Sisters and Brothers listen to the Program Booklet Committee Report.

We received all invoices from the Grand Secretary pertaining to the operation of Grand Chapter. These invoices were all reviewed by the Finance Committee and were found to be legal Grand Chapter expenses.

We have noted that the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Matrons have significantly decreased over the last two years due to the realignment of the districts and eliminating the Associate Grand Matron from deputizing.

In March, Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, presented us with two budgets, a 7-month budget to bring us to the year end December 31, 2011 and a 12-month budget from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. These budgets will now bring us in line for the new fiscal year end of Grand Chapter and have been approved by Grand Council. Our Grand Treasurer has also implemented a new accounting program this year and in so doing, we hope that the membership will have a better understanding of the revenue and expenses of Grand Chapter.

The Finance Committee recognizes the extra cost that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron will have in travelling this year and recommends that an extra \$500 for the 2011 - 2012 year be added to the amount given to the Worthy Grand Matron for this year only.

It has also come to our attention that there can be an added burden to a Chapter hosting Maritime Exchange and/or Maine Maritime Exchange. We recommend that when a Chapter accepts the honour of hosting one of these events, they do so with the knowledge that Grand Chapter will cover any shortfall from expenses incurred after the event.

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Finally, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like at this time to express my thanks to Sister Edith Conrod, PGM, for appointing me to serve on this Committee. It has been a wonderful experience. A special thanks to our Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for their support, it has been a pleasure working with them.

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

1. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that an additional \$500 be given to the incoming Worthy Grand Matron for the added expenses during her year 2011-2012.

This motion was moved by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27) and seconded by Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M. (61) and **the motion was carried.**

2. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that when a Chapter hosting Maritime Exchange and/or Maine Maritime Exchange incurs expenses over any revenue they receive, they present an itemized listing of all revenue and expenses showing the shortfall to the Grand Treasurer for reimbursement.

This motion was moved by Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M. (61) and seconded by Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49) and **the motion was carried.**

3. Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer, noted an error on the 2012 Budget regarding the revenue of the Program Booklet (from 2,500 to 7,000) and made a motion to amend the Budget to reflect the proper figures.

This motion was seconded by Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M. (61) and **the motion was carried.**

4. It was moved by Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49), and seconded by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27), that the Budget as amended be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

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Budgets to December 31, 2012**

	Budget	Budget	Budget
	<u>June 1/10-May31/11</u>	<u>June 1-Dec.31/11</u>	<u>Jan 1 Dec-31/12</u>
REVENUE			
Per Capita Assessments	20,000	20,000	19,000
Registration Fees	14,000	14,000	10,000
Craft Sale	1,000	1,000	1,000
Donations and Sundry	100	50	100
Interest	2,000	1,000	2,200
Sale of Supplies	1,600	800	1,600
Program Booklet	2,500	200	7,000
Total	41,200	37,050	40,900
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Sundry Office	8,000	4,000	8,000
WGM Expenses	2,000	2,500*	2,000
WGP Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000
Gr.Sect. Expenses	4,000	2,000	4,000
Gr.Treas. Expenses	2,000	1,000	2,000
Office Rent	1,500	750	1,500
Insurance & Bonding	1,200	1,200	1,200
Annual Proceedings	4,000	-----	4,000
Program Booklet	-----	4,500	4,500
WGM&WGP Jewels	800	800	1,000
Gr. Officer Badges	200	200	200
DDGM Expenses Including:			
District Church Services	3,000	2,500	2,000
Per Capita to Gen. Grand	2,400	2,400	2,200
Auditing	600	600	600
Amortization Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000
GGC Appointment Expense	2,500	-----	-----
65 th Anniversary	-----	1,250	1,250
Total	34,200	25,700	36,450
<u>Grand Session Expenses:</u>			
Printing & Supplies	800	300	800
Ass't to Gr. Sect	300	300	300
Recognition of 50yr+	200	200	200
Minister & Church	100	100	100
Moving Equipment	500	500	500
Accommodations	1,400	1,400	1,400
Hostess Chapters	3,500	2,500	2,500
Total	6,800	5,300	5,800
Total Expenses	41,000	31,000	42,250
Budgeted Net Income	200	6,050	(1,350)

* \$500 for WGM 2011-2012 for travel to/from PEI

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee Members on Membership are:

Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. Emerald #58 (Chairperson), Sister Velda Forrest, P. M. Pearle #71, Brother Rowan Caseley, P.P. Regent #52, Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. Laurel #67, Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. Munro #26, Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M. Century #10, Sister Heather Boyd, P.M. Myrtle #21, Sister Ruth Donaldson, P.M. Elmsdale #55, Brother Hayward Meisner, P.P. Crescent #70.

Sister Wilma Verge: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. The Membership Committee submits the following report.

In October, a letter was distributed to all Chapters, from the Membership Committee, requesting that Chapters invite the person on Membership in their District, to visit their Chapter to speak.

Four of the nine members on the Membership Committee were requested to speak in 11 Chapters. Some Chapters requested that our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, on Membership and Restoration, speak at their Chapters.

When speaking at Chapters, Sisters and Brothers were versed on the Rob Morris Membership Program, and how Members could obtain the jewel, our Grand Chapter Fraternal, Heritage Recognition Project, our "New Members Booklet" and the booklet we received from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton which Chapters received in 2010 titled, "Cultivating Grass Roots" which has 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.

There have been some concerns raised by the Membership Committee, on the point system for the Rob Morris Jewel, which I have voiced to Brother Allan Conrad, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Membership, who is going to research our questions and see if he can get some answers.

The Grand Secretary, has advised that as of 31 May 2010, our Membership was 2,040. On the 31 May 2009 it was 2,114, a difference of 74 members. On 31 May 2008 our Membership was 2,218, which was a difference of 104 members, between 2008 and 2009. In these periods we have initiated new members into the Order, however, in this two year period we have had a drop in Membership of 178.

When this report was compiled, not all annual returns for this year had been received by the Grand Secretary.

Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. and the motion was carried.

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Sister Wilma Verge thanked Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. for appointing her to this committee and stated that she has enjoyed her three year term.

JURISPRUDENCE

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.:

We are pleased to present the report of the Jurisprudence Committee for 2010-2011. Members of the Committee are: Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M., Brother Allan Conrad, G.G.C.C.M., and Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. -Chairperson.

Your Committee reviewed the Instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron for 2010-2011 and found them to be in keeping with the C.L.& R. and Ritual and were, therefore, approved.

All members of this Committee attended the Officers School in Digby. All Ritualistic work was exemplified by a Question and Answer period. Grand Officers were congratulated on their proficiency.

Sister Carol Clark attended two of the three Schools of Instruction. Brother Allan Conrad attended all three Schools of Instruction and I (Marion Conrad) attended only one School of Instruction because of health issues.

The Committee received Instructions for Subordinate Chapters 2010-2011 and Instructions for District Deputy Grand Matrons 2010-2011. These were approved by the Committee.

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 certainly reflected a very busy and productive year. We congratulate them on their service and enthusiastic dedication to our Grand Jurisdiction and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

In closing, I wish to thank Sister Carol and Brother Allan for their assistance this past year and wish them well as they continue their duties in General Grand Chapter.

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M., moved the adoption of this Report. This was seconded by Brother Allan Conrad, G.G.C.C.M., and the motion was carried.

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

(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

Brother Don Medicraft: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It's been an honour and pleasure to have served on the ESTARL committee for the past five years. As Chairperson, I now wish to present this year's annual report.

First I will introduce your ESTARL committee. I am Donald Medicraft, PP #31, to my right we have Charles Paterson, PP #55, Nora Moxsom, PM #55, Marianne Mac Millan, PM #3 and Shirley Shot, PM #34.

The committee met at the Masonic Lodge in Bedford on 6 November 2010 with three members present. Due to weather and health reasons, two members sent their regrets. Twelve applications were received over the year ending 31 October 2010. Of those applications, eleven were accepted. One was rejected as two awards had previously been received by the student. With this year's funds available of \$15,000.00 we were able to award qualified students \$1,360.00 each.

Brother Donald Medicraft moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3) and the motion was carried.

Awards listed by University

Atlantic School of Theology:

Derek Elsworth	Ricky Marsh
J. Keith N. Gale	Karen Pitt
Barbara A. Hache	Karen Ross
Helena Malton	Nicole Uzans

Acadia Divinity College:

Andrew Scott

Emmanuel College, Toronto:

Sara Wilson

Presbyterian College, Montreal:

Lydia E. MacKinnon

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Sister Linda Townsend, Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with deep sorrow that I report the passing of 59 members of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and of 90 members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Expressions of sympathy have been sent to all Grand Jurisdictions.

Our own Grand Jurisdiction was saddened with the deaths of one Past Grand Matron and two Past Grand Patrons; my own chapter, Laurel Chapter #67, was particularly affected in December with the passing of Brother Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

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"We do not lose the ones we love; they only go before -where there is everlasting life and sorrow is no more."

Thank you sincerely, Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of serving as your Grand Chaplain and for the honour bestowed on Laurel Chapter. Our grand family has fortunately remained intact this past year and I will cherish the bonds we have formed with each other.

I wish to thank also, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, our Grand Secretary, for her valuable assistance throughout the year.

Sister Linda Townsend moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P. (40) and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION TO

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL

Sister Margaret Clarke, W.G.E., was escorted to the East and was presented with a monetary gift from this Grand Chapter in Brother Fred's memory. The cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be given to Brother Fred Clarke's Special Project in General Grand Chapter, the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Sister Margaret thanked Grand Chapter for this generous donation in Brother Fred's memory.

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Allan Conrad, Past Grand Patron, on behalf of the Past Grands Club, were escorted to the East.

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M., moved that Honourary Memberships be presented to:

- Sister Phyllis Blakely, Past Grand Matron of Maine;
- Brother Vernal Blakely, Past Grand Patron of Maine;
- Sister Shelley Gullett, Worthy Grand Matron of New Hampshire;
- Brother Larry Gullett, Past Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in New Hampshire;
- Sister Margaret Hourston, G.G.C.C.M. on ESTARL and Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer of Quebec;
- Sister Betty Robertson, G.G.C.C.M. on Necrology and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico;
- Brother Charles "Sarge" Biggs, Grand Marshal and Past Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in New Mexico;
- Sister Gloria "Sue" Biggs, Alamo Chapter #11, New Mexico

This motion was seconded by Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P., and the motion was carried.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sister Marion Buchan, W.G.M.:

Sisters and Brothers, we are now approaching the time of our Memorial Ceremony. We invite you to join us in paying loving tribute to the memory of those of our fraternal family who have preceded us to an Eternal Home on high.

*"Somewhere a journey begins
At the end of the worldly existence we know,
Somewhere a path stretches over the stars,
And rivers of memories flow,
Somewhere a silence is heard far away
And the brightness of day fills the night,
Where the trials of life are resolved into peace
When a soul finds its way to the light."*

Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. will present a tribute in memory of Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P.; Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. will present a tribute in memory of Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P.; Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. will present a tribute in memory of Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M.

The gavel being used for this service is the one crafted by Brother Fred Clarke and presented to his presiding Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Bowser, when she was installed.

After the memorial service is completed, the Bible is retired and the Grand Officers have retired I ask that we depart the Grand Chapter room in silence. Thank you.

Sister Gail Cook, G.G.C.C.M., sang *"I Have Called You by Your Name"*, accompanied by Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: - Let us unite in prayer

Sister Linda Townsend, Grand Chaplain:

Holy and gracious God, we come before you now in gratitude and praise. We thank you for our many blessings and we thank you especially today for sending your Son to comfort us in our affliction and sorrow. We ask your blessing as we pay tribute to those who have gone before us. Grant that we may be able to see beyond the sadness of parting and rejoice in the promise of an everlasting life with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***TRIBUTES IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR DEPARTED***

***PAST GRAND PATRON
BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1987-1988
and
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER***

PASSED AWAY ON December 28, 2010

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***PAST GRAND PATRON
BROTHER A. ALLISON MITCHELL
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1991-1992***

PASSED AWAY ON August 8, 2010

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***PAST GRAND MATRON
SISTER SARAH J. DOTY
WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1972-1973***

PASSED AWAY ON October 5, 2010

A loving tribute to Brother Fred Clarke:

*There is a bridge which leads beyond
This world of pain and strife,
Through a green and peaceful valley
To a new and happy life.*

*Our dear one there finds happiness,
And joys that never end,
Across the bridge that leads beyond
The peaceful valley's bend.*

A loving tribute to Brother Allison Mitchell:

*Another book is closed
His mind and hands are still.
His fun and smile have ceased to shine
A life of friendliness has been fulfilled.
Let us be thankful for a life so Kind and True,
He blessed our world by passing through.*

A loving tribute to Sister Sarah Doty:

*Our Sister has carried her Light
To brighten some heavenly hall.
Dropping her cares and bowing her head
She answered her Master's call.*

*The Light of her Life continues to shine
Reflecting her Kindness and Love
In our memory she Lives though she has gone on
To Light the Grand Chapter above.*

A loving tribute to all Sisters and Brothers:

*As a rainbow is a promise
Of a new and brighter dawn
So has God, our Father promised
That our loved ones will live on
In a place of light and beauty
Where he has set aside
A house of many mansions,
For His loved ones to abide.*



FREDERICK W. CLARKE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1987-1988
AND
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 2009-2010

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**Tribute to
Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Past Grand Patron**
by
Sister Barbara Bowser, Past Grand Matron

On December 28th, 2010 the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island lost a treasured member in the person of Frederick William Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Not only was he a very revered member of this jurisdiction, but also of the Eastern Star World. Every branch of the Masonic World was honoured to have him as a member. His dedication to all things Masonic, in fact to all the best things in life, was outstanding. His knowledge, his friendship, his sincerity, and he himself, will be remembered for years.

His desire to fill the highest position possible in many Masonic bodies was surpassed only by his knowledge of their efforts to make our organizations and members well-known and received throughout the world as the outstanding people we believe we are.

In our jurisdiction Fred was elected Grand Sentinel in July 1985. This was the day I found out who would be my partner in the journey to the East in our Grand Chapter. Knowing that the membership decides by vote who will reach these positions we often joked about who chose who. He used to say he chose me because he was aware that I would be a good Worthy Grand Matron. I always answered that I chose him because his blue eyes matched mine. In Westville on July 9th, 1987 we were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron respectively. In Dartmouth in July, 1988 we had our "Mountains of Friendship" Session with 860 members in attendance. This was a fitting end to our fantastic year together. From the time Fred was elected Grand Sentinel, together we planned our final year and Grand Chapter Session. We spent many hours perfecting these plans - with, for example, the decision to choose the honour station. I went back and forth with Adah and Martha. He finally said "I have four sons and no daughters and you have one son and one daughter. Let's go with Adah." History will show you that we chose Adah. Our year was very successful, mostly because we worked together to make it that way.

Fred worked long and hard to achieve the highest position possible in the world for a man in the Order of the Eastern Star. He succeeded in this effort when he was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron in October, 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

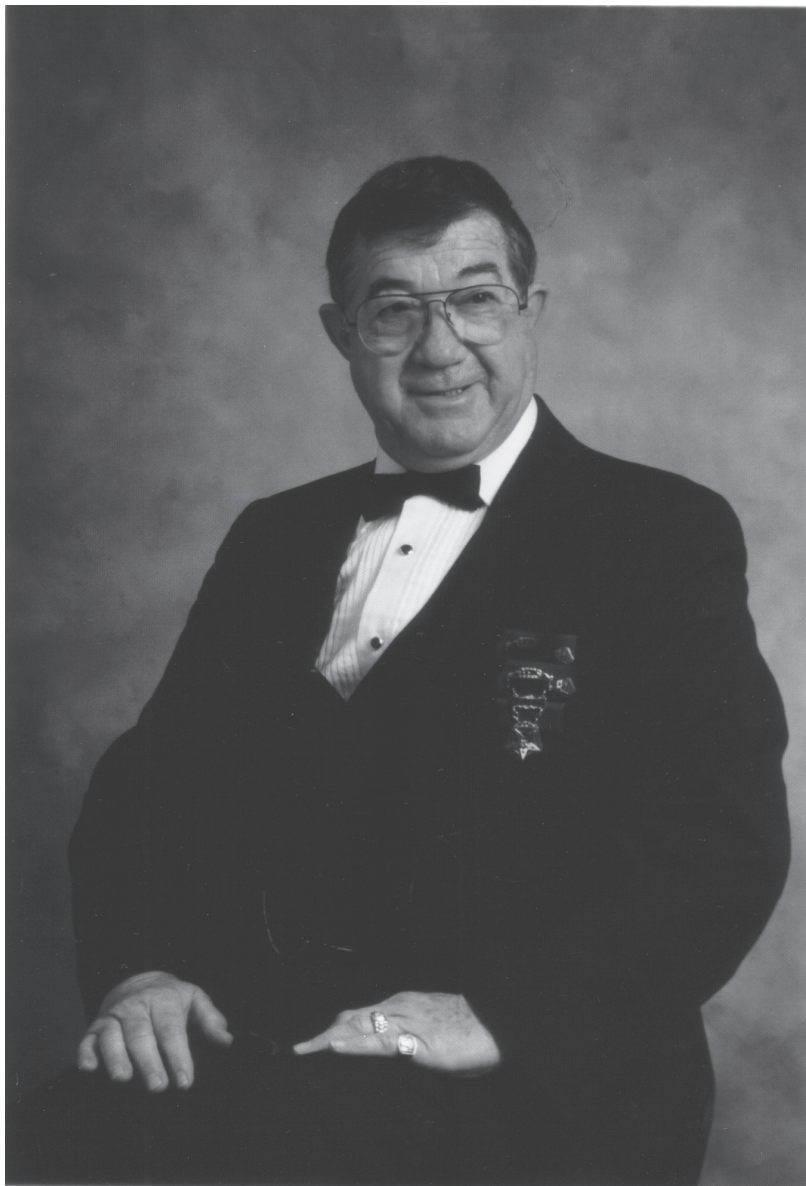
During the journey in all of his Masonic and Eastern Star accomplishments his wife, Sister Margaret, was always by his side, in person or in spirit when Masonic meetings demanded he be alone. He was thrilled to have his son, Brother David and daughter-in-law, Sister Brenda, join our beautiful Order and was a very proud Grandfather when Sisters Katie and Jenna joined our ranks.

Our Grand Chaplain, Sister Marian Crook, in the Memorial Service she wrote for our "Mountains of Friendship" Session in July, 1988 said -

*"In the Garden of remembrance
There's a little sheltered spot
Fragrant with the bloom and beauty
Of the sweet forget-me-not.*

*And no flower in life's garden,
Fairer, brighter grew
Than the little flower that whispered,
Always we will remember you. "*

Fred, you climbed every mountain and now you see "*Suddenly There's A Valley.*"



A. ALLISON MITCHELL
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1991-1992

Tribute to
Brother A. Allison Mitchell, Past Grand Patron
by
Sister Edith Conrod, Past Grand Matron

I am here today to pay tribute to and honour the memory of our Past Grand Patron, Brother A. Allison Mitchell, who passed away on August 8, 2010. Brother Al fought a long and courageous battle with a terrible illness: it was his sheer determination to live that kept him going under difficult circumstances.

Brother Al was initiated into Queen Esther Chapter #61 on September 8, 1960, and passed away one month short of receiving his fifty year jewel. He served Queen Esther chapter four times as Worthy Patron: was appointed Grand Representative of North Carolina in 1979-1981, elected as Grand Sentinel in 1989, serving as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew during "The Light of Our World" Grand Chapter Session in July, 1992. In 1994 he was appointed a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Education. After moving to British Columbia he affiliated with Langley Chapter #50.

Brother Al served this Order well, travelling extensively with Sister Eleanor to all chapters within the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as well as to many other Grand Jurisdictions making many life long friends along the way.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Eleanor, P.G.M., daughter, Sister Margot, son-in-law, Johann Brink, two step grandsons, sisters Ida and Vera and cousins Cyril and Lowell. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all.

It was my privilege to have served as his Special Page when he was Worthy Grand Patron; also to attend many of the Official visits with him and Sister Eleanor. I felt honoured when he became my Worthy Patron for the 1999-2000 year in Queen Esther Chapter. Brother Al was a constant support when I decided to run for Grand Chapter, and I know that it was with great difficulty he assisted Sister Eleanor in presiding at the Informal Opening of the "Memories of Christmas" Grand Chapter session, for which I will be forever grateful.

I will close with this verse which I feel suits the memory of Brother Al

*Some people make a difference
Just by being who they are.
Their inner light shines bright
And touches lives both near and far
And even when they're gone
They still forever play a part
In the smiles the priceless moments
That are treasured in the heart.*

Farewell my true and faithful friend.



SARAH J. DOTY
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
1972-1973

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Tribute to
Sister Sarah Jean Doty, Past Grand Matron
by
Brother Ward Cunningham, Past Grand Patron

On March 1st, 1923 the household of Herbert L. and Gladys M. (Churchill) Davis was blessed by the arrival of another daughter (Sarah Jean) into their growing family that would eventually number eleven children. As a member of this rather large and industrious family, Sarah learned the importance of good ethics and hard work, the basis for a busy and fulfilling life as an adult. Eventually, in the fullness of time, God called her home on October 5th, 2010.

Sister Sarah was the wife of Brother Winthrop W. Doty, Past Grand Patron, and the mother of Carl W. Doty. In addition to raising a son and running a household, she found time and energy to become involved in many activities outside the home. She was a volunteer with the Women's Auxiliary of the Yarmouth Hospital, working untold hours in the Gift Shop, and on the Hullabaloo's ice cream table. She also spent many hours as a volunteer with the Victorian Order of Nurses; the Canadian Institute for the Blind; the Chebogue Cemetery; and the United Church Women where she was actively involved with convening Church Teas.

In 1950, Sister Sarah was initiated as a member of Keystone Chapter No. 5, and immediately became active in the Chapter, serving in all the line offices before serving as Worthy Matron in 1959-1960. She served Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Grand Matron and as Grand Chaplain, and went on to become Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter in 1972-1973, with our late Brother Charles "Chuck" Thompson as Worthy Grand Patron. In 2010 she received her 60 year pin, which was presented at Grand Chapter.

As Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sarah really hit her stride and became what might best be termed "The Great Organizer". She loved to organize, and given an opportunity, she did not hesitate, and always seemed to achieve great success in the process. She organized the Grand Representatives Association and Past Appointed Grand Officers Association (PAGOS) of this Grand Jurisdiction. She also organized the first Maine Maritime Exchange which was held in Kentville. After her year as Worthy Grand Matron, she attended every Grand Chapter Session in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as many in other Grand Jurisdictions. She also attended General Grand Chapter Sessions.

Always active in Chapter affairs, she willingly filled any office when asked, and kept a careful watch on the business of the Chapter. For many years she was the Installing Officer for a number of Chapters, and was well known for outstanding memory of the ritual work; though she often expressed annoyance when she missed a word or two. Sister Sarah would always encourage both new and older members to take offices in Chapter, and would encourage everyone in their ritual work. Through her great work ethic, she believed that everyone working together could accomplish a great deal and make things work.

Sister Sarah always enjoyed visiting other Chapters, and would entertain her travelling companions with many interesting and sometime humorous accounts of her Star travels. On arrival at her destination she would be greeted by those she knew, as her circle of friends was large indeed. Sister Sarah, you are, and will always be missed from our meetings, but never, never forgotten for your many contributions to our beautiful Order.

Sister Sarah, at her Grand Chapter Session in 1973 ended her report with the following appropriate comment when she said,
"My only hope is that as I leave there is a lingering memory of something good that I have done."

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Sister Marion, WGM: Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will now drape the Altar in loving memory of our dear departed Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Linda, Grand Chaplain:

Loving God, during this solemn Memorial service let us come with joy in our hearts knowing that those who have passed from our midst are with you. May this time together bring us closer to you, O God, and make us mindful of the richness of their lives as they devoted themselves in service to others. Let us remember them with love and thanksgiving. Amen

All members sang "*In The Bulb There is a Flower*".

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Sister Marion, WGM: Our sisters of faith will now pay loving tribute to all who have heard the Master's call and have flown away to God's Eternal Home.

(Star points stand and proceed to the North East. After each star point speaks she places her stained glass butterfly on the table. Star points remain standing and place butterflies on cocoons as the scroll is read).

Sister Linda Foote, Grand Adah:

In the name of Adah, the daughter, we offer a token of love in memory of those who were faithful to their convictions of right and duty. Let this symbol of Fidelity represent our Sisters and Brothers who were faithful and obedient to their obligations in life. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving kindness, I have drawn thee." The butterfly of blue symbolizes our resurrection into eternal life. God will be with us always, even unto the end of the earth.

Sister Lillian Symonds, Grand Ruth:

In the name of Ruth, the widow, we offer a token of appreciation in memory of our Sisters and Brothers who were faithful to the demands of honour and justice. This symbol of Constancy reminds us of our lives, rich and full of good deeds. "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God, my God." The butterfly of yellow signifies God's promise of His constancy. God's light shines in the canopy of eternity - and to see it in the darkness of sorrow and despair is to know the quiet confidence and understanding that the eternal God is our refuge.

Sister Leota Meisner, Grand Esther:

In the name of Esther, the wife, we offer a symbol of the Light that lives forever, the purity that each member strives for and a joy that is shared with others. To our Sisters and Brothers who have exemplified light and joy in their unselfish service to others, this symbol of Loyalty is freely given. "O king, let my life be given me - that is my

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petition - and the lives of my people - that is my request." The butterfly of white signifies the purity with which we come face to face with God. As certain as this light shines, is the fulfillment of God's promise that as yesterday was, and as today is, there will be a tomorrow.

Sister Doris Cullen, Grand Martha:

In the name of Martha, the sister, we place a token of nature's life and beauty in memory of those Sisters and Brothers who exhibited a trustful faith and hope of immortal life. Faith is the connecting link between our earthly life and life everlasting and reminds us of our loved ones in whose memory this link is given. "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." The butterfly of green signifies the substance of our faith in the unseen reality of life eternal. Faith is to believe the word of God - what we do not see, and its reward is to enjoy what we believe.

Sister Heather Lynch, Grand Electa:

In the name of Electa, the mother, we offer a token of affection in memory of our Sisters and Brothers who were loyal to their convictions of truth and love of one another exemplifying in their daily lives the beautiful lesson of Love. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." The butterfly of red signifies the undying love of God as a daily source of courage. This hour brings us closer to God, realizing his love and power, making us mindful of the richness of life, devoting ourselves in service "to Him whose Star we follow". He gives us the faith and courage to carry on in life and in times of sorrow, He is our Comforter.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: At this time the Grand Secretary will read the scroll of names of Sisters and Brothers of subordinate chapters who departed from us since July of 2010. As names are read the Star points will place small butterflies on the cocoons.

Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (59), Assisting Grand Secretary, read the scroll.

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SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS: 2010-2011

MAYFLOWER #2

Ernest Spencer
Nora Hamilton
Ronald Luckman

KEYSTONE #5

Sarah Doty
Mary Ramirez

GRACE #8

Paul Keddy

CENTURY #10

Doris Green

QUEEN ELIZABETH #14

Vera Howie
Katherine Halliday
Lesley MacMillan

EVANGELINE #15

Verna Currie

MYRTLE #21

Mary Ellen Bishop
Ethel Pearston
Lorna Bradley

FAIRFIELD #22

Alice Sullivan

CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)

Arnold Burhoe
Miriam Cameron
Susan Andrews

WESTVILLE #24

James Hood
Anna Horne

HARMONY #25

Eve MacKenzie

MUNRO #26

Media LeMoine

KWEBEC #27

Bernice Innes

AMETHYST #28

Dorothy McCarthy

ARBUTUS #30

Myrtle Forbes
Maurice Whynot

ANNAVAL #31

Alice Akerley
Carrie Sweeney
Mary Ellen Bishop

QUEENS #34

Dorothy Hatt
Evelyn MacAdams

ST. MARY'S #35

Richard Warner
Edmund (Ted) Davis

**DR. GORDON MACLEOD
#37**

Jessie Gillis
Laura Cairns
Georganna Waters

MAE #38

Helen Corkum

MYSTIC STAR #40

Faith Brownell
Helen Dauphinee

ARMCREST #45

Joseph Parker

FLORENCE FRASER #47

Nancy Cameron

ELM #48

Margaret Saunders
Muriel Creelman
Donald Prest

ELMSDALE #55

Mae Oderkirk

EMERALD #58

Blanche Yetman
Annie Drover
Gordon MacInnis
Wallace Rose
Doris Deal

SHOREHAM #59

Helen Corkum
Lorna MacLeod
Helen Dauphinee
Clara Mills

QUEEN ESTHER #61

Allison Mitchell
Ethel Pearston

STARLIGHT #66

Wayne Yorke

LAUREL #67

Lucy Gillis
Fred Clarke
Nora Hamilton

CRESCENT #70

Dorothy Williams
Raymond Page
Beatrice Enslow

The scroll was reverently placed on the Altar by the Grand Marshal.

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The Grand Choir sang *"I'll Fly Away"*

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Let us unite in prayer

Sister Linda, Grand Chaplain:

Heavenly and Comforting God, we commend to your loving care our departed Sisters and Brothers. The light of our Star shines brighter for their love and loyalty. Give us the needed grace to understand that death is not the end but rather the beginning of Eternal Life, a journey from the old life to the new. Those who have passed through the labyrinth of human life are precious in your sight and their memory will be with us always. We trust in your promises and know that once we have finished our service here, the golden links from the chain, now broken, will be repaired in heaven, whole and perfect once more. Bless all who are assembled here today as we carry on in faithfulness the work of our departed Sisters and Brothers. Guide us in all our ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

CLOSING

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

3:50 p.m. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from labour to rest to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 6, 2011

9:00 a.m.: 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, P.G.M.

Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers. I cannot think of a better way to start the day than by greeting all our Sisters and Brothers.

I am so pleased to have by my side, sharing the podium with me, my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit. It does not seem possible that three years have passed. Time does fly.

To all distinguished guests, including our visiting sisters and brothers, we hope you have enjoyed our hospitality and friendship. To our very own General Grand Chapter Officer, Sister Margaret, we are all so very proud of you. Our love and support go with you as you complete your journey as Worthy Grand Esther. We all know there is a special angel watching over you. To our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointments, thank you for your service to our beautiful

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Order. Today is a very important day in the life of our Grand Chapter for we are about to elect the new officers who will guide and lead our Grand Chapter for the ensuing years. Brother Whit - - -

Brother Whit, P.G.P.: What a privilege it is to have been asked to open the morning session of this concluding day of this "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session along with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae. You know - it feels so good to be standing once more in the East of our Grand Chapter.

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, did you get any sleep??? This is such a wonderful Grand Chapter Session it will be long remembered by those of us who were able to attend. We certainly hope that you are having fun because if you didn't have any fun, you have certainly spent a lot of money to be miserable. Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther, you are such a gracious and kind lady with a wonderful smile. I pray God will bless you with good health and plenty of strength as you serve our beautiful Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers we will soon be down to the business of the day. This is an important and exciting morning in our Grand Chapter as we select those who will be our future. Sister Annie Mae - - -

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.: I now call to order this Formal Session of the 64th "Ribbons of Hope" Session. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the chapter room.

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 for proper introduction.

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.: Sister Marion and Brother Frank. I congratulate you both on a very successful year filled with good leadership, sincere friendship and more than enough memories to last a lifetime. Brother Whit and I were thrilled when you, Sister Marion, joined our "Beacons of Light" Session. It has been a joy to watch your journey to the East of our Grand Chapter. You have performed your duties with good judgement, consideration and kindness. You are a loyal and faithful member of our beautiful Order. Brother Frank, you have performed your duties in a dignified and friendly manner. We are very proud of your loyal support to our Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you both for your dedication and service to our Order. At the end of this day, you will step into the ranks of the Past Grands, I know in happiness and in good health. Brother Whit ---

Brother Whit, P.G.P.: Sister Marion, how quickly time passes!! It seems like only yesterday Sister Annie Mae and I welcomed you as the newest member to our own Grand Family. Today you will graduate and join us with the rank of Past Grand. Your soft, kind, gentle ways have endeared you to all of us.

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Brother Frank, who I have known for a good many years - would you believe close to half a century??? For many years at our Grand Chapter you kept chasing everyone with a microphone in hand and now you have had ample opportunity to enjoy the art of using these devices.

My friends, may I express my congratulations on your leadership at your "Ribbons of Hope," Grand Chapter Sessions. I congratulate you on the manner in which you conducted the business of our Grand Chapter. While your year as our Leaders presented many challenges, you rose to the occasion and carried yourselves with dignity and responsibility and I say "Bravo! For a job well done!!!". I wish you both health and happiness in all your future endeavours.

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.

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, behold your Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Matron and salute her with Grand Honours.

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

Sister Annie Mae, P.G.M.: Sister Marion, I thank you most sincerely for the privilege of opening this morning's session. I present to you your gavel, the emblem of authority and God Bless.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) and Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. (19) sang "*Somewhere my Love*" to Sister Marion and Brother Frank.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Grand Chapter was opened in ritualistic form and the Opening Ode "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*" was sung.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Thank you Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit for opening Grand Chapter this morning. You have been a great help to me this year and I have kept you busy. You were so helpful in planning for the International Weekend and the Committee for the "Celebration of Stars" was capably chaired by you, Brother Whit. I know there were challenges but that's all behind us now and it was a great Celebration! Thank you for presenting me with my gavel - I hope I will use it wisely. Sister Marion presented Sister Annie Mae with a gift of appreciation. Brother Frank also thanked Brother Whit and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

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The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Brother James Dickie, P.G.P. was presented at the Altar and welcomed by Sister Marion and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Sandra Denton, Grand Representative of Quebec and Brother James MacKenzie, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland were presented at the Altar and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where they received Grand Honours.

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: 316
Visitors: 98
Total registered to date: 414

At **9:30 a.m.** the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers and appointed the tellers.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. (66)

Co-Chairman: Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3)

Group A

Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71)
Brother Kenneth Josey, P.P. (49)
Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (26)
Sister Julia MacKinnon, P.M. (66)
Brother Jack Whalley, P.P. (35)

Group B

Brother Philip Roode, P.P. (24)
Brother Hayward Meisner, P.P. (70)
Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. (40)
Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3)
Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2011-2012: Sister Jane Wooldridge, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Fred Lipskey, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Ralph Swinamer, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Mary Reid, Grand Conductress.

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The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15)
Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. (58)
Sister Suzanne Aitken, P.M. (69)

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P. (40)

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Sister Irma Maxwell was elected Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Daniel Campbell was elected Grand Sentinel by acclamation

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sister Diane Hayman: We, the Unfinished Business Committee, comprised of Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M, Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M and myself, Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M., wish to present the following report:

The three members reviewed the Proceedings of the “Romancing the Sea” Grand Chapter Session, held July 5, 6, and 7, 2010, and wish to present the following items from that Session which were to be addressed.

Page 129- Notice of Motions- A Notice of Motion was presented by Brother Whit Giffin, P.G.P. and Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. that would allow Dual Members to hold an office in both chapters with the exception of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Secretary, which can only be held in one chapter. This motion was amended by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. and Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. to add Associate Matron and Associate Patron to these offices. **The motion was carried as amended.**

Substitutions and additions to the CL&R to reflect these changes would be made to:
Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters Article 16, Paragraph 4b, Page 16a, Dual Membership, Privileges:
Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters Article 8, Paragraph 3, Page 8, Officers-Election and Appointment

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

However, when the amendments to the CL&R were printed for distribution, the substitutions and amendments were only made in Article 16 of Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters; but not to Article 8 of Laws and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters, and Article 30 of Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters. These changes will be made in the CL&R with other changes approved at this Grand Chapter Session.

"Page 155- Jurisprudence Report-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.

This has been done.

Page 159 Benevolent Committee Report-"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 case of inactive members, simply move to exempt them from dues."

The Benevolent Committee asked the WGM to make a ruling on this recommendation- and Sister Stella ruled that the chapters accept the recommendation, and asked the Grand Secretary to write and inform the chapters of this decision.

This has been done.

Page 165-Librarian's Report- Sister Janet Johnson, Librarian, made a motion the "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.", and the motion was carried.

The files have been sorted through and organized- un-necessary files disposed off- but a second copy for some files are still to be made.

Page 173- Motions: A motion was made by Sisters Diane Hayman P.G.M. and Inez Daye P.G.M. 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 has been done.

Page 176- Program Booklet Committee Report- Brothers Ken Conrod, P.P. and Jack Whalley, P.P. presented the following motions, which were carried: (1) "that guidelines and terms of reference be established for this committee" and (2) "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."

These Guidelines, Terms of Reference, and Duties of the Program Booklet Committee have been established, and were presented as Notices of Motion at this Grand Chapter Session.

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Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. moved that the report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. and **the motion was carried.**

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. requested that this committee report be presented earlier in the program in the future.

LIBRARIAN

Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. (24): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

The following is my Librarian's Report for 2010-2011.

During the last Grand Chapter year I receive six requests for addenda or programs, which were forwarded promptly by mail, in person, or on my behalf. I did receive new material this year from two members; and as has been the custom, I am asking members to share any of their original material with us, so that it may be added to our files.

Last year I asked permission to remove un-necessary and/or multiple copies of programs in the files. I have been working at this during the year- and hopefully, now will be able to have some older copies retyped so that they may be copied clearly.

My sincere thanks to Brother Bill Bishop, Webmaster, for once again posting my information letter, and list of programs available in the Library, on the Grand Chapter Web site.

Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron: thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Chapter Librarian, and I wish for you both, good health and much happiness in the years ahead.

Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. moved the adoption of his report. This was seconded by Sister Bonnie Boutilier, P.M. (61) and **the motion was carried.**

FRED'S CREW

The Executive of Fred's Crew: Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21), Chairperson; Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35), Co-Chair, Liaison with the Grand Chapter of Texas; Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) Chairperson, Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24) Co-Chairperson, Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24), Secretary, Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Treasurer, Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10), Chair of Finances, Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (67), Membership.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Chairperson:

Once again I am being asked to give a report for Fred's Crew - this year it is different - our Captain has left the ship! The members of Fred's Crew were devastated as was everyone else when Fred passed away in December.

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However, we, like so many others, will be there in Fort Worth to support Sister Rennie and Sister Margaret, and to honour his memory and I encourage our membership to be there to do likewise.

We are in good financial standing and look forward to working with our Texan Sisters and Brothers to fulfill all our obligations in the running of the next General Grand Chapter Session.

Those of you who were here yesterday heard Sister Cheryl's report on behalf of the Executive - well, I share her enthusiasm and can hardly wait to go to Billy Bob's - I invite you'all to join us!

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.**

BENEVOLENT

This report was prepared by Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24) but due to ill health was unable to attend. The report was read by Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P.

Brother Keith, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, We, your Benevolent Committee, wish to submit the following report, but first I would like to introduce the members of the committee:
Brother Keith Pettigrew - Past Grand Patron
Sister Margaret Clarke - Past Grand Matron who was appointed to replace Brother Fred. Brother Fred had served on this committee since 1995-1996.
He will be sorely missed and we look forward to working with Sister Margaret.

The Financial Statement will be found in the Treasurer's Report.

We were able to assist those whose names were submitted to us with one exception. That member had already received several donations. The recipients were very grateful and expressed their thanks.

We thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their quick response as the need is usually an emergency.

Once again we ask the membership, Let us know of any need. Requests must be made in writing and must include the address of the recipient.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we congratulate you on a successful year and wish you all the best for the future.

Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and **the motion was carried.**

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (formerly TEMPLE FUND)

The Committee Members are: Sister Phyllis Vallis, P.M. (61) Chairman; Sister Frances Duncan, P.M. (10) and Sister Cal Shorten, P.M. (2).

Sister Phyllis Vallis: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all distinguished east, Sisters and Brothers. We, your committee on the International Headquarters, are pleased to submit the following report.

A letter was sent to our Grand Secretary for mailing purposes, requesting each Chapter to send a remittance of \$7.50 for each new member or affiliated member for this year.

A second letter was sent congratulating those Chapters who were able to increase their membership.

We wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank Cullen, for the Honour of serving on this committee for this year.

It was moved by Sister Phyllis Vallis, P.M. and second by Sister Frances Duncan, P.M. and **the motion was carried.**

Musical Selection: The Grand Choir sang "*Be Like a Butterfly*" which was composed by George L.P. Strid. All members joined in singing the refrain.

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.

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EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

The Committee Members: Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. (58), Chairman, Sister Evelyn MacDonald, P.M. (19), Sister Susan 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 2010-2011:

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	Number submissions	Comm. Member	Past Comm. Member
Other			
Summer Journal 2010:	5	4	1
Fall Journal 2010:	8	3	5
Winter Journal 2011:	8	4	4
Spring Journal 2011:	4	2	2

Submissions for the Eastern Star year..... 25

Of these, 13 were sent in by the appointed GCCM'S for the Journal

Of these, 0 were by previous GCCM'S on the Journal

Of these, 12 by the membership in general

I would like to mention that 17 stories have been submitted for the summer journal through my computer. Six of these are under the section called; "how I became a member". The committee members look forward to hearing from many members with their stories to share in the coming year. We would like to thank Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for appointing us on this committee.

Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. moved the adoption of this report and Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. (34) seconded the motion and it was carried.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
Shriners Hospital**

The Committee Members: Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M. (2) Chair; 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).

Sister Mary MacLennan, Chair: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It all started at Grand Chapter in Digby. Nora Bishop, Anna Ford, Betty Smith and I set-up on a table, which Brother Kirk MacLennan set up for us at the back of the arena.

Brother Frank Cullen had arranged bags with 10 calendars in each bag and marked the bags with the name and number of each Chapter. Nora, Betty and I added 10 pins to each bag. A representative from each Chapter signed for the package. Thanks to Anna Ford, who knows everyone, we were able to find someone from each Chapter. No packages had to be mailed out. We received a lovely donation and sold pins and calendars to members from other jurisdictions. I would like to thank everyone for the help we received. I had a most wonderful feeling when we left Digby.

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One thing that has to be stated is that the pin and calendar money was very slow to come in with much coming in at this Grand Chapter. While it was nice to receive the money, it left me up after midnight to type this report and prepare a financial statement. Ask yourself "Is there any reason we could not have this done and over with by Christmas?". Due to the fact that monies and goods were not returned, we ordered one hundred more pins and after all the returns were tallied, we have 92 left over - quite an expense to the Worthy Grand Matron. Please be more prompt with any thing you are asked to do for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Books purchased:	500 x \$5.00 =	\$2,500.00
Returned:	95 x \$5.00 =	<u>\$475.00</u>
Sub Total:		\$2,025.00
Pins purchased:	600 x \$5.00 =	\$3,000.00
Returned:	92 x \$5.00 =	<u>\$460.00</u>
Sub Total:		\$2,540.00
Sub Total:		\$4,565.00
Less:		
Bill from WGM for pins		\$146.95
Bill from WGP for books and pins		<u>\$1,842.24</u>
Balance:		\$2,575.71
Donations:		
Pearle Chapter #71		\$25.00
Special Friend from Scotland		\$100.00
Total		\$2,700.71

We are grateful to the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction for the generous donations given to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their Official Visits.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to work on this Committee for you. God Bless you both.

Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Betty Smith, P.M. 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.

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The members of the Committee are:

John Newell, G.G.C.C.M. on Housing
Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M. on Social
Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. on Favours
Allen Denton, P.G.P. on Transportation (unable to attend)
And I am Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. - Chair

We are just over the mid way point to our General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth on November 1-8th, 2012.

The untimely death of our Brother Fred has left us in mourning but we must work hard to make this a General Grand Chapter that would make Brother Fred proud. As I said last year, I hope you are saving your Loonies and Toonies and by now your funds have grown.

Housing is our first priority: All sessions, Banquets and Luncheons will be held at the modern downtown Fort Worth Convention Center. Five hotels will provide special housing. Four of the hotels are within one and one half blocks of the Convention Center. The fifth is the Renaissance Worthington, five blocks away, and will be the headquarters for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron and will also house the Texas and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island delegations. There will be transportation from hotels to the Convention Center.

Transportation: It has been decided that everyone must make their own travel reservations. It's too far and we do not have Sister Shirley MacLean.

Social: On Wednesday night the Most Worthy Grand Patron's Banquet has become the, "Come Sail With Us NS & PEI Banquet". Prices for the Banquets will be in the range of \$45.00 + \$2.00 gratuity. Plans are coming along and our Committee will meet over the summer after more information is received from Brother Henry Martin of Texas. This is going to be OUR Banquet with all Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island themes. This will be the only Banquet for us to plan.

Tuesday night will be open for Jurisdiction events and that may take place at Billy Bob's or some other Hot Spot in Fort Worth.

Favours: Sister Belle Pearson is working on the favours.

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.

Plan to attend!

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.

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HISTORIAN

Sister Margaret J. Allen, P.M. (3): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,
General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

**63rd SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

“ROMANCING THE SEA”

Digby Area Recreation Facility

Digby, Nova Scotia

July 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2010

Worthy Grand Matron

Stella Trask

Worthy Grand Patron

R.G. (Zeke) Eaton

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2009 - 2010

Worthy Grand Matron	-	Mrs. Stella Trask (35)
Worthy Grand Patron	-	Mr. R.G. (Zeke) Eaton (1 PEI)
Associate Grand Matron	-	Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)
Associate Grand Patron	-	Mr. Frank Cullen (24)
Grand Secretary	-	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	-	Ms. Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	-	Mrs. Jane Wooldridge (1PEI)
Associate Grand Conductress-	-	Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins (48)
Grand Chaplain	-	Mr. Richard Haynes (2)
Grand Marshall	-	Mr. Charles Graves (1PEI)
Grand Organist	-	Mrs. Louise Seeley (5)
Grand Adah	-	Mrs. Janet Hue (58)
Grand Ruth	-	Mrs. Sandra Denton (35)
Grand Esther	-	Mrs. Anna Ford (71)
Grand Martha	-	Mrs. Gloria Turner (8)
Grand Electa	-	Mrs. Yvonne Stephenson (14)
Grand Warder	-	Mrs. Melda Johnson (52)
Grand Sentinel	-	Mr. Fred Lipskey (67)

EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Secretary Emeritus – Mrs. Hazel MacLeod (45)

Grand Treasurer Emeritus – Mr. Cecil Decker (55)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1	-	Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins (48)
District #2	-	Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)
District #3	-	Mrs. Linda McKay (61)
District #4	-	Mrs. Jane Wooldridge (1PEI)
District #5	-	Mrs. Sheila Levy (8)
District #6	-	Mrs. Donna Himmelman (5)
District #7	-	Mrs. LaVerne Porter (15)
District #8	-	Mrs. Donna White (69)

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“ROMANCING THE SEA” DEDICATION

This 63rd Annual Session “Romancing the Sea” is dedicated to the memory of my Sister, Marilyn Clark, who lost her battle with cancer, to Sister Susan Eaton (IPEI), Mr. Murray Trask and to all members of St. Mary’s Chapter (35) and Crystal Chapter (IPEI) for their support and encouragement in all our endeavours.

- Aim:** TEAM – Together Everyone Accomplishes Miracles.
- Motto:** Speak kindly and leave the rest to God.
- Scriptures:** *WGM: “But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law.”- Galatians 5:22-23*
WGP: He hath showed 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
- Emblems:** Crown and Sceptre
- Special Project:** Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Division)
- Watchwords:** “Hope, Believe and Perseverance”
- 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
- Fun Symbols:** Worthy Grand Matron - “The “Daisy” and “Patchwork Quilts”
Worthy Grand Patron - “Dolphins”, “Wings and Wheels”
- Musical Selections:** Worthy Grand Matron - “Faith Unlocks the Door”
- “Hope is a Star”
- “I Know the Master of the Wind”
- “My Forever Friend”
- “River in Judea”
- “I Have a Dream (Abba)”
- Worthy Grand Patron - “I Danced in the Morning”
- “I Believe”
- “Will Your Anchor Hold”
- “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
- “Tis a Gift to Be Simple”
- WGM/WGP Selections:** - “Sea People”

The “Romancing the Sea” Session began with the ESTARL Church Service held at the Digby Baptist Church in Digby on Monday, July 5th at 4:30 p.m. The largely attended service realized \$870.44 in monetary donations for the ESTARL Bursary Fund.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Presentation of the Grand Family

Following the ESTARL Service the presentation of the 2009/2010 Grand Family and Escorts was held with Brother William Clark, Past Grand Patron (24) introducing the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons and their Escorts.

Emblem Ceremony

An impressive Emblem Ceremony was held narrated by Sister Barbara Burchett, P.M. Midlothian Chapter #85, Virginia. Sisters taking part in the Emblem Ceremony were:

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)

The informal opening was called to order by Sister Cheryl Denton, GGCCM (35) and Brother Allen Denton, PGP (35). The formations were narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, PGM (71).

The Grand Officers formed a “Crown of Stars”, the Grand Star Points formed the “Gems” of the Crown; the District Deputy Grand Matrons formed the Sceptre; the Grand Esthers formed the “Daisy,” the Grand Guards formed a “Dolphin,” the Grand Pages formed the “Waves of the Sea.” The Grand Representatives encircled all with a “Chain of Friendship.” The Invocation Prayer was given by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Richard Haynes, PM (2).

The presentation of flags was under the direction of Brother Ken Smith, PGP (27) and tributes were given to the Canadian Flag and the United States of America Flag. The presentation of distinguished guests followed and we were honoured to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Rennie Ofton and our Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Brother Frederick W. Clarke in attendance.

Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron was introduced and welcomed.

4 Elected and 7 appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, including our own Sister Margaret Clarke, as Worthy Grand Esther were presented at the Altar.

Introduced and welcomed also:

42 General Grand Chapter Committee Members were presented at the Altar and received Grand Honours.

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At this time 23 members with 50 Years and 50 Plus Years were introduced and gave their years of service. A very fitting song “Memories” was sung by the Grand Choir and a standing ovation given to all.

Greetings were then brought as follows:

Provincial The Honorable Harold (Junior) Theriault, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia.

Civic The Mayor of Digby, Ben Cleveland and Warden, Jim Thurber.

Masonic Greetings Most Worshipful Brother Owen Walton, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Brother Earl Adams

Shrine Noble Peter Kay of Philae Temple Shriners

Daughters of the Nile Queen of Athena Temple #149, Marjorie Stevenson Dawson

Host Facility Mr. Bob Powell, Manager of the Digby Area Recreation Facility

Presentation to the Canadian Cancer Society, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Divisions, Special Project of 2009-2010 year

A cheque was presented to Lisa Mullin, Revenue Development Co-ordinator and Helene Duffy, Administrative Assistant for Revenue Development in the amount of **\$33,208.69**. When all contributions were tabulated Sister Stella and Brother Zeke presented a grand total of **\$37,500.00** and **410** comfort shawls to the Cancer Society.

The welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters was given by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71).

Other Presentations

5 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

12 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. (Please note that 9 Past Grand Matrons and 10 Past Grand Patrons were introduced as General Grand Chapter Committee Members.)

24 Past Grand Matrons and 19 Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions.

8 Elected and 10 Appointed of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

1 General Grand Chapter Special Appointment.

5 District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

2 Visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons.

29 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

13 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Jurisdictions.

9 Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions.

7 General Grand Chapter Special Appointments.

40 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

2 Visiting Committee Members.

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19 Worthy Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

13 Worthy Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

14 Hostess Chapter Committee Members.

The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order on Tuesday morning by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Past Grand Matron (2), Ambassador to New York and Brother Allan Conrad, Past Grand Patron (49), General Grand Chapter Committee Member. Emblems were placed and formations once again were held.

Brother John Newell, PGP (14), Parliamentarian read the Rules of the Order.

At this time Brother Ray Horton, Past Patron (66) was presented with a Grand Representative Commission to Maryland.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and 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 102, Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

Remarks were heard from the following General Grand Chapter Committee Members

- Sister Cheryl Denton, Co-Chair for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the 2009-2012 Triennium.
- Brother Henry Martin, General Chairman for Texas, Executive Committee for 2009-2012 Triennium Assembly.
- Brother Ron Boudreau, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Chapter Restoration
- Brother William Thompson, Jr., General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Chairman, Eastern Star Journal
- Brother Allan Conrad, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Membership
- Brother Keith Pettigrew, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Scottish Rite Charities
- Brother George Crouch, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Shriner's Charities

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Esthers, Secretaries and Treasurers

12 Subordinate Grand Chapter Esthers, the Honour Station for 2009-2010 were presented.

20 Subordinate Secretaries and 1 Visiting Secretary were presented followed by the report of the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40)

15 Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented followed by the Report of the Grand Treasurer, Dorothy Powroz (28).

Memorial Service

The Grand Family circle remained unbroken in 2009/2010 but sadly mourned the passing of Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles “Chuck” Thompson (#57). A Tribute was given by Sister Sarah Jean Doty, Past Grand Matron (5).

There were 65 names read from the scroll of departed members representing 31 Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction.

The following reports were presented: Finance, ESTARL, Grand Chaplain, Jurisprudence, Membership, Historian, Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2012, Benevolent Fund, Eastern Star Journal, Fred’s Crew, Homecoming for Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Librarian, Fraternal Correspondence, Publicity, Program Booklet, Website, Courtesy, Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s Special Project.

Presentation of 60 Years Members

Sister Sarah J. Doty, Past Grand Matron (5) and Sister Mildred I. Wagner, Past Matron (28) were introduced and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and presented with their 60 year pins. They both received Grand Honours.

Reception of Grand Organist and Grand Choir

18 members of the Grand Choir along with the Grand Organist, Sister Louise Seeley, PM (5), Assistant Grand Organist, Brother Ed Maclaren, PP (#69), were introduced, welcomed and thanked for sharing their musical talents.

Remarks from Sister Rennie and Brother Fred

Remarks were heard from Sister Rennie Oton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Fred, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

A closing quote from Brother Fred: *“May you have faith that sees the invisible, believes the incredible and accomplishes the impossible.”*

Report from the Credential Committee

The final report of the Credential Committee was given and 526 was the total attendance.

Election of Officers

The election of Officers took place on Wednesday morning and the following were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2010/2011:

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| 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 |

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Sister Mary Lou Higgins	-	Grand Conductress
The following were elected for the ensuing year:		
Sister Mary Reid	-	Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Ralph Swinamer	-	Grand Sentinel

Closing of Grand Chapter 2009/2010

The Grand Chapter session for 2009/2010 closed with the Grand Officers laying their badges to rest on the Altar, then forming a circle with joined hands around the Altar and retiring. This was narrated by Sister Gail Cook, General Grand Chapter Committee Member (67).

Installation of Grand Officers for 2010/2011

The installation of the 2010/2011 Grand Officers was carried out by Brother Bill Clark, Installing Grand Officer and Past Grand Patron (24) and several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Marion Buchan and Brother Frank Cullen were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron respectively.

Closing Notes

Sister Stella and Brother Zeke, you have given years of service to our Order and are to be commended on the achievements of the past year. “Romancing the Sea” Session was an inspiration and a blessing to everyone present and your motto, “Speak kindly and leave the rest to God” will remain with all of us for a long time to come.

It was moved by Sister Margaret Allen and seconded by Sister Heather Matthews, P..M. (3) that the Historian’s report be accepted. The motion was carried.

PROGRAM BOOKLET

Brother Ken Conrod, Chairman:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers; the following is a report of the 2010- 2011 Program Booklet Committee.

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 Shane MacFarlane, District #1; Peter Kay, District #2; Vicki Perry, District #4; Charlie Teal, District #5; Donna Himmelman, District #6; Phyllis Jarvis, District #7, Suzanne Aitken, District #8 and myself, Ken Conrod, District #3 and Committee chairman.

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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 72 pages in this year's Program Booklet. There were 33- full page ads which includes the ads which appear on the covers, 24 - ½ page ads, 5 - 1/3 page ads, 12 - ¼ page ads, 27 - business cards ads and over 230 individual stars were purchased. This is a bit of a decrease from 2009–2010 and may be a result of the tough economic times that we currently face. Total revenues of \$7,620.00 but unfortunately the costs of production of and set up charges amounted to \$6,042.40 leaving us a total profit of \$1,577.60 which falls within the mandate of the project, which is to cover the costs of producing the program for Grand Chapter.

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.

Finally, steps have been taken, through motions presented at this Grand Chapter, to address the recommendations of the 2009–2010 Committee to set a structure for the Committee and to set Terms of Reference for the Committee. However, the Constitution requires that Notices of Motion to change the Constitution so that the Program Booklet Committee is recognized as a 'Standing Committee' of Grand Chapter, therefore the 2009-2010 recommendations cannot be dealt with until the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Ken Conrod: On behalf of the committee I would move the adoption of this report. Sister Suzanne Aitken, P.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

PUBLICITY

The members of the Publicity Committee: 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), Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. (70) - Chair.

Sister Grace Boudreau: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I wish to thank those members you selected to serve on the Publicity Committee for their help and a job well done.

Thanks to Subordinate Chapters who sent pictures and articles for the Albums. We had a good response from most of the Chapters and I've tried to have a page for everyone in your Albums. We have limited the pictures to 1 or 2 pages for each Chapter so there were extra pictures that will be returned to the appropriate Chapters.

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Just a reminder again for all sending in pictures and for the next Publicity Committee members, that we absolutely must have 2 copies of each photo and two pieces of paper with names and events, rather than writing on the back of the picture. Also it would be very helpful if pictures and articles could be in the hands of the Committee Member NO LATER than 15 May.

On behalf of the Committee Members and myself we thank you for appointing us to this project. It has been fun and we hope you will enjoy the Albums when your busy time is over and you can sit and relax and enjoy the "Memories" pictured in them.

Sister Grace Boudreau moved the adoption of this report. Sister Melda Johnston, P.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sister Grace: May Sister Melda and I approach the East?

PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

Sister Grace Boudreau, Chairman, Publicity Committee and Sister Melda Johnston, P.M. were escorted to the East. They presented Sister Marion and Brother Frank with their beautiful albums of memories depicting their year.

COURTESY

Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. (35), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: The Courtesy Committee for the "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session are pleased to submit the following report.

The members of this committee are Brother Zeke Eaton, Past Grand Patron, Sister Anna Ford, Past Matron, Sister Connie MacDonald, Past Matron and myself, Sister Stella Trask, Past Grand Matron.

The Session was held at the Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville, Nova Scotia July 4th, 5th and 6th, 2011.

The "Ribbons of Hope" Session started on Sunday evening with a "Celebration of Stars" banquet honouring our very own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke and our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, who have been working diligently on their respective committees.

It was indeed a pleasure to welcome Sister Barbara Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and her lovely husband, Brother Tom Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma.

We were delighted to welcome many other distinguished guests as follows, Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, including our own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister

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Margaret Clarke, many General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including many of our own.

We were privileged to receive greetings from a Provincial Official as well as officials from Masonic, Shrine, Daughters of the Nile and a representative of the Old Orchard Inn.

A cheque was presented to the Shriners' Hospital by Sister Marion Buchan, our Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Frank Cullen, our Worthy Grand Patron .

Members and visitors were given the opportunity to meet old friends and greet new friends by visiting the Hospitality Room and attend the Afternoon Tea, Luncheons and the Main Banquet followed by entertainment.

It was our sincere pleasure to welcome Distinguished Guests from several Jurisdictions, many who travelled far to attend this “Ribbons of Hope” 64th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as follows:

- 0 Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 0 Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 1 Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 2 General Grand Chapter Officers
- 22 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 7 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 22 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 10 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 18 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 1 Emeritus Grand Officers
- 0 General Grand Chapter Special Appointments
- 28 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 14 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 4 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 6 Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 7 District Deputy Grand Matrons and visiting Grand Lecturers
- 42 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 0 Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 27 2010-2011 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 2 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

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It has been our distinct pleasure to work closely with Sister Tracey Hobson and her team on Credentials keeping us updated with the latest numbers and sharing her effervescent personality with all of us.

A special thank you to those members of the Courtesy Committee who have dedicated their time at this session to ensure all went well.

Those who have attended this Session have indeed made this a memorable event and we appreciate your decision to be with us. We "Hope" your stay has been worthwhile and that you will return as soon as possible.

Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron: We extend our sincere congratulations to you on your "Ribbons of Hope" Session and we thank you for your dedication to the members of this Jurisdiction. May your memories be fond ones as you reflect on the business of this past year.

Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

RECOMMENDATION

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. recommended that it be stated on the Tentative Program that there will be no refund of meal tickets after the cut-off date listed.

THANK YOU

At this time, Sister Diane, on behalf of the members of Westville Chapter, No. 24, thanked the members of Laurel Chapter, No. 67 for their work in preparing for this Grand Chapter session and for the opportunity of assisting with the planning. She also thanked the members of Westville Chapter, No. 24 for taking part in the duties of this session and wished them all the best in the future.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

This report was prepared by Sister Jane Wooldridge, A.G.M. and read by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, G.C. and assisted by Sister Mary Reid, A.G.C.

Sister Mary Lou, G.C.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Visitors, Sisters and Brothers;

The position of Fraternal Correspondent began in 1876, when Sister Addie Bario, the Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut felt that information sharing would be a benefit to all Jurisdictions. Each Jurisdiction handles this responsibility differently. In some cases one member is appointed to do this job, in others it is the responsibility of the Associate Grand Conductress, and in still others it is a Grand Chapter Committee of three members. In our Jurisdiction, it is the responsibility of the three ladies who are

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working their way up to become Worthy Grand Matron, chaired by the Associate Grand Matron, who writes the report.

The three of us would like to thank Grand Chapter for providing us with this opportunity to further prepare ourselves for the position which lies ahead of us by reading about new ideas which others have used to increase membership or raise finds for charity, and to experience the dignified manner in which Worthy Grand Matrons have dealt with difficult situations efficiently and with grace.

This year your committee became the "gleaners", dutifully gathering information from the 44 proceedings willingly provided to us by the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, and we would like to thank her for this gift, although I'm not sure we felt the same way when she first arrived at our Motel room door with her "goody bag" shortly after the elections. This is an enjoyable, but time consuming job and because the complete report is no longer printed and available at registration, or in the proceedings, to make the report worthwhile, I would like to encourage all members to read the complete report, either on line if they have access to a computer, and if not, to request a printed copy.

During the months of July and August, your committee, armed with a stack of proceedings, pens and paper, settled in their easy chairs or deck chairs, sometimes with an Atlas to better picture the size of the Jurisdiction covered, to do their required reading. In some cases, because of increasing printing and postage costs, the proceedings arrived on a computer disc, so we moved to our computer chairs. Our imaginations let us travel by many different methods. Sometimes, slowly like a "Butterfly" we settled in for a closer look, then hearing the Worthy Grand Patron's train whistle, we knew we had lingered too long, and had to move on quickly. Other times we flew on "Eagle's Wings", soaring high above Grand Chapter Sessions, observing beautiful decorations and wonderful drills and floor work.

Our "Ribbons of Hope" journey has shown us that although these many jurisdictions are uniquely different, we are also very similar in that we all have the open Holy Bible at our meetings, we believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, we raise large amounts of money for many of the same charities, and we support our Youth with ESTARL and educational scholarships and encourage our members to "Love One Another".

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, thank you for giving us the opportunity to present this report.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, G.C. and seconded by Sister Mary Reid, A.G.C., and the motion was carried.

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**RECEPTION OF GRAND ORGANIST
AND GRAND CHOIR**

The Grand Organist, Sister Kay Horton and the members of the Grand Choir were escorted to the west, introduced and warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Your music has been delightful and such a pleasant change from the busyness and business of Grand Chapter. Sister Kay, you have been a wonderful Grand Organist. Thank you to each of you for sharing your talents.

Brother Frank, W.G.P.: Grand Choir, Sister Kay and Brother Ray, thank you very much for your beautiful music.

The response was given by Sister Kay Horton, Grand Organist:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your kind greeting. We are most honoured to share our music for your Grand Chapter session. Brother Ed, Brother Ray and I have enjoyed leading this group of talented, enthusiastic, and dedicated musicians at each session. We hope you have enjoyed our music as much as we have enjoyed performing for you.

Sister Kay Horton, P.M., moved, seconded by Sister Christine MacGillivray, W.M. (21) that this response be accepted. The motion was carried.

The Grand Choir members were escorted to the East and given a hearty round of applause.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M., requested that Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. reopen Notice of Motion No. 11. Sister Marion, W.G.M. stated that it will be dealt with during the afternoon session.

CLOSING

12:00 p.m.: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 6, 2011

1:40 p.m. Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron.
The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labour. Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

MOTION

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) presented Notice of Motion No. 11 which had been withdrawn on Tuesday morning.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Grand Chapter Laws & Regulations- Article 2 **Duties of Officers Worthy Grand Matron**- section 6- delete the current second sentence and replace with the following:

Included in the District Deputy Grand Matrons shall be the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress

Associate Grand Matron- change section 12 to section 13 and add section 12 as follows. **“shall serve as a District Deputy Grand Matron”**

William F. Clark, P.G.P Westville Chapter # 24 and
Jane Wooldridge, A. G. M., Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI)

This motion created much discussion for and against before the motion was put to the vote. Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. moved, seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. that the motion as presented be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

Members: 319 Visitors: 98 Total: 417

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

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M., seated in the East assumed the chair and asked the following visiting members to be escorted to the East:

Sister Shelley Gullett, Brother Larry Gullett, Sister Margaret Hourston, Sister Betty Robertson, Sister Gloria “Sue” Biggs and Brother Charles “Sarge” Biggs.

Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. presented these members with Honourary Memberships in this Grand Jurisdiction. All spoke briefly, thanking the members and expressing their pleasure at receiving this honour.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Judy Graves, P.M. (1 PEI), Chairman , Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40) Co-Chair, Sister Katherine Robinson, P.M. (19), Brother Kenneth Josey, P.P. (49), Sister Phyllis Munroe, P.M. (38), Sister Charlene Davis, P.M. (35), Sister Marguerite Morrison, P.M. (22), Sister Margaret Muise, P.M.(25)

Sister Judy Graves: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we, your Crafts and Treasures Committee acted on your behalf and at your suggestion to try a new endeavor this year. We asked each Chapter in each District to supply 3 items for a Theme basket with each District to choose their own theme. We have some Craft people in our Membership and so not to leave them out we also had some Crafts also for sale.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Brother Lloyd Cook, P.P. Laurel (67) for his hard work in selling off the left-over items from previous years on our behalf and starting us off with the proceeds of \$83.50; to Laurel Chapter for the \$100.00 donation in lieu of items for the basket; and to all the Members for supporting this new endeavour to give us a grand total of \$1,472.80, and all items were sold.

We hope with this successful endeavour, that it will be carried on at future Sessions, as it was such a success.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of serving as your Chairman of this Committee.

Sister Judy Graves, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. and the motion was carried.

DRAWS: BASKETS

There were 12 baskets filled to the brim and winners were drawn. Sister Judy read the names of the winners. They are: Sister Eileen MacKillop, Sister Melda Johnston, Sister Joyce Roode, Sister Carolyn Galley Card, Sister Geraldine Parker, Sister Janet Hue, Sister Mary MacLennan, Sister Maxine Young, Sister Viola Horton, Sister Gladys Hobson, Sister Helen Frederick and Sister Marion Robinson.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT: QUILT AND BOOK

A beautiful Tie Dresden quilt which was handmade and donated by Sister JoAnne Newell, P.M. (5) was won by Sister Margaret Hourston, P.G.M., Quebec.
A "Book of Poetry" by Rob Morris was donated by Brother Ted Caulier, P.G.P. (27) and a beautiful case which was made and donated by Brother Arnold Dempsey, P.P. (2) was won by Brother Kirk MacLennan, P.P. (2).

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. (61) read Notice of Motion No. 10 which was withdrawn and will be presented at the 2012 Grand Chapter Session. The motion reads:

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Ken Conrod, Past Patron, Queen Esther Chapter #61, will move or cause to be moved at the 2012 Grand Chapter Session that:

Article 9: 1: Committees of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended to include the Program Booklet as one of the Standing Committees.

Article 9: 1: will read: The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, Credentials and Registration and **the Program Booklet Committee.**

Explanation: To include the Program Booklet Committee as a Standing Committee of Grand Chapter.

Ken Conrod, P.P., Queen Esther Chapter #61

MOTION

The following motion was made by Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. (27) and seconded by Sister Carol Atkinson, W.M. (21):

As time is of the essence, we move effective immediately, that a single red rose and a Certificate of Recognition issued by Grand Chapter be presented to each member of our Jurisdiction on reaching the age of 100 years or more. The presentation would be made by the Worthy Grand Matron or a representative of Grand Chapter appointed on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron.

The motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) read the following Notice of Motion to be presented at the 2012 Grand Chapter Session:

“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 Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 7, “Sessions” page 4 delete and replace Number 1 with:

‘The regular session of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday, with the informal opening on Monday of the first full week in July, except in the year when July 1st falls on Monday then it shall be held the following (2nd) week. The place of the meeting shall be in a facility that can wherever house all the Eastern Star functions under one roof and has adequate, affordable housing in the area where the session is being held. This shall become effective in the year 2015.’”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother Fred Lipskey, A.G.P. requested that two rows of seats be reserved for the Installation ceremony this evening.

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Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. announced that Mayflower Chapter, No. 2 in Kingston, Nova Scotia will be 90 years old in June, 2012 and invited everyone to attend this special milestone.

At this time the Grand Choir entertained us with more of their beautiful selections.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Mary Reid and seconded by Sister Evie Jean Lazenby, P.M. (65) that the Grand Chapter Session be held in Stellarton, Nova Scotia in 2014.

The motion was carried.

CLOSING

2:40 p.m.: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 6:30 p.m. for the Installation Ceremony.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 6, 2011

6:30 p.m. The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of the “Ribbons of Hope” Grand Chapter Session.

Narrator:	Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M.	(61)
Sword and Veil:	Sister Peg Lipskey, P.M.	(67)
Sheaf of Wheat:	Sister Penny Parker	(67)
Crown and Sceptre:	Sister Marelene Clyde, P.M.	(28)
Broken Column:	Sister Jeanette Durnnian	(67)
Cup:	Sister Beverley Wentzell	(27)
Bible:	Sister Maureen Roddick	(24)

6:45 p.m. The Grand Chapter was called to order by:
Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (26) and
Brother David Waterbury, G.G.C.C.M. (15)

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M.: Past Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Good evening Sisters and Brothers. Clad Mile Failte! 100,000 welcomes to this final Session of the “Ribbons of Hope” Session. I am thrilled to have this honour bestowed upon me and also to have my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Dave

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beside me. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to address this assembly. It is wonderful to see so many visitors join our own members and share with us our disappointment that our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Oton was not able to make her Official visit, - we wish her a quick recovery. We truly miss our own Brother Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron, but know that he is in our hearts especially these last few days.

We hope all have enjoyed this 64th "Ribbons of Hope" Session, the Banquets, the Entertainment, the Business and have had time to explore this beautiful Annapolis Valley. And that's not easy for a Cape Bretoner to admit! Thank you all for coming, have a safe journey home, remember us fondly and return often.

Brother Dave fifteen years ago we began our year as Grand Poobas, (spelling??) of this Grand Chapter! Someone said to me lately that she always felt sorry for me because I had to address the members after you had entertained them, and so you don't get ahead of me I have a little joke.

A woman was sipping wine while sitting on the patio with her husband. She says, "I love you so much. I don't know how I could ever live without you. Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She replies, "It's me talking to the wine."

I so enjoy your talks, so let's hear from you now. Brother David -

Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P.: Thank you, Sheila. It's real nice to be with you in this station again. Thanks also for your flattering remarks Sunday evening. Such Eastern Star friendships and associations as ours are, surely, lifetime gifts.

Sisters and Brothers, we are now concluding a truly star of stars Grand Chapter and can, confidently look forward to another capably led Eastern Star year. We have again, pleasantly gathered here in my former "Neck of the woods". I remember when this was really old orchard. The romantic Ridge Road and Gaspereaux River valley to the south and the Cornwallis River valley to the north; its fantastic tides, somewhat muddy waters and rich dyke lands. Historic site indeed, and, since there are always two sides to most pronouncements, I hope that that river will be allowed to retain it's historic name. Welcome and Bye for now. Come back soon. Sheila.

Sister Sheila, P.G.M.: It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional.

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

FORMATIONS

Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24) presided over the Formations. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

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

Sister Sheila, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank, tonight you stand before the Altar for the last time as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter. Congratulations on your year and on this 64th "Ribbons of Hope" Session. You have both endeared yourselves to us by your gentle, friendly and sincere manner.

Sister Marion, my first real encounter with you was when I attended, as the new Worthy Grand Matron, your installation as Queen of the Nile in Halifax in 1997. You seemed well suited for that Office just as you have proven worthy to be our Worthy Grand Matron. You have had trying days and happy days all of which you have met with decorum. Congratulations on your choice of the Shriner's Children's Fund. Many, many children will reap the rewards of your efforts.

Brother Frank, when you were first elected I thought, "What are we going to do for good sound?" You made a difference when you shared your talents with us and I'm sure your expertise has been passed on. You and Sister Doris have added much to this Grand Chapter and I know you will continue to do so. Good health to all of you as you and Sister Marion join the ranks of the Past Grands. Brother David -

Brother David, P.G.P.: Sister Marion, what good fortune came our way when you and Gerry determined to depart busy Ontario for the truly eastern valleys and hills of Nova Scotia in 1977. And my! What a stimulus the arrival of the Buchan Family among us has been to this community and, of course, most particularly to our Masonic circles. Worthy Matron, Worshipful Masters, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, two Potentates - over thirty years of family members devotion to the fraternities. I even remember a curling trophy displayed in our lodge, earned entirely by Buchan curlers. Gerry was a steady and now, much missed influence for growth and welfare in government, transportation business and financial endeavours of his adopted county of Kings and province. Ruth and I always smiled to see your gang occupy the same pew on Sunday and watch those lads soon tower over their Mum and stretched to where they could pretty well looked their Dad straight in the eye. Sister Marion, your leadership has been wise and strong through this OES year. On visiting, your well researched comments, wisely referring to many means available to help lead a healthy and caring life have well shown the true nature of your awareness and concern for the Order and it's Sisters and Brothers.

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Brother Frank you have been teamed with a star of the Star but, you know, you have held your own. Previously known as the skilled technician who made sure we heard all previous speakers, it has been great to realize that you, yourself, when given a chance at the microphone, proved that you were more than a conductor of the remarks of others and pronounced well and clearly, your own well researched and most helpful, original humorous and most interesting words. A personal thanks.

Sisters and Brothers, at the last triennium in Oklahoma I found myself at the door of a Masonic meeting, challenged. A search of everything on me showed lots of Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Royal Order identification - but -no Blue Lodge proof of membership. Fortunately, there was this tall guy from home right behind me who said, "I'll vouch for him". Thanks, Worshipful Brother Frank.

Thanks so much to both of you. Sheila -

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

Grand Honours were accorded to both Sister Marion and Brother Frank.

Sister Sheila, 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.

Brother Ed MacLaren, Assistant Grand Organist, sang "*Can You Feel the Love*" to Sister Marion and Brother Frank.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter session called from refreshment to labour.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Sister Sheila and Brother David; I thank you for opening this final Grand Chapter Session. You have both been very kind to me and I appreciate your friendship. It has been a busy week and a lot of business accomplished. It is now time to begin a new year with our newly elected Officers. She presented Sister Sheila with a gift of appreciation.

Brother Frank, W.G.P. also thanked Sister Sheila and Brother David for opening the final session of their "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session. He presented Brother David with a gift of appreciation.

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Both Sister Sheila and Brother David thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the gifts and for the opportunity to open their final session.

Sister Marion, W.G.M. and Brother Frank, W.G.P. also thanked Brother Ed MacLaren for his beautiful solo.

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.

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Sister Tracey, before you give your final report I would like to express my appreciation to you and your committee as I know there were several cancellations and a mail strike to contend with.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are: Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67) Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69) and Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48).

Sister Tracey Hobson, Chairperson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sister and Brothers:

It is my pleasure, as chairperson of the Credentials and Registration Committee, to submit the final report for the 2010-2011 "Ribbons of Hope" session., Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members of this Grand Jurisdiction:	325
Members of other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>98</u>
GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE:	423

It is with pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the "Credentials and Registration Committee" namely, Sister Mary MacDonald, PM (69), Sister Cora MacKay (48) and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to Sister Marion Buchan, W.G.M. and Brother Frank Cullen, W.G.P. for allowing us to serve during this wonderful year. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to be part of your Grand Chapter Standing Committee and we congratulate you both on a very successful Grand Chapter Session.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who volunteered their services to assist us on this committee. Our task would have been more difficult, if not impossible, without their assistance. Once again, THANK YOU for allowing us to be part of your Most Successful Grand Chapter Session.

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Sister Tracey Hobson, PM (67) moved the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Sister Mary MacDonald , PM (69) and the motion was carried.

The following is a list of the Subordinate Chapters and the number of members who attended the “Ribbons of Hope” Grand Chapter Session in Greenwich, N.S.

<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Mayflower #2	6	Queens #34	2
Cedar #3	7	St. Mary’s #35	11
Keystone #5	6	Dr.GordonMacLeod#37	2
Grace #8	8	Mae #38	8
Century #10	11	Mystic Star #40	4
Queen Elizabeth # 14	7	Armcrest #45	2
Evangeline #15	24	Florence Fraser #47	2
Victoria #19	4	Elm #48	6
Myrtle #21	6	Scotia #49	9
Fairfield #22	3	Regent #52	4
Crystal #1 PEI	16	Elmsdale #55	2
Westville #24	18	Ruth #57	7
Harmony #25	10	Emerald #58	10
Munro #26	3	Shoreham #59	5
Kwebec #27	13	Queen Esther #61	13
Amethyst #28	16	Atlantic #65	4
Arbutus #30	7	Starlight #66	9
Annaval #31	6	Laurel #67	28
		Montague#69	10
		Crescent #70	10
		Pearle #71	6

Total Number of Chapters: 39

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TOTAL	number of Members in attendance:	325
TOTAL	from Other Jurisdictions:	<u>98</u>
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PRESENTATIONS

Sister Mab Cole Smith (8) was escorted to the East and presented a monetary gift of \$300.00 to Sister Marion and Brother Frank 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. and Sister Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M.

Sister Jane Wooldridge, A.G.M. and Brother Fred Lipskey, A.G.P. were escorted to the East and presented Sister Marion, W.G.M. and Brother Frank, W.G.P. each with a gift from the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Chapter Committee Members. Sister Marion received a beautiful Swarovski Butterfly and mirror along with a large terra cotta garden stepping stone Butterfly. Brother Frank received a large needlepoint framed Eagle. This was beautifully created by Sister Peg Lipskey, P.M. (67). They also received a donation for their Special Project from the group. Both Sister Marion and Brother Frank thanked these members for the beautiful gifts - treasured remembrances of their "Ribbons of Hope" year.

FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Marion Buchan

Sister Marion, W.G.M.:

Sisters and Brothers: It has been a wonderful year! It has been a privilege to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and I am humbled by the love and care you have shown me. As we prepare to close this "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session, my heart is full of appreciation for the support I have received at this Grand Chapter and all year. I would like to say a special thank you to our membership for your co-operation in making this Grand Chapter successful.

Brother Frank, you have been a great confidant and a trusted friend. I thank you and Sister Doris for your generous hospitality. My love to our Grand Family - I will always think fondly of this year together. I hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have enjoyed you. I give "Thanks" to God for I know I did not make this journey alone. God has richly blessed me.

Sister Jane, I am so glad to see you tonight and I know it is a labour of love for you to be here. I wish you good health, safe travel with the sun and moon to guide your way. I know that you are well prepared and will be a superb Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Jane and Brother Fred, I pray that God will hold you in the palm of His hand and keep you safe. Please know that you will be in our hearts and prayers.

*May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun,
and find your shoulder to light on.
To bring you friendship, love and loyalty,
Today, tomorrow and beyond.*

Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, was given a standing ovation.

**FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother Frank Cullen**

Brother Frank, W.G.P.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, it has been a great honour to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron for the past year. I will have the memories of this year with me always. Thank you to all who made this year possible, my wife Doris, Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, all the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Westville Chapter, Laurel Chapter, Hostess Committee Members, chapter officers and members.

Today and yesterday we have had the most fabulous music from our Grand Choir, led by Brother Ray and Sister Kay Horton, with much assistance from Brother Ed MacLaren. The solos and duets were great. We also have to thank our sound man, Brother Don Medicraft, for his work and assistance. Thank you, Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther for doing our Badge Ceremony. Thank you very much.

It is now time to say “Farewell” and wish good health and happiness to Sister Jane and Brother Fred and the incoming Grand Officers. Thank you.

Brother Frank, Worthy Grand Patron, was given a standing ovation.

SPECIAL DOLL

Sister Doris Cullen, Grand Martha, brought Bonnie, a Scottish doll, to represent our Scottish heritage. She has been watching over this session from her pedestal behind the desk of the Grand Treasurer all during the session.

Sister Marion, W.G.M. invited Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M. (IPEI), Installing Grand Officer to the east to preside over the Installation Ceremony.

Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M., Installing Grand Officer announced the names of those members assisting her in the Installation Ceremony.

Sister Marion Miller introduced Sister Margaret Clarke, W.G.E. (67), who will narrate the Badge and Bible ceremony.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

RECESSIONAL OF 2010-2011 GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Margaret Clarke, W.G.E. (67) narrated a beautiful ceremony to retire Badges as follows:

CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and **Sister Margaret, W.G.E.** narrated the following as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar.

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*The sunlight now is waning, as their Chapter year now ends,
Our Officers return their Jewels, to the Altar they attend
Its been their joy to serve you, and wear these badges true,
And, a privilege for them to walk the starry path with you
Here they lay their Jewels shining fair,
Leaving them with reverence and with prayer.*

The Crossed Swords within a Star, an emblem of protection.
The Dove within the Star, an emblem of peace.
The Cup within the Triangle, an emblem of Charity and Hospitality.
The Broken Column within the Triangle, an emblem of Nature's life and beauty.
The Crown and Sceptre within the Triangle, an emblem of Royalty and Power.
The Sheaf within the Triangle, an emblem of Plenty.
The Sword and Veil within the Triangle, an emblem of Heroic Conduct.
The Lyre within the Star, an emblem of Music and Poetry.
The Crossed Batons within the Star, an emblem of Direction.
The Open Bible within the Star, an emblem of the Word of God.
The Baton within the Star, an emblem of Leadership.
The Scroll and Baton within the Star, an emblem of prepared plans and their fulfilment.
The Crossed Keys within the Star, an emblem of Security.
The Crossed Pens within the Star, an emblem of Intelligence.
The Star with the Star, an emblem of Divine Guidance.
The Effulgent Sun within the Star, an emblem of Light.
The Square and Compasses within the Star, an emblem of his relationship to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.
The Gavel within the Star, an emblem of Authority.

From the Altar they received them. On the Altar they now leave them.
The Bible which has led them aright, has been closed as they say Good Night.

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar joining hands and as they retired the Grand Choir sang "*Go Now in Peace*".

The 2010-2011 Grand Officers retired and a recess was called for the preparation of the Installation of the 2011-2012 Grand Officers.

CAMP TRIUMPH ADDRESS

During this recess the two founding members of Camp Triumph spoke on the benefits of this summer camp for children.

Rene MacMillan and Jordan Sheriko, the founders of Camp Triumph, explained the functions of the camp. It is a unique residential camp for children with a family member who has a chronic illness or disability. Camp Triumph provides

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opportunities for these children to experience new activities and have fun with children who are also going through similar experiences.

When one family member has a significant medical condition, the whole family is impacted in many ways. Often there is uncertainty about the future, financial burdens, and other stresses that necessitate making the ill family member the priority. This can make it more difficult for the healthy members of the family to get the attention and opportunities from which they would otherwise have benefitted. Camp Triumph is for these children.

Camp is open to children from across Atlantic Canada. We have also had campers come from Ontario, Alberta, and now Quebec as there is nothing like this anywhere else in the country. We offer week long camps for 60 campers each week, all coming for free. The staff are all volunteers, usually undergraduates, and many of them have grown up in families suffering with these illnesses. Our camp is located in beautiful Malpeque, Prince Edward Island.

Camp Triumph will be the 2011-2012 Special Project of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Lipskey.

INSTALLATION OF 2011-2012 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.

8:20 p.m.: Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M. (1PEI), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24) attended at the Altar informally.

Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P (1PEI) led the members in prayer.

Installing Grand Officer: Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M.. (1PEI) -
Installing the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,
Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Chaplain, Grand
Marshal, Grand Organist, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel

Assisted by: Installing Grand Marshal: Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35)

Assisting in the East: Brother Keith Pettigrew, G.G.C.C.M.. (15) - Installing the
Worthy Grand Patron

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Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M. (10) - Installing the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron
Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. (61) - Installing the Grand Star Points

Installing Grand Marshal:	Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35)
Installing Grand Conductress:	Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24)
Installing Grand Chaplain:	Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. (1PEI)
Installing Grand Organist:	Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (59)
Installing Grand Warder:	Brother John Patterson, P.G.P. (10)
Installing Grand Sentinel:	Brother WilliamThompson,Jr., G.G.C.C.M.(24)
Music: Starlight Quartet:	Sister Kay Horton, P.M. (66) Sister Irene MacIsaac, P.M. (66) Brother Ray Horton, P.P. (66) Brother Roy MacKinnon, P.P. (66)
Soloist:	Ms. Meggin Persson (daughter of incoming Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Lipskey)

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted by Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M., Installing Grand Marshal. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Sisters wore beautiful two piece gowns- the beaded top - a background of white with coloured designed beading along the edges. The chiffon skirts were a medium blue. The Worthy Grand Patron and the brothers were resplendent in white jackets, black cummerbunds superimposed with a combination of two logos, the Eastern Star five points superimposed with the square and compasses. The cravat had the same embroidery as the cummerbund. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore two piece gowns in the same style as the Grand Officers. Their chiffon skirts were purple. The Worthy Matrons wore white gowns of their choice with chiffon beaded dark green shawls and the Worthy Patrons wore regular suits or tuxedos.

Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M., installed Sister Jane Wooldridge as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an Honour Guard of the members of Crystal Chapter, No. 1, Regent Chapter, No. 52 and Montague Chapter, No. 69 - (the Prince Edward Island chapters) - and her family and friends who were holding her symbols for the year - carnations, roses, kittens and puppies. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

The Starlight Quartet sang "*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*" to Sister Jane.

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Brother Keith Pettigrew, G.G.C.C.M., installed Brother Fred Lipskey as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East through a Guard of Honour of the members of Laurel Chapter No. 67 and family and friends holding his fun symbol - puppies. He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

His daughter, Meggin Persson, sang "*Come to My Heart*" to Brother Fred.

A Star Point Ceremony for the newly installed Star Points which was prepared by Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) and Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57) was presented by Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.:

STAR POINT PRESENTATION

Sister Adah,

This blossom of blue shall speak for you of a daughter's faithful love,
Of her father's humility before such fidelity, to honour and God above.

Sister Ruth,

This flower of gold shall a story unfold of a widow's deep distress,
will tell of her gleanings from dawn until evening and to her constancy attest.

Sister Esther,

This garland of white, this spotless white, shall speak of a royal queen,
of her courage and beauty, of her daring in duty and of her loyalty serene.

Sister Martha,

In this cluster of green, a lesson is seen of a sister's grief and pain,
of her faith when she said, "tho my brother be dead, I know he shall live again."

Sister Electa,

This beauty of red shall a radiance shed like the deeds of the valiant mother.
With the cross on her breast, she with fervency expressed, "Let us all love one another."

(To All)

These garlands of glory all tell the glad story, no sorrow nor grief can be dim;
like the wise men afar, we have seen the bright star and have come to worship Him.

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 **2011-2012**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Jane Wooldridge	(1PEI)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Fred Lipskey	(67)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Mary Lou Higgins	(48)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Ralph Swinamer	(2)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Mary Reid	(25)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Irma Maxwell	(15)

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Grand Chaplain	Brother George Doughart	(1PEI)
Grand Marshal	Brother Joseph Fiander	(26)
Grand Organist	Brother Ed MacLaren	(69)
Grand Adah	Sister Jean Annear	(69)
Grand Ruth	Sister Margaret Muise	(25)
Grand Esther	Sister Peg Lipskey	(67)
Grand Martha	Sister Bonnie Lowe	(31)
Grand Electa	Sister Connie MacDonald	(1PEI)
Grand Warder	Brother Jack Calder	(15)
Grand Sentinel	Brother Daniel Campbell	(40)

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2011-2012

SISTER JANE WOODLRIDGE

Sister Jane, W.G.M.:

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:
I stand before you humbly, as I accept the office of Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The members of this Grand Chapter have bestowed upon me a great honour by electing me to the highest office available in this Grand Jurisdiction. You have fulfilled a dream which began before I was even a member of this beautiful Order. Being the daughter of members of Crystal Chapter, I was volunteered to help with the preparations for the Grand Chapter Session of Sister Helen Herring and Brother Everett Moseley in 1959. The Grand Chapter Room was indeed beautiful, and as a young girl of 13, I was in awe of the transformation of my school gymnasium, and of the graceful lady who guided the workers with quiet dignity. I couldn't wait to become a member, and follow in the footsteps of my parents, and that graceful lady. Four Worthy Grand Matrons and two Worthy Grand Patrons have come from the ranks of Crystal Chapter before me, and each one had their own unique qualities and talents. I do not profess to have any special talent or quality, but I do have a great desire to serve this Grand Jurisdiction with fairness and justice to the best of my ability. I pray that with the guidance of our Heavenly Father, and the support and cooperation of the members of this jurisdiction, we will be able to accomplish what we set out to do, and that I will perform the duties set before me in a manner favourable to the members of this jurisdiction.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, there were many times when we thought this day would never come, and then all of a sudden it was coming far too quickly. Congratulations, on being installed as the Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Now, isn't that

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a handle! We started working together soon after you were elected, and we both were anxious to "get it done". Well this part is almost done, and now comes the fun part. I'm sure it will be *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*

Donnie, my husband, you always had a car ready to roll, with the oil changed, the tires checked, and you even taught me how to pump my own gas. What would I do without you! Even though you had many health concerns during my journey to this evening, we always were able to make it to your appointments and treatments together, and more recently, you have been able to return that favour. You have been a great support, thank you - "You Are My Sunshine"!

I would like to express my thanks to all members of the Installing Team for performing their duties this evening. This will be a treasured memory. Each one of you was chosen for a particular reason, and I am sure that all of you are aware of the reason you were chosen to be part of this event. Thank you so very much. Brother Reg, we missed you, but hope you are feeling much better. Special thanks to my adopted sister, Sister Marion, who was always willing to give advice, and even though I didn't always take it, she was always willing to give me more. To Sister Edith Conrod and Sister Mary Smith, who prepared the Star Point Ceremony for me, when I was not able to concentrate on it....I just had to say the word, and it was done, Thank you! Our Pages have a small remembrance of this evening for each of you.

To the "Starlight Quartet", and all our musicians, thank you for sharing your musical talents with us this evening. I really like music, especially when it is in harmony, and tonight has been no exception.

Congratulations to the Elected Grand Officers, especially the two who were just elected today Sister Irma Maxwell, as Associate Grand Conductress, and Brother Dan Campbell, as Grand Sentinel. We are pleased that you will be part of our Grand Family.

To the appointed Grand Officers, Brother Fred and I have chosen you with love and care, and I hope that this year will be an enjoyable one for each of you as you travel the jurisdiction and make new friends.

I have chosen the District Deputies with care to represent me in the Chapters, and to guide you in your work. Please make them feel welcome as they make their visits. I have also made some changes to the Districts, these can be found in the Calendar, which will be on sale later tonight.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are always an inspiration to the members for their dedication and advice. Thank you for all your support as I continue to make this journey.

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Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Frank, although I was not able to attend most of your sessions, I have been here in spirit, and am confident that things went well. I hope I will see you at the visits during this next year.

Will the members of Crystal Chapter please stand. I have always been proud to be a member of Crystal Chapter # 1(PEI). Thank you for your support as I chose to take this path. Will the members of Regent and Montague Chapters please stand. The three Chapters on Prince Edward Island always work together, and you have been behind me all the way. Thank You.

Will the members who have been attending the meetings of Woolskey's Workers please stand. Everything is well in order, and you have been busy as a Hostess Committee. Thank you for your dedication to me, to Fred, and to the Order.

At this time, I would like to introduce my family and friends who have made a special effort to be here with me this evening. Please stand as I say your name. My husband, Donnie brought me over today, and our daughter Dawna who lives in Kingston, N.S. Her husband Sheldon White, and their children Colby, Maya, and Eliot, are on a camping trip on Prince Edward Island. Our son David came from Prince Edward Island today, and I believe has to be back to work in the morning. His wife Becca and son Tanton are home in Summerside preparing for a camping trip to Nova Scotia this weekend. My brother John and his wife Sharon from Sidney, British Columbia, and my cousins Jean and Harvey McCoo from Woburn, Mass., and Kris and Wally Lafayette, from Billerica, Mass., who all planned their trips to include this event. I appreciate it very much.

You have already heard from Jordan Sheriko, representing Camp Triumph, about our chosen special project. Sister Helen Nicholson, Chair, and Sister Faye Calder, co-chair of our Special Project will have the calendars and pins for sale after the meeting, and I would ask that a representative from each Chapter go to their table to pick up those allotted to the Chapters. Brother Fred and I have also chosen a non monetary project for this year. It involves reading to your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, or having them read to you, which will help build good readers. If you can't find children to read to, how about reading to a senior who's sight has grown dim, or write a letter for them if they are no longer able to do it themselves. I would ask each Chapter Electa to keep track of the hours you spend each month, and send the information to our Grand Electa, who will report at next year's Grand Chapter how many hours we have accumulated.

The Bible I have chosen to carry this year is a Family Bible given to Donnie and Me by my PYPS Group when we were married. It has been covered by a piece of material woven by Irene Renaud, the wife of our Grand Organist. The Bible Box was made and presented to me by my husband. Donnie and our children have also

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presented me with Star Sapphire jewellery, and an Inukshuk made in the Eastern Star colors. The jewels in these items were brought back from Afghanistan by our son-in-law at the completion of his tour of duty.

A sincere "THANK YOU" to God who got me here, and to each one of you who made tonight happen.

Brother Fred, I would now invite you to address the assembly.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2011-2012

BROTHER FREDERICK E. LIPSKEY

Brother Fred, W.G.P.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Esther, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Special Guests.

This is, without a doubt, a defining moment for me and I am greatly honoured and deeply humbled to be given the privilege of serving as the Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I fully appreciate the trust this Grand Jurisdiction has placed in me and I will work diligently to justify this appointment.

Sister Jane, I congratulate you on being installed as our Worthy Grand Matron. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and working with you in the planning of this year and I pledge to you my support in all your endeavours. We are very pleased with our selection of Appointed Grand Officers and our District Deputy Grand Matrons who will carry our message to the Chapters and who will convey their needs and desires to us.

To the Committee Members, I offer my thanks for accepting the request to serve and we know you will carry out your duties with enthusiasm and respect of each other. The success of the Grand Chapter depends greatly upon your dedication to your tasks.

To our Installing Officers, thank you for an impressive ceremony and for accepting our request to act in this capacity. Also to Brother Keith for installing me and for the friendship you and I have shared since I, "came from away."

I would also like to thank the members of my chapter, Laurel #67 for all their support and once more taking on the task of a hostess chapter, a duty they are no stranger to, having done that so many times in the past and to all the Woolsey Workers for what you have done and what you will do to ensure the success we hope to achieve.

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To the Starlight Quartet, thank you for providing the music that has enhanced our ceremony so well and to our daughter, Meg, for singing one of my personal favourite hymns and credos.

I would like to introduce my guests this evening and I would ask you to stand and be recognized. You have already heard from our daughter Meg Persson from Vancouver. Seated with Meg is our other daughter Tanya and our son-in-law Rob Yeo of Halifax. Our extended family, Larry and Barb Telford of Greenwood, Joe and Audrey Alward of Coldbrook. Joe is retired from the Royal Canadian Navy and we were part of the Corps of Commissionaires Security Team at Kingstec College. Ralph Petersma, a retired Member of the RCMP and his wife Linda.

Ok. Where's the Kleenex. Perhaps the person who has most influenced and encouraged me to be in this office is my wife, Sister Peg. For over 40 years she has been my friend and a trusted source of support. I freely acknowledge that I would not have considered this journey without you by my side.

As you may have already determined, our fun symbols for this year are kittens and puppies and we would ask each Chapter on the occasion of the Official Visits to donate store purchased stuffed animals that may be distributed to that Chapters local Law Enforcement and Emergency Response teams for children who are experiencing emotional trauma of some sort.

The Charity Sister Jane and I have chosen for our year as you have already been advised is Camp Triumph and I look forward to addressing the Chapters with an explanation of the objective and goals of this very worth-while cause.

And finally, Sister Jane, I would like to present you with Electa's cup from Sister Peg, Grand Esther and myself, and its travelling case was constructed by Brother Zeke Eaton, Past Grand Patron. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

Brother Fred presented Sister Jane with Electa's cup in the beautiful handcrafted case which was made by Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. Brother Fred thanked Donnie Wooldridge for the beautiful Bible case which Donnie handcrafted for him.

Sister Faye Calder, P.M. (67) and two granddaughters presented Brother Fred with a basket of puppies and a gift of a stained glass replica of the "Bluenose" to use as he visits the chapters. The case was handcrafted by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71). This is a gift from the members of Laurel Chapter, No. 67.

Sister Peg Lipskey and their two daughters presented Brother Fred with a large "Mama dog" to look after all the puppies he has received and will receive during the

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year. Meg, Brother Fred's daughter presented him with an "Inukshuk" which she knitted especially for him.

Sister Kathryn Doughart, P.M. (IPEI) presented Sister Jane with a stained glass "Inukshuk", a gift from the members of Crystal Chapter, No. 1. Sister Judy Graves, P.M. (IPEI) presented her with a beautiful hand quilted Bible Bookmark from the Past Matrons Club of Crystal Chapter.

The honour stations for the year: Electa and Organist

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2011-2012 were presented in the west, introduced and escorted to the East. The five appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons are: Sister Freda Ells, Sister Viola Horton, Sister Claudette Smith, Sister Barbara Myles and Sister Margaret Allen.

Sister Jane, W.G.M. and Brother Fred, 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 Freda Ells, P.M.	(14)
District No. 2	Sister Viola Horton, P.M.	(47)
District No. 3	Sister Claudette Smith, P.M.	(57)
District No. 4	Sister Barbara Myles, P.M.	(28)
District No. 5	Sister Irma Maxwell, A.G.C.	(15)
District No. 6	Sister Mary Reid, G.C.	(25)
District No. 7	Sister Margaret Allen, P.M.	(3)
District No. 7a	Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M.	(48)

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Sister Jane, W.G.M. announced the following new committees for 2011-2012:

CONSOLIDATION

Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. (IPEI), Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. (35) and Brother Tabor Caulier, P.G.P. (27).

65th ANNIVERSARY ARRANGEMENTS

Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61), Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M. (10) and Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61).

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011-2012 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

At this time **twenty-four Worthy Matrons and fourteen Worthy Patrons** for 2011-2012 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Jane and Brother Fred:

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Worthy Matrons: Sister Mary MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Sister Heather Matthews, Cedar #3; Sister Sheila Levy, Grace #8; Sister Vivian Ingham, Century #10; Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Marie Parks, Evangeline #15; Sister Beth Brett, Victoria #19; Sister Carol Atkinson, Myrtle #21; Sister Sheila MacDonald, Munro #26; Sister Krista Vining, Kwebec #27; Sister Clara Nieforth, Amethyst #28; Sister Bonnie Lowe, AnnaVal #31; Sister Winna Smith, St. Mary's #35; Sister Phyllis Munroe, Mae #38; Sister Marion Conrad, Mystic Star #40; Sister Kathryn Shears, Scotia #49; Sister Olga Beno, Ruth #57; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Shoreham #59; Sister Michelle Boutilier, Queen Esther #61; Sister Marilyn Farrow, Atlantic #65; Sister Joyce Malcolm, Starlight #66; Sister Faye Calder, Laurel #67; Sister Myrtle Demings, Crescent #70; Sister Patricia Armstrong, Pearle #70.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Kirk MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Brother Lowell Levy, Grace #8; Brother Murray Gardner, Century #10; Brother John Newell, Queen Elizabeth #14; Brother Alvin Blair, Evangeline #15; Brother Shane MacFarlane, Victoria #19; Brother Adrian Pearson, Harmony #25; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother Ted Symonds, Amethyst #28; Brother Robert Turner, Arbutus #30; Brother Wayne Beno, Ruth #57; Brother Kenneth Conrod, Queen Esther #61; Brother Harold Farrow, Atlantic #65; Brother Ed MacLaren, Montague #69.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East where they received a hearty welcome and then escorted back to their seats.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Presentation of Past Grand Matron's Jewel

Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. presented Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. with her Past Grand Matron's jewel. This jewel had belonged to the late Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, P.G.M. Brother Keith Pettigrew, G.G.C.C.M. pinned the jewel on Sister Marion and he hopes that she will wear it proudly for a long time.

Presentation of Past Grand Patron's Jewel

Brother Fred Lipskey, W.G.P. presented Brother Frank Cullen, P.G.P. with his Past Grand Patron's jewel. This jewel had belonged to the late Brother William Ross, P.G.P. Sister Doris Cullen, P.M., wife of Brother Frank, proudly pinned the jewel on him.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. presented Sister Jane Wooldridge, 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 Jane thanked Sister Marion for presenting this jewel and said she will be honoured to wear this jewel.

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Brother Frank Cullen, P.G.P. presented Brother Fred Lipskey, 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 Fred thanked Brother Frank 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.

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. and Brother Frank Cullen, 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.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES For 2011-2012

STANDING COMMITTEES

FIVE YEAR Appointment:

E.S.T.A.R.L.: Sister Anna Carr, P.M. (1PEI)

THREE YEAR Appointments:

Credentials: Sister Susan Lorimer, P.M. (25)

Finance: Brother James Ferguson, P.P. (25)

Jurisprudence: Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M.. (61)

Membership: Sister JoAnne Giffin, P. M. (40)

Sister Marilyn Farrow, P.M. (65)

Sister Kathryn Doughart, P.M. (1PEI)

Eastern Star Journal:

Brother John Lorimer, P.P. (25)

Historian: Sister Diane Patterson, P.M. (10)

ONE YEAR Appointments:

65th Anniversary of Grand Chapter:

Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61)

Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M. (10)

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

Consolidation: Brother R.G. Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. (1PEI)

Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. (35)

Brother Tabor Caulier, P.G.P. (27)

Courtesy: Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. (67)

Brother Frank Cullen, P.G.P. (24)

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	Sister Suzanne Aitken, P.M.	(69)
	Sister Melda Johnston, P.M.	(52)
	Brother Jack Whalley, P.P.	(35)
	Brother Larry Ingham, P.P.	(10)
Crafts and Treasures:		
	Sister Anna Ford, P.M. Chairman	(71)
	Sister Carole Newell, P.M.	(14)
	Sister Kathleen Boutilier, P.M.	(47)
	Sister Mary Smith, P.M.	(57)
	Sister Sheila Levy, P.M.	(8)
	Sister Ella Henshaw, P.M.	(15)
	Sister Barbara Ferguson, P.M.	(65)
	Sister Joyce England	(1PEI)
International Headquarters Fund:		
	Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey, P.M. Chairman	(2)
	Sister Jean Jack, P.M.	(10)
	Sister Marves Mansfield, P.M.	(45)
Librarian:	Sister Janet Johnson, P.M.	(24)
Music:	Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P., Assistant Grand Organist	(8)
	Sister Kay Horton, P.M.	(66)
	Brother Roy MacKinnon, P.P.	(66)
Program Booklet:		
	Brother Peter Kay, P.P. Chairman	(25)
	Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P.	(19)
	Brother Allen Reid, P.P.	(25)
	Brother George Moxsom, P.P.	(55)
	Brother Daniel Campbell, P.P.	(40)
	Brother Charles Teal, P.P.	(38)
	Brother Arnold Dempsey, P.P.	(2)
	Brother Wayne Newson,	(1PEI)
Publicity:	Sister Donna White, P.M. Chairman	(69)
	Sister Dolena Matheson, P.M.	(37)
	Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson, P.M.	(48)
	Sister Helen Fredericks	(57)
	Brother Lowell Levy, W.P.	(8)
	Sister Donna Himmelman, P.M.	(5)
	Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M.	(2)
Unfinished Business:		
	Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. Chairman	(24)
	Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.	(61)
	Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M.	(27)
Webmaster:	Brother William Bishop, P.P.	(31)

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W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:

Sister Helen Nicholson, P.M. Chairman	(1PEI)
Sister Faye Calder, P.M.	(15)
Sister Julia MacKinnon, P.M.	(66)
Sister Christine McGillivray, P.M.	(21)
Sister Kim Tidgwell	(27)
Sister Janet Hue, P.M.	(58)
Sister Leota Meisner, P.M.	(70)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2012:

Sister Sheila MacDonald, G.G.C.C.M., Chair	(26)
Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M., Social Events	(1PEI)
Brother John Newell, G.G.C.C.M., Housing	(14)
Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., Transportation	(35)
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M., Favours	(25)

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CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER, 2011

10:25 p.m. The Mizpah Benediction was repeated by all members.
The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene on July 3, 2012 at the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The Grand Officers retired and formed a receiving line in the Fireside Lounge.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Sister Jane, W.G.M. announced that her gavel was a gift from her father when she became Worthy Matron of Crystal Chapter, No. 1 in 1972. The sounding block was made by her husband, Donnie, from wood he had left over after making her Bible case. These items Sister Jane will be taking to each chapter as she makes her Official Visit during the year.

“REFLECTIONS OF LOVE AND MUSIC”

GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

To be held at the University of Prince Edward Island,
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
July 3, 4 and 5, 2012

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Dedication: This year of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the 65th "*Reflections of Love and Music*" Session is lovingly dedicated to.:

-The memory of the parents of both the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, J. Bertram and Gladys H. Larkin and Edwin and Bernice Lipskey, all long time members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Jane's Mom was a fine example of the lessons taught by Electa, and guided her to appreciate Eastern Star work and how music can enhance our meetings. Her Dad encouraged her to memorize, and gave her the necessary Masonic affiliation to become a member as soon as she was old enough. They were faithful members of Crystal Chapter # 1 (PEI). Fred's Mom and Dad were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Ruth Chapter #26 in London, Ontario when his Dad returned from World War II, in 1945. He served as Organist a number of times in that Chapter, and at other Ontario Eastern Star events.

-Jane's husband Donnie, who although not a member, gave his full support, and shared his talents; and Fred's wife Peg, who has been a great support to both of us.

-The members of Crystal Chapter #1(PEI), and Laurel Chapter #67, for all their efforts on our behalf, and to the members of both Regent Chapter #52, and Montague Chapter #69 for their love and support; and the members of the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan where Brother Fred was initiated and started his Eastern Star journey.

-Our Forget-Me-Nots: Those faithful members of all our Chapters who regularly attend the meetings even though they do not hold an office.

Aim: To do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Theme: The difference we make today counts in all our tomorrows.

Honour Stations: ELECTA: Mothers station of charity and hospitality

ORGANIST: All things are better with music and harmony

Emblems: The Cup and the Lyre

Symbol: The INUKSHUK (IN-OOK-SHOOK) - a timeless symbol of our close connection with the earth, originally built by the Inuit in the far North. It is the result of a consensus of purpose: a focused action by a group united in its goal and labour. It recognizes our ability to succeed with others, where we would fail alone. Each stone is carefully placed so that it will be part of a total structure. No one is more important than the other, each necessary to all the others!

Fun Symbols: WGM - Kitty Cats and Rocking Chairs

WGP - Puppy Dogs and Remote Controls

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W.G.M. Motto: Learn from yesterday, Live for today, Laugh at yourself, and Love with all your heart.

W.G.P. Motto: Look at Life through a windshield, not a rear view mirror.

Watchwords: LEARN, LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE

Special Project: CAMP TRIUMPH

Heart-to-Heart Project:

Donate time to help build good readers (with local schools, libraries, children or grandchildren)

Donate time to write letters/cards for our senior members/relatives
Each Chapter Electa will calculate amount of time involved and send information to Grand Electa, who will report at Grand Chapter.

All NEW stuffed Kitty Cats and Puppy Dogs given to the WGM or WGP will be donated to members of Protection Services to be distributed to Children found in distressing circumstances.

Flowers: Lily of the Valley and Forget-me-nots

Colours: Blue (for our sky and water), Green (for our earth), and Purple

Scriptures: WGM - 1 Corinthians 16:14 *"Let all that you do be done in Love."*
NRSV

WGP - Isaiah 6:8 *"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying; Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I, send me."*
NRSV

Musical Selections:

W.G.M.

Reach Out in Love
I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing
God Who Made the Earth
In My Heart There Rings a Melody
This is My Father's World
Love Lifted Me
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
When Kitty Eyes Are Smiling

W.G.P.

You Raise Me Up
Down To The River To Pray
The River
Eternal Father Strong To Save
He Ain't Heavy
The Other Side
Everything Old Is New Again
Come and Find the Quiet Centre
Come to My Heart
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Doggie In The Window

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DECORATIONS

“RIBBONS OF HOPE”

JULY 4, 5 and 6, 2011

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.

Orchids, butterflies and eagles were everywhere.

Officers and guests enter our Grand Chapter room through a lovely white archway and every year it takes on a new identity. This year was no exception.

The watchwords “Joy, Love and Peace” appeared on the north side and a majestic eagle in flight graced the south side. Vases of silk orchids stood at the base and there was a butterfly on each side that looked like it should light up. Inside the arch at the top (that is, on the east side) was a swag of silk orchids with a butterfly at each end almost the size of a dinner plate.

Atop each of the white pedestals that encircle the labyrinth was another vase of silk orchids with an eagle at the base of the pedestals on the south and north sides behind the Conductress and Associate Conductress’s stations.

At the Southeast side of the stage was an easel bearing a memorial portrait of our beloved Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frederick W. Clarke.

A Scottish lass nearly three feet tall and dressed in Nova Scotia tartan stood atop a small table in the northeast corner of the Grand Chapter room near the Charter.

At the southeast side of the stage, behind the Grand Secretary’s station, was an umbrella supported on a tall stand. It was crowned with silk orchids and had brightly coloured “Ribbons of Hope” streaming down from the sides like torrential rain. Its identical twin graced the northeast side of the stage behind the Grand Treasurer’s station.

Across the front of the stage in the East were four standards bedecked with coloured ribbons and purple and gold silk orchids. Hanging on the front of the podium were two arrangements of silk orchids and thistles. They looked much like a bridal bouquet that she would carry in her arm.

At the back of the stage on the east wall was a very large butterfly and a train engine. Both were *about* three feet across. The butterfly was made of orchids and the train engine was roses with water lilies for wheels. These graced one of the chapter rooms

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when Sister Marion and Brother Frank made their official visit and reappeared to help decorate our surroundings at Grand Chapter.

A lovely bouquet of mixed lilies sat on the Grand Treasurer's desk and a blue butterfly with *about* a ten inch wing span sat on the Grand Secretary's desk.

Feathered wreaths in the appropriate Star Point colours and adorned with small butterflies (about 2 ½ inch wing span) rested on the floor leaning against the back of each of the Star Point Officers' chairs.

If you stood in the archway, with the Grand Chapter room behind you, on the West wall in front of you were two banners – one at each side of a doorway.

The one on the north side welcomed Sister Marion and Brother Frank in both English and Gaelic. Their watchwords "Joy, Love and Peace" were at the top and their motto "Be Well and Be Happy" was at the bottom. It also showed two sprays of wheat, the honour station for the year being that of the gleaner, Ruth. The word "Fàilte" – the Gaelic word for 'welcome' was on the banner as well.

The banner on your left was a quilted one about three feet tall by two feet wide showing two magnificent eagles in flight with waterfalls in the background. I believe this was stitched by a sister from Pictou County.

The chairs for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in the East were each covered with a blanket. The blanket on the Worthy Grand Matron's chair was that of her family tartan and the one on the Worthy Grand Patron's chair was fleece with a huge eagle's head on it.

For the memorial service on Tuesday afternoon a table was pulled out to the northeast corner of the Grand Chapter room, in front of the Grand Treasurer's desk. On top of this table was a portion of a tree bearing three large grey papier maché cocoons. The Star Point officers pinned two-inch blue butterflies on the cocoons while the Grand Secretary read the names of the Sisters and Brothers who had died since our last Grand Chapter Session.

On Wednesday a lovely bouquet of (real) red roses appeared on the Grand Secretary's desk and another one on the desk of the Grand Treasurer. There was also a bouquet of mixed flowers on the Grand Treasurer's desk as well as a lovely low floral arrangement suitable for a table centerpiece.

I would like to thank Brother John Lorimer, Grand Marshal, who assisted me with this description of the decorations at our "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session. It was a 'piece of cake' for him as he supplied most of them – especially the silk orchids.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday, July 4, 2011

- 11:00 a.m. Past Grands Meeting
11:30 a.m. Grand Representatives Meeting
12:30 p.m. Past Grands Luncheon
2:00 p.m. The Butterfly Tea
4:00 p.m. ESTARL Church Service

The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

- 7:15 a.m. Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast
12:30 p.m. Grand Representatives Luncheon
6:00 p.m. *"The Gathering"* Main Banquet
Entertainment

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

- 7:15 a.m. Grand Officers Breakfast
12:30 p.m. *"All Aboard"* Luncheon, (All Members)
12:30 p.m. *"The Ceilidh"* Luncheon, (Secretaries and Treasurers)

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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
Mr. Edward F. McDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1990
* Mrs. Sarah Foster, P.G.M. & Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Rhode Island	July 1990
* Mr. Ralph Foster, Grand Representative of N.S.& P.E.I. (83-84)	July 1990
* Mrs. Ella B. Delay, Grand Representative of N.S.& P.E.I. (66-68)	July 1990
* Mr. Tom Delay, Past Patron of Tennessee	July 1990
Mr. Dick Flashenburg, P.G.P. & Grand Secretary of Nevada	July 1991
Mrs. Florence Flashenburg, Past Matron of Nevada	July 1991
* Mrs. Mary Jane Noyes, Past Grand Organist of Florida	July 1991
Mrs. Irene Campbell, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (82-84) Ohio	July 1991
* Mr. Charles Campbell, Past Patron of Ohio	July 1991
* Mrs. Hazel B. Luisgnan, Past Matron, Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Christie Peterson, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota	July 1992
Mrs. Bette Macintosh, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (88-90) New Brunswick	July 1992
Mr. Joseph Potter, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1992
Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Grand Representative of N.S.& P.E.I. (68-70)	July 1992
* Mrs. Virginia M. Painter, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1993
Mr. Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1993
* Mrs. Anna Hill, Past Grand Matron of Quebec	July 1993
* Mrs. Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of New Brunswick	July 1993
Miss Pauline Allan, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mr. DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
* Mrs. Lottie MacCallum, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mr. Alexander MacCallum, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Flora Whalen, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995

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Mrs. Vera Heffel, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mr. James Heffel, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mrs. Geraldine A. Nowe, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts	July 1995
Mr. Healy A. (Skip) Nowe, Past Patron of Massachusetts	July 1995
Mrs. Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1996
* Mr. Robert L. Baker, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1997
* Mrs. Florence Adair, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1998
Mrs. Hazel Sandler, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mr. Loren Sandler, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mrs. 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

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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
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 Chrisopulos, 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
Mrs. Phyllis Blakely, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2011
Mr. Vernal Blakely, Past Grand Patron, Maine	July 2011
Mrs. Shelley Gullett, Worthy Grand Matron, New Hampshire	July 2011
Mr. Larry Gullett, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (08-10) New Hampshire	July 2011
Mrs. Margaret Hourston, P.G.M., G.G.C.C.M. & Grand Treasurer, Quebec	July 2011
Mrs. Betty Robertson, P.G.M., G.G.C.C.M. New Mexico	July 2011
Mr. Charles "Sarge" Biggs, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (07-09), New Mexico	July 2011
Mrs. Gloria "Sue" Biggs, New Mexico	July 2011

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PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 24, 1947

PAST GRAND MATRONS

* Mrs. Annie Patterson	1947-48
* Mrs. M. Edna Browne	1948-49
* Mrs. Queenie J. Moseley	1949-50
* Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1950-51
* Miss Maude Layton	1951-52
* Mrs. Adline Purves	1952-53
* Mrs. Eva May Kohler	1953-54
* Mrs. Luceba Mosher	1954-55
* Mrs. Hazel Muggah	1955-56
* Miss Jessie C. Moss	1956-57
* Mrs. Gladys Horton	1957-58
* Mrs. Helen Herring,	1958-59
* Mrs. Helen Reid	1959-60
* Mrs. Hildred Graham	1960-61
* Mrs. Annie Horton	1961-62
* Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1962-63
* Mrs. Eulalia MacLeod-Robertson	1963-64
* Mrs. Ethel Corkum	1964-65
* Mrs. Olive Croft	1965-66
* Mrs. May Cotter	1966-67
* Mrs. Claretta Palmer	1967-68
* Mrs. Leah Conn	1968-69
* Mrs. Agnes Hallyburton	1969-70
Mrs. E. Megan Church, P.O. Box 804, Windsor, N.S., B0N 2T0	1970-71
* Mrs. Ada Bayers	1971-72
* Mrs. Sarah Doty, 118 Parade St., Yarmouth, N.S., B5A 3B7	1972-73
* Mrs. Ethel Lovett	1973-74
* Mrs. Dorothy Hill	1974-75
Mrs. Jessie Nutter, 11 Ramsgate Lane, Halifax, N.S., B3P 2S9	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., B0T 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, 306 - 67 Woodman Road, Wolfville, N.S., B4P 0B4	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

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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
Mrs. Stella E. Trask, P.O. Box 351, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2009-10
Mrs. Marion Buchan, P.O. Box 10, Waterville, N.S., B0P 1V0	2010-11

PAST GRAND PATRONS

* Mr. J. William McLellan	1947-48
* Mr. A.J.W. MacKeigan	1948-49
* Mr. Laurie Gibson	1949-50
* Mr. Floyd Smith	1950-51
* Mr. Douglas Horton	1951-52
* Mr. Willard V. Longley	1952-53
* Mr. Maxwell Wharton	1953-54
* Mr. Joseph Steadman	1954-55
* Mr. J. Alburne Ruffee	1955-56
* Mr. Ray Schwartz	1956-57
* Mr. Lauchie Johnson	1957-58
* Mr. W. Everett Moseley	1958-59
* Mr. Jephtha Munro	1959-60
* Mr. Walter Hines	1960-61
* Mr. Mert MacLellan	1961-62
* Mr. Chesterton Davies	1962-63
* Mr. Hector Grimley	1963-64
* Mr. Vernon Robart	1964-65
* Mr. Frank Ripley	1965-66
* Mr. Winthrop Doty	1966-67
Rev. Bruce Atkinson, 108-55 Camden Crescent, 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

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* Mr. Cecil S. Dean	1986-87
* Mr. Frederick W. Clarke	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	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 1TO	1993-94
Mr. Lewis Smith, 39 Cemetery Rd., Port Hastings, N.S., B9A 1K5	1994-95
* Mr. J. Howard MacInnis	1995-96
Mr. David J.C. Waterbury, 15 School St., Mahone Bay, N.S., B0J 2E0	1996-97
Mr. William M. Thompson, Sr., Box 272, Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X0	1997-98
* Mr. Ervin T. Miller	1998-99
Mr. John Newell, 49 Hebrides Drive, Sydney, N.S., B1R 2A3	1999-00
Mr. Murray F. Gardner, 316 Hollis St., New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 1P4	2000-01
Mr. William A. Thompson, Jr., 2387 Picken Street, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	2001-02
Mr. George E. Crouch, 3-41 Camro Place, Hwy 1, Cambridge Station, NS, 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
Mr. Frank Cullen, 251 Washington Street, New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 3L9	2010-11

GRAND SECRETARY

* Miss Jessie C. Moss	1947-53
* Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1953-63
* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1963-77
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1977-85
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1985-98
Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan	1998-

GRAND TREASURER

* Mrs. Evelyn Ladner	1947-51
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1951-55
* Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1955-59
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1959-64
* Mrs. Eunice Davies	1964-68
* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1968-88
Mrs. Margaret Clarke	1988-92
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	1992-03
Miss Dorothy Powroz	2003-

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1977-82
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1994-
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1998-01

GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1988
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-

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GRAND SECRETARIES WITH MONTH OF GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

- ALABAMA - Oct. - Mrs. Elaine Springsteen, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd., Prattville, AL, 36067
ALBERTA - June - Mrs. Lee Clay, 330 12th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0H2
ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Diana Houlette, PGM, 4600 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Annie Ruth Bryant, PGM, 3602 Nitawood Dr., Little Rock, AR, 72206
AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Lorraine Ellison, PWM, Box 574, Lithgow, NSW, 2790, AUS.
BOLIVIA - Mrs. Maria Eugenia de Landivar, Calle, Barachavi No. 230, Barrio Urbani, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON - June - Mrs. Sheila Carlson, 20604 - 95A Ave., Langley, BC, V1M 1H8
CALIFORNIA - Oct. - Mrs. Maryann Barrios, 16960 E. Bastanchury Rd., Suite E, Yorba Linda, CA, 92886-1711
COLORADO - Sept. - Mrs. Valerie Grundvig, 2445 South Quebec, Ste. B, Denver, CO, 80231-6000
CONNECTICUT - Apr. - Mrs. Marilyn Mattoon, PGM, Box 143, Plymouth, CT, 06782
DELAWARE - May - Mrs. Joan Edwards, PGM, 6112 W. Denny's Rd., Dover, DE, 19901-1534
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - May - Mrs. Dorothy S. Thornley, 122C Street NW, #115, Washington, D.C. 20001-2109
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. Darlene Roberts, PGM, 138 Northshore Way, Madison, MS, 39110
MISSOURI - Oct. - Mrs. Brenda Austin, PGM, 6033 Masonic Dr., Suite C, Columbia, MO, 65202
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 - Mr. Doug Swan, PGP, 169 St. John Street, Woodstock, N.B., E7M 2T9
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
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

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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. - Ms. Elizabeth French, 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. Marlene Scholari, 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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Mabel Haynes (2)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2011
Agnes MacFarlane (19)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2012
Catherine Crawford (19)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2013
Garth Wall (52)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2013
Shirley Walton (61)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2012
Everald Armstrong (45)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2013
Kris Martin (15)	B. C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2012
Joan Mills (8)	California	Dec. 31, 2011
Fred Matthews (37)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2012
Norma Thompson (52)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2011
Rosemary Hayter (24)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2012
Louis Ihasz (19)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2012
Charles McPherson (25)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2012
Gordon O'Hearn (34)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2011
Rose Salmons (21)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2012
Iris Williams (58)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2012
Heber Ross (69)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2012
Joyce Roode (24)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2013
Mary Anne Kaizer (47)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2012
Brenda Johnston-Giles (27)	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2012
Beth Brett (19)	Louisiana	July 01, 2012
Barry Jack (10)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2013
Dennis Hagen (34)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2013
Ray Horton (66)	Maryland	June 15, 2012
Gary Sterling (3)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2012
Patrick O'Neill (61)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2012
Helen Fisher (48)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2012
Marion Tizard (57)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2011
Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson (1PEI)	Missouri	June 16, 2013
Christine Ryan (40)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2013

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Midge Medcraft (31)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2011
Kathleen Holmes (70)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2012
Patricia Mooney (49)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2013
Ellen Swan (21)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2012
Linda MacKay (10)	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2012
Kenneth Wile (71)	New Mexico	Dec. 31, 2012
Robert Leard (69)	New York	May 01, 2012
Irene MacIsaac (66)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2013
Wayne Beno (57)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2011
Marie Black (15)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2011
John Dollimount (38)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2013
Kirk MacLennan (2)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2012
Audrey Farquharson (IPEI)	Oregon	May 01, 2012
Donna Hazeldine (45)	Pennsylvania	Mar. 01, 2013
Sylvain Roulliard (57)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2013
Sandra Denton (35)	Quebec	July 01, 2014
Shirley Moir (45)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2012
Bruce Fleet (58)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2013
Elizabeth Dean (30)	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2013
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
Nancy Doyle (24)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2012
Geraldine Parker (28)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2012
Elizabeth Langille (65)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2012
Cheryl Gillis (37)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2011
Bryan Campbell (49)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2012

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

REPRESENTING NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Polly Fulford	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2012
Carol Sorum	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2011
Kathy Pierson	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2012
Mary Pitts	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2011
Diana Kay Van Lissum	Australia	Dec. 31, 2012
Richard Armitage	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2011
Barbara Brown	California	Dec. 31, 2011
Len Wardlaw	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2012
Linda Martus	Connecticut	May 07, 2012
Signa Souder	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2011
Helen B. Whilhelm	District of Columbia	June 30, 2012
Joseph Earnhardt	Florida	Dec. 31, 2011
Ruth Wellman	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2011
Floyd Culver	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2012
Robert McMillen	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2012
Marcia LaBounty	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2011
Alan Moore	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2011
Winona Gebauer	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2012
Agnes Bacon	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2012

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Paula Sue Stewart	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2012
Brenda Hall	Maine	May 31, 2012
Marion Scott	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2012
William Gyr	Maryland	June 01, 2012
Holly Zumalt	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2011
Cheryl O'Connell	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2011
Bruce Flygare	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2012
Charles A. Jackson	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2013
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
Vivian Kierstead	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2012
Alice Kenney	New Hampshire	Oct. 31, 2012
Maria Endicott	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2012
Robert Sherman	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2013
Teresa Lewis	New York	Dec. 31, 2011
Ruth Powell	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2013
Pam White	North Dakota	July 31, 2011
Eileen Hatfield	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2012
Deane Watt	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2011
Lynda Terence	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2011
Shirley Moore	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2011
Marlene F. Moisey	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2012
Vionette Lopez	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2013
Mildred Orr	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2012
Meredith Pfefferle	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2011
Sergio M.M.da Silva	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2013
Bev Chesney	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2012
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2011
David Cunningham	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2012
Christie Peterson	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2011
Connie Whitaker	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2012
Gary Drescher	Texas	Nov. 18, 2012
Margo K. Bird	Utah	Dec. 31, 2012
Meredith Supernault	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2012
Maldeen S. Martin	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2012
Judith Herrst	Washington	Dec. 31, 2011
Mary Beth Paletta	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2012
Evelyn Menke	Wisconsin	May 01, 2013
Margo Cornett	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2012

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**SECRETARIES
OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS****2010-2011**

<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mrs. Arlene Riswold Box 469 Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 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. Evelyn MacDonald P.O. Box 855, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0	4 th Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Gayle Smith 13 Beverly Avenue Truro, N.S., B2N 4Y5	3 rd Tuesday
Fairfield #22	Windsor	Mrs. Margaret Bonn 141 Dill Road R.R.#1, Windsor N.S., B0N 2T0	1 st Thursday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 rd Friday
Westville #24	Westville	Mrs. Diane Hayman, P.G.M. P.O. Box 853, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	3 rd Monday

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Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704 Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 nd Thursday
Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. 14 Oland Avenue Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1 st Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 th Monday
Amethyst #28	Halifax	Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9	4 th Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277 Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 st Thursday
Annaval #31	Middleton	Mrs. Bonnie Lowe 7229 Brooklyn Street Kentville, N.S., B4N 3W4	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 Hebbsville, N.S., B4V 7A9	2 nd Wednesday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan 2375 Roosevelt Drive Halifax, N.S., B3L 3H8	1 st Monday
Armcrest #45	Halifax	Mrs. Sharon Layton 80 Chipstone Close #115 Halifax, N.S., B3M 4L4	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

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Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis-Snow 31 Russell Lake Drive #118 Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6J3	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
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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