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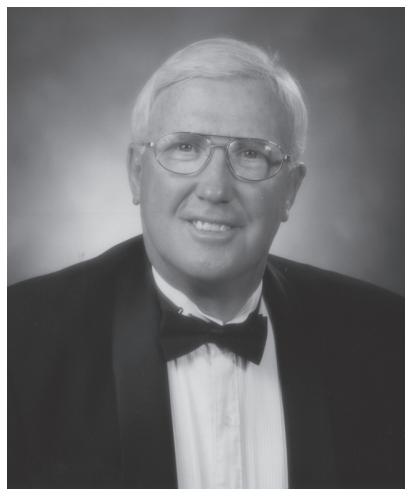
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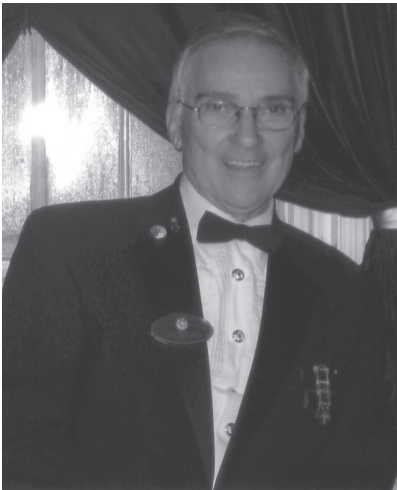
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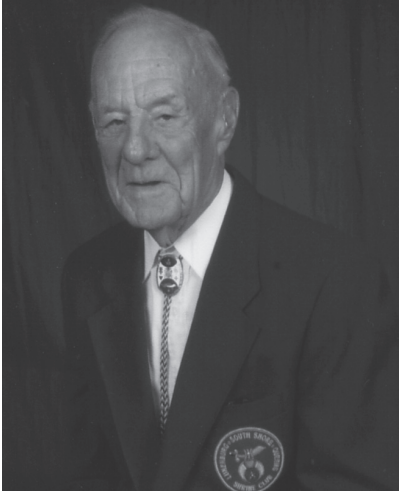
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### “REFLECTIONS OF LOVE AND MUSIC”

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This year of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the 65<sup>th</sup> “Reflections of Love and Music” Session is lovingly dedicated to:

- The memory of the parents of both the WGM and WGP, J. Bertram and Gladys H. Larkin and Edward 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.

**MOTTO:** **WGM:** Learn from yesterday, Live for today, Laugh at yourself, and Love with all your heart.

**MOTTO:** **WGP:** Look at Life through a windshield, not a rear view mirror.

**SCRIPTURES:** **W.G.M.:** 1 Corinthians 16:14 *“Let all that you do be done in Love.”* NRSV

**W.G.P.:** 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

**HONOUR STATIONS:** ELECTA: Mothers station of charity and hospitality  
ORGANIST: All things are better with music and harmony

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- EMBLEMS:** The Cup and the Lyre
- SPECIAL PROJECT:** **CAMP TRIUMPH**
- WATCHWORDS:** Learn, Live, Laugh, Love
- COLOURS:** Blue (for our sky and water), Green (for our earth), and Purple
- FLOWERS:** Lily of the Valley and Forget-me-nots
- 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:** W.G.M.: Kitty Cats and Rocking Chairs  
W.G.P.: Puppy Dogs and Remote Controls

**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.

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

**WGM**

*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*  
*Come and Find the Quiet Centre*  
*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*  
*When Kitty Eyes Are Smiling*

**WGP**

*Down To The River To Pray*  
*The River*  
*Eternal Father Strong To Save*  
*The Other Side*  
*Love Lifted Me*  
*Come to My Heart*  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
*Doggie In The Window*

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### DIVINE SERVICE

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

The “*Reflections of Love and Music*” ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. and was well attended.

The service was conducted by Reverend Brother Charles Paterson, P.P., Chairman of the ESTARL Committee. Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. welcomed all members to the service. Brother Ed MacLaren, Grand Organist and the Grand Choir provided us with beautiful music during the service. Hymns during the service were “*Lily of the Valley*”, “*Seek Ye First*” and “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” and were sung by the Prince Edward Island Masonic Choir, “Men in Motion”. A solo was sung by Sara (Wilson) Campbell, an ESTARL recipient in Music. The message brought to us by Brother Charles Paterson on ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) was most inspiring and informative of the programme and the assistance it provides to students studying the ministry and church music. The service concluded with a medley of hymns sung by all members present.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$1,191.04** and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Programme.

### INFORMAL OPENING

TUESDAY EVENING, July 3, 2012

**6:00 p.m. Musical Prelude provided by the Masonic Choir “Men in Motion”.**

**6:15 p.m. Introductions**

#### **PRESENTATION of the 2011-2012 GRAND FAMILY AND ESCORTS:**

**Brother John Patterson, P.G.P. (10)** introduced the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and their escorts.

**Brother John:** 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.

**Sister Margie Allen is District Deputy Grand Matron for District # 7.** She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 54 years. She is a Past Matron of several Chapters and currently belongs to Cedar Chapter # 3, in Wallace, Nova Scotia. She is being escorted this evening by her son, William (Bill) Allen. He is a Past Master of Coverdale Masonic Lodge # 52, Riverview, New Brunswick.

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**Sister Viola Horton is District Deputy Grand Matron for District # 2.** She was initiated in Maple Leaf Chapter #23, Sheet Harbour 16 years ago. Ten years later when Maple Leaf surrendered their Charter, she affiliated with Florence Fraser Chapter # 47, in Sherbrooke. She served both Chapters as Worthy Matron and has held numerous other offices over the years. Sister Viola is being escorted by Sister Kay Boutilier, who also started her Eastern Star journey in Maple Leaf Chapter in Sheet Harbour, and affiliated with Florence Fraser Chapter # 47, when that Chapter closed. She is a 64 year member of Eastern Star who has been Worthy Matron three times. She has been Grand Electa and a Grand Representative.

**Sister Freda Ells is District Deputy Grand Matron for District # 1,** wife of Brother Vincent Ells, P.G.P. Sister Freda joined Cobequid Chapter # 39 in 1951, and affiliated with Queen Elizabeth Chapter # 14 when she and Brother Vincent moved to Sydney in 1953. She has been Worthy Matron 5 times, and has held every office she could except Secretary and Treasurer. She is being escorted this evening by Brother John Newell, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, who also belongs to Queen Elizabeth Chapter # 14, in Sydney, Cape Breton.

**Our Grand Sentinel, Brother Danny Campbell,** joined Eastern Star in 1997 in Halifax Chapter # 7, where he was Worthy Patron three times. He is currently serving his third term as Worthy Patron of Mystic Star Chapter # 40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay. He has been a Freemason for 29 years, serving as Master of his Lodge three times, is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and is currently serving as the Associate Grand Secretary. He is being escorted this evening by Sister Suzanne Aitken, from Montague Chapter # 69, who will soon be a 40 year member. She is a Past Matron of Montague Chapter as well as Lord Beaverbrook Chapter #33, in New Brunswick. She has been a Grand Representative for both Jurisdictions.

**Brother Jack Calder, our Grand Warder,** has been a member of Eastern Star for over 40 years. He is a Past Patron of Evangeline Chapter # 15, Kentville and has been a Grand Representative and Committee Member. He is being escorted by his wife of Fifty Years (as of Saturday), Sister Faye. She has also been a member over 40 years and is a Past Matron of both Evangeline # 15, and Laurel #67, and has been a Grand Representative, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Grand Chapter Committee Member.

**Grand Electa is Sister Connie MacDonald** from Crystal Chapter # 1, a fifteen year member of Eastern Star. Sister Connie has been Worthy Matron of Crystal Chapter twice, has been a Grand Representative, a District Deputy Grand Matron, and has served on numerous Grand Chapter Committees. Sister Connie is being escorted by her husband, Brother Allison, who served as her Worthy Patron on both occasions. He is currently Sentinel in Crystal Chapter, and Treasurer in his Masonic Lodge, Prince of Wales # 18, Wheatley River.

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**Sister Gloria Turner, Past Matron of Grace Chapter #8 and Arbutus Chapter #30 is our pro-tem Grand Martha**, who is a true Eastern Star Sister, who at the last minute made herself available to fill this Office. Sister Gloria is escorted by Sister Sheila Levy, P.M. of Grace Chapter #8. **Our Grand Martha, Sister Bonnie Lowe**, was unable to attend Grand Chapter due to illness in her family.

**The wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Peg Lipskey, Past Matron was chosen to be our Grand Esther.** She joined Eastern Star in Saskatchewan, becoming a member of Prince Albert Chapter # 16, and then Excelsior Chapter # 21, Regina, and now belongs to Laurel Chapter # 67. Sister Peg is being escorted by Brother Zeke Eaton, Past Grand Patron this evening, a member of Crystal Chapter # 1, and he has been a member for 48 years.

**Grand Ruth, 2011-2012, is Sister Margaret Muise**, a native of New Brunswick who met her husband while vacationing in Germany. She joined Harmony Chapter # 25 in 1998 and quickly proceeded to Worthy Matron. She affiliated with Century Chapter # 10 in 2009, and is presently serving as Worthy Matron. Sister Marg has been a Grand Representative, Ruth and Electa. She is a volunteer in many Community groups. Sister Margaret is being escorted by her husband, Brother Rick, a native Cape Bretoner, who became involved with the Masons and Eastern Star, after retiring to Pictou County from a career in the Military. Rick belongs to many Masonic Bodies, and is an active community volunteer.

**Sister Jean Annear, Grand Adah**, is a 14 year member of Montague Chapter # 69. She has been Worthy Matron twice, was a Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, and can be found in any Chapter office, although her regular one is Esther. Sister Jean is being escorted this evening by her husband, Morley, who belongs to the Masonic Lodge in Montague. You may have seen his name on a Tractor Trailer or two driving down the Maritime Highways. The business is being run by their son now, but Morley still likes to keep an eye on things.

**Our Grand Organist is Brother Ed MacLaren**, a member of Montague Chapter # 69 and Crystal Chapter # 1. Brother Ed has been a permanent fixture in the office of Organist in both Chapters for a number of years, until recently, when he served another term as Worthy Patron in Montague, and he is heading there again in Crystal Chapter. Not one to sit idle, Brother Ed is the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Director of the Masonic Choir "Men in Motion", and serves on the National Board of Hospice Palliative Care Association. He is being escorted by his wife, Irene Renaud, who is a talented crafts person, who wove the material for the cover of the Worthy Grand Matron's Bible.

**Brother Joe Fiander, our Grand Marshal**, is being escorted tonight by his wife, Sister Jean, of 60 years as of July 11 - next week! They met and married in North Sydney, although they are both former Newfoundlanders! They joined Munro

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Chapter # 26 in April 2003, became very active members and Brother Joe has been a Grand Representative. They have 6 children and 5 police officers in the family.

**Our Grand Chaplain is Brother George Doughart** (pronounced Daw-heart), who is a member of Crystal Chapter # 1. He has been Chaplain many times since he joined Eastern Star in 2004. Brother George is a retired teacher who is quite often found writing histories for various community groups. He has been the Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island for 13 years. He is being escorted for the introductions this evening by his wife, Sister Kathryn. Brother George and Sister Kathryn served Crystal Chapter as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in 2010-11.

**Sister Irma Maxwell, serves as our Associate Grand Conductress**, and is a General Grand Chapter Special Appointment on Cardinal Crew. She is a Past Matron of Evangeline Chapter # 15, and a member of Laurel # 67, and has been Grand Electa. She is being escorted by Brother David Hobson, Past Patron of Laurel Chapter # 67 and Fairfield Chapter # 22.

**Our Grand Conductress, Sister Mary Reid**, was initiated into Harmony Chapter # 25 in 1985. She has served as Worthy Matron 5 times. She has been a Grand Representative, a District Deputy Grand Matron, a Grand Chapter Committee Member and Grand Electa. Sister Mary's escort this evening is her husband of 42 years, Brother Allen Reid. He joined Harmony Chapter in 1985 as well, and has been Worthy Patron 5 times, was Grand Marshal, Grand Chapter Committee Member and Grand Representative.

**Sister Dorothy Powroz, our Grand Treasurer**, is a 36 year member of Amethyst Chapter #28 and has been Worthy Matron three times. She has been a Grand Representative of Australia, Grand Adah, and with her banking experience with Scotiabank, she has lent her expertise to the Finance Committee, and now has served eight years as Grand Treasurer. Sister Dorothy is being escorted tonight by Brother Ken Smith, Past Grand Patron, and member of Kwebec Chapter # 27, Bedford. Brother Ken is always working for Eastern Star, in Chapter, Grand Chapter or General Grand Chapter, and is the first Past Grand in this jurisdiction to receive a Grand Representative Commission.

**Our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan** is a 49 year member of Mystic Star Chapter # 40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia. Sister Betty Ann has served our Grand Chapter in this position for 14 years. Her escort this evening is Brother Lowell Levy who has just completed his first term as Worthy Patron of Grace Chapter # 8, Sister Betty Ann's affiliated Chapter. He has been a member of Eastern Star for 6 years and is currently serving on the Publicity Committee.

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**Brother Ralph Swinamer, Associate Grand Patron** is a 30 year member of Eastern Star, and is a member of Mayflower # 2 and Annaval # 31. He has served as Worthy Patron nine times in 3 different chapters. He was appointed Grand Chaplain in 1991-92. His escort is his wife of 57 years, Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Past Grand Matron, Ambassador to the State of New York.

**Our Associate Grand Matron is Sister Mary Lou Higgins.** She was initiated into Elm Chapter # 48 in October 1988, where she has been Worthy Matron three times. She is escorted by her husband, Ross. Ross serves as her chauffeur when he is not busy driving truck for their boys. Sister Mary Lou and Ross have been married 50 years, and have one daughter, two sons, 9 grand children, and one Great Grand Daughter.

**Brother Fred Lipskey, Worthy Grand Patron** was initiated into Eastern Star in Prince Albert Chapter # 16, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in 1989 and has held several offices, usually Chaplain and is a Past Patron. His escort this evening is Sister Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron of Saskatchewan. Sister Donna and Brother Fred were first time Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, together in Regina. Sister Donna joined Excelsior Chapter # 21, Regina in 1985. She is also known as Queen Elizabeth the Tooth, performing in Canada, the United States, and a number of Eastern Star Functions. Sister Donna loves Eastern Star as her second family which includes Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge,** is a 47 year member of Crystal Chapter # 1, Charlottetown. She has been Ruth, Electa, and Chaplain of Crystal Chapter and has served as Worthy Matron twice, 35 years apart! She regularly fills in at all three Island Chapters. Sister Jane is escorted this evening by her husband of 40 years, Donnie. He has recently retired after 44 years of working out in the cold putting on people's power.

**6:40 p.m.**

### EMBLEM CEREMONY

The Emblem Ceremony was narrated by Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) as the emblems were placed at the stations.

Bible:	Sister Norma Wall	(52)
Bible Escorts:	Sister Edith Lewis	(1PEI)
	Sister Joan Sudsbury	(52)
Sword and Veil:	Sister Marguerite Keating	(1PEI)
Sheaf of Wheat:	Sister Charlotte Enman	(61)
Crown and Sceptre:	Sister Catherine Pettigrew	(52)
Broken Column:	Sister Millie Aker	(67)
Cup:	Sister Mary Crouch	(15)

**Presentation of Bible and Emblems**

**Sister Edith, P.G.M.:**

(The Bible)

The Sacred Altar is the centre of our Grand Chapter Room reminding us that God is the centre of our lives.

The Holy Bible which rests upon our Altar is a reminder for us to return daily to its teachings with love and thanksgiving for the many blessings he bestows upon us each and every day.

The Holy Bible is the centre of our deliberations and from its open pages; we read the words that guide us in all the teachings of our beautiful Order and in our everyday life. From its pages the Holy Bible teaches and guides us through the labyrinth of human life and beyond.

The Holy Bible is being escorted in by:

Sister Edith Lewis of Crystal Chapter # 1PEI - Tuesday & Wednesday evenings

Sister Jean Profitt of Crystal Chapter #1 PEI - Wednesday Morning

and Sister Joan Sudsbury of Regent Chapter # 52, Central Bedeque.

It will now be placed on our Sacred Altar by Sister Norma Wall of Regent Chapter # 52, Central Bedeque.

(Adah)

From the Book of Judges comes the story of Adah, the devoted and loving daughter of Jephthah. She sacrificed her love and her life that her father should not deny his vows to God. The sky blue of the veil represents fidelity and dependability. The sword reminds us that the cause of right and integrity must always be defended. The Sword and Veil is being placed by Sister Marguerite Keating of Crystal Chapter #1, PEI.

(RUTH)

From the Book of Ruth we learn of a young widow's unselfish love and devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi, who took her to a land of strangers. The Sheaf of Wheat symbolizes that through the performance of small tasks and humble duty in the service to others we honour our Heavenly Father. The Sheaf of Wheat is being placed by Sister Charlotte Enman of Queen Esther Chapter # 61, Dartmouth.

(ESTHER)

From the Book of Esther we learn of a beautiful Queen who was willing to sacrifice her life and Crown to save her people from death. The Crown represents the purity of loyalty to God and country and the power of God. The Sceptre, the forgiveness He extends when we reach toward him to claim his promise. The Crown and Sceptre is being placed by Sister Catherine Pettigrew of Regent Chapter # 52, Central Bedeque.

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(MARTHA)

From the Gospel of John we learn of Martha who, burdened with grief at the death of her brother, Lazarus, was told by Jesus "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". The Broken Column is symbolic of the uncertainty of human life and is a constant reminder that the number of days of our lives is in the hands of our maker. The Broken Column is being placed by Sister Millie Aker of Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick.

(ELECTA)

From the second Epistle of John we learn of the gracious and hospitable elect lady. Electa was persecuted because she refused to deny her Christian Faith and willingly sacrificed her life in testimony of her beliefs. The Cup exemplifies kindness and hospitality and reminds us to share the bounty of God's blessings with those less fortunate. The Cup is being placed by Sister Mary Crouch of Evangeline Chapter #15, Kentville.

These messages of love are a reminder of the mandate sent from Heaven above. His word gives us many commandments, but the greatest of these is Love. Let us Love One Another.

**6:45 p.m. Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M. (1PEI) and  
Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. (52)**  
were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

**Sister Marion, G.G.C.C.M.:** Good Evening Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

It is an honour and pleasure, through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, to open the informal evening of this the "*Reflections of Love and Music*" Session, the 65<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and also to share the East with Brother Reg MacRae, Past Grand Patron, and my very special friend.

I extend to you all an Island welcome to our beautiful Province of Prince Edward Island, the other half of this Grand Jurisdiction. We are all so excited to have you here as it doesn't happen very often. It was 6 years ago when we had the honour. Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

We are honoured to have with us Civic and Fraternal Leaders as well as members from our General Grand Chapter, and a representative from Camp Triumph, all whom will be formally introduced and you will meet later.

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I also give a special welcome to our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther, the wife of "our" Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, who is the brightest Star shining down upon us and smiling with pride as we open our Session.

To our distinguished guests we bid you welcome and hope your visit to our beautiful Island leaves warm and lasting memories, and encourages you to return again and again. For those of you who are privileged to live here, show our hospitality to those who are not as fortunate, and I will tell you all, we welcome CFA's that's "Come From Away" and would welcome your move at anytime to our beautiful, peaceful and safe Island.

To the Sisters and Brothers of our own Jurisdiction, I am pleased to welcome you back to Prince Edward Island and University of Prince Edward Island. Without your support and encouragement none of this would be possible. What a beautiful Order we belong to, whose success depends upon all of us, it's Members.

Brother Reg, please address our Members and Visitors.

**Brother Reg, P.G.P.:** Thank you, Sister Marion. Good evening, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors.

Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you sincerely for asking me to assist Sister Marion at this informal opening. I know that you and Brother Fred have had a busy year. A year in which you, Sister Jane, have had to deal with a time of health issues; but you have dealt with that in an exemplary manner and are now ready to preside over your "*Reflections of Love and Music Session*". I sincerely hope that your session will be as successful as you hoped it would be and that our members and your Grand Officers will be proud of all that you have accomplished.

Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Patron, your smile, easy manner and your musical voice have endeared you to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction and we are happy to have you as our Worthy Grand Patron. I wish for you both a harmonious and rewarding "*Reflections of Love and Music Session*", and trust that you both will enjoy good health in the future as you join the ranks of the Past Grands.

**Sister Marion, G.G.C.C.M.:** I now call to order the Informal Opening of this 65<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island -The "*Reflections of Love and Music*" Session. It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional so that you can see the formations, narrated by Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Choir, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Subordinate Chapter Electas and Organists and Grand Representative to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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### Grand Chapter Formations

**Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M.:**

**The Grand Officers have formed Electa's Cup** - one of the honour stations of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this year. The Cup is an emblem of Charity and Hospitality and renowned as our Mother Station. Electa was noted for her Charity and Benevolence and showed her love for all mankind. This makes us thankful that every day our Cup of Love overflows with blessings and we are so grateful for the opportunity of service that comes with our membership in this beautiful Order.

**The District Deputy Grand Matrons with some added friends have formed a Forget-me-not** which represent our faithful members on the sidelines. The flower is an emblem of fidelity and friendship.

*When to the flowers the Father gave a name,  
A little blue-eyed one so timid came,  
Dear Lord, the name Thou gavest me, Alas I have forgot  
Kindly the Father looked down at him and said "Forget-me-Not"*

**The Worthy Matrons have formed the Lily of the Valley**, another special flower this year. The Lily of the Valley was first cultivated around the early 1400's. This beautiful flower is also known as Our Lady's Tears, as according to Legend the tears that Mary shed at the foot of the Cross turned into Lily of Valley flowers. This flower is also supposed to bring good fortune in love. A fitting symbol of a Mother's Love.

**The Grand Guards, Chapter Electa's and Organists have formed a Keyboard** to represent the second Honour Station of Organist. Our Organists provide appropriate Music reflecting Harmony and Faith. Harmony is the Keynote to lasting Happiness. When we put our notes together on the Keyboard of Life, we can create beautiful music.

*The Keyboard of Life holds beauty,  
There's Harmony waiting there,  
For the heart that attunes its song to life,  
To peace, good will, love and Prayer.*

**Our Grand Representatives, our travelling ambassadors, are circling the World.** Our Order is based in many countries and as Love Makes the World Go Round and the Music goes on and on, we truly hope that these Grand Representatives will continue to make us one great Eastern Star body and we will all live with "Reflections of Love and Music".

**Sister Marion, 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 introduction.

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**Sister Marion, G.G.C.C.M.:** Sister Jane, what a pleasure it is for me to open your Session. Your journey started 6 years ago as my Grand Chaplain and Travelling Companion, along with Sister Jean, we were the 3 Musketeers.... That is when I encouraged you to go to the Grand East, and you have never looked back. I know your parents are very proud of you today and will be smiling down upon this, your Session. Your journey here has not been an easy one healthwise, but with sheer determination and great medical care, here you are as healthy as a trout. Your determination and stubbornness has brought you safely here, and your dedication to our Order gave you the will and strength to overcome; with your faith in God, your husband's help, and many Sisters and Brothers, all encouraging you during your challenge. I hope this, your Session, will be all you wish for and will remain one of your fondest memories in your journey through life, as a Past Grand Matron.

Brother Fred, I know your trip in the Grand East hasn't been an easy one, wondering and worrying about your Worthy Grand Matron, and always trying to expect the unexpected. You have been supportive and a willing partner to do whatever was asked of you. Job well done. Now it is time to sit back and enjoy your Session. It will pass in the blink of an eye, but know this, Grand Chapter appreciates all you have and will do, as you become a Past Grand Patron.

Well done, faithful servants.

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

**Brother Reg, P.G.P.:** Worthy Grand Patron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers, behold your Worthy Grand Patron and salute him with Grand Honors

**Sister Marion, G.G.C.C.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am so pleased to present you with your gavel, with loving best wishes from all assembled here. I know you will use it wisely and well.

**The Starlight Quartet** sang "*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*" to Sister Jane and Brother Fred.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sister Marion, G.G.C.C.M. and Brother Reg, P.G.P., It seemed only proper that we should have two Islanders (a real one and one by choice) to open the Informal Session. Thank you for doing this for me. One of my watchword lines is Laugh at yourself. Sister Marion, my adopted Sister, I learned that

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from you, thank you for presenting me with my gavel. Sister Jane presented each of them with a token gift.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Sister Marion and Brother Reg,  
Thank you for officiating at this Informal Opening of the 65<sup>th</sup> annual session of this Grand Chapter, "Reflections of Love and Music". Your dedication to the work of the Eastern Star through the past years, I am sure, will add much to this Grand Session.

**Sister Jane, WGM:** Brother John, P.G.P., Sister Edith, P.G.M. and Sister Marian, G.G.C.C.M., each of you have provided part of this ceremonial evening, please accept these gifts as a sincere THANK YOU.

**Sister Jane, WGM:** You will now give your attention to the Ribbon Ceremony performed by our Sisters from New Brunswick.

### Ribbon Ceremony

Narration

*(Opening: Sister Mary Pelletier leads in followed by, Sister Nancy Keirstead, Sister Anne Murray, Sister Mildred Homer, and last Sister Peggy Jagoe.)*

The Ribbon Ceremony is being performed by the Grand Officers of New Brunswick. They are representing the 5 Heroines of our Star. The colour appropriate to each of the Star Points illustrates a lesson portrayed by our Heroines.

Introduction: *(As I mention the name of the Sister she walks to her station)*

Sister Mary Pelletier, Grand Organist, represents **The Daughter -Adah**, the first point of our Star. Adah's colour of *Blue* teaches the lesson of *Fidelity*.

**Ruth, Naomi's Daughter-in-law**, the second point of our Star, is represented by Sister Nancy Keirstead, Grand Conductress. Ruth's colour of *Yellow* teaches the lesson of *Constancy*.

The third heroine of our Order is **Esther, Noble Queen**, and is represented by Sister Anne Murray, Grand Esther. *White* is the colour of Esther's star point whose lesson is one of *Loyalty* to Family and Friends.

Sister Peggy Jagoe, Associate Grand Conductress, holds the ribbon of *Green*, which represents **Lazarus' sister, Martha**. The fourth point of our Star teaches the lesson of *Faith*.

The fifth point of our Star, **Electa**, our Mother Heroine, is represented by Sister Mildred Homer, Worthy Grand Matron. The colour *Red* reminds us of Electa's lesson of *Love*.

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These ribbons will now be interwoven to form a Star.

The Red Ribbon of Love - held by Sister Mildred Homer joins together the points of Constancy and Loyalty.

The Green Ribbon of Faith - held by Sister Peggy Jagoe joins together the points of Fidelity and Constancy.

The White Ribbon of Loyalty - held by Sister Anne Murray joins together the points of Love and Fidelity.

The Yellow Ribbon of Constancy - held by Sister Nancy Keirstead joins together the points of Faith and Love.

The Blue Ribbon of Fidelity - held by Sister Mary Pelletier joins together the points of Loyalty and Faith.

Our Grand Officers have formed a Star which they will now display.  
*(The Star Points show the completed star, then the Narrator says:)*

This formation has joined together the virtues of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, truly making you "Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely".

**Sister Jane, WGM:** Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar Informally.

### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by **Brother George Doughart, Grand Chaplain.**

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the Informal Opening of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session, "*Reflections of Love and Music*" called to order.

### PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

Under the direction of **Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier, P.G.P. (27)**

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 Brother Garth Wall, P.P. (52):**

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

The national flag of Canada was approved by Parliament in 1964 and proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to take effect on February 15, 1965.

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It is a red and white flag, twice as long as it is wide, containing in its centre a white square bearing a red maple leaf. Red and white are Canada's official colours and with the maple leaf, are symbolic elements found in the Canadian flag.

The official ceremony inaugurating the new Canadian flag was held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on February 15, 1965 in the presence of Governor General, George Vanier, Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson and members of the Cabinet.

The Canadian flag is a symbol of patriotism and a rallying point in times of stress. It is an assertion of Sovereignty as well as nationality, whether it flies over an embassy, the mast of a ship, or at an International sports event.

The flag expresses sorrow when it flies at half-mast, honour when draped over a casket, and rejoicing when raised on holidays or special occasions.

It is a distinctive symbol which identifies Canada in all parts of the world.

I am proud and deeply pleased to be asked to pay tribute to the Canadian flag.

Thank you, Worthy grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this great honour.

The **Union Jack** was presented by **Sister Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron of Saskatchewan**, 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 Larry Gullett, P.P.**, New Hampshire, followed by the singing of "*The Star Spangled Banner*".

The flag was placed in the East and the **tribute was given by Sister Janet Berry, P.G.M., Connecticut:**

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this opportunity to pay tribute to the Flag of the United States of America.

We have all heard the symbolic description of the Stars and Stripes. The white stripes for purity of thought and intent, the red for the courage and blood shed by patriots gaining and protecting freedom. The blue for loyalty and the white stars for each of our states.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, as I was driving here, leaving my home state of Connecticut and the United States, I was struck with an odd feeling that I was going to be in another country for the Fourth of July.

I started to think about the flag, the United States, and suddenly it became very personal to me.

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The Stars and Stripes mean many things to many people throughout the world. I look upon the flag, focusing on the 50 stars of bright white. I am reminded that 13 colonies declared Independence 236 years ago and they became the 13 original states. Our forefathers, many with Masonic affiliation, had a greater vision of what a nation and its people could become. I am reminded that 50 states voluntarily ratified the Constitution, joining the union over the following 180 years.

The stars remind me of the pioneering spirit and determination of the people to become part of the union.

I am certainly reminded that the Stars and Stripes of the United States and the Canadian Red Maple Leaf Flag have flown in a kind of Brotherhood of peace and kindred spirit with our people cherishing freedom, individually, moral character and extending our hands in aid and relief to all in need throughout the world.

So, yes, I am honored to pay tribute to the Stars and Stripes, the Flag of the United States of America.

The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Brother Richard Muise, P.P. (25) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Brother Kenneth Pettigrew, (52), together at the Altar and placed in the East.  
The Grand Choir sang "*The Flag we Love the Best*".

The **Christian** flag was presented by Sister Margaret Fearon, (5) and the **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57) together at the Altar and placed in the East.

**Brother Ted, P.G.P.:** Thank you, Flag Bearers. You may retire.  
Thank you, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour of directing the flag ceremony.

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

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests and Friends;

I extend a sincere welcome to all of you who have come this evening to the Informal Opening of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoy your evening. I hope to keep things moving along quickly, so please be prepared when it is your turn to shine. All of my welcomes are short LOVE Notes. Enjoy them!

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**Brother Fred, WGP:** Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Distinguished Guests.

I am pleased to welcome you tonight, as we begin this "*Reflections of Love and Music*" session of this Grand Chapter. I cannot believe how quickly time has passed since wishing I was a puppy dog, so I could wag my tail, when Brother Ted, Worthy Grand Patron at the time, asked if I would accept the office of Grand Sentinel. What an incredible journey it has been, and continues to be to this day. I do hope you enjoy your time with us, and until you are home, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

### PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

#### 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 Jane, WGM:** Welcome to Prince Edward Island. Your LOVE Note is:  
*Where there is LOVE - there is light!*

**Brother Fred, WGP:** Worthy Grand Ruth and Worthy Grand Esther, it is a pleasure to welcome you to this Grand Chapter. We have often encountered each other in our travels, and as always it's good to see you again.

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

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

**CANCER:** Sister Marjorie Colton, P.G.M., New Brunswick;

**CHAPTER RESTORATION:** Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

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- CHARTERS:** Chairman, Sister Judith Brightman, P.G.M., Rhode Island;
- 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 Joan Campbell, General Chairman, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; 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;
- INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** Brother Ronald Jagoe, P.G.P., New Brunswick;
- 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;
- 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.

**Sister Jane, WGM:** An Island Welcome to all of you. Your LOVE Note is:  
*Where there is LOVE - the day is bright!*

**Brother Fred, WGP:** I do hope you are enjoying your term. Please know that your efforts in your General Grand Chapter assignments are very much appreciated.

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

**The response was given by: Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther:**  
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Distinguished Guests,

The word "welcome" holds warmth of fellowship and friendship.

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It is an honour and a privilege for me to respond to the warm welcome accorded to the General Grand Chapter Officers and the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. We know that it takes many hands to make a Grand Chapter work and we sincerely thank you for each and every courtesy that has been extended to us. They will remain a treasured memory.

Sister Jane and Brother Fred, you have had an outstanding year. May your "Reflections of Love and Music" be all that you have hoped for, and may it leave you with "Precious Memories", for all that you have done, you have done in Love.

### PRESENTATION OF 50 AND 60 YEAR PINS

**Two fifty year members:** Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (14) and Sister Barbara Ferguson, P.M. (65), and **two 60 year members:** Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5) and Sister Freda Ells, P.M. (14), were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East to receive their pins.

**Sister Jane, WGM:** My Sisters, 50 and 60 year members, behold your Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers behold your 50 and 60 year members and salute them with Grand Honours.

### PRESENTATION OF 50 PLUS and 60 PLUS YEAR MEMBERS

**Twenty-eight** 50 year, 50 plus year and 60 year and 60 plus year members were assembled in the West by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and introduced - giving their years of service.

They were: Sister Kathleen Boutilier (47)-65 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-63 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-62 years, Sister Edith Lewis (PEI)-62 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-60 years, Sister Freda Ells (14)-60 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-58 years, Sister Alena Buchanan (69)-58 years, Sister Ada Turner (14)-57 years, Sister Helen MacEwan (52)-56 years, Sister Catherine Pettigrew (52)-56 years, Sister Margaret Allen (3)-54 years, Sister Shirley Conrad (49)-54 years, Sister Margaret Clarke (67)-54 years, Sister Eleanor Mitchell (61)-53 years, Brother Charles Teal (38)-53 years, Sister Josie Zwicker (61)-52 years, Sister Marjorie Conrod (61)-52 years, Sister Marie Black (15)-51 years, Sister Diane Hayman (24)-51 years, Sister Eileen Tanskey (1PEI)-51 years, Sister Barbara Paterson (55)-51 years, Sister Sheila MacDonald (14)-50 years, Sister Barbara Ferguson (65)-50 years, Sister Ireta Thompson (1PEI)-50 years, Brother Norman Thompson (1PEI)-50 years, Brother Whitman Giffin (8)-50 years; and visiting from Ontario - Sister Connie Woodward -55 years.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Welcome! What a lovely sight. Your LOVE note is:

*For your devotion to our Order  
For all that you have done,  
And the friendships that you've won,*

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*For all the years that lie ahead,  
This brings a wish to you:  
May Eastern Star always bring  
A wealth of LOVE to you!*

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Good evening to all of you and welcome to this Grand Chapter Session. You are valued to us as members we can come to for advice and support. I do hope you enjoy your time with us.

The Grand Choir sang “*My Best to You*” as the honoured members were escorted to the East and presented with a small remembrance by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The honoured members were given a hearty welcome by all members and escorted back to their seats.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** We will now proceed to receive greetings from our Invited Guests. The LOVE Note for all of you is:

*I ask for happiness for you  
In all things great and small  
But it is God's LOVE and care  
I pray for most of all!*

### PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Our Premier, The Honourable Robert Ghiz, is out of the Province this evening, but we are very pleased to have with us as his representative, Mr. Wes Sheridan, Minister of Finance, Energy and Municipal Affairs. Mr. Sheridan has some knowledge about Eastern Star through his Grandparents, and he represents the area where "Camp Triumph" is situated. We would be pleased to hear from you now.

**Mr. Wes Sheridan, Minister of Finance, Energy and Municipal Affairs** brought regrets from the Premier, Mr. Ghiz. He was honoured to have the opportunity to address the members as he represents the area where Camp Triumph is located. He was impressed to see how many members were introduced who hold 50 and 60 year membership. He welcomed all to beautiful Prince Edward Island and hoped everyone would enjoy their stay. He spoke briefly about Camp Triumph stating that the founders of this camp had come to him when they were trying to find a permanent home for the camp and he was able to help them secure their present location. He wished us all the best for the 65<sup>th</sup> session and thanked Sister Jane for the opportunity to be a part of it.

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### CIVIC WELCOME

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Mayor Clifford Lee of Charlottetown is unable to attend this evening as he was called away on emergency business and sends his regrets.

**Response: Brother Daniel Campbell, Grand Sentinel:**

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

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I wish to thank the Honourable Wes Sheridan, Minister of Finance, Energy and Municipal Affairs of Prince Edward Island for his kind words of welcome on behalf of the Provincial Government of Prince Edward Island, and his best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter. We hope that our Grand Chapter members and especially our visiting Sisters and Brothers have time to tour this beautiful province, to experience the spectacular vistas and breath-taking scenic views which magically appear around every corner of every highway. Perhaps they will stop in Malpeque to visit Camp Triumph, which we know is located within your constituency, to see those wonderful facilities provided by this fantastic charity, totally run by volunteers and supported by our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project.

Once again to the Honourable Wes Sheridan we extend a very special welcome for bringing greetings from your provincial government.

### MASONIC GREETINGS

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** I am honoured to introduce the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, Most Worshipful Brother George Grant. May we hear from you at this time.

**Most Worshipful Brother George Grant** brought greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, Brother Reo Matthews. He stated how impressed he is to witness the Informal Opening as he is a new member of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 61 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He thanked Sister Jane for the invitation and said how pleased he is to be able to attend. He extended best wishes for a successful 65<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter session.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** I also have the honour of introducing Most Worshipful Brother Allison Coles, Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island. Could I ask you to address this session?

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### **Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Brother Allison Coles:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Lipskey, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is a honour for me to bring Greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of Prince Edward Island, to the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I understand your Session is called, "Reflections of Love and Music". What a wonderful name for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, which is so fitting for the Eastern Star. I was so intrigued by the words "love" and "Music" that I looked up the meaning, here is a brief description of the words.

Love is an emotion of a strong affection and personal attachment. Love is also a virtue representing human kindness, compassion, and affection---the unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another. Love may describe actions toward others or oneself based on compassion, or affection.

Music is an art form whose medium is sound and silence. Can you imagine, at Christmas, when the fighting stopped in the 1st world war, and the sound of Silent Night was heard coming across No Man's Land, the resulting cease fire, the exchange of cigarettes, and the feelings that were felt? Music is used to improve learning, build self-esteem, support physical exercise, and a host of other health related activities.

"Reflections of Love and Music" what a beautiful theme for a Session!

I hope you have a productive Session and that you keep the meanings of Love and Music in your Hearts, throughout the Session, the next year, and all of your days on this wonderful planet called Earth.

### **SHRINE GREETINGS**

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Noble Peter Kay, Membership chairman for Philae Shrine for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Please favour us with a greeting.

**Philae Shrine Noble Brother Peter Kay:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke, Grand Officers, Platform Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors.

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I bring you greetings from Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and our Potentate III. Sir Bill Scrymgeour. III. Sir Bill and the Divan are attending the Imperial Sessions in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A little bit about the Shriners - We're not just the guy's with the funny hats, little bikes and cars and clowns that march in most summer parades.

The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine were established in 1870 and are an appendant to Freemasonry.

In 2010 we became known as Shriners International now covering nearly 200 Chapters across North America, South America, Europe and Southeast Asia. We are best known for the "Shriners Hospitals for Children". Our organization is headquartered in Tampa, Florida.

We describe ourselves as a fraternity based on Fun, Fellowship and the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

There are approximately 340,000 members from 194 Chapters in Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, The Republic of Panama, The Philippines, Puerto Rico, Europe, Australia and since July 6, 2011 Heidelberg, Germany.

As Membership chairman it's difficult for me to stand in front of so many brothers and not make a plea for new members for our great Fraternity with the world's greatest philanthropy "Shriners Hospitals for Children".

For any of you Brothers who are not members of the Shrine, I have applications with me. The only requirement to become a Shriner is that you must be a Master Mason of a Craft Lodge in good standing.

### DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** I am pleased to introduce Daughters of the Nile, Queen of Athena Temple #149, Sister Lillian Symonds. Queen Lillian, may we have a greeting from you?

**Queen Lillian Symonds:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

What an honour to be invited to speak at this 65<sup>th</sup> annual session of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I bring greetings from our Supreme Queen, Suzie Schumacher.

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Daughters of the Nile is a benevolent fraternal international organization for women who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile. Founded in 1913, Daughters of the Nile now total over 30,000 members, meeting in 144 cities through out United States and Canada. They contribute monies to our Convalescent Relief Account and Convalescent Endowment Funds, sew garments, donate toy, games, books and other items to Shriners Hospitals for Children. In June I attended the 96<sup>th</sup> Supreme Session held in Portland Oregon, the highlight of the trip was the visit to Portland Shriners Hospital where orthotics, and Prothesis are made and repairs to children with cleft palates are performed. Just to see all this wonderful work done by so many medical staff was so rewarding knowing that Daughters of the Nile contribute to this. To date Daughters of the Nile have donated over 50 million Dollars to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The members of Daughters of the Nile from coast to coast share a very special bond of fellowship with each other. There is pride in our efforts toward supporting the great philanthropy of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, I wish you both a very successful “Reflections of Love and Music” Session and thank you for allowing me to speak.

The **response** was given by **Brother Ralph Swinamer, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is indeed an honour to respond to the greetings from our distinguished Brothers, who lead our Craft Lodges in both Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

You were both installed in your high office, within the past month, and here you are, in the presence of more lovely ladies in formal gowns than you have probably seen in a long, long time. What a lovely way to start off your term in office.

You both have set goals for your term in office, and we wish you every success in accomplishing these goals. Congratulations Brothers and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of responding to the Masonic greetings.

### **HOST FACILITY**

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** I would like to welcome Mr. Sam Buchanan, Manager, Conference Services, University of Prince Edward Island, and ask him to bring greetings.

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**Mr. Sam Buchanan, Manager, Conference Services**, brought greetings from the University of Prince Edward Island and thanked the Order of the Eastern Star for choosing this facility to hold their Grand Chapter Session. In conclusion he hoped that all would enjoy their stay and wished Sister Jane and Brother Fred a successful session.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you, Sam, for working with us.

**PRESENTATION TO "CAMP TRIUMPH"**  
**Special Project, 2011-2012**  
**By Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Kathi Sheriko, Director of "Camp Triumph". Early in our planning sessions, Brother Fred and I were struggling to find the Charity we wanted to support. We decided we wanted to do something for children, but, what would it be? We tossed around a number of options over the winter, and then, in March I was attending a District Convention of Women's Institute, where Kathi and a volunteer were the guest speakers. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and I was hooked! Now I just had to bring Brother Fred on board - but that wasn't a hard sell once we had visited the site in Malpeque. Brother Fred...

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Sister Jane gave me the pleasant opportunity this past year in introducing the Camp Triumph concept to the members of our Jurisdiction and they have been most receptive and generous in their support. As Sister Jane has said, once I saw the Camp and had the rationale explained, I had to be on board.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Kathi, the members of the Order of Eastern Star are a loving and giving group of people, who were pleased to support our Special Project. Ninety-five percent of these funds were donated by our own members. Brother Fred and I are honoured to present you with a cheque for **\$28,000.00**. We hope there is a little more at the close of the sessions. We would be pleased to hear from you now.

**Director of Camp Triumph, Kathi Sheriko** addressed the members of Grand Chapter and expressed her great surprise and gratitude at the amount of money raised in such a short time. She then outlined some of the projects that they hope to achieve and with this donation they will be able to start putting their hopes and dreams into reality. She invited all members to visit Camp Triumph to see the progress that has been made to date. In closing, she thanked the members for their generosity.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you very much, Kathi.

Sister Jane and Brother Fred each presented her with baskets of stuffed toys which were given to them specifically for Camp Triumph.

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**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Distinguished Guests who wish to leave may do so at this time, but we would be pleased to have you stay, if you wish.

The Grand Choir provided beautiful Musical Selections at this time.

### WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

**Sister Suzanne Aitken, PM (69), Co-Chair, Hostess Chapters 2012, Woolskey's Workers:**

Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret; Distinguished East; Sisters and Brothers.

On behalf of 'Woolskey's Workers' Chairman, Sister Marion Miller; Co Chair, myself, Sister Suzanne Aitken; Secretary, Sister Fran Harding; and Treasurer, Brother Ed MacLaren and Hostess Chapters: Crystal # 1, Charlottetown; Cedar # 3, Wallace; Regent# 52, Central Bedeque; Atlantic # 65, Tatamagouche; Laurel # 67, Berwick and Montague # 69, Montague, I would like to welcome you to our 'Gentle Island'.

Enjoy the lovely facilities here at UPEI and we hope you can stay a few days and enjoy what PEI can provide, from our beautiful National Parks to our stunning beaches and breathtaking views.

May you enjoy our sessions and you are more than welcome to return again and again.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, thank you for the honour of extending these greetings from your Hostess Chapters.

**The response by Sister Mary Reid, Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all:

Sister Suzanne, P.M. It is indeed a great honour and privilege to express, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, our appreciation of the very gracious and warm welcome you have extended to us this evening.

We truly appreciate your dedication over the past few years as you planned and prepared for this "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Session. Your efforts were not in vain. Everything appears to be in place to make our time spent here on The Island a memorable experience which will be cherished for years to come. Thank you. Sister Jane, W.G.M. and Brother Fred, W.G.P., may all your dreams be fulfilled this week as you preside over your "Reflections of Love and Music Session". Both of you are loved and admired by all your sisters and brothers. Thank you both for a wonderful year and the honour of responding to Sister Suzanne's sincere welcome.

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

**Two Worthy Grand Matrons and Two Worthy Grand Patrons** were presented: Sister Mildred Homer, New Brunswick; Sister Judy Christiansen, Quebec and Brother Allan Gillis, New Brunswick and Brother Gordon Young, Quebec.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.** How wonderful to have you here this evening. Of the original nine of the North East Constellation, very soon over half of us will have finished our term and become the Past! My LOVE Note for you:

*Let there be sunshine all of your days  
Let there be blossoms along life's way  
Let there be hearts peace when day is done  
Let there be loving and laughter and fun  
Let there be rainbows at each shower's end  
These are my wishes for you, my friends!*

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** It is a pleasure to welcome you to the “Reflections of Love and Music” session here in the playground of the Atlantic. I do hope you are enjoying your Office, and wish you all safe travels in the future.

The **response** was given by **Sister Mildred Homer**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Civic Dignitaries, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

What an honour it is for me to have been asked to respond to the welcome for the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons! Sister Jane and Brother Fred, we have become very good friends this past year. I trust the structure we crossed today to get to your beautiful Island will become a symbol of the friendship we have bridged this year.

Tonight is the beginning of three days that finish an amazing year for you. It truly has been a time of "REFLECTIONS OF LOVE AND MUSIC". Your structures that you built, stone by stone, each one carefully placed so that it would be part of the total structure teaches us that we can succeed only with the help of others and truly we would fail alone. What a wonderful lesson for each of us to take back across the Strait!

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, I wish you much success in the sessions before you - and hopefully we'll see you in New Brunswick, Friday and Saturday.

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

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**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sister Judy, I have a surprise for you!

The Grand Choir sang “*Happy Birthday*” to Sister Judy Christiansen, W.G.M of Quebec, who is celebrating her birthday today.

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

**Please note that 9 Past Grand Matrons and 8 Past Grand Patrons were introduced as General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members.**

**Nine Past Grand Matrons** were presented: Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Isabelle Pearson, Sister Edith Conrod, Sister Stella Trask and Sister Marion Buchan.

**Ten Past Grand Patrons** were presented: Brother Kenneth Smith, and Grand Representative of Ohio, Brother Reginald MacRae, Brother William Clark, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother Allen Denton, Brother John Patterson, Brother Whitman Giffin, Brother Tabor Caulier, Brother Zeke Eaton and Brother Frank Cullen.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you for coming! Your LOVE note is:

*Your LOVE has made my path more pleasant  
Without our Pasts, there would be no Present!*

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Good Evening, Sisters and Brothers and Welcome. You are invariably our chief supporters. We have often looked to you for advice and guidance and you have always come through. For that we are grateful.

The **response** was given by **Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, All Members and Visitors;

It is both a delight and a privilege for me to have been invited to make this response and I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. And on behalf of all our Past Grands present here, I can say we are proud to represent many years of service in this our 65<sup>th</sup> year as a Grand Chapter. We do feel privileged indeed to have had our time of service and to have added to the history of this Grand Chapter, while we remember also the contributions made by our departed Past Grands and those unable to be with us due to health issues/concerns.

We extend our best wishes to you, Sister Jane and Brother Fred, as you preside at this Session may it be both harmonious and successful in every way and at its conclusion gives you a sense of pleasure and satisfaction. Our loving best wishes.

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

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### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

**Seventeen Past Grand Matrons** presented were: Sister Kathleen MacDonald, California; Sister Nancy Barr, Connecticut; Sister Joyce Armonath, Connecticut; Sister Janet Berry, Connecticut; Sister Annelle Hammond, Georgia; Sister Julie McMillan, Illinois; Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts and Grand Representative of Bolivia in New Hampshire; Sister Betty Danks, New Brunswick; Sister Ann Lister, New Brunswick; Sister Shirley MacDonald, New Brunswick; Sister Audrey Sypher, New Brunswick; Sister Letha Holmes, New Brunswick; Sister Donna McEwan, New Brunswick; Sister Sherry Mitton, New Brunswick; Sister Shelley Gullett, New Hampshire; Sister Anita Young, Quebec and Grand Secretary; Sister Rosie Fiscus, Wisconsin.

**Ten Past Grand Patrons** presented were: Brother Clifford Brightman, Massachusetts; Brother Frank Fenner, Jr., Massachusetts and Special Deputy for Bolivia for MWGM; Brother Dewitt Lister, New Brunswick; Brother Joseph Holmes, New Brunswick; Brother Doug Swan, New Brunswick and Grand Secretary; Brother John Murray, New Brunswick; Brother Robert King, New Brunswick; Brother Ron Oakley, New Brunswick; Brother Donald Devore, Oklahoma and Grand Representative of N.S. and P.E.I.; Brother Howard Hazzard, Ontario.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** It is my pleasure to welcome you to our Jurisdiction, and we hope you enjoy your time with us. I do hope you have an opportunity to tour the "Gentle Island", and that your stay encourages you to return often.

The **response** was given by **Sister Betty Danks**, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is my privilege to respond to your warm welcome on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions.

We are so pleased to be in beautiful Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, which I consider my second home, and to be with you as you begin your "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter session.

The kind hospitality that has been extended to us by your members since we arrived is appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Our best wishes to each of you....may your skies be blue, these grand chapter sessions be all you hoped for, and may all your dreams come true...

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honour of responding to your welcome.

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

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### PRESENTATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

**Eight Elected Sisters and Brothers** were presented: Sister Jean Duncan, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Sister Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron, Saskatchewan; Sister Nancy Keirstead, Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Sister Margaret Jagoe, Associate Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Sister Susan Ferguson, Associate Grand Conductress, New Hampshire; Sister Lynda Williams, Grand Treasurer, New Brunswick; Brother Don Williams, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick and Brother Laurie Bishop, Grand Sentinel, New Brunswick.

**Six Appointed Sisters and Brothers** were presented: Brother Colin Allen, Grand Chaplain, New Brunswick; Sister Mary Pelletier, Grand Organist, New Brunswick; Sister Eleanor Butland, Grand Adah, New Brunswick; Sister Anne Murray, Grand Esther, New Brunswick; Sister Doris Schultz, Grand Esther, Wisconsin and Sister Mary Ellen Hailey, Grand Electa, Florida.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you for taking the time to visit with us this evening. Your LOVE Note is:

*Where there is LOVE - there are friends.*

The **response** was given by **Sister Donna Sanders, A.G.M.**, Saskatchewan: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers and Distinguished Guests.

What a pleasure it is to be here in the beautiful Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island again. What a thrill to be on the island, visiting the other half this year. I am always welcomed so warmly by your members, that I truly feel like just one of the family!!

Sister Jane, you have had a great challenge this year and we are so blessed to receive your heartfelt welcome given with a healthy, beautiful smile. I personally thank you for this honour of responding.

Brother Fred, my dear friend, we have talked of this day for so many years, I cannot believe it is actually at hand. Sister Peg and I, "the other woman", are so proud of you; as is the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan, "your other family" who send their congratulations and love to you both.

On behalf of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions, we commend you, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Matron and you, Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Patron, on your dedicated work this year. Above all else, please enjoy this your 65<sup>th</sup> "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Session.

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

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

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

**Sixteen Grand Representatives** were presented: Sister Agnes MacFarlane, Alberta; Brother Garth Wall, Arkansas; Sister Shirley Walton, Australia; Sister Kris Martin, British Columbia and Yukon; Brother William Allen, California; Sister Linda Holmes, Connecticut; Brother Heber Ross, Indiana; Sister Joyce Roode, Iowa; Sister Mary Anne Kaizer, Kansas; Brother Charles Graves, Maryland; Sister Irene MacIsaac, North Carolina; Sister Marion Robinson, South Carolina; Sister Evie Jean Lazenby, Texas; Sister Patricia Canning-Selig, Utah; Brother Willard Nicholson, Vermont and Sister Norma Hayman, Wisconsin.

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

It is my privilege to welcome you as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Yours is the nicest appointment given within the Order of the Eastern Star and an honour to receive. As you travel to your respective Grand Jurisdictions, you are given the opportunity to represent Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. My hope is that each of you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity - enjoy every minute, be proud of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and "talk us up" every opportunity you get. Welcome to this "Reflections of Love and Music" Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity of giving this welcome and may God's Blessings be with you and the Worthy Grand Patron as you lead this Grand Chapter through your Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Joyce Roode:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Distinguished East:

On behalf of the Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I wish to thank Sister Mary Lou for the lovely welcome and also express my own personal welcome to the Grand Representative from Iowa and all the Grand Representatives present.

I would also like to thank Sister Jane for the honour of responding on behalf of our Grand Representatives.

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**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Your LOVE Note is:

*Where there is LOVE - there are Smiles.*

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

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

**Seventeen Grand Representatives** were presented at the Altar: Sister Margaret MacPherson, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Diane Jones, California; Sister Margery Zurko, Connecticut; Brother Ted Barber, Florida; Sister Selena Turner, Georgia; Brother Robert McMillen, Illinois; Sister Jean Craig, Indiana; Sister Joanne Seelye, Iowa; Sister Winona Gebauer, Kansas; Brother Charles Jackson, Mississippi; Sister Maria Endicott, New Jersey; Brother Robert Sherman, New Mexico; Sister Bernice Brown, Ontario; Sister Margaret Fearon, Oregon; Brother Gary Drescher, Texas; Sister Mary Beth Paletta, West Virginia; Sister Evelyn Menke, Wisconsin.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you for visiting our Grand Jurisdiction especially since it is here on Prince Edward Island. My LOVE Note for you is:

*Where there is LOVE - Friendships grow.*

The **response** was given by **Brother Ted Barber**, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Florida:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Lipskey, Elected and Appointed Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all.

On behalf of all Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in their respective jurisdictions and my wife, Sister Lila Barber, I congratulate you all for the love and joy you have shown us at this 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, "Reflections of Love and Music". We rejoice that "All things are better with music and harmony...and the differences we make today counts in our tomorrows."

I feel very sure that Sister Mary Jane Noyes, Past Grand Organist, is looking down at this Grand Chapter with love and joy in her heart. Again, we thank you.

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

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

**Nine Grand Representatives** were presented at the Altar: Sister Ruth Bishop, New Brunswick in Arkansas; Sister Helen Ellis, Delaware in New Brunswick; Sister Florence Briggs, Mississippi in New Brunswick; Sister Marjorie Yeomans, Pennsylvania in New Brunswick; Sister Dorothy Allen, Rhode Island in New

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Brunswick; Sister Faye Oakley, South Carolina in New Brunswick; Sister Annie Watson, Quebec in New Brunswick; Sister Julianne Sherman, Quebec in New Mexico; Sister Denise Sloan, New Brunswick in Mississippi.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Sisters Welcome. Your presence reminds us of just how far this beautiful Order reaches. You have been selected to be Ambassadors for your specific areas and being here with us tonight tells us that you take those responsibilities seriously. We do hope you enjoy your stay with us, and please return often.

The **response** was given by Sister Dorothy Allan, Grand Representative of Rhode Island in New Brunswick: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers;

Thank you for your welcome and the honour given to me and the Grand Jurisdictions of New Brunswick and Rhode Island in responding to your welcome. I thank you for the hospitality and courtesies extended to visiting Grand Representatives. I wish for you a successful Grand Chapter Session with many happy memories.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Your LOVE Note is:

*Where there is LOVE - happiness abides.*

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

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

**Three Sisters** were escorted to the west and introduced:

Sister Irma Maxwell, Cardinal Crew Committee Member;

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 Jane, W.G.M.:** It is so nice to have some Special Appointments with us this evening. Your LOVE Note is:

*Where there is LOVE - there is joy.*

The **response** was given by **Sister Carolyn Galley Card:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers All;

We thank you for your gracious welcome to the General Grand Chapter Special Appointments. I thank you for the honour you have given Laurel Chapter #67, to respond to your welcome.

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These are very special General Grand Chapter appointments as there are only three in Canada and they are in our own Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The other General Grand Chapter Special Appointments are in the State of Texas.

Sister Dorothy Powroz, the Executive Committee on Finance; Sister Irma Maxwell, Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, now Cardinal Crew, and myself - Liaison for Canada, International Grand Representatives Association.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred wanted us to know these appointments were special. (The reason for only three, three makes a triangle, my thoughts.)

Thank you, Sister Dorothy and Sister Irma, for standing at your stations.

Our wish for you is that your Grand Chapter is all that you both thought it would be and much more, with lots of SPECIAL memories.

*Life is a garden, good friends are the flowers  
And times spend together. Life's happiest hours.*

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, thank you and enjoy your Grand Chapter Session.

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

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

The following **District Deputy Grand Matrons** were introduced: Sister Freda Ells, District No. 1; Sister Viola Horton, District No. 2; Sister Margaret Allen, District No. 7, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Some of you, I know have made an extra special effort to be here this evening. My LOVE Note for you is:

*Blessed are they who walk in LOVE,  
For they also walk with God above.*

The **response** was given by **Sister Margaret Allen:**

On behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for the honour and privilege of responding to your gracious welcome. We appreciate the faith you had in us and are happy that you have given us the opportunity of sharing with you both in your year of service to this Grand Jurisdiction.

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The wonderful hospitality and friendships we received when visiting Chapters in our Districts on your behalf will always remain special memories to us. It has been a wonderful year!

May this 65<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session “Reflections of Love and Music” be all that you hoped it would be. You both have put an enormous amount of effort into your year and we wish for you both good health, lots of happiness and God's richest blessings.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour you have bestowed upon me and my Chapter, Cedar #3 in Wallace, Nova Scotia, in allowing me to give this response.

The 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 Suzanne Aitken; Sister Melda Johnston; Brother Larry Ingham

**Crafts and Treasures:** Sister Anna Ford, Chair; Sister Kay Boutilier; Sister Mary Smith; Sister Ella Henshaw

**Credentials:** Sister Mary MacDonald; Sister Susan Lorimer

**Eastern Star Journal:** Sister Doreen Edgar, Chair; Brother John Lorimer; Sister Evelyn Aulenback, Sister Fran Harding

**ESTARL:** Brother Charles Paterson, Chair; Sister Marianne MacMillan; Sister Anna Carr

**Finance:** Sister Margaret Burhoe, Chair; Sister Lorraine O’Neill

**Historian:** Sister Diane Patterson

**International Headquarters:** Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey, Chair

**Librarian:** Sister Janet Johnson

**Membership:** Brother Cyril Marsters, Chair; Brother Hayward Meisner; Sister Heather Boyd; Sister JoAnne Giffin; Sister Kathryn Doughart

**Music:** Sister Kay Horton, Choir Director; Brother Roy MacKinnon, Vocals

**Program Booklet:** Brother Peter Kay, Chair; Brother Allen Reid; Brother Charles Teal; Brother Arnold Dempsey

**Publicity:** Sister Donna White, Chair; Sister Frances Burgoyne-Jackson; Sister Donna Himmelman

**W.G.M.’s & W.G.P.’s Special Project:** Sister Julia MacKinnon; Sister Christine McGillivray; Sister Janet Hue; Sister Leota Meisner

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**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you so much for all the work you do on behalf of Grand Chapter. My LOVE Note for you is:

*Where there is LOVE - there is service to others!*

The **response** was given by Sister Christine McGillivray. She thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Committee Members for the appointments. She also thanked them for the honour of responding to the welcome and wished them both a successful session.

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

### PRESENTATION OF 2011-2012

#### WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

**Twenty-three Worthy Matrons, Fifteen Worthy Patrons including One Visiting Worthy Matron and One Visiting Worthy Patron** were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Matrons:** Sister Mary MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Sister Heather Matthews, Cedar #3; Sister Brenda Clarke, Keystone #5; Sister Sheila Levy, Grace #8; Sister Vivian Ingham, Century #10; Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Beth Brett, Victoria #19; Sister Carol Atkinson, Myrtle #21; Sister Sheila MacDonald, Munro #26; Sister Clara Nieforth, Amethyst #28; Sister Winna Smith, St. Mary's #35; Sister Phyllis Munroe, Mae #38; Sister Marion Conrad, Mystic Star #40; Sister Kathy Shears, Scotia #49; Sister Beverly Matthews, Regent #52; Sister Gail Hemlow, Emerald #58; Sister Michelle Boutlier, Queen Esther #61; Sister Marilyn Farrow, Atlantic #65; Sister Faye Calder, Laurel #67; Sister Mindy White, Montague #69; Sister Myrtle Demings, Crescent #70; Sister Patricia Armstrong, Pearle #71 and Visiting Worthy Matron: Sister Kay Horton, Peace River #30, Arcadia, Florida.

**Worthy Patrons:** Brother Kirk MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Brother Lowell Levy, Grace #8; Brother Murray Gardner, Century #10; Brother John Newell, Queen Elizabeth #14; Brother Shane MacFarlane, Victoria #19; Brother William Clark, Westville #24; Brother Adrian Pearson, Harmony #25; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother Claude Shears, Scotia #49; Brother Kenneth Conrod, Queen Esther #61; Brother Harold Farrow, Atlantic #65; Brother Roy MacKinnon, Starlight #66; Brother Ed MacLaren, Montague #69; Brother Donald Selig, Pearle #71 and Visiting Worthy Patron: Brother Ray Horton, Peace River #30, Arcadia, Florida.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** You kept the ball rolling in our Subordinate Chapters, welcomed us, and took extra special care of me in your Chapters. Thank you and welcome to Grand Chapter, my LOVE Note for you is:

*When you give LOVE - you get back tenfold.*

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**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** I want to personally thank each and every one of you for welcoming us into your Chapters and for the kind hospitality extended. More often than not there was much laughter and fantastic hugs. The effort you put into the Official Visits did not go unnoticed, and it was very much appreciated, especially by "This Old Dog".

The **response** of the Worthy Matrons was given by **Sister Michelle Boutilier**, Chair, Grand Pages: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of responding to your words of welcome on behalf of the Worthy Matrons of this jurisdiction.

We commend you on a successful year and it is our wish that you will forever cherish the memories of this "Reflections of Love and Music" Session.

The **response** of the Worthy Patrons was given by **Brother Roy MacKinnon**, Chair Grand Guards:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, on behalf of the Grand guards for this session of "Reflections of Love and Music", we want to thank you for your words of welcome. We have enjoyed working for this session.

I would like to thank you for this honour.

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

### HOSTESS CHAPTER COMMITTEES

**The Executive Members** of the Hostess Chapters Committee were introduced in the west:

Sister Marion Miller, Chair; Sister Suzanne Aitken, Co-Chair; Brother Ed MacLaren, Finance.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Thank you for all that you have done to prepare for this evening. You have everything in order for our meetings. We may be small, but we sure are mighty! My LOVE Note for you is:

*When you LOVE you find your heart.*

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** I do hope you take pride in what you have been able to accomplish and know that all your efforts to bring us to this time together is very much appreciated by all.

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The **response** was given by **Sister Marion Miller**, Chair. She thanked Sister Jane and Brother Fred for those kind words and stated how pleased the members of the Hostess Chapters Committee were to have the opportunity to host this Grand Chapter Session. She hoped that all members will have a pleasant stay in Prince Edward Island.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers, please join me in showing your appreciation.

The Hostess Chapter Committees were given a hearty vote of thanks.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sister Mary, Grand Conductress and Sister Irma, Associate Grand Conductress, thank you for all your travels this evening. Sisters and Brothers please show your appreciation.

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

**CLOSING**

**10:30 p.m. Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** I now declare this Informal Opening closed.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar Informally.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will proclaim this Grand Chapter called from Labor to Rest, to reconvene Wednesday, July 4, at 8:45 AM sharp.

**FORMAL OPENING**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 4, 2012**

<b>8:45 a.m.:</b>	<b>Emblem Ceremony:</b>	
	Narrator:	Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61)
	Bible:	Sister Norma Wall (52)
	Bible Escorts:	Sister Jean Profit (1PEI)
		Sister Joan Sudsbury (52)
	Sword & Veil:	Sister Marguerite Keating (1PEI)
	Sheaf of Wheat:	Sister Charlotte Enman (61)
	Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Catherine Pettigrew (52)
	Broken Column:	Sister Millie Aker (67)
	Cup:	Sister Mary Crouch (67)

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

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**9:00 a.m.:** The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order by:  
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25) and  
Brother Adrian Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. (25)

**Sister Isabelle, P.G.M.:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers! I have the privilege and pleasure to extend a most sincere welcome to all at this Formal Opening of the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - the "Reflections of Love and Music" Session. It is a special honour for me to have my husband, Brother Adrian, to assist me.

To all members of our own Jurisdiction, especially Worthy Grand Esther, our many General Grand Chapter Committee Members and our Special Appointments - Welcome!

I extend a warm and friendly greeting to our visitors who have come to share with us the fellowship of this Grand Chapter. May the time we spend together be worthwhile, meaningful and memorable.

To all General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Grand Representatives, Special Appointments and indeed all visiting Sisters and Brothers, may you enjoy our hospitality and friendship of this "Reflections of Love and Music" Session.

I would like to say a special word of welcome to our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther. I wish you health and happiness as you continue to represent our Grand Chapter at the International level. We are so proud of your service to this beautiful Order.

Sisters and Brothers we come together to renew friendships, make new friends and to transact the business of our Grand Chapter by reviewing the work of the past year and considering legislation for the future. May the spirit of goodwill abide at all times. Brother Adrian, may we have your words of welcome.

**Brother Adrian, G.G.C.C.M.:** Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to share the honour of calling to order the formal opening of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is a special privilege to join Sister Belle on this occasion. My thanks to Sister Jane and Brother Fred.

My friends, this is your Grand Chapter and I know our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron want you to participate to the fullest; contribute where you can and take away fond memories of a special Grand Chapter Session.

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To the visitors from near and far - Welcome and safe travels!!

**Sister Belle, P.G.M.:** Thank you Brother Adrian. I now call to order this Formal Opening of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of this Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "Reflections of Love and Music" Session.

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

**Sister Belle, P.G.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Choir, Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Subordinate Chapter Organists and Electas, and Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

### FORMATIONS

**Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M.** (61) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Subordinate Chapter Organists and Electas and Grand Representatives, entered the Grand Chapter room.

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

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

**Sister Belle, P.G.M.:** Sister Jane and Brother Fred, how happy I am to welcome you to the Formal Opening of your Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for this honour and for the privilege of having Brother Adrian by my side.

You have endeared yourselves to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction as you travelled this past year, successfully fulfilling your obligations. You are now entering upon your final task as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We hope that your goals will be realized during this Session and that you will be rewarded with many happy memories of a devoted year of service to our beautiful Order.

Sister Jane, your year has been a most challenging one for you, in respect of health, yet you persevered and demonstrated loyal service and dedication to our Order. We are very proud of you as you stand at the Altar as our Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Fred, you are to be commended for your faithful and exemplary leadership as Worthy Grand Patron this past year. God bless you both.

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**Brother Adrian, G.G.C.C.M.:** Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Matron, we have all looked forward to this day. Your inspiration, example and performance over the past year has been remarkable. Where there's a will there's a way! May you continue in improved health and may your Session be all that you richly deserve.

Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Patron, at each Official visit you referred, with obvious love and respect, to your father, Rev. Brother Ed. I suggest to you that those same qualities will be your legacy of this past year of service. Well done my Brother.

Thank you both for the honour of assisting in this formal opening.

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

Sister Jane and Brother Fred were each accorded Grand Honours in the East.

**Sister Belle, P.G.M.:** Sister Jane, what a pleasure it is to present you with your gavel. I know that you will use it wisely and well.

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

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sister Isabelle, and Brother Adrian, thank you for presiding over the ceremonies of the Formal Opening of Grand Chapter. Sister Isabelle thank you for presenting me with my gavel. One of my lines this year was Learn from yesterday. I have learned a lot from you. Please accept this small gift as a token of my appreciation.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Thank you team Pearson for opening the Formal beginning of our Grand Chapter. We appreciate you being here. Brother Adrian, please accept this token as a reminder of today.

The Starlight Quartet sang "*Down to the River*" to Sister Jane, W.G.M. and Brother Fred, W.G.P.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** I would like to wish our American Sisters and Brothers a Happy Birthday, and then we must get to work.

### OPENING CEREMONY

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: "*Reach Out in Love*" was sung.

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

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

### WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers, Welcome. I hope you are well rested and ready to get down to the Business of this Grand Chapter. We will have the presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced.

### PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

**Sister Cora MacKay, P.M., Credentials and Registration Committee,** was introduced in the west and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Welcome to our session this morning. I have LOVE Notes as my Welcomes. My LOVE Note for you is:

*LOVE is the flower that blossoms with the years.*

**Sister Donna Hazeldine, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania** in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, was presented at the Altar, welcomed by Brother Fred, W.G.P. and escorted to the East where she was accorded Grand Honours.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers, we are about to begin dealing with the business of our Grand Chapter. I ask you to seriously consider all items brought before us and deal with them for the good of the Order, and be considerate of all members. I will now call on Brother Adrian Pearson, G.G.C.C.M., our Parliamentarian to read Robert's Rules of 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, Worthy Grand Patron - Thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your "Reflections of Love and Music" Session.

Sisters and Brothers, as we commence the Business of Grand Chapter, let us work in Harmony for the Good of the Order.

As always, Roberts Rules of Order (revised) shall govern all our deliberations.

Following are ten selected items:

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the Presiding Officer.
2. All motions must be seconded before discussion.
3. No one shall speak more than twice to a motion.

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4. No one shall speak more than two minutes at any one time.
5. The mover is entitled to speak last to her/his motion.
6. No one shall 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 concurrence of the seconder.
9. A standing vote may be called upon request.
10. Roberts Revised Rules of Order shall prevail on all matters.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### ADOPTION OF 2011 MINUTES

**Sister Betty Ann Loughnan**, P.M. (40), **Grand Secretary** moved the adoption of the 2011 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 2011-2012 SISTER JANE WOOLDRIDGE

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Sisters and Brothers: I don't remember very much about my Installation last year, but I do know that you were all there for me, picked me up, and carried me through the year. You were surprised when I said that the year was going to be *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* – but it was! There were far more good memories than bad, and I really learned what awesome support can be found within this organization. Everyone was so thoughtful, from Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M., who provided my “Home away from Home”; and Sister Mary Smith, P.M., who took over driving duties once I reached Dartmouth; Brother Danny Campbell, our newbie Officer who so willingly provided and recruited others to provide me with TLC (Tug, Lug, and Carry); my Sisters and Brothers from “the Island” who made sure I reached the other side when I wasn't able to drive; those who sent cards and notes, or phoned; right down to the many who checked to see what I could eat before they planned a banquet. You welcomed me into your Chapters, and you were all truly amazing.

Now it is my pleasure to welcome YOU to Prince Edward Island, our spectacular little part of this Grand Jurisdiction. Enjoy your stay here at the “Reflections of Love and Music” 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, visit with our neighbouring provinces, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and be sure to come back again and again to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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### DEDICATION

This year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron has been dedicated to our parents, all Eastern Star members: J. Bertram and Gladys Larkin, Edwin and Bernice Lipskey; my husband Donnie, Fred's wife Peg; the members of Crystal Chapter #1, Laurel Chapter #67, Regent Chapter #52, Montague Chapter #69, the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan; and our supporting members the Forget-me-nots.

This year I carried my Family Bible which had been covered by material woven by Irene Renaud, the wife of our Grand Organist, Brother Ed MacLaren, and the Bible Marker which was made by Sister Maureen Weeks, PM, and Sister Connie MacDonald, PM and presented to me by the Past Matron's Club of Crystal Chapter #1. Brother Fred and I alternated nights for our Bibles to be on the Altar, and when in Atlantic Chapter #65, I used the Bible from Britannia Chapter #18 which was loaned to me when they surrendered their Charter; and when I was in my home Chapter, Crystal #1, I used their own Bible which had been given to the Chapter by my late Dad, after the Chapter had suffered a fire in 1955, and the Bible survived a second fire in 1957. The honour stations we chose were Electa and Organist. My travelling emblem, the Cup, was a gift to me by Brother Fred and Sister Peg at our Installation. My home Chapter, Crystal #1PEI, gave me a beautiful Stained Glass hanging of an Inukshuk which hangs in our front window. The Lyre which is on the Grand Treasurer's desk was loaned to me by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. and was made by the late Brother John Powroz, P.P., father of our Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy Powroz.

This session is lovingly dedicated to our late Sister Christene MacLeod who was excited to be our Assistant Grand Organist, but never got to fulfill her dream.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
LOVE leaves a memory on one can steal."

### IN MEMORIAM

Our Grand Family was saddened to lose Sister Christene, and the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has lost three Past Grand Patrons: Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Brother William M. Thompson and Brother James H. Dickie. We extend sincere sympathy to all families and Subordinate Chapters who have lost members this year, as all our members are important to us. Our memorial service will be held later today.

### OFFICIAL ACTS

I was pleased to work with all our elected Grand Officers, you are a very important part of our Grand Family, and you were all so supportive.

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary and Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; you work so well together and were always there to help when I needed it. I say a special thank you to Sister Betty Ann for the gentle reminders of my deadlines, and for always having the answers to my questions.

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Associate Grand Matron, Mary Lou Higgins and Associate Grand Patron, Ralph Swinamer, take enough time to enjoy your year, it goes by really quickly, and once June arrives it is gone in the blink of an eye.

Grand Conductress, Mary Reid and Grand Sentinel, Danny Campbell, you will soon be sitting in the West, but don't sit too long, as this year will go very quickly for you as well.

Associate Grand Conductress, Irma Maxwell, I know you are anxiously awaiting the results of the election on Thursday morning so you can start your planning. I wish you well. Thank you all for your friendship!

It was great fun for Brother Fred and Me to choose those deserving Members who would serve Grand Chapter in a number of capacities.

### APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	George Doughart	(1PEI)
Grand Marshal	Joe Fiander	(26)
Grand Organist	Ed MacLaren	(69)
Grand Adah	Jean Annear	(69)
Grand Ruth	Margaret Muise	(25)
Grand Esther	Peg Lipskey	(67)
Grand Martha	Bonnie Lowe	(31)
Grand Electa	Connie MacDonald	(1PEI)
Grand Warder	Jack Calder	(15)

What can I say, you are the chosen few! Thank you for all the support and prayers.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District # 1	Freda Ells	(14)
District # 2	Viola Horton	(47)
District # 3	Claudette Smith	(57)
District # 4	Barbara Myles	(28)
District # 7	Margaret Allen	(3)

Thank you for being the eyes and ears of the Worthy Grand Matron.

**ASSISTANT TO THE GRAND ORGANIST:** Christene MacLeod, (19), and later Whit Giffin, P.G.P., Pro Tem (8)

Thank you all for accepting your appointments, and making up this Great Wool-skey Grand Family!

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS

I was very pleased to make the following recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions for Commissions as Grand Representatives in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Recipient and Chapter</u>
Nebraska	October 1, 2013	Elizabeth MacLean #37
California	December 31, 2013	Bill Allen #24
S.G.C. of Scotland	December 31, 2013	Helen MacEwen #52
South Dakota	December 31, 2013	Melvin Nelson #55
Tennessee	December 31, 2013	Vincent Maxwell #15
Vermont	December 31, 2013	Willard Nicholson #1PEI
Georgia	December 31, 2013	John Langley #66
Wisconsin	December 31, 2013	Norma Hayman #40
Utah	December 31, 2013	Pat Canning-Selig #71
Connecticut	December 31, 2013	Linda Holmes #61
North Dakota	December 31, 2013	Jean MacMillan #35
Ohio	December 31, 2013	Ken Smith #27
Mississippi	December 31, 2013	Gerald Hatt #30
Alabama	December 31, 2013	Julia Baker #45
Michigan	December 31, 2013	Don Medicraft #31
South Carolina	February 1, 2014	Marion Robinson #67
Rhode Island	February 1, 2014	Frances Duncan #10
Washington	March 1, 2014	Katherine Robinson #19
Illinois	March 10, 2014	Ann Wight #21
Texas	March 25, 2014	Evie Jean Lazenby #65
Delaware	March 31, 2014	Carol Whitlock #58
New Hampshire	March 31, 2014	Kathryn Aker #70
District of Columbia	April 30, 2014	Arlene MacKeigan #14
New York	May 1, 2014	Geraldine Delk #8
Oregon	May 1, 2014	Margaret Fearon #5
Maryland	June 15, 2014	Charlie Graves #1PEI
Louisiana	July 1, 2014	Heather Lynch #38*

\*To be given out at Grand Chapter

I was honoured to be able to present most of the Commissions myself, as this is one of the fun jobs, and I would like to thank those who assisted when I was unavailable.

It was a pleasure to appoint the following Grand Representatives to represent Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Grand Jurisdictions, on the recommendation of their Worthy Grand Matrons.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
North Dakota	July 31, 2013	Norma Borden
Sao Paulo	May 1, 2013	Sergio Moreira Marques da Silva
British Columbia & Yukon	December 31, 2013	Margaret MacPherson
Alberta	December 31, 2013	Ms. Dawn Drozd
Indiana	December 31, 2013	Jean Craig

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Oregon	December 31, 2013	Melvin DeHut
Massachusetts	December 31, 2013	Mrs. Christine A. Wilson
California	December 31, 2013	Mrs. Diane M. Jones
Washington	December 31, 2013	Lynette P. Zierden
Arkansas	December 31, 2013	JoAnn Long
Oklahoma	December 31, 2013	Donald DeVore, PGP
Florida	December 31, 2013	Theodore Barber
Rhode Island	December 31, 2013	David Jannarelli
Georgia	December 31, 2013	Selena Turner
Montana	December 31, 2013	Norman F. Frazier
Ontario	December 31, 2013	Mrs. Bernice Brown
Nevada	December 31, 2013	Sharon Grecian-Hoff
Michigan	December 31, 2013	James E. Manchester
Iowa	December 31, 2013	Joann Seelye
Nebraska	December 31, 2013	Mr. Dale Anderson
Delaware	December 31, 2013	Mrs. Grace F. Hitchens
New York	December 31, 2013	Mrs. Jean Mannkopf
Connecticut	May 15, 2014	Mrs. Margery B. Zurko
South Dakota	December 31, 2013	Kevin Weishaar
Maine	May 31, 2014	Clyde J. White, Jr.
Missouri	March 31, 2014	Barbara A. Froman
District of Columbia	June 31, 2014	Nell O'Rear

I have received many thank you notes from these members and look forward to meeting those who were able to attend the sessions.

### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

On July 7, 2011, I held a School of Instruction for the Grand Officers and District Deputies.

Three Schools of Instruction were held in September for the general membership of this Jurisdiction. I was unavailable due to surgery and Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Matron capably chaired the first two schools, September 10, 2011, in Amethyst Chapter #28, and September 17, 2011, in Cedar Chapter #3, and I assumed my responsibility for the school on September 24, in Mae Chapter #38. Jurisprudence Committee Members were present at all schools and assisted in answering questions. We were in constant contact throughout the year. Thank you very much for your support. All questions and answers were recorded at the schools and sent out to all Chapters for their information and instruction.

### GRAND COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with the C.L.&R., I held a Grand Council Meeting on July 7, 2011, to discuss the status of the impending Consolidation of Shoreham Chapter #59, and

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Grace Chapter #8. I called a meeting of Grand Council on March 22, 2012 to approve the Budget for 2013.

### **DECISIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

At Installation I appointed a Committee on Consolidation, Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP, Chair, Sister Stella Trask, PGM, and Brother Ted Caulier, PGP. Although the Consolidation process between Shoreham Chapter #59 and Grace Chapter #8 was already well underway, I felt that I needed the guidance of a Committee to properly deal with the procedure.

In conjunction with the Chair of Committee on Consolidation, I prepared a Certificate of Consolidation to be used in this jurisdiction.

At Installation I appointed a Committee to plan the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grand Chapter, Sister Marian Durling, PGM and Brother Murray Gardner, PGP, co-chairs, and Sister Barbara Bowser, PGM.

Made the decision to have the questions and answers recorded at the three schools of instruction for the membership in September, and had the results mailed out to all chapters.

I appointed Brother Whitman Giffin as Chair of a Committee on Consolidation Ceremony. Sister Mary Lou Higgins, and Brother Whit will collaborate on the rest of the committee. Their job will be to prepare a suitable Ceremony, and bring it to Grand Chapter for approval.

I invited the Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Australia to attend our sessions in July, although I had not yet heard back from the Most Worthy Grand Matron regarding the problem of their Grand Chapter being declared Clandestine by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

I received a question regarding the possibility of membership for a married couple, two Gay Men, one of whom was a Mason, the other considered himself a spouse. My decision was that the only way that a man could join under current regulations was as a Mason. All other membership requirements were female relatives of Masons, and although he was a spouse, he was not a female spouse (wife).

### **DISPENSATIONS**

I received a request for a dispensation to hold a Special Meeting to appoint an Investigating Committee on petitions which had not yet been received by the Chapter. I refused the request with the explanation that it is illegal to receive or deal with petitions at Special Meetings, and can only be dealt with at Stated Meetings. (C.L.& R, Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 9, page 12, and Ritual page 13).

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I received a request for a dispensation to hold a special meeting for the visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron, same location and time as stated meeting. I refused the request with the explanation that a dispensation was not required for a special meeting held at the same location and time as the Stated Meeting. (C.L.&R., Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 8, page 11).

The following requests for dispensations were approved and sent to the appropriate Secretary.

1. Cedar #3, to hold stated meeting on September 9, 2011 at Senior's Home in Pugwash to accommodate wheelchair bound member.
2. Cedar #3, to move location and change time for Special Meeting September 17, 2011 to accommodate the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron.
3. St. Mary's #35, to hold stated September meeting at 7:00 pm for the visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron.
4. Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37, to change date of stated September meeting to accommodate Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Cedar #3, to hold stated November meeting on November 4, instead of Remembrance Day.
6. Queens #34, to hold stated meetings on third Saturday at 2:00 pm in January, February and March, 2012.
7. Keystone #5, to hold stated October meeting at 7:00 pm for visit of District Deputy Grand Matron.
8. Atlantic #65, to hold stated December meeting on third Wednesday at 1:00 pm.
9. Atlantic #65, to move paraphernalia to United Church Basement, Church Street, Tatamagouche for Special meeting on February 13, at 2:00 pm.
10. Grace #8, to change date of stated April meeting to accommodate Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and celebrate anniversary.
11. Munro #26, to change date of stated April meeting to accommodate Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron.
12. Atlantic #65, to permanently move paraphernalia to United Church Basement, Church Street, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia.
13. Atlantic #65, to change time of stated May meeting to 3:00 pm, in order to hold the election of Officers prior to Official Visit at a special meeting at 7:30 pm the same day.
14. Keystone #5, to change time of stated June meeting to 7:00 pm for Installation of Officers.
15. Crystal #1PEI, to hold special meeting at 2:00 PM, to allow for homecoming of Worthy Grand Matron.

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### DISTRICTS

After much consideration, I changed the Districts to make them more even in size.

#### **District # 1 (5 Chapters)**

- # 14, Queen Elizabeth, Sydney
- # 19, Victoria, Baddeck
- # 26, Munro, North Sydney
- # 37, Dr. G. MacLeod, Whycocomagh
- # 66, Starlight, Port Hawkesbury

#### **District # 2 (6 Chapters)**

- # 10, Century, New Glasgow
- # 21, Myrtle, Truro
- # 24, Westville, Westville
- # 25, Harmony, Stellarton
- # 47, Florence Fraser, Sherbrooke
- # 48, Elm, Upper Stewiacke

#### **District # 3 (5 Chapters)**

- # 27, Kwebec, Bedford
- # 49, Scotia, Musquodoboit Harbour
- # 55, Elmsdale, Elmsdale
- # 57, Ruth, Dartmouth
- # 61, Queen Esther, Dartmouth

#### **District # 4 (6 Chapters)**

- # 8, Grace, Lunenburg
- # 28, Amethyst, Halifax
- # 40, Mystic Star, St. Margaret's Bay
- # 45, Armcrest, Halifax
- # 58, Emerald, Halifax
- # 59, Shoreham, Chester

#### **District # 5 (5 Chapters)**

- # 30, Arbutus, Milton
- # 34, Queens, Liverpool
- # 38, Mae, Bridgewater
- # 70, Crescent, Lockeport
- # 71, Pearle, Caledonia

#### **District # 6 (6 Chapters)**

- # 2, Mayflower, Kingston
- # 5, Keystone, Hebron
- # 15, Evangeline, Kentville
- # 31, Annaval, Middleton
- # 35, St. Mary's Digby
- # 67, Laurel, Berwick

#### **District # 7 (5 Chapters)**

- # 3, Cedar, Wallace
- # 1PEI, Crystal, Charlottetown
- # 52, Regent, Central Bedeque
- # 65, Atlantic, Tatamagouche
- # 69, Montague, Montague

### REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

I feel that the office of District Deputy Grand Matron is very important in this Jurisdiction. They are the eyes and voice of the Worthy Grand Matron. If they have a situation arise that they do not know how to handle, they should contact the Worthy Grand Matron for clarification. Many of the questions on the form were given basic yes and no answers, which did not give me a clear picture of the Chapter. This is the reason for my recommendation to have the form revised to include more comprehensive questions.

District # 1, Sister Freda Ells: Witnessed the initiation of three new members. Overall very pleased with the work in the Chapters, and enjoyed the visits.

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District # 2, Sister Viola Horton: Witnessed the initiation of one new member. All books found correct and audited. There was one first time Worthy Matron. One Chapter was missing one Secret Work, and is struggling for members. One of her chapters was deputized by the Associate Grand Matron.

District # 3, Sister Claudette Smith: She was the Secretary in her Chapter, so deputized Amethyst instead of Ruth. She witnessed the initiation of one new member, and there were four first time Worthy Matrons. Work was done well in most cases, found work copied from Ritual in two chapters.

District # 4, Sister Barbara Myles: She deputized Ruth Chapter for Sister Claudette, and the remainder of her District. She witnessed the initiation of two new members. Some chapters are struggling for members, and one chapter had more pro tems than regular Officers.

District # 5, Sister Irma Maxwell: She witnessed the initiation of five new members. Overall the work was done well, with many pro tems in some chapters.

District # 6, Sister Mary Reid: She witnessed the initiation of one new member. She was pleased with the work. Some officers very new members who are learning as they go. One of her chapters was deputized by the Associate Grand Matron.

District # 7, Sister Margaret Allen: She witnessed the initiation of two new members, and two petitions received. There were three young first time Worthy Matrons, and another who is younger. It is good to see younger members who show a great interest – this is our Future.

District created for Associate Grand Matron, Sister Mary Lou Higgins: On notice of motion, it was moved, seconded and passed that the Associate Grand Matron be reinstated as a District Deputy Grand Matron.

I gave Sister Mary Lou two Chapters to deputize, one from District 2, and one from District 6. She was well received in both Chapters. Fictitious candidates in both Chapters, Associate Conductress in one Chapter a new member who did a great job of her lecture, but many officers read their work. In both Chapters, Chapter seal on all minutes, Charter present in East, Warrants being used, and short form of Opening used 4 or less times. A Bank reconciliation with statements being done in one Chapter. One Chapter's books were signed by only 2 Auditors, as one was sick; they also had five copies of the Secret Work. DDGM informed them to return one copy to the Grand Secretary.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons together witnessed the initiation of 15 new members and each one organized an ESTARL church service in her district. District # 7 divided for the Church Services, the two Chapters on the mainland joined with

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District 2, and the three chapters on Prince Edward Island held the Church service under the direction of the DDGM. The donations were as follows, District # 1, \$237.00; District # 2, \$300.00; District # 3, \$310.00; District # 4, \$290.85; District # 5, \$200.00; District # 6, \$250.00; District # 7, \$538.50, for a total of \$2,126.35.

### **IRREGULARITIES**

noted by District Deputy Grand Matrons or Worthy Grand Matron

Officers present in Chapter Room, but not taking station. (C.L.& R., Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 9, page 14).

Warder leaving their station without being replaced.

More than four short form meetings.

More than one Ritual open.

Copying from the Ritual and Secret Work.

Some Chapter Secretaries not sending notices of meetings to Worthy Grand Matron and Patron.

Improper or no sign given when entering or leaving the Chapter Room when in session (C.L.&R., Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 13, page 21 and Ritual page 83).

Improper sign given when Balloting. (page 13 Ritual).

Improperly opening or closing the Bible. (C.L.&R., Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Altar Services, Article 14, page 22).

Officers and Members not standing when moving or seconding motions (C.L.&R., Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 19, page 33)

All four copies of the Secret work not available for visit of District Deputy Grand Matron.

Worthy Matron remaining standing while the Associate Matron is in charge to prove the Chapter (C.L.&R., Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 12, page 19, and Ritual page 26).

Doors of Chapter Room left open for Opening Ceremony and Balloting (Ritual page 25).

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### OFFICIAL VISITS

The Official Visits began in Hebron in August, and ended in Charlottetown in May. The Worthy Grand Patron accompanied me to all 37 Official Visits. Two visits in September had to be cancelled due to my health, and the Chapters were very understanding, and rescheduled the visits for later in the fall. All of the Chapters made special preparations to make us feel welcome, I always enjoyed the food and fellowship, and in particular, I appreciated the Rocking Chairs! On many occasions we were able to celebrate special anniversaries with the Chapters – remember – no matter how long your Chapter has been around, you have all worked hard for your Communities and the Order of Eastern Star.

Official visits attended by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron 2011-2012:

Aug. 9	Keystone # 5	Dec. 3	Arbutus # 30
Aug. 22	Crescent # 70	Dec. 7	Armcrest # 45
Sept. 17	Cedar # 3	Dec. 8	Harmony # 25
Sept. 22	Pearle # 71	Dec. 14	Elmsdale # 55
Sept. 26	Victoria # 19	March 8	Scotia # 49
Sept. 27	Dr. G. MacLeod # 37	March 9	Ruth # 57
Sept. 28	Starlight # 66	March 20	Myrtle # 21
Oct. 3	Mystic Star # 40	March 22	Amethyst # 28
Oct. 4	Queen Esther # 61	April 9	Emerald # 58
Oct. 11	Elm # 48	April 10	Florence Fraser # 47
Oct. 17	Westville # 24	April 14	Grace # 8
Oct. 18	Annaval # 31	April 18	Munro # 26
Oct. 19	Laurel # 67	April 19	Queen Elizabeth # 14
Oct. 25	Century # 10	May 8	Mayflower # 2
Nov. 1	Evangeline # 15	May 23	Atlantic # 65
Nov. 9	Mae # 38	May 24	Montague # 69
Nov. 10	St. Mary's # 35	May 25	Regent # 52
Nov. 17	Queens # 34	May 26	Crystal # 1PEI
Nov. 28	Kwebec # 27		

### CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters were sent on Brother Fred and my behalf through the Grand Secretary's office.

Letter of Introduction, with itinerary and theme for the year, including a Thanksgiving message.

Letter of notification that effective May 31, 2011, Fairfield Chapter # 22, Windsor surrendered their Charter and effective August 17, 2011, Shoreham # 59 consolidated with Grace Chapter # 8, Lunenburg.

Letter of explanation with the questions and answers recorded at the three Schools of Instruction.

Christmas, Easter and our Farewell Letters

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Letter of notification that effective May 31, 2012, Queens Chapter # 34, surrendered their Charter and also that I had appointed Brother Whit Giffin, PGP to chair a committee on Consolidation Ceremony.

I approved all letters sent out by the committee Chair persons, and those sent out by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Matron, in preparation for her year.

Letters sent on my own:

To the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons regarding duties, dress codes, and responsibilities at Grand Chapter.

Letters of invitation to Most Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Concordant Bodies, Civic Officials and representatives of Special Project and UPEI.

Letters of reply to all invitations received from Concordant Bodies.

Letters to Chapter Electas and Organists inviting them to be presented at Grand Chapter

Letters to June Macdonald, PGM and George Crouch, GGCCM, inviting them to join Bro. Fred and me at Bonny Lea Farm for a ceremony to dedicate a building build in part with funds raised during their year.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Unfortunately I was not able to attend all events which I had planned to do because of my illness, however I did attend the following.

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| July 23, 2011     | Attended DeMolay Rendezvous 2011, in Moncton, New Brunswick.                                                                                   |
| August 16, 2011   | Final meeting of Shoreham Chapter and Consolidation with Grace # 8.                                                                            |
| November 14, 2011 | Attended the Official Visit of Mildred Homer, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick to her home chapter, Frank H. Tingley # 5, in Moncton, N.B. |
| January 21, 2012  | Attended the Installation of the Potentate, Brother Bill Scrymgeour, Halifax                                                                   |
| April 21, 2012    | Attended the Installation of Queen of the Nile, Lillian Symonds, Halifax                                                                       |
| May 5, 2012       | Took part in Maritime Exchange in Riverview, New Brunswick                                                                                     |
| May 12, 2012      | Attended the Homecoming of Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. Fred, Waterville                                                                          |
| May 17, 2012      | Attended the final meeting of Queens Chapter, # 34, Liverpool                                                                                  |
| May 31, 2012      | Attended the dedication of new building at Bonny Lea Farm, Chester                                                                             |
| June 2, 2012      | Addressed the members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Truro                                                                                 |
| June 9, 2012      | Addressed the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Summerside                                                                                  |

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The Grand Secretary was informed when I was unavailable due to surgery and when I was out of the Grand Jurisdiction, and Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Matron was in charge.

It was very special indeed when I received Honorary Memberships in Annaval Chapter # 31, Laurel Chapter # 67, Montague Chapter # 69, Regent Chapter # 52, and a Life Membership to my home Chapter, Crystal # 1PEI.

### 50 and 60 YEAR JEWELS

Those receiving 60 year jewels:

Ruby Densmore	Kwebec # 27
Elizabeth Cameron	Century # 10
Alice Sutherland	Florence Fraser # 47
Daniel C. Thompson, PP	Westville # 24
Patricia Watts	Crystal # 1PEI
Joan Bruce	Harmony # 25
Phyllis Cameron, PM	Harmony # 25
Norah Ramscar	Harmony # 25
Marion Shaw	Harmony # 25
Louise Seeley	Keystone # 5*
Freda Ells	Queen Elizabeth # 14*
Marjorie Murray	Harmony # 25+

Those receiving 50 year jewels:

Whitman J. Giffin	Mystic Star # 40
Barbara Paterson	Elmsdale # 55
Kathleen Richardson	Mystic Star # 40
Clarence Green	Century # 10+
LeRoy Stanley Brooks	St. Mary's # 35
Carolyn Nielsen	St. Mary's # 35+
Ireta Thompson	Crystal # 1PEI
Norman B. Thompson, PP	Crystal # 1PEI
Royce Hefler, PGP	Kwebec # 27
Ethel Reid, PM	Atlantic # 65
Reta MacKinnon, PM	Atlantic # 65
Lillian Sutherland	Atlantic # 65
Donald Sutherland	Atlantic # 65
Barbara Ferguson, PM	Atlantic # 65*
Sheila MacDonald, PGM	Queen Elizabeth # 14*
Dorothy MacPhee	Munro # 26+

\*To be presented at Grand Chapter

+To be presented in another Grand Jurisdiction

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## **GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

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### **SPECIAL PROJECT**

The special project we chose this year was Camp Triumph, a very special camp set up in Malpeque, Prince Edward Island, but open to any child who is living in a family impacted by a chronic illness. I thank all of you for your support of this project. A special thank you to Brother Ed MacLaren, who organized a sale of tickets on items donated by friends of Eastern Star in support of this project.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Grand Chapter provide a set of travelling flags, one Nova Scotia and one Prince Edward Island complete with poles and stands, to be in the care of the WGM/WGP for visits or exchanges to other Jurisdictions.
2. That the WGM be provided with a complete set of up to date By-Laws of each Chapter to assist her in the granting of accurate dispensations.
3. That the Grand Secretary send a copy of the irregularities to each Chapter in the first mailing after Grand Chapter, and that each chapter appoint a designated person (Instructress or Worthy Patron, etc.) to work with the District Deputy Grand Matron to correct the irregularities which are the same ones showing up each year.
4. That the Report Form for the District Deputy Grand Matrons be revised to make it a more user friendly Form, and offer the Worthy Grand Matron a more accurate picture of the Chapters.

### **APPRECIATION**

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, thank you for sharing this journey and this year with me even though we didn't get to be bald together at Grand Chapter! You carried the torch to the other Grand Jurisdictions when I couldn't, and helped me by making presentations when I couldn't. You and Peg make a great team as long as she doesn't reach for the remote control! I hope you enjoy going to the tail end of the line of Past Grands – I know I will!

Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret; we have become special friends, as you had your journey changed as well. You have remained an example to all of us through your rough days, and have done this Jurisdiction proud. Enjoy the rest of your term!

General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointments, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons 2011-2012, and Hostess Chapters 2012 – “Woolskey’s Workers”; you are the workers behind the scenes who make things happen. Grand Chapter would not happen without all of you. Thank you very much for all your support and all that you do.

Grand Electa and Chapter Electas, Thank you for taking on my “Heart to Heart” project. Reading is very important to future successes.

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Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Grand Choir and Starlight Quartet, and Chapter Organists: Thank you for all the wonderful music which you provide us with – “Love makes the world go round”, and MUSIC speeds it along the way.

To my better half, Donnie, thanks for all your support, and allowing me to fulfill this dream!

I would like to close with a paragraph similar to the one I gave at Maritime Exchange a year ago May, in Westville.

Since the very beginning, this has been, and continues to be an incredible journey, and I encourage anyone who has any thought of running for office in this or any other jurisdiction, or has given thought to accepting a position from the WGM and WGP, not to dismiss the opportunity because everything is not just perfect at the moment. Things change in an instant, but we are capable of changing plans, and making the best of any situation. Never put off until tomorrow what you think you might want to do today! I did not finish the journey the way I had planned it, but God knew what my journey would be, I accepted His journey, and I completed it with His help.

*God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day  
Rest for the labor, light for the way  
Grace for the trials help from above  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

Annie Johnson Flint

Sister Jane Wooldridge, Worthy Grand Matron, moved the adoption of her report. It was seconded by Sister Barbara Matthews-Basso, W.M. (IPEI) and the motion was carried.

**DONATIONS**  
**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S**  
**SPECIAL PROJECT**  
**CAMP TRIUMPH**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGC</u>	<u>GC</u>	<u>AGM</u>	<u>WGM</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Margaret J. Allen		10	10	100	45	165
Jean Annear			80	172	150	402
Suzanne Aitken					100	100
Patricia Armstrong			5		50	55
Carol Atkinson					140	140

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Arlene Antle					75	75
Evelyn Aulenback				100		100
Sharon Adams				25		25
Bill and Hilda Allen					50	50
Kathryn Acker					100	100
Bonnie Boutilier	10	10	10			30
Marion Buchan	20	20	50	100		190
Michelle Boutilier			10			10
Beverley Brown					40	40
Vi and Alvin Blair					50	50
Kathy Lee Balcom				25		25
Kaye Boutillier				20		20
Jean Beckwith				20		20
Ron and Grace Boudreau				50		50
Barbara Bowser				25		25
Lloyd and Gail Cook	20	10	20	50	50	150
Edith Conrod	50	50	40	50		190
Faye and Jack Calder			20			20
Marion Conrad				150	1625	1775
Joan Campbell				100		100
Helen Connors				20		20
George and Mary Crouch				25		25
Frank and Doris Cullen				100		100
Anna and Charlie Carr				25	620	645
Bill and Carol Clark				50		50
Tabor and Beverly Caulier				50		50
Mab Cole-Smith					140	140
Dan and DiAnne Campbell					50	50
Margaret A Clarke				50		50
Ward and Joyce Cunningham				25		25
Allen and Cheryl Denton			50	100	20	170
Russ and Marian Durling					65	65
Georgie and Charlie Dewey				50		50
Eleanor M. Decker					350	350
Kathryn Doughart					20	20
Freda Ells				100	100	
Doreen Edgar					30	30
Zeke and Susan Eaton				100		100
Joyce England					20	20
Anna Ford			5			5
Velda Forrest			5			5
Helen M. Fredericks					25	25
Eleanor Freeman				25		25
Judy and Charlie Graves				20		20

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Whit and JoAnne Giffin				91.25	35	126.25
Grand Representatives Association				100		100
Grand Officers, DDGM'S, GCCM'S				60		60
Tracey Hobson	10	10	10	50		80
Fran Harding	10	10	20	45	100	185
Mary Lou Higgins		20	25	50	145	240
Dennis and Hattie Hagen					70	70
Viola Horton					150	150
Doris Hillier				20		20
Helen Holden					40	40
Larry and Vivian Ingham	20		25	50	75	170
Irene Johnson				20		20
Melda Johnston					50	50
Bill & Fran Burgoyne Jackson				50		50
Peter and Gail Kay			20	40	60	120
Marilyn Lisk			10	50		60
John and Susan Lorimer			25	100	100	225
Edith Lewis			35			35
Sheila & Lowell Levy				25	25	50
Heather Lamoureaux					25	25
Evie Jean Lazenby				25		25
Betty Ann Loughnan					100	100
Marian MacDonald	30	20	30		200	280
Ed MacLaren		20	25	100	50	195
Vince and Irma Maxwell			20	25	100	145
Reg and Gladys MacRae			20	20		40
Cora MacKay			20	50	25	95
Marion Miller			25	100	40	165
Heather Matthews					160	160
Joyce Malcolm				12.5		12.5
Roy MacKinnon				12.5		12.5
D. Edna MacLean					200	200
Phyllis Munroe					20	20
George and Barbara Myles				50	50	100
Marves Mansfield					25	25
Hayward Meisner					25	25
Joan Mills					25	25
Sheila MacDonald					120	120
Beverly Matthews Yorke				20		20
Barb Matthews Basso				20		20
Mary MacDonald					30	30
Eleanor J. Mitchell					50	50
Connie & Allison MacDonald					120	120
Clara Nieforth		10		20	90	120

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A Friend			20	25	200	245
John & Carole Newell				100	50	150
Helen Nicholson					20	20
Gordon O'Hearn					20	20
Jean Profitt	100	100	200	200		600
Adrian & Belle Pearson				50	170	220
Marie Parks					100	100
Keith & Carol Pettigrew				50		50
Carolyn & Arthur Phinney				50		50
Dorothy Powroz					100	100
John & Diane Patterson				25		25
PAGOS				125		125
Quebec Delegates				35		35
Morley & Marion Robinson	10	20	25	100		155
Mary & Allan Reid			20	25	120	165
C. Maureen Roddick				25		25
Ken & Betty Smith	10	10	10	50		80
Mary Smith			75	200	20	295
Edna B. Smith					100	100
Winna Smith					30	30
Lew & Maxine Smith					105	105
Claudette Smith					20	20
Elizabeth Seymour Smith					20	20
Elinor & Earl Sanford				20		20
Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer				50		50
Yvonne Stephenson				60		60
Marjorie Stevenson Dawson					20	20
Gloria & Bob Turner, Edith Taylor	30		30			60
Carl & Norma Thompson				150		150
Rhoda Tupper				50		50
M. Frances Thompson				20		20
Marion Tizard				20		20
Kim Tidgwell				50		50
Stella & Murray Trask				50		50
Charlie Teal					765	765
Bill Thompson, Jr.					20	20
Donna White			20		70	90
Trish Wamboldt			5			5
Jack & Amelia Whalley					20	20
Jane Wooldridge			100	100	180	380
Millie Wagner					771.35	771.35
WGM/WGP pins & calendars						3024.3
David & Annie Mae Waterbury	10			100		110
Margery B. Zurko				100		100

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**CHAPTERS**

Mayflower #2				200	200
Cedar # 3			50	84.25	134.25
Keystone # 5			200	20	220
Grace # 8			50	25	75
Century # 10			100	50	150
Queen Elizabeth # 14			100	50	150
Evangeline # 15			75		75
Victoria # 19			300		300
Myrtle # 21			50	25	75
Crystal # 1(PEI)	50	75	300	220	645
Crystal Past Matron's Club				180	180
Westville # 24			50	50	100
Harmony # 25			75	85	160
Munro # 26				64	64
Kwebec # 27			50	25	75
Kwebec Past Matron's Club			25		25
Amethyst # 28			135.05		135.05
Arbutus # 30			115	25	140
Queens # 34			50	1151.5	1201.5
St. Mary's # 35			100		100
Mae # 38			30	50	80
Mystic Star # 40			50		50
Armcrest # 45			25		25
Florence Fraser # 47			50	25	75
Elm # 48			25	25	50
Scotia # 49			50		50
Regent Chapter # 52	25	25	250	150	450
Regent Past Matron's Club			50		50
Elmsdale # 55			25	71.31	96.31
Ruth # 57				100	100
Emerald # 58			100	50	150
Emerald Past Matron's Club			25		25
Queen Esther # 61			75		75
Atlantic # 65			35	25	60
Starlight # 66			50	225	275
Laurel # 67			100		100
Montague # 69	25		50	300	395
Crescent # 70			25	111	136
Pearle # 71			75		75

\*Breakdown of "Other" Column  
Margaret J. Allen - \$45 as DDGM

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Jean Annear - \$100 in lieu of Christmas Gifts to Grand Officers, \$50 in Honor of Grand Officers

Suzanne Aitken - \$ 50 in her Honor, \$50 in Memory of Willis Harnett

Patricia Armstrong - \$50 in lieu of gifts to Installation Team

Carol Atkinson - \$40 in honor of Installing Team, \$100 in lieu of gifts on honor nights

Arlene Antle - \$25 Honor night at Amethyst, \$50 in lieu of gifts to Installing Team

Bill and Hilda Allen - \$50 all Harmony Honorees

Kathryn Acker - \$100 all Honorees

Beverly Brown - \$20 in lieu of gift to WGM, \$20 in lieu of gifts

Vi and Alvin Blair - \$25 in honor of Laurel, \$25 in honor of Evangeline Special Appointments

Lloyd & Gail Cook - \$50 as thank you for Rosettes

Marion Conrad - \$25 in lieu of gifts Installing Team, \$1000 sale of pins, \$600 recycling

Anna & Charlie Carr - \$600 recycling, \$20 Crystal Honor GCCM

Mab Cole-Smith - \$140 Memory of Bill & Alice Cole

Dan & DiAnne Campbell - \$50 in honor of W.M. And members of Mystic Star # 40

Allen & Cheryl Denton - \$20 in Memory Jean Durnnian

Russ & Marian Durling - \$20 Memory Sgt. Pete Peterson, \$20 Memory Harry Clarke & Jean Coombes \$20 in honor of 25th Anniversary of Paul & Joan Durling, \$5 Christmas Collection

Eleanor M. Decker - \$50 in Memory of Eveline Vogler, \$300 in honor of Jane Wooldridge, Fred Lipskey, Mary Lou Higgins, Mary Reid, Peg Lipskey, Barbara Myles, Dan Campbell Ralph Swinamer, Janet Hue, George Moxsom, Marves Mansfield, Mary Smith, Charles Paterson, Nora Moxsom, Doreen Edgar, Evelyn Aulenback, Ruth Donaldson, JoAnne Giffin and Shirley Moir

Kathryn Doughart - \$20 Crystal Honor, GCCM

Freda Ells - \$100 received as DDGM

Doreen Edgar - \$30 honorees at Ruth #57, and Emerald #58

Joyce England - \$20 Crystal Honor GCCM

Helen M. Fredericks - \$25 honor of DDGM Claudette Smith, GCCM Mary Smith

JoAnne Giffin - \$35 in lieu of Gifts

Fran Harding - \$100 given as a donation in her Honor

Mary Lou Higgins - \$25 honor of Star Points, \$20 honor of Committee Members, \$25 as DDGM \$50 lieu of Christmas Gifts, and \$25 in lieu of honor gifts

Dennis & Hattie Hagen - \$20 in memory of Elaine Feener, \$20 memory Gail Bradshaw, \$30 in lieu of Christmas Gifts to special friends

Viola Horton - \$150 received as DDGM

Helen Holden - \$40 in honor of Installing Team

Larry & Vivian Ingham - \$50 in lieu of gifts to Installing Team, \$25 in lieu of gifts to GCCM's

Melda Johnston - \$50 in lieu of gifts to Installing Team

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Peter & Gail Kay, \$40 in Memory of Sis. Betty Heighton, PM, Bro. Bill Thompson, Sr., PGP and Bro. James Dickie, PGP  
John & Susan Lorimer - \$100 in honor of GCCM's  
Sheila & Lowell Levy - \$25 in honor of Grace Chapter Officers  
Heather Lamoureaux-\$25 in Memory of Jaymie Lynn Carpenter  
Betty Ann Loughnan - \$100 in Honor of the Grand Family  
Marian MacDonald - \$200 in Honor of the Grand Officers  
Ed MacLaren - \$25 Montague # 69 in his honor, \$25 Montague Chapter Installation  
Vince & Irma Maxwell - \$100 as DDGM  
Cora MacKay - \$25 in Memory Sis. Arna Gardner  
Marion Miller - \$20 honor of Effie Behie's 104th birthday, \$20 Crystal honor GCCM's  
Heather Matthews - \$150 in Memory of Daughter Kathryn Fisher, \$10 honor Connie MacDonald  
D. Edna MacLean - \$200 in Memory of Bro. Bill Thompson, Sr, PGP  
Phyllis Munroe - \$20 in lieu of gifts to Installing Team  
George & Barbara Myles - \$50 as DDGM  
Marves Mansfield - \$25 in Memory of husband Donald Mitchell  
Hayward Misener - \$25 in his honor from Joyce & Ward Cunningham  
Joan Mills - \$25 at her honor night  
Sheila MacDonald - \$20 Memory Barbara Nicholson, \$20 Memory Effie MacDonald  
\$20 my honor, \$20 honor Joe Fiander, \$40 sale of recipe  
Mary MacDonald - \$30 in lieu of gifts to Installing Team  
Eleanor J. Mitchell - \$50 in Memory of A. Allison Mitchell  
Connie & Allison MacDonald - \$100 in lieu of gifts on Grand Officers honor nights,  
\$20 Crystal Chapter honor Grand Officer  
Clara Nieforth - \$20 in lieu of gifts to Installing Team, \$10 in honor of "helpers",  
\$20 in lieu of Christmas gifts, \$40 in lieu of gifts to her officers  
A Friend - \$200 in lieu of gifts to all honorees  
John & Carole Newell - \$50 in honor of Freda Ells & Joe Fiander  
Helen Nicholson - \$20 Crystal Honor GCCM's  
Gordon O'Hearn - \$20 from Arbutus Chapter on his honor night  
Adrian & Belle Pearson - \$50 lieu of gifts to Installing Officers, \$10 honor Helen Connors 90th birthday \$40 Memory Frances Johnsen & Lucy Langille, \$20 Memory Bill Thompson, Sr., \$50 in honor of all Harmony honorees  
Marie Parks - \$100 in lieu of flowers and addendum for WGM  
Dorothy Powroz - \$100 in lieu of gifts to Grand Family  
Mary & Allan Reid - \$20 as DDGM, \$100 in lieu of gifts to all honorees  
Mary Smith - \$20 in her honor from Betty Smith, Kim & Krista  
Edna B. Smith - \$50 in lieu of flowers to Installing Officers, \$50 in lieu of gifts to Officers  
Winna Smith - \$30 in lieu of gifts  
Lew & Maxine Smith - \$50 in Memory Cy Macintosh & Bill Thompson, Sr., \$25 in Memory of Jean Urquhart & Chris MacLeod, \$30 James Dickie & Roy Digidon

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Claudette Smith - \$20 as DDGM  
Elizabeth Seymour Smith - \$20 in lieu of gifts on honor night at Ruth #57  
Yvonne Stephenson - \$60 ticket sales  
Marjorie Stevenson Dawson - \$20 Crystal Honor appointees  
Charlie Teal - \$765 commission on sales  
Bill Thompson, Jr. - \$20 in Memory of Bill Thompson, Sr.  
Donna White - \$20 as Installing Marshal, \$25 as Installing Marshal, \$20 Montague # 69 her honor  
Amelia Whalley - \$ 20 in honor of GCCM's  
Jane Wooldridge - \$20 in Memory Christene MacLeod, \$20 in honor of Doug & Eleanor Jardine 50th Anniversary, \$100 addendum Crystal, \$40 my honor  
Millie Wagner-\$771.35 recycling

Chapter breakdown of "OTHER" column

Mayflower #2 - \$200 made up of donation from Mab, Flower & Fruit Fund & donation  
Cedar #3 - \$84.25 Christmas Collection  
Keystone # 5 - \$20 DDGM visit  
Grace # 8 - \$25 DDGM visit  
Century # 10 - \$50 DDGM visit  
Queen Elizabeth # 14 - \$50 honor DDGM  
Myrtle # 21 - \$25 DDGM visit  
Crystal # 1(PEI) - \$80 Mab donation, \$140 divided to honor Sister appointments  
Westville #24 - \$25 honor DDGM, \$25 honor Rosemary Hayter  
Harmony # 25 -\$25 DDGM visit, \$60 Harmony honorees  
Munro # 26 - \$64 flower & fruit  
Kwebec # 27 - \$25 in lieu of gifts to GCCM's on Kim Tidgwell's honor night  
Arbutus # 30 - \$25 DDGM visit  
Queens #34 - \$50 DDGM visit, \$1000 special donation, \$101.50 final meeting collection  
Mae #38 - \$50 ticket sales  
Florence Fraser #47 - \$25 honor DDGM  
Elm # 48 - \$25 DDGM visit  
Elmsdale #55 - \$71.31 flower and fruit  
Emerald # 58 - \$25 DDGM visit, \$25 in honor of PM's & PP's  
Atlantic # 65 - \$25 DDGM visit  
Starlight # 66 - \$50 honor DDGM, \$69 Flower & fruit, \$106 Sales Table Montague # 69 - \$25 to me as DDGM, \$20 Memory Georgie Gosbee's daughter  
Crescent # 70 - \$25 honor installing team, \$25 DDGM visit, \$25 Memory Harold Huskilson \$36 ticket sales

**Combined donations of WGM and WGP to Camp Triumph: \$34,440.37**

Thank you everyone for your support.

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### REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2011-2012 BROTHER FRED LIPSKEY

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Family including our District Deputy Grand Matrons, Sisters and Brothers All

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to have served as the Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction. I have travelled to many Chapters and met many of my Sisters and Brothers. The experience has given me a greater respect for our wonderful Order and the many precepts it encompasses. In every Chapter I found examples of members caring for each other and many demonstrations of fraternal love and genuine consideration of each other. I also saw examples of determination and strength in members who were and are besieged with medical maladies but are facing their problems with their inner strength, and the help of their Sisters and Brothers.

When Sister Peg and I toured Nova Scotia in 1999 with the idea of retiring here, I will always remember the hospitality extended by Star members, and then, after we arrived a year later, the welcoming tea so we could meet other members with whom we have become very close and I was re-united with some shipmates from my Navy days. Truly, Maritimers are special and fun to be around.

Sister Jane, recently, at your home coming, I freely acknowledged you as one of my heroes for the way you have handled all the medical difficulties you have faced and overcome, but also for being a great resource person for me. My job description, or at least the written one, says that I am to be an advisor to the Worthy Grand Matron, but I feel we went through a bit of a role reversal at times, and I thank you for that.

Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther. You have attended practically every Grand Chapter event throughout the General Grand Jurisdiction and it became a guessing game at times in our Chapter as to where you, and a goodly number of times, Sister Irma would be, yet you kept in contact with us and were always ready to answer any email questions or deal with any requests we may have had. Though you were away, your presence was always with us.

General Grand Chapter members, your terms will soon be completed and I hope you have found the work satisfying. Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for the number of times I have come to you for answers and directions and you have been most generous with your time and knowledge. I just hope I'm up for the arduous initiation process should I be invited to join the ranks.

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Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary, for your 24/7 service and having all the facts and figures that the Worthy Grand Patron needed and should have remembered, and for kindly refraining from use of the phrase, “Isn’t that just like a man!”

Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, for the dedication you bring to your Office. Copy writes’ aside, I think we should call you “All State,” because financially we are in good hands.

To the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, thank you for your attendance at our Official Visits and for mostly behaving yourselves so the Worthy Grand Matron did not have to scold too often. I do hope you enjoyed your time as much as I did getting to know you.

District Deputy Grand Matrons, you performed your duties with diligence and grace and your visits to the Chapters of your Districts were well received.

Grand Chapter Committee Members, I appreciate your ready acceptance of the request to serve and the enthusiastic manner in carrying out your duties. We could not function without you.

During the year I approved the following by-law amendments:

September 12, 2011, Grace Chapter #8

Article II Sec. 1 The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

November 26, 2011, Crystal Chapter #1. Prince Edward Island

Article 13 Section 1(a) Add honorary Member

#2 - Dues for members 90 years of age or more shall be waived.

#3 - Dues for members who have belonged to the Order for over 50 years shall be waived.

#4 – Dues for members who are residents in nursing homes shall be waived.

January 12, 2012, Grace Chapter #8 – Redid Articles and Sections of Bylaws.

January 21, 2012, Crystal Chapter #1 Prince Edward Island

Article 4, change Section 4 to Section 7 adding word Grandchild to donations to charity and change amount from \$10.00 to \$20.00

April 24, 2012, St. Mary’s Chapter #35

Chapter reverting to meeting on the second Thursday of each month except July when the Chapter is closed.

May 30, 2012, Regent Chapter #53 Redid their By-laws

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I had no reason to deny any applications sent for amendments to Chapter by-laws nor have I any suggestions.

I attended the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons School of Instruction and 37 Official Visits, assisted in 3 Schools of Instruction.

I attended the Eastern Star Funeral Service for Sister Christene MacLeod, Assistant Grand Organist, Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Brother Bill Thompson Sr. and other members of this jurisdiction.

I was present at the installation of the Daughters of the Nile, and the visit of the Supreme Queen.

I assumed the duties of Worthy Patron for an Initiation Exemplification at the Maine-Maritime Exchange in Machias, Maine last October.

I attended a CanAm Exchange in Manchester, New Hampshire and the Maritime Exchange at Riverview, New Brunswick.

I visited Grand Chapters of New Brunswick, New Hampshire, Ontario, Quebec and South Carolina.

It was my pleasure to attend both the Worthy Grand Matron's and my own Homecoming.

In April I attended ESTARL services in District #3, #4 and #6.

I attended the final meeting of Queens Chapter #34 and subsequent surrendering of their Charter.

With the Worthy Grand Matron, I attended the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron I presented 4 Grand Representative Appointments.

I attended a Shrine Installation and banquet.

I want to acknowledge my constant companion, Sister Peg, who has been my support for many years. How she does that, remains so young looking, and maintains her sense of humour is beyond my comprehension. A great number of my accomplishments in Eastern Star and other avocations would not have been possible without her support.

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Brother Fred moved the adoption of his report. It was seconded by Sister Faye Calder, P.M. (67) and the motion was carried.

**DONATIONS**  
**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S**  
**SPECIAL PROJECT**  
**CAMP TRIUMPH**

Grand Sentinel:

Jean Beckwith	10.00
Vi & Alvin Blair	20.00
Barbara Bowser	10.00
Marion Buchan	20.00
Joan Campbell	20.00
Carolyn & Norm Card	10.00
Edith Conrod	15.00
Gail & LLoyd Cook	10.00
Jeannette Durnnian	5.00
Anna & Howard Ford	10.00
Eleanor & Raymond Freeman	10.00
Mary Lou & Ross Higgins	20.00
Gladys & Dave Hobson	20.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Vivian & Larry Ingham	20.00
Bonnie Lowe	10.00
Vince Maxwell	10.00
Don & Midge Medicraft	5.00
Morley & Marion Robinson	20.00
Ken & Betty Smith	10.00
Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer	10.00
Betty Thompson	10.00
Stella Trask	20.00
Gloria & Bob Turner	30.00
Interest	5.60

AGP:

Edith Conrod	30.00
Mary Lou & Ross Higgins	20.00
Gladys & Dave Hobson	20.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Vivian & Larry Ingham	25.00
Mary & Allen Reid	20.00
Morley & Marion Robinson	25.00
Ken & Betty Smith	10.00
Marylyn & Ralph Swinamer	20.00

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WGP:

Aker, Millie	25.00
Allen, Margaret	25.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	25.00
Annaval Chapter # 31	100.00
Annear, Jean	50.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	25.00
Arenburg, Judy	40.00
Armcrest Chapt #45	25.00
Atlantic Chapt #65	35.00
Beckwith, Jean	20.00
Blair, Vi & Alvin	20.00
Boudreau, Ron & Grace	50.00
Bowser, Barbara	25.00
Boyd, Heather	20.00
Buchan, Marion	100.00
Calder, Faye & Jack	25.00
Campbell, Joan	100.00
Card, Norman & Carolyn	20.00
Carr, Anna & Charlie	25.00
Cedar Chapter #3	25.00
Century Chapter #10	100.00
Clark, William & Carol	50.00
Clarke, Margaret	50.00
Conrod, Edith	30.00
Cook, Lloyd & Gail	50.00
Crescent Chapter #70	25.00
Crouch, Mary & George	25.00
Crystal Chapter #1	25.00
Cullen, Doris & Frank	100.00
Demings, Myrtle	20.00
Denton, Allen & Cheryl	100.00
Dewey, David	50.00
Dewey, Georgie	50.00
Dewey, Robert	50.00
Eaton, Zeke & Susan	100.00
Elm Chapter #48	25.00
Elmsdale Chapter 55	25.00
Emerald Chapter #58	50.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47	50.00
Freeman, Eleanor & Raymond	25.00
Fudge, Gail	100.00
Gamblers	200.00
Gardner, Murray	100.00

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Giffin, Whitman & JoAnne	91.25
Grace Chapter #8	50.00
Grand Officers, DDGM's GCCM's	60.00
Grand Representatives Assoc. NS & PEI	100.00
Harmony Chapter #25	25.00
Higgins, Mary Lou	50.00
Hobson, Dave & Gladys	45.00
Hobson, Tracey	50.00
Ingham, Larry & Vivian	50.00
Jackson, William & Frances	50.00
Johnson, Irene	20.00
Kay, Gail & Peter	20.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	50.00
Laird, Alma	5.00
Lazenby, Evie	25.00
Levy, Sheila & Lowell	50.00
Lipskey, Fred	100.00
Lipskey, Peg	20.00
Lisk, Marilyn	50.00
Lorimer, John & Susan	50.00
Lowe, Bonnie	346.00
MacDonald, Sheila	20.00
MacKay, Cora	50.00
MacLaren, Ed	25.00
MacLennan, Kirk & Mary	50.00
MacRae, Reg	20.00
Mae Chapter #38	20.00
Marsters, Cyril & Rene	50.00
Maxwell, Vince & Irma	25.00
McCleave, Sylvia	25.00
McGillivray, Christine	10.00
Meisner, Hayward	305.00
Miller, Marion	50.00
Montague Chapt #69	50.00
Muise, Margaret & Richard	70.00
Munro Chapter #26	25.00
Myles, Barbara	10.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	25.00
Mystic Star #40	50.00
A Friend	25.00
Newell, John & Carole	100.00
PAGO's Association	125.00
Parker, Penny	125.00
Pearle Chapter #71	45.00

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Pearson, Adrian & Belle		50.00
Proffitt, Jean		50.00
Queen Elizabeth Chpt #14		100.00
Queen Esther #61		50.00
Queens Chapter #34		50.00
Regent Chapt #52		50.00
Reid, Mary & Allen		125.00
Robinson, Marion & Morley		50.00
Ruth Chapter #57		50.00
Scotia Chapter #49		50.00
Smith, Ken & Betty		50.00
Smith, Mary		75.00
Starlight Chapter #66		25.00
Swinamer, Ralph & Marylyn		50.00
Symonds, Ted		40.00
Thompson, Betty		20.00
Thompson, Bill Jr		20.00
Townsend, Linda		20.00
Trask, Stella & Murray		50.00
Valley Regional Hospital Auxiliary		50.00
Victoria Chapter #19		25.00
Westville Chapter #24		50.00
Whalley, Amellia & Jack		25.00
Mitchell, Eleanor	In memory of Robert Young	25.00
Loughnan, Betty Ann	In memory of her parents	50.00
Powroz, Dorothy	In memory of her parents	50.00
MacKay, Cora	In memory of Ernie Decker	20.00
Crystal Chapter #1	Ed MacLaren Grand Organist	100.00
	Connie MacDonald Grand Electa	
	George Doughart Grand Chaplain	
	Zeke Eaton PGP Consolidation Committee	
	Wayne Newson Programme Booklet	
	Willard Nicholson GR State Vermont	
Smith, Mary	GGCM'S George Moxsom & Chuck Patterson	50.00

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Unfinished Business Committee members are: Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M., Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. and Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M.

**Sister Diane Hayman:** We, the members of the Unfinished Business Committee, have reviewed the Proceedings of the 2011 "Ribbons of Hope" Grand Chapter Session, and present the following report.

All Motions passed at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session were distributed to the Subordinate Chapters and the C. L. and R. was updated accordingly. We have summarized these motions as follows.

1. Members may now be eligible for more than one appointment of Grand Chapter at the same time.
2. All expenses of Grand Chapter are now found in one section.
3. As we no longer have District Schools of Instruction, or pay a mileage rate, these two items were deleted from Expenses allowed for District Deputy Grand Matrons.
4. We will no longer use voting cards; therefore members will now use the voting sign of the Order, the uplifted right hand, when voting on items of business.
5. If the Conductress and Associate Conductress must escort members back to their seats, following welcome by Worthy Matron in the East, they shall remain there until given instruction for next group to be introduced. Also, when groups are called for introductions, the Conductress and Associate Conductress will pick up Brothers and Sisters on their side, and members will organize themselves in the West.
6. All members of our Grand Chapter are now eligible to be appointed Grand Representatives.
7. The Associate Grand Matron shall serve as a District Deputy Grand Matron.
8. A Certificate of Recognition and a single red rose will be presented on behalf of Grand Chapter to each member of our Jurisdiction on reaching the age of 100 years or more. We hope that "catch-up" with members of age 100 or older has taken place- therefore these presentations from Grand Chapter would then be made when a member celebrates their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sister Sheila MacDonald P.G.M. has designed a suitable certificate, and copies will be made and kept in the Grand Secretary's Office. If and when you have a member reaching this wonderful age, please inform the Grand Secretary so she may notify the Worthy Grand Matron who

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will either present or have presented, the certificate and the rose. We would suggest that the Worthy Matron of the chapter purchase the rose, and send the bill to Grand Chapter for payment.

Two notices of motion were made:

(1) by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P., re the addition of the Program Booklet as one of the Standing Committees;

(2) by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M., re the holding of Grand Chapter in a facility which can house all functions under one roof and has adequate, affordable housing.

Both of these Notices of Motion have been dealt with accordingly this session.

Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes our Unfinished Business Report.

We congratulate you and Brother Fred on a successful year, and wish for you both much good health and happiness.

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 brought regrets from Sister Inez Daye.

**JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2012**

The Jurisprudence Committee composed of Brother Allan Conrod, GGCCM, Sister Edith Conrod, PGM, and I, Sister Carol Clark, GGCCM have reviewed the proposed Notices of Motion for 2012 and report as follows:

1. All Grand Chapter functions to be held under one roof ----- In Order
2. To pay 3 nights' accommodations for Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron once during Triennium ----- In Order
3. To honour GGCCM's on night of the Main Banquet in 2nd year of Triennium ----- In Order
4. Add Program Booklet as a Standing Committee in the Constitution of the C.L.& R ----- In Order
5. Set up the structure for Program Booklet Committee ----- In Order
6. Set guidelines for Program Booklet Committee ----- In Order
7. To add members in good standing to certain committees ----- In Order

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

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter Session, July, 2012:

#### **1. NOTICE OF MOTION:**

At the next Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 possible 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."

**Rationale:** Our Grand Chapter is reaching a stage where our membership is aging. We need now to think first and foremost of their comfort and needs, if we expect them to attend and participate. Our membership is declining and we have an adequate facility available. I have heard many comments of how nice it is to be able to come and go without having to move from place to place for the meetings and various functions.

Margaret A. Clarke PM (67)

**This motion was divided into two motions as follows:**

#### **1 a): MOTION:**

**"The regular session of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday, with the informal opening on Monday of the first full week in July, except in the year when July 1<sup>st</sup> falls on Sunday then it shall be held the following (2<sup>nd</sup>) week."**

The amended motion was moved for adoption by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and seconded by Brother Owen Walton, P.P. (61) and **it was carried.**

#### **1 b): MOTION:**

**"The place of the meeting shall be in a facility that can wherever possible house all the Eastern Star functions under one roof and has adequate, affordable housing in the area where the session is being held. The place of the meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of the delegates at a regular session. This shall become effective in the year 2015."**

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The amended motion was moved for adoption by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and seconded by Brother Owen Walton, P.P. (61) and **it was carried.**

### **2. NOTICE OF MOTION:**

At the Sixty-fifth Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

**Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 11, Section 5: add "once" after the word "Patron".**

It will then read:

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

Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28)

Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. moved that this motion be adopted. It was seconded by Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28) and **the motion was carried.**

### **3. NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Take notice that at the sixty-fifth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held July 3,4, and 5, 2012, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

**CL&R - L&R Art. 21 Pg. 48.** - Delete and replace with the following:

#### **Article 21, Honouring of General Grand Chapter Appointments**

**1. The Grand Chapter, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, shall honour the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and other Special General Grand Chapter Appointments from this Grand Jurisdiction during the second year of each Triennium, at the Main Banquet of Grand Chapter. Each member, so honoured, shall be presented with a monetary gift of \$100.00 USD, from this Grand Chapter.**

#### **Rationale:**

Since we no longer have General Grand Chapter Officers after November 2012, we will be back to receiving one, a couple, or several appointments from General Grand Chapter each Triennium. Therefore, we can pay tribute to these honorees on the night of our Main Grand Chapter Banquet, in their second year of service, as was done prior to our late Brother Fred's and Sister Margaret's many years of dedicated service to General Grand Chapter.

Diane R. Hayman, PGM (24)

It was moved by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. and seconded by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21) that it be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

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**4. 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: Page 5: Committees of the Constitution 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

Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. moved, seconded by Sister Michelle Boutilier, P.M. (61) that the motion be adopted. **The motion was carried.**

**5. 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 3: page 26, paragraph 5: of the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, 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 is to be appointed each year by the Worthy Grand Matron. (A.M.2010)**

**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 2012-2013 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 2013-2014 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

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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 **2012-2013** 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 2013-2014, 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 amended to change the date from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014.**

The amended motion was moved for adoption by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. and seconded by Sister Michelle Boutilier, P.M. (61) and **the motion was carried.**

**6. 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 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**

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- 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

It was moved by Brother Ken Conrod, P.P. and seconded by Sister Michelle Boutilier, P.M. (61) that the motion was accepted. **The motion was carried.**

### **7. NOTICE OF MOTION:**

At the Sixty-fifth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved, the following motion:

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

“All Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are eligible for membership on any committee and all members in good standing are eligible for membership on the Crafts and Treasures, Publicity, WGM & WGP Special Project, and Program Booklet Committees” **be amended to read,**

**“All Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are eligible for membership on any committee and all members in good standing are eligible for membership on the Crafts and Treasures, Publicity, WGM & WGP Special Project, International Headquarters, Music and Program Booklet Committees; the Librarian and Webmaster.”**

**Rationale:** All members in good standing have a vote in the business of Grand Chapter, and should be allowed to work on the committees which suit their skills. Some members are hesitant to serve in the East, however this should not limit us in using our members to the best of their ability and making them feel useful.

Jane Wooldridge, PM (IPEI)

The motion was made by Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. and seconded by Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (IPEI) that it be accepted. **The motion was carried.**

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### PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

**Thirteen** 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 Diane Hayman (24); Sister Isabelle Pearson, (25); Sister Beverly Caulier (27); Sister Iris Newman (28); Sister Betty Ann Loughnan (40); Sister Cora MacKay (48); Sister Fran Harding, (52); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Edith Conrod (61); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Grace Boudreau (70) and Sister Anna Ford (71); Sister Jeannette Vreeland, (131) New Jersey.

### Welcome to Subordinate Chapter Secretaries

**Sister Betty Ann:** Sister Secretaries,

What a joy it is to welcome you to this “Reflections of Love and Music” Grand Chapter session. It is heartwarming to see so many dedicated members filling the office of Secretary in their respective chapters and attending this Grand Chapter session. I feel there is a bond between us that is special and I count you all as dear friends.

*Life can hold no treasure  
More lasting or more true,  
Than just to have the loyalty  
Of splendid folks like you.*

Again I say “Welcome” and I hope you will enjoy your time at this Grand Chapter session on beautiful Prince Edward Island.

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

May your session be a wonderful conclusion to all your hopes and dreams and leave you with many happy memories.

The **response** was given by **Sister Edith Conrod**, P.G.M., Secretary (61):  
Sister Betty Ann, It is indeed an honour for me to respond to your kind words of welcome, on behalf of the subordinate chapter secretaries.

Whenever called upon with any request you are always so pleasant and quick to respond. It is a pleasure to work with you and we are grateful for the help you give us. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is indeed fortunate to have you serving as Grand Secretary.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon myself and Queen Esther Chapter #61 by affording me the opportunity of this response. I wish you both a wonderful and successful "Reflection of Love and Music" Session where we will learn, Live, Laugh and Love.

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### PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

**Eleven** Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented in the west, introduced and welcomed by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Grand Treasurer:

Sister Carol Pettigrew (15); Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Brother Bill Thompson (24); Sister Donna Ball (27); Sister Julia Atkins (28); Sister Norma Wall (52); Sister Doris Hillier (58); Sister Lorraine O'Neill (61); Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Marion Buchan (67); Brother Ron Boudreau (70).

#### Welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers

**Sister Dorothy:** Each year it is an honour for me to be able to welcome you to Grand Chapter. Your hard work and dedication to your respective Chapters is a testament to your love of our Order. On behalf of this Grand Chapter, I thank you.

This year, I thought I'd share some stories around the myth "it's raining cats and dogs". While there is no definitive origin of the phrase, there are lots of fanciful proposed derivations. The phrase isn't literal as there are no historical instances of cats and dogs falling from the sky although it has been known to have small animals such as toads get swept up in high winds.

One supposed origin derives from mythology where dogs were attendants to Odin, the God of storms and sailors associated dogs with rain. Witches, who often took the form of their familiars: cats, are supposed to have ridden the wind. That would have been interesting to see, but again no evidence.

It has also been suggested that cats and dogs were washed from roofs during heavy weather in the 1500's as roofs were then thatched and they'd slide off in rain. Now I don't know about you, but I find it hard to believe that either a dog would live in a thatched roof (mice yes, dogs no) and that a cat would be out in the rain. Another theory is that the phrase came from the French 'catadoupe' meaning waterfall. Again, no evidence. If the phrase were just 'raining cats' maybe, but I couldn't find the word 'dogadoupe' anywhere.

The most accepted version of the origin comes from the 17th century when heavy rains fell in London and flooded the streets taking with it all sorts of flotsam including dogs and cats. Jonathon Swift epitomized this in the not so pleasant poem 'A description of a City Shower'.

So there you have it. Maybe we can add to the annals of history by declaring 2011-2012 as the year of "reigning" cats and dogs.

Enjoy your time at this Reflections of Love and Music Session. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of welcoming the 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.

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### **CLOSING**

At 11:45 a.m. the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 4, 2012**

**1:30 p.m.** Grand Chapter was called to order and the Grand Officers resumed their stations.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter session from refreshment to labour.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

**Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary:**

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

Another year in the history of our Grand Chapter has passed, but the work of keeping the records and correspondence up to date is on going in the office of the Grand Secretary, so that the Order of the Eastern Star in this Grand Jurisdiction will continue to record accurately in our history book.

A matter of great concern is the decline in our membership and the closure of our chapters as our record of statistics will show. Some chapters have made strides to increase their numbers and we hope that this trend will continue and more chapters will be able to report increases. This past year we were saddened that Shoreham Chapter, No. 59 could no longer carry on as a chapter, but the members have been warmly welcomed by the members of Grace Chapter, No. 8 during the process of consolidation which was carried out smoothly and efficiently. Also, Queens Chapter, No. 34 in Liverpool found it necessary to surrender their charter on May 17, 2012. We hope that these members will affiliate with neighbouring chapters.

During the year Grand Chapter was saddened by the passing of three Past Grand Patrons - Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Brother William Thompson, Sr. and Brother James Dickie, as well as many of our devoted sisters and brothers. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the families.

As we begin a new year let us all strive to strengthen this beautiful Order so that our membership numbers will be on the positive side of the ledger.

The statistical report reflects the figures of the previous year, 2010-2011, as follows:

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**STATISTICS: MEMBERSHIP**

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

**1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011**

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2010:		<b>2,040</b>
No. of Members Initiated:	34	
No. of Members Affiliated:	16	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>1</u>	
	SUB-TOTAL:	<u>51</u>
	TOTAL:	2,091
No. of Members Died:	65	
No. of Members Demitted:	79*	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>21</u>	
	SUB-TOTAL:	<u>165</u>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 31 MAY 2011:</b>		<b>1,926</b>

No. of Chartered Chapters:	38
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	1,926
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	22
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	27

\* **Note:** 36 of the members demitted were members of:  
Fairfield Chapter, No. 22, whose charter was surrendered on May 31, 2011.

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**Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011:**

<u>Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil.</u>	<u>Re- inst.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Demit</u>	<u>Susp.</u>	<u>No. Members May 31,2011</u>
Mayflower #2	2			3	3		54
Cedar #3	2						48
Keystone #5	3			2	2		43
Grace #8				1			48
Century #10				1	1	2	66
Queen Elizabeth #14		1		3			44
Evangeline #15				1		4	71
Victoria #19					2		75
Myrtle #21				3	3	1	50
Fairfield #22				1	36		0
Crystal #1 PEI				3	3		94
Westville #24				2	1		75
Harmony #25				1	1		64
Munro #26	2	1		1	3	2	42
Kwebec #27	1	1		1		2	81
Amethyst #28				1	1	1	63
Arbutus #30	2	1		2			36
Annavaal #31				3	5		39
Queens #34	1			2			24
St. Mary's #35	2			2			55
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				3			43
Mae #38				1	1	1	37
Mystic Star #40				2		1	39
Armcrest #45	4	1		1		1	48
Florence Fraser #47				1		3	42
Elm #48	2			4	2		39
Scotia #49	1					1	40
Regent #52		1			2		47
Elmsdale #55				1			38
Ruth #57	2				3	1	42
Emerald #58	2			5	2		53
Shoreham #59				4	5		19
Queen Esther #61	6			2			104
Atlantic #65		1					26
Starlight #66	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Laurel #67		7		3	2		69
Montague #69							55
Crescent #70	1			4			48
Pearle #71		1					35

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**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES  
2011-2012****ESTARL  
(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)****From Chapters and Members:**

Mayflower #2	Chapter donation	100.00
Cedar #3	Chapter donation	180.00
	Chapter donation	50.00
	In lieu of Bars	50.00
	In memory of William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.	25.00
	In honour of Margie Allen,, D.D.G.M.	25.00
Keystone #5	In memory of Mary Ramirez	25.00
	In memory of Harold Huskilson	25.00
Century #10	Chapter donation	235.77
	In memory of William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.	50.00
	In memory of Wilfred Fisher	50.00
	In memory of Arna Gardner	50.00
	In memory of Audrey Gunn	50.00
	Mary MacIntosh in memory of Arna Gardner	25.00
Queen Elizabeth #14	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Lesley MacMillan	25.00
	In memory of Laura Campbell	25.00
	John and Carole Newell in memory of:	
	William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.	30.00
	James Dickie, P.G.P.	50.00
	Barbara Nicholson	25.00
	Ruth Hill	30.00
Arna Gardner	30.00	
Evangeline #15	Bill Sullivan In memory of Alice Sullivan	20.00
Victoria #19	Chapter donation	300.00
	In memory of Christene MacLeod	20.00
	In memory of Joan Roberts	20.00
	In memory of Jonena MacLeod	20.00
	Beth Brett and Shane MacFarlane in honour of Installing Team	50.00
Myrtle #21	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P.	25.00
	In memory of Jim Cox	25.00

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Crystal #1 PEI	Chapter donation	600.00
Westville #24	Chapter donation	180.00
	In memory of George MacLean	50.00
	In memory of Esther Beck	50.00
	In memory of Jean Braine	50.00
	In memory of William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.	50.00
	In honour of:	
	Frances Thompson - 60 year member	50.00
	Diane & Alfred Hayman's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	50.00
	Marianne MacMillan	20.00
	Frances Thompson in honour of Doris Cullen	20.00
	Diane Hayman & Janet Johnson in honour of Frances Thompson - 60 year member	20.00
	Joyce & Philip Roode in memory of:	
	Betty Heighton	25.00
Arna Gardner	25.00	
Harmony #25	In lieu of Bars to Charles & Colleen McPherson	100.00
	Adrian and Isabelle Pearson in memory of William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.	20.00
Munro #26	In memory of Sheila Beattie	50.00
	Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in memory of:	100.00
	James Dickie, P.G.P.,	
	Christene MacLeod,	
	William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.,	
	Sheila Beattie	
	Roy Digdon	
Jean Urquhart		
	H. MacLeod	
	Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P.	
Kwebec #27	Chapter donation	200.00
	In lieu of gifts to P.M.s & P.P.s	50.00
	Past Matrons Club	25.00
Amethyst #28	Chapter donation	250.00
Arbutus #30	Shirley & Lawrence Smith in memory of Mary Jane Noyes	25.00
Queens #34	Chapter donation	100.00
St. Mary's #35	Chapter donation	25.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	In memory of James Dickie, P.G.P.	50.00
	In memory of Christene MacLeod	25.00
	In memory of Irene Austin	50.00

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Mae #38	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Elaine Feener	25.00
	Helen Holden in memory of Elaine Feener	10.00
Mystic Star #40	In memory of Departed Members	100.00
Florence Fraser #47	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of:	
	Robert MacLeod, brother of Barbara Crosby	25.00
	Shelley Jeffries, daughter of Judy Matthews	25.00
	Myra Carter's brother	25.00
	Marie Tate	25.00
Elm #48	Chapter donation	300.00
Scotia #49	Chapter donation	100.00
Regent #52	Chapter donation	100.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
Elmsdale #55	Chapter donation	50.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
	Ethel Brown in honour of:	20.00
	Charles Paterson	
	George Moxsom	
	Charles and Barbara Paterson in honour of:	100.00
	Harold Farrow's birthday	
	Margie Allen	
	George Moxsom	
	Harmony Chapter #25's honourees	
	Helen Connors' birthday	
	Nora & George Moxsom in lieu of gift to Charles Paterson	25.00
Ruth #57	Lisa Pearson, Eric & Jason Dallin in memory of Frances Johnsen	100.00
Emerald #58	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	150.00
Shoreham #59	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of:	
	Clara Mills	25.00
Queen Esther #61	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P.	25.00
	In memory of Harry Clarke	50.00
	In memory of Jean Coombes	50.00
	In memory of Carl Duncan	50.00

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	In memory of Margaret MacDonald	50.00
	In memory of Helen Walton	50.00
	In memory of Alberta Campbell's brother, Weldon Bowser	25.00
	Past Matrons Club in memory of:	100.00
	Carl Duncan	
	Harry Clarke	
	Jean Coombes	
	June Walker	
Atlantic #65	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Elda McGuire and Lucy Langille	50.00
	In memory of Richard Preeper's mother and Georgie Baillie's brother	50.00
	In memory of Arna Gardner	50.00
Starlight #66	In memory of Jean Urguhart and Roy Digdon	50.00
Laurel #67	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Jeanette Durnnian and the Veterans	100.00
	In memory of Vesta Illsley	50.00
	In memory of Ruth Hill	50.00
	Gail and Lloyd Cooke in memory of:	40.00
	Linda O'Hearn, Mary Ellen Bishop, Allison Mitchell, Sarah Doty, Fred Clarke, Helen Dauphinee	
Montague #69	Chapter donation	200.00
	Donna White donation	20.00

### Other Donations to ESTARL:

District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	237.00
	District #2	300.00
	District #3	310.00
	District #4	290.85
	District #5	200.00
	District #6	250.00
	District #7	538.50
Grand Chapter Church Service, July 3, 2012		1,191.04
Grand Chapter	In memory of Cyril MacIntosh	50.00
	In memory of William Thompson, Sr.	50.00
	In memory of James Dickie	50.00

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Past Grands Club:	In memory of Cyril MacIntosh	25.00
	In memory of William Thompson, Sr.	25.00
	In memory of James Dickie	25.00
	In honour of:	
	Diane and Alfred Hayman's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	25.00
	Vincent and Freda Ells' 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Bruce and Doris Atkinson's	
	65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Ron and Grace Boudreau's	
	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	25.00
Grand Representatives Association		100.00

**CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE**

Laurel #67	100.00
Sales at Grand Chapter	1,773.75

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (TEMPLE FUND)**

Victoria #19	100.00
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**FUND RAISERS FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS  
2009-2012:**

**CANCER**

Keystone #5	163.00	
St. Mary's #35	60.21	
Crescent #70	118.00	
Joan Campbell	100.00	Sale of Pins
John Newell	100.00	Sale of Pins

**ESTARL**

Allan Conrad	100.00	Sale of Pins
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**GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL**

Grand Chapter and other donations	2,200.00
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**NEW YORK O.E.S. HOME**

Marylyn Swinamer	100.00	Sale of Pins
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**SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES**

Marylyn Swinamer	500.00	Sale of Pins
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**SHRINERS HOSPITAL**

Marion Buchan	160.00	Sale of Pins
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**WORLD VISION**

John Newell	100.00	Sale of Pins
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### IN APPRECIATION

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

The past fourteen years have been happy years serving as your Grand Secretary. When one is busy and enjoying their work time passes very quickly. I truly appreciate all your support and friendship which has continued through the years.

To the subordinate chapter secretaries, I extend to you my sincere appreciation for your promptness in sending in reports and other information to allow me to keep our records current. I always enjoy getting the notes, emails and phone calls from you - they help brighten my days.

To my co-worker, Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, we now have the new accounting programme down pat and it has made our balancing act much easier. My heartfelt thanks to you, my friend, my sister.

To all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, once again I wish to express my sincere thanks for the encouragement and support shown to me throughout the year.

To Sister Jane and Brother Fred, you have had a busy year and I know you will always have fond memories of your "*Reflections of Love and Music*" year. It has been a pleasure working with both of you.

Sister Betty Ann moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (40) and the motion was carried.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

**Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

Another year has passed and I once again thank this Grand Chapter for the honour of serving you as your Grand Treasurer. I was happy this year to represent the Grand Chapter at Maritime Exchange in Riverview and to travel with Sister Betty Ann to Machais for Maine-Maritime Exchange. It is always a pleasure to make and renew friendships. As you all know, I'm still balancing work and life and for the next few years work will still tip the scales. While I may not physically be with you, the Grand Family is always in my thoughts and prayers as you travel this jurisdiction.

Last year in my report I mentioned that we had changed our banking and investments in order to capture better interest rates and accessibility to funds if needed. These changes reflect in this year's financials. The budget for the next year was approved by Grand Council and will be presented by the Finance Committee. I would also like to remind members that if you are on a committee, please submit a budget.

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**In Appreciation**

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for always keeping in touch, the hugs when I saw you and the understanding you always give. This Grand Chapter could not run as efficiently as it does without our Grand Secretary and I continue to bless every day that I have a sister who I can laugh with, travel with and shop with. Love ya BA! I also want to thank Sister Maggi and the Finance Committee for their work and desire to understand how this Grand Chapter works. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank the D.D.G.M. who returned her expense cheque as a donation to Grand Chapter. Your kindness and generous heart saved us more than \$600.

When I was reading about the symbolism behind the Inukshuk I was drawn to the parallels of our Order. Many hands are needed to build, focused on a goal; each stone cannot operate individually, it is a team effort; what holds the structure together is the balance; they are a symbol of the human spirit to remind us to invest our efforts today to direct a better way for our tomorrows. May we continue to draw on that spirit to ensure better tomorrows.

In closing I submit the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2011 as distributed to the members at registration.

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

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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, 2011 and the statements of income and retained earnings for the year 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, N.S., May 9, 2012  
Deborah Loughnan, Accountant

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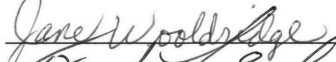
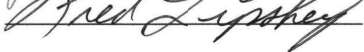
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#### BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 2011

	Estarl Fund (Note 3)	Benevolent Fund (Note 3)	General Fund (Note 3)	2011 Total	2010 Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
Cash - Chequing	\$ 5,219	\$ 3,157	\$ 14,501	\$ 22,877	\$ 58,639
Cash - Savings	18,484	18,249	50,906	87,639	-
Marketable Securities (Note 4)	3,000	15,000	20,000	38,000	51,692
Accounts Receivable	-	-	899	899	869
Inventory	-	-	2,993	2,993	3,974
Accrued Interest	681	476	606	1,763	2,536
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-	-	3,500
	27,384	36,882	89,905	154,171	121,210
<b>Investments (Note 4)</b>	26,147	23,000	10,000	59,147	97,147
<b>Capital Assets (Note 5)</b>	-	-	560	560	1,548
	<b>\$ 53,531</b>	<b>\$ 59,882</b>	<b>\$ 100,465</b>	<b>\$ 213,878</b>	<b>\$ 219,905</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET EQUITY</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Chapter Pre-registration Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions Payable (Note 6)	-	-	17,544	17,544	6,457
	-	-	17,544	17,544	6,457
<b>Net Equity</b>	2,368	76,568	117,398	196,334	213,448
	<b>\$ 2,368</b>	<b>\$ 76,568</b>	<b>\$ 134,942</b>	<b>\$ 213,878</b>	<b>\$ 219,905</b>

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 Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Estarl Fund	Benevolent Fund	General Fund	2011 Total	2010 Total
<b>Revenue</b>					
Membership Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,260	\$ 19,260	\$ 20,400
Registration Fees	-	-	8,641	8,641	10,992
Craft Sales	-	-	1,598	1,598	946
GG Appointee Honour	-	-	6,841	6,841	-
Sale of Supplies	-	-	6,585	6,585	6,011
Other	-	-	80	80	60
Program Booklet Advertising	-	-	7,620	7,620	913.00
Interest Income	1,933	971	1,049	3,953	2,472
	<u>1,933</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>51,674</u>	<u>54,578</u>	<u>41,794</u>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Amortization	-	-	989	989	494
Annual Proceedings	-	-	3,795	3,795	-
Benevolent Assistance	-	2,000	-	2,000	2,900
Cost of Supplies Sold	-	-	4,465	4,465	4,693
District Deputies	-	-	1,470	1,470	339
Estarl Bursaries	12,000	-	-	12,000	14,960
Grand Session	-	-	4,263	4,263	3,500
GG Appointee Honour	-	-	7,787	7,787	-
Honoraria	-	-	9,800	9,800	6,300
Honoraria For Triennium	-	-	-	-	2,035
Insurance	-	-	1,258	1,258	1,193
Church Services/Grand Chaplain	-	-	100	100	100
Memorial Donations	-	-	150	150	-
Office, Postage, Bank Charges	-	-	8,982	8,982	4,344
Office Rent	-	-	1,500	1,500	750
Per Capita Assessment, General Grand	-	-	1,940	1,940	2,183
Professional Fees	-	-	600	600	-
Program Booklet Expense	-	-	6,050	6,050	6,452
WGM and WGP Jewels	-	-	1,043	1,043	225
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>54,192</u>	<u>68,192</u>	<u>50,468</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	(10,067)	(1,029)	(2,518)	(13,614)	(8,674)
<b>Net Equity, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>12,435</u>	<u>77,597</u>	<u>123,416</u>	<u>213,448</u>	<u>222,122</u>
<b>Net Equity, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 2,368</u>	<u>\$ 76,568</u>	<u>\$ 120,898</u>	<u>\$ 199,834</u>	<u>\$ 213,448</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

### 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**

	2011	2010
Estarl Fund	\$ 29,147	\$ 35,147
Benevolent Fund	38,000	54,500
General Fund	30,000	59,192
	<u>\$ 97,147</u>	<u>\$ 148,839</u>

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	2011	2010
<u>ESTARL FUND</u>				
Montreal Trust	November 19, 2012	5.18%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	January 29, 2015	3.41%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	September 12, 2012	4.60%	-	5,000
Scotiabank	November 28, 2011	3.15%	-	1,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2014	2.86%	18,147	18,147
Scotiabank	March 17, 2015	2.51%	2,000	2,000
Scotiabank	May 26, 2014	3.00%	1,000	1,000
			<u>\$ 29,147</u>	<u>\$ 35,147</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			3,000	6,000
			<u>\$ 26,147</u>	<u>\$ 29,147</u>

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**4. Investments (continued)**

Issuer	Maturity	Rate	Cost	
			2011	2010
<u>BENEVOLENT FUND</u>				
Scotiabank	May 30, 2011	4.58%	-	3,500
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	4.70%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	November 19, 2011	5.05%	-	3,000
Scotiabank	May 26, 2012	2.29%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	May 29, 2012	2.50%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	March 17, 2015	2.51%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	March 17, 2014	2.21%	5,000	5,000
Scotiabank	March 18, 2013	1.91%	3,000	3,000
Scotiabank	March 18, 2013	2.11%	10,000	10,000
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	-	10,000
			<u>\$ 38,000</u>	<u>\$ 54,500</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			15,000	16,500
			<u>\$ 23,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,000</u>
 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
Scotiabank	April 15, 2011	2.15%	-	9,000
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
Scotiabank	April 16, 2012	2.46%	8,000	8,000
Scotiabank	May 25, 2012	2.60%	10,000	10,000
Scotiabank	March 18, 2013	2.11%	10,000	10,000
Scotiabank	March 17, 2011	0.45%	-	1,000
			<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 59,192</u>
Less: Marketable Portion (matures within one year)			20,000	29,192
			<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

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**5. Capital Assets**

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2011	Net 2010
Jewels & Regalia	19,776	19,216	560	1,548
	<u>\$ 19,776</u>	<u>\$ 19,216</u>	<u>\$ 560</u>	<u>\$ 1,548</u>

**6. Contributions Payable**

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

	2011	2010
Donations - Estarl fund	\$ 16,495	\$ 19,365
Other donations	1,049	718
	<u>\$ 17,544</u>	<u>\$ 20,083</u>

**7. Related Party Transactions**

During the year the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2011	2010
Grand Matron Honoraria	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000
Grand Patron Honoraria	1,000	1,000
Grand Secretary Honararia	4,000	2,000
Grand Secretary's Assistant Honararia	300	300
Grand Treasurer Honoraria	2,000	1,000
District Deputy Expenses	1,470	339
	<u>11,270</u>	<u>6,639</u>
Office Rent to Grand Secretary	1,500	750
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>\$ 12,770</u>	<u>\$ 7,389</u>

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### MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the Wednesday morning session and moved the adoption of these minutes. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (40) and the motion was carried.

### PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ELECTAS (Honour Station for 2011-2012)

**Nine Subordinate Chapter Electas** were presented in the West and introduced: Sister Connie MacDonald, Crystal #1; Sister Gail Kay, Harmony #25; Sister Doreen Hart, Mae #38; Sister Elizabeth Morash, Mystic Star #40; Sister Viola Horton, Florence Fraser #47; Sister Christine Eidt, Scotia #49; Sister Edna Fox, Regent #52; Sister Iris Williams, Emerald #58; Sister Marian Durling, Queen Esther #61.

### PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ORGANISTS (Honour Station for 2011-2012)

**Eight Subordinate Chapter Organists and Two Visiting Organists** were presented in the West and introduced:

Sister Louise Seeley, Keystone #5; Sister Diane Patterson, Century #10; Sister Gail Cook, Mayflower #2 and Evangeline #15; Sister Maureen Roddick, Westville #24; Brother Allan Conrad, Scotia #49; Sister Helen MacEwen, Regent #52; Sister Kay Horton, Starlight #66; Brother Ed MacLaren, Montague #69. Visiting Organists were: Sister Diana Johnson of Chapter #99, Florida and Sister Loretta Dow, of Chapter #305, Florida.

**Brother Ed MacLaren, Grand Organists** extended a welcome to the Organists: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you for the opportunity to welcome our Subordinate Chapter Organists to your "Reflections of Love and Music" Session. Also thank you for having the Organist as one of your Honor Stations. As you can see we are few in number, grey in hair (if any at all) and a dying breed with some of us playing for more than two and three chapters. Music is so important in our Order and adds so much to our Ritualistic Work. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to welcome your organists to your session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Maureen Roddick (24)**:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Organists in this jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing us to be one of their honour stations. It is our privilege on each occasion through our selections to add harmony to our Ritualistic Work. We also want to thank the choirs and soloists who extend our harmony with their choices of pieces. Thank you again.

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**Sister Connie MacDonald, Grand Electa** extended a welcome to the Electas: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As Grand Electa of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it is my pleasure to extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Electas.

As Electa, you share the story of Love and I commend you all on the duties you have performed in the station. You have been wonderful ambassadors for your chapters. Live well, Love Much and Laugh often.

Sister Jane and Brother Fred, thank for the honour of being Grand Electa in your Grand Family. May you have a harmonious "Reflections of Love and Music" session.

The **response** to Grand Electa was given by **Sister Christine Eidt (49)**: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, I am honoured to be given the privilege of responding on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Electas to the kind words of welcome from our Grand Electa, Sister Connie.

Those of us who serve in the station of Electa are pleased to share the story of this beautiful heroine, about her love, loyalty, charity and hospitality.

The "Reflections of Love and Music" session is my first Grand Chapter session. I look forward to the next few days of meeting and reacquainting with Sisters and Brothers and learning more each day of this wonderful organization.

Thank you again for the honour bestowed upon me and my Chapter, Scotia Chapter No. 49.

### **REPORT ON THE HEART TO HEART READING PROJECT**

**Sister Connie MacDonald, Grand Electa:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

As Grand Electa, I was responsible for Sister Jane and Brother Fred's special Heart to Heart reading project. Our subordinate chapter Electa's were my contacts within the chapters.

We had 51 members from 11 chapters read to their children, grandchildren, mothers, and seniors. In total 1,172.5 hours were logged from September 2011 to June 2012.

Some of the participating chapters came up with innovative ways of promoting this project. Sister Gail Kay of Harmony Chapter #25, spoke to the chapter each month about the importance of reading taken from articles she found in a local paper. Harmony members who are also members of the United Church in Stellarton were invited to visit with the Sunday School children each Sunday to read and discuss a book.

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Westville Chapter #24 members spent one morning in October reading to Children at the local library. They also found ways to further promote this project that didn't directly involve reading. In November and December, members donated 71 new books to the Salvation Army. The members also donated Spanish/French/English books to be taken to the Dominican to an adopted Haitian girl. Some of the books also went to a village school.

Thank you to all participants for making this project a success.

### PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69) gave the following report:

Members registered from our Grand Jurisdiction:	<b>269</b>
Members registered from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<b><u>113</u></b>
Total attendance to date:	<b>382</b>

Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48) and the motion was carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Sister Rennie Oton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, expressing her regrets that she was unable to attend our Grand Chapter Session.
2. Letter from Brother Donald Thornton, G.G.C.C.M., Chairman, Scottish Rite Charities Committee, thanking the members for their support and to let the members know that certificates have been sent to all chapters and members who have supported this project.
3. Thank you note from Sister Margaret Hourston for the Honorary Membership presented to her at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session.
4. Letter of thanks from the George Washington Masonic Memorial for the donations received. This was the Special Project of our late Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. 2009-2012.
5. Thank you note from Sister Effie Behie for the certificate and rose she received on the occasion of her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday in September, 2011.
6. Letter of invitation to the members to attend the opening of the new Bark Mulch Barn at Bonny Lea Farm. Donations from our members and the Special Project of 2002-2003 helped to make this project possible.
7. Letter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland announcing that the motion to rescind the decision to declare the United Grand Chapter of Australia "Clandestine" was upheld by the members of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The United Grand Chapter of Australia is not a clandestine Grand Chapter.
8. A note was received from Sister Bonnie Zumult, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M. of Massachusetts expressing her regrets that she is unable to attend this session.

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### ESTARL CHURCH SERVICE COLLECTION

The Grand Secretary announced that \$1,191.04 was collected at the service held on Tuesday evening for the ESTARL awards.

### REMARKS

#### **SISTER VIOLET E. R. BLAIR, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I. AMBASSADOR TO ALASKA**

**Sister Violet Blair:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, especially our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther, General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, all other Distinguished Visitors, Sisters and Brothers.

It seems such a short time ago in the spring of 2009, that I received a call from Sister Rennie Ofton, R.W.A.G.M., asking me if I would accept the position of 'Ambassador to Alaska' for the 2009-2012 General Grand Chapter triennium, when she and Brother Fred would be serving as the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. It was indeed an honour to accept this appointment and to represent this Grand Jurisdiction as the 'Ambassador to Alaska'.

I was unable to attend the General Grand Chapter triennial assembly 'Council Fires', held in Tulsa, Oklahoma to receive this appointment due to my husband, Alvin, was booked for thoracic surgery for cancer of the lung at that time. Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. and his wife, Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M., agreed to attend the Alaskan breakfast and bring greetings on my behalf to the sisters and brothers of the great state of Alaska, especially to the incoming Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Claudia Johnson, P.M., member of Star of the North Chapter, No.17, in Soldotna, Alaska. I have attended several Grand Chapters sessions in Canada and the U.S.A., as well as our own Grand Chapter sessions. It was always a joy to attend special occasion activities bringing General Grand Chapter greetings on behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie and as well the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The highlight of this appointment was attending the official visits of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, to the chapters in the great state of Alaska, the largest state in the United States of America. It was great news when Alvin's doctor said he could make the trip with me.

Thus began the 'Journey to Alaska'...what an experience!!!!!!

On a bright sunny day, August 30, 2011, we left Nova Scotia for Seattle, then travelled via Alaskan Airways to the capital city of Alaska ... Juneau... Well the welcome mat was out!!! Before we could get off of the escalator the singing began. "Welcome to Alaska, Sister Vi"... "Welcome Ambassador to Alaska" and streamers of many colours were flying everywhere. Then the greetings began. We were each presented with a ditty bag filled with many essentials that we may have left home!!!

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From the first greetings to our departure that was the spirit which existed throughout the visit....one of joy, happiness and friendship....the Eastern Star way.

From the time of arrival, to our departure on September 11th., our days were planned around the official visits of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie. Unfortunately, Sister Rennie and her Deputy, Sister Claudia, were not able to attend all the sight seeing trips as they had official duties to do.

The first official visit was to Juneau Chapter, No.7. Their chapter room was upstairs over a building supply store without an elevator to the second floor. Now the question was "how do we get Sister Rennie up to the chapter room"? There were many ideas. The decision was made to move the furniture and paraphernalia downstairs... a lovely chapter room resulted. Young ladies of the Rainbow Assembly spoke on their Order and how much it meant to them, and thanked Juneau Chapter for their help and guidance. Sister Rennie gave an interesting talk and congratulated the Rainbow young ladies on their achievement. We all enjoyed a delicious banquet and great conversation followed, getting to know one another.

The next morning, Sister Margaret Clarke and I decided to go shopping, only to find most of the stores closed. Upon inquiry we were told the stores closed when the cruise ships left port and would reopen when the next ships arrived!!!!

At noon we continued on our journey with a flight to Anchorage. A beautiful city, flowering shrubs and plants everywhere. We visited the musk ox farm. The first time to see a musk ox! They have a long coarse hair coat and huge curved horns. It is hard to believe that such beautiful fine yarns and cloth comes from their course hair! To think they existed before the ice age....interesting!!!!!! We visited the famous Native Heritage Center. The native people are very proud of their heritage and are teaching their children to be as well. The centre promotes and markets their art! The programs put on in the theatre displayed their talents in the gift of art and music. One could spend several hours there and not see it all. The next morning we continued our travelling this time by bus!!!! with Sister Joan Morgan, P.M., our driver and our tour guide. On arrival at Soldotna, we enjoyed a most delightful afternoon tea with members and a time of sharing our mutual travels. We toured Soldotna and again we were very impressed. The official visit to Star of the North Chapter, No. 17. followed, but not before we enjoyed a delicious banquet. This Chapter is the home chapter of Sister Claudia. To use an old phrase "they did her proud" which I am sure Sister Rennie was as well.

Well, here we are again going back to Anchorage, stopping along the way to view the exit glacier and other points of interest. Before retiring we just had to have a game of Phase... guess who won Rennie!!!!!! We did it again. We were all ready when the bus arrived for the day's adventure ... the official visit to Matanuska Valley Chapter, No. 14 at Palmer.

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Of course we enjoyed a most delicious dinner before the meeting. Again Sister Rennie gave an inspiring address. No time for napping!!!!!! September 9, back to the airport for flight to Fairbanks, official visit to the two Fairbanks Chapters... Midnight Sun Chapter, No.6 and Fairbanks Chapter, No.18. This was a combined meeting and carried out in an excellent manner. We were entertained with a recitation...."The Shooting of Dan McGrew.... Robert Service. (I apologize for not having the Brother's name). The recitation was excellent!!!!!!! Again we enjoyed a most delicious dinner. The Sisters showed off their expertise in the cuisine field! I am sure I saw several Brothers in the kitchen! Morning came too soon!!!!!!! We were on the return flight to Anchorage for Sister Rennie's last two official visits ...Denali Chapter No. 16 and Anchorage Chapter, No. 8. This was also a combined meeting. Again we enjoyed a most delicious dinner. Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron, addressed the chapters with an inspiring message. She also expressed her appreciation for all courtesies shown to her and to her travelling companion. Sister Rennie invited everyone to Texas for "The Nature of God's Love Around the World" Assembly, November 1-9, 2012. She was given standing ovations. Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron, what a finish to your official visits to the Eastern Star Chapters in Alaska.. congratulations!!!!

Sunday morning, September 11, saw us again on our way to Seattle and then back to our own beautiful Nova Scotia. Many times during this official visit to Alaska, my thoughts turned back to our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke and how he would have loved Alaska and visiting the chapters!!! You were missed Brother Fred!!

Before leaving for Alaska, Alvin received an email from Sister Claudia Johnson, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofon, asking Alvin if he would present the Canadian flag at all of Sister Rennie's official chapter meetings. Alvin was indeed honoured to have the privilege of presenting the Canadian flag, in honour of the late Brother Frederick Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Another honour we received was "Honorary Memberships in the Alaskan Chapters". These we shall cherish always.

Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron, our friendship began many long years ago when you first visited our Grand Jurisdiction, and it still goes on.... you are so very special!!!!!!

Thank you again for this very special appointment "Ambassador to Alaska". It was certainly one of love, enjoyment and friendship, shared with the Sisters and Brothers of Alaska. Getting to know the O.E.S. members in Alaska just seemed like adding another family to our tree of life. Alvin thanks you, as well, for Vi's appointment as he revisited places he has wanted to for years.

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Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the time to present my report on my visit to Alaska.

Wishing you a most successful Grand Chapter as you bring to a close your year "Reflections of Love and Music" session. Thank you.

### **SISTER MARYLYN SWINAMER, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I. AMBASSADOR OF NEW YORK**

**Sister Marylyn Swinamer:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers,

I bring you the greetings of Sister Norma Reynolds, Most Worthy Grand Matron O.E.S. State of New York and Brother Harry Tyson, Most Worthy Grand Patron, O.E.S. State of New York. These officers in New York are affectionately referred to as Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

As Ambassadors, we were requested to visit our jurisdiction and then submit a report or item to The Eastern Star Journal. While I have seen other reports, I am still waiting for the article on O.E.S. State of New York.

When we visit a Grand Chapter under the umbrella of the General Grand Chapter, we have a pleasant visit, when you visit the Grand Chapter State of New York, it is a lovely adventure.

Since New York is independent, they have their own Ritual and Constitution, consequently, they do things differently making for a very interesting visit, i.e. Grand Honours, which we make the same way, is considered a secret sign and only given in the chapter room. At other functions including Grand Chapter Sessions, the Sign of Public Salutation is given. The Star Point Signs are the same as ours, but others are not, and some signs we consider secret they do not and vice versa.

At their session two years ago, they had a motion to increase the per capita tax. The arguments were so like what we had experienced, that when the vote was called, I looked for my voting card, only to admonish myself that it wasn't my Grand Chapter, I didn't have a vote.

In New York members retain their titles. Past Most Worthy's is Most Worthy Sister or Most Worthy Brother, past officers including Grand Representatives, Grand Lecturers, and District Deputy Grand Matrons, are referred to as Right Worthy. Several of you have met my friend Sally, in New York, she is referred to as Right Worthy Sister Sally Chichester.

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They have a complex located at Oriskany, they call the O.E.S. Campus. This complex consists of Retirement apartments, Assisted living and Infirmary accommodations. The Grand Secretary's office is here as well as a Day-Care center, mainly for use by the employees, and operates on a break-even policy.

The Masons also have a Medical Research Laboratory on the Campus property. At the last Grand Chapter session, a representative from the lab reported that they were ready to release for public use a new heart medication which would replace several already on the market. I was impressed with this extensive report and the co-operation between these two groups.

Last year the chairman of registration was excited to announce that out-of-state visitors numbered twenty-nine.

In April of this year, I, accompanied by Brother Ralph, attended an official visit of the Grand Matron at Catskill, NY, in Greene-Ulster District. The Grand Matron visits districts not chapters, and all official visits are held on weekends. It is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Matron to raise the funds to hold the meeting. She and the Grand Lecturer host the meet. This meeting is entirely different from anything we do. You need to be there!!

I would like to encourage the members to visit the Grand Chapter O.E.S. State of New York to witness the similarities and differences to our session.

If I had been asked to choose a General Grand Chapter Appointed position, I would have chosen Ambassador to New York. I am honoured, pleased and proud to have been asked to fill this position. I offer my sincere thanks to Sister Rennie Ofon, MWGM, and our late Brother Fred Clarke, MWGP, for appointing me to this position.

### **SISTER MARION MILLER, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I. GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER BENEVOLENCE**

**Sister Marion Miller:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers,

As General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Benevolence I have had one request from Electa Chapter #9 in Perth Andover, New Brunswick, who were flooded out and the first floor was completely covered with water in their Masonic building in March.

I have referred it to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, and I am awaiting further instructions. If any Chapters are financially healthy and wish to assist these Sisters and Brothers and the Masons, please feel free to contact me for their address.

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As our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, in her address this morning told you our Chapter, Crystal #1, had not one but two fires with in a few years and with the exception of the Bible we lost almost everything and many other Chapters assisted us in re-building before we ever were officially the other Province in this Grand Jurisdiction.

As they say, Charity begins at home. Thank you.

### PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Marion Miller, Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Patterson, Past Grand Patron, on behalf of the Past Grands Club, were escorted to the East.

Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M., moved that Honourary Memberships be presented to:

Sister Diane M. Jones, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in California;

Sister Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron of Saskatchewan

This motion was seconded by Brother John Patterson, P.G.P., and the motion was carried.

Both Sister Diane and Sister Donna were present and were escorted to the East and presented with their Honourary Memberships. Both expressed their thanks for these memberships which came as a great surprise. They are both proud to be Honourary Members of our Grand Chapter.

### REMARKS (continued)

#### **BROTHER JOHN NEWELL, P.G.P. OF N.S. & P.E.I. GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING FOR CANADA**

**Brother John Newell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Esther, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

First, I wish to thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, who, along with the late Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, appointed me as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on the Executive as Chairman of Housing for Canada. I have been in contact with my counterpart, Brother Jerry Trees, P.G.P. of Texas, whose team has carried out a great deal of work on our behalf in making preparations for the Forty-Seventh Triennial Assembly to be held in Fort Worth, Texas.

Those of us travelling from this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be housed in the Renaissance Worthington Hotel, which, from the photos

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and video provided on the internet appears to be an elegant hotel. I look forward to my stay there. I am pleased that members from our sister province, New Brunswick, will be housed there also. I know that great friendships have developed between Sisters and Brothers from both Grand Jurisdictions.

I have had several phone conversations from individuals in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia regarding housing and procedures for registration. There were no major concerns with any of these Sisters and Brothers; I was pleased to assist them with their inquiries. I would remind those planning to attend this assembly that registration forms must be received by Friday, August 31, 2012 and that a bus will be running from the hotel to the Convention Centre. A bus pass for \$20.00 American must be purchased so as to make use of this service. As the membership is aware, all forms maybe downloaded from the internet.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me the opportunity to address the Grand Chapter.

**SISTER GAIL COOK, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I.  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER  
NECROLOGY**

**Sister Gail Cook:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers,

I felt very privileged and honoured to have been given a General Grand Chapter Committee Appointment as Canadian Chairman of Necrology.

Little did we realize that we would be preparing our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke's memorial service.

We have been in consultation with Sister Rennie, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, our General Grand Chapter Organist, Sister Rosemary Swetland, our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther and Sister Betty Robertson, United States Chairman of Necrology, and we are working on the memorial service to take place at General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas in November.

Some of the sisters from Laurel Chapter #67 will be taking a special part in the memorial service. This is an ongoing process with plans being formulated, but as yet not finished. This is a committee which will not have its work completed until after General Grand Chapter.

Brother Ray and Sister Kay Horton, Starlight Chapter #66, are singing "Suddenly There's a Valley". Past Grand Patron, Brother Fred Lipskey, Laurel Chapter #67 and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ralph Swinamer, Mayflower Chapter #2, are reading a poem as part of our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke's tribute. We have felt it to be most fitting that Brother David Clarke and Sister Brenda Clarke, Keystone Chapter #5, son and daughter-in-law of Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, place the Basket of flowers on behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction.

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### MOTION

**Sister Gail Cook, G.G.C.C.M.:** I would like to make a motion that this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island purchase a large basket of fresh flowers to be placed at the podium of the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John E. Grobler, in honour and in memory of our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frederick "Fred" W. Clarke. This basket of flowers is to be placed there during the memorial service and is to remain there during the complete session of General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas.

**This motion was seconded by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.**

### REMARKS (continued)

#### **SISTER CAROL CLARK, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I. GENERAL GRAND CHAPTR COMMITTEE MEMBER REGISTRATION**

**Sister Carol Clark:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to speak on my committee, Registration, which I am Canada Chair. As many of you know, my committee has already started its' work as registration is under way for General Grand Chapter this November. I will be very busy once I get to Fort Worth as I recall from other General Grand Chapters. Meeting and greeting all of our Sisters and Brothers worldwide will be an experience I will always remember.

I especially want to thank Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and our late Brother Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron, for conferring upon me this honour, an honour not only for me but for this Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and for my Chapter, Westville Chapter # 24.

I want to thank this Grand Jurisdiction for the beautiful banquet given in our honour last July and for the monetary gift that each Committee member received. The organizers did a great job of giving each of us a wonderful night to remember.

Over the past three years I attended the Grand Chapters of Florida, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, and Alberta where I was treated with every courtesy.

I also want to thank the chapters I have visited in this Jurisdiction for the courtesies extended to me. Your kindness and generosity is truly appreciated, especially my own chapter, Westville Chapter # 24, who have always supported me in any of my endeavours.

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Congratulations to our new General Grand Chapter Committee Members whose appointments will be begin this November. You have been well chosen and will serve with honour and commitment to your respective appointments. May you enjoy every moment of your three year term.

Thank you once again Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to make a few remarks. May all your hopes and dreams for this session be realized and may you have many happy memories of this year.

### **SISTER MARIAN DURLING, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I. GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER RITUAL**

**Sister Marian Durling:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers,

I remember being in Florida on a month's vacation when I received an e-mail from Sister Rennie Ofton asking me to accept the position of Canadian Chair of the Ritual Committee for their Triennium. Needless to say I was thrilled to be offered this appointment from Sister Rennie and Brother Fred.

Did I know what all this entailed? No I didn't, but I do know that I love our Ritualistic Work and pride myself on being somewhat capable in doing this work! I remember my very first office, Electa in Victoria Chapter # 19, Baddeck and I studied and studied, and my Mom, Sister Ellen Gerrard, listened and listened and prompted me and corrected me! Oh how I remember those days! I know that at times we thought it was too strict, but when I visit Chapters today - I wish it wasn't so lax! We prided ourselves on our Ritualistic Work. I never had the opportunity to hear my Dad do his work but anyone who did said he was fantastic. I remember as a young girl, hearing soft voices coming from my parent's bedroom---what was going on? I realized later on that there was an Eastern Star meeting the next evening and they were going over their work!

It bothers me that in some of our Chapters, our officers do not feel the need to memorize or even try to memorize their work. Hey, I hear it's good for the Brain Cells. I learned Electa's lecture in 1964 and it stayed with me. I realize that some times we just can't memorize due to age, illness, etc., and this should not be a deterrent for holding office but if we can, we should. Don't just say you can't-at least give it a try! You might surprise yourself.

I checked the Red Book regarding duties of Committees and this is what I found out about the Ritual Committee: "To consider all proposed amendments and other matters pertaining to the Ritual referred to it, and all decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron pertaining to the Ritual and to report same to the General Assembly

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with its recommendations for final and decisive action". Sounds very wordy and important and right now I am in the process of reviewing the Triennial Assembly Resolutions Packet-lots of reading - however, only a few refer to the Ritual.

My Eastern Star relationship with Brother Fred and Sister Margaret goes back many years -in fact, in 1987-88 I served as Grand Martha for Sister Barb and Brother Fred and later as Grand Conductress for Sister Margaret. Sister Margaret, I sure hope this friendship continues for a long time. I realize that Brother Fred had a lot to do with this Appointment and I have been very proud to have represented our Grand Chapter in this position from 2009 until November 2012.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred , thank you so much for the opportunity to address our Grand Chapter at this time and I sincerely wish our new General Grand Chapter Committee Members the very best and I personally look forward to greeting them along the Star Trail. My one regret is that I was unable to visit all the Chapters in our Jurisdiction during this term of office but sometimes that it not possible. Thank you.

**SISTER JOAN CAMPBELL, P.G.M. OF N.S. & P.E.I.  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER  
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR  
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**Sister Joan Campbell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

First, I want to thank Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke and Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton for appointing me as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on the Executive Committee.

I would like to thank Sister Cheryl Denton for stepping in on behalf of myself when I had some health problems. Last year at this time she asked for thoughts and prayers for me and as you can see - prayers do work.

When we started this journey in 2009, it seemed that 2012 was a long way off. In four months we will be in Fort Worth, Texas preparing for this Triennium Session, "The Nature of God's Love Around The World". I urge as many of you as possible to try to attend. Let us make this session the best one ever and especially one that would make Brother Fred very proud and to support Sister Margaret.

It has been a pleasure working with the committees from Texas in preparing for this assembly. Their hard work, dedication and support have been greatly appreciated in making this session in Fort Worth successful in every way. At this time I would like to thank OUR executive members who have filled every task they have been asked

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to do - Sister Cheryl Denton, Sister Marion Miller, Brother John Newell and Sister Dorothy Powroz. One of our main events will be the Wednesday night banquet "Come Sail With Us" hosted by our Grand Jurisdiction.

Sisters and Brothers, it is not too late to get on the band wagon to show General Grand Chapter our Maritime hospitality as we enjoy our visit to the great State of Texas and exploring its beauty.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to speak.

### **SISTER MARGARET CLARKE, P.G.M OF N.S & P.E.I. WORTHY GRAND ESTHER GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

**Sister Margaret Clarke:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers.

*" A journey of a Thousand Miles begins with a single step".*

Awesome - where do I start should be the next words but before I do that I need to say, personally, a very big THANK YOU to this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the wonderful reception that I, no I should say we, enjoyed last July. The committee put a lot of effort into the evening. The booklet was a unique way to honour all of us and a lasting memory for each.

I will thank Sister Rennie for allowing me to fill the station of Esther in this "Nature of God's Love Around the World" triennium and to enjoy this journey begun with Brother Fred, as Most Worthy Grand Patron. This Triennium has had bumps in the road but we have gone on and we have all done our part to the best of our ability. I have been able to do all of the official visits in our calendar (except one) since the first of 2011 which included visits to subordinate Chapters under General Grand Chapter in Romania, Italy, Germany and Alaska.

Brother Fred, as Most Worthy Grand Patron, had a dream to have the Order of the Eastern Star represented among the Family of Freemasonry at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. This became his special project as Most Worthy Grand Patron. This project came to fruition with the formal opening on February 22, 2012 at the Memorial in Alexandria. I was privileged to attend and assist the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron in the ribbon cutting ceremony and to attend other functions of the day. Brother Fred's picture is in the display along with his Past Grand Patron jewel, which I have loaned to the Masonic Memorial for an indefinite time. He was going to have a gold circle put on that one instead of purchasing something else.

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General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Rennie and Brother Fred were very pleased when each of you said yes to their request to serve on the various committees this Triennium. Your work has been varied -some at the start, some through the 3 years and some yet to come. Sister Rennie wants you to know how much she appreciates what you are doing. You have and will continue to represent our Jurisdiction well.

Under the leadership of Sister Joan and Sister Cheryl we still have a big commitment to fulfill at General Grand Chapter and I know we will be in Fort Worth in November doing our part in the "Nature of God's Love Around the World" to make this the best General Grand Chapter ever.

Sisters and Brothers remember my quote at the beginning -

My first step began with my initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star.  
My first step began with my election of Associate Grand Conductress in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.  
My first step began with my installation as Worthy Grand Esther of the General Grand Chapter and I have had the journey of thousands of miles - a wonderful journey with many lasting and treasured precious memories.

It is my Prayer that I have represented the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward as an Officer of General Grand Chapter in a manner that you may be as proud of me as I am to be a member of this Grand Chapter.

### MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. and seconded by Brother John Patterson, P.G.P., that the remarks of the General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members be printed in the proceedings. **The motion was carried.**

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Sister Jane, WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, we will now move into our Memorial Service. The doors will be secure. If you feel for some reason that you cannot remain in the Grand Chapter Room for the entire service, I would ask that you leave now. When we have finished our service, closed our Bible, and closed the session, I ask that you retire quietly and respectfully.

*They have climbed LOVE'S stairway to heaven  
And entered the Grand Chapter above  
And there in God's wondrous glory  
They will finish their labor of LOVE.*

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Let us pray.

**Brother George Doughart, Grand Chaplain:**

Loving and caring God, we ask your blessing upon this Memorial Service. The Jurisdiction has lost three Brothers who served one of its highest offices and in the process gained the respect and admiration of its members. We are paused now to remember, to give thanks and to offer our expression of respect and love for our late Past Grand Patrons, Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Brother William Thompson and Brother James Dickie. May your presence with us in this time of reflection and tribute give us a special peace and a deeper resolve to serve You more faithfully. Be near to each one of us, we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

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

***PAST GRAND PATRON  
BROTHER CYRIL R. MACINTOSH  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1979-1980***

***PASSED AWAY ON July 7, 2011  
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***PAST GRAND PATRON  
BROTHER WILLIAM M. THOMPSON  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1997-1998***

***PASSED AWAY ON August 4, 2011  
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***PAST GRAND PATRON  
BROTHER JAMES A. DICKIE  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1993-1994***

***PASSED AWAY ON October 25, 2011  
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**A Loving Tribute**

**to our departed Past Grand Patrons  
and to all our Sisters and Brothers  
who have passed away during this past year:**

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journeys  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know,  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.*

*And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.*

- Anonymous



CYRIL R. MACINTOSH  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
1979-1980

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### Tribute to Cyril Renouf (Sid) MacIntosh, Past Grand Patron

by  
Sister Joan Campbell, Past Grand Matron

With saddened hearts and many fond, happy memories, we pay tribute to the memory of Brother Cyril Renouf (Sid) MacIntosh, Past Grand Patron.

We convey our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family, his wife of 67 years, Sister June; son Wayne, Bedford; daughters, Carolyn Chant, Cape Breton; Susan Payne, Calgary; granddaughter Trish, Grandsons, Andrew, Peter, Scott, Sean, Marc, Patrick, Jeffrey and eight great-grandchildren.

His outgoing, friendly manner is vividly portrayed in the beautiful poem that he read at his farewell address:

*Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold  
But it's value is far greater than a mountain made of gold  
For gold is cold and lifeless, it can neither see nor hear,  
And in the time of trouble, it is powerless to cheer  
It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand  
It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand  
So when you ask God for a gift, be thankful if he sends  
Not diamonds, pearls or riches but the love of real true friends.*

We must now talk about the journey of a friend and brother, who has travelled the labyrinth of human life and is continuing to travel the unknown path of eternal life.

Brother Sid was born on January 8, 1927 and was a lifelong resident of Truro, Nova Scotia. He was a veteran of the Second World War and the last surviving member of his immediate family. Sid was an active member of St. David's United Church; Masonic Lodge #43, Truro; Myrtle Chapter #21, Order of the Eastern Star; Philae Temple and the United Commercial Travelers. He spent most of his career travelling Atlantic Canada in the jewellery business. He was a dedicated volunteer canvasser for both the Alzheimer's Society and the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation. Brother Sid worked for the Shriner's projects and volunteered sponsoring children to Shriners Hospitals for Sick Children.

Brother Sid served the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1979-1980 as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Ellen Webster. They presided over the "Golden Chain of Friendship" Session held at Holland College, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

On the evening of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 an impressive Masonic Service was held followed by the funeral service on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, Young Street, Truro. These services were largely attended by many fraternal sisters and brothers and friends which was a fine tribute to the esteem in which he was held.

In closing I would like to quote Sister Ellen's and Brother Sid's motto:

*Let us show Friendship in our actions,  
Kindness in our Judgment,  
and be grateful for our Blessings.*



**WILLIAM M. THOMPSON  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
1997-1998**

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### Tribute to Bro. William M. Thompson, Past Grand Patron

by  
Marian E. Durling, Past Grand Matron/G.G.C.C.M.

Last year at Grand Chapter, Brother Bill and I were sitting on the sidelines, and out of the blue he asked me to do him a favour. I replied that if I could, I would. The Favour to sing at his funeral! I stopped, looked at him to see if he was serious as he always took great delight in tormenting me. I of course, said, "well that won't be for a long time"--little did I know that a month later, my fraternal partner would be gone.

Brother Bill was initiated in Westville Chapter #24, on April 20th, 1953 and later affiliated with Century #10, New Glasgow. He served as Worthy Patron of these Chapters 10 times. He was Grand Representative of Wyoming in 1989-90 and thoroughly enjoyed his Commission. Brother Bill was a life member of Westville Chapter and an honorary member of Queen Esther # 61 and Cedar # 3.

Brother Bill was a very proud 58 year member of our Order and took great pride in his Ritualistic Work. I remember when he was filling the station of Associate Patron at Maritime Night in Cape Breton and he did such a great job of the long Initiatory Lecture--and sure enough, as soon as it was finished, he looked my way and with a twinkle in his eye, winked! He knew he did a good job and we were all so proud of him.

Brother Bill was not one for speeches as you all know. He used to delight in "passing the buck" to me, but he was a great support and helpmate when we served the Grand Chapter in 1997-98 and did a great job at our "Beside Still Waters" Session in Dartmouth in 1998. He was so proud to have his son, Brother Bill, Jr. as our Grand Chaplain and then when later on, he was bursting with pride when Young Bill decided to run for the office of Grand Sentinel and when he was elected "Big Bill and I danced a Jig" in the corner.

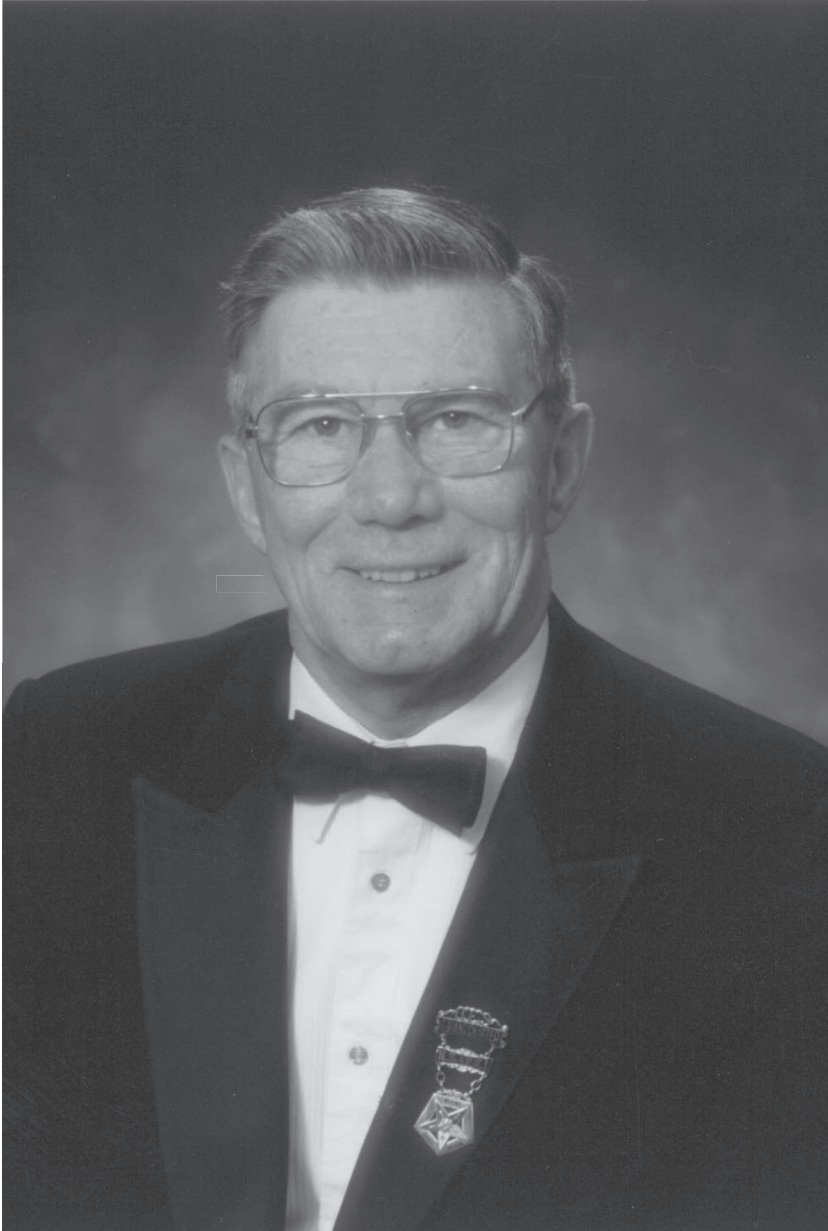
His choice of music for our year were two old favourites: "He Touched Me" and "One Day at a Time". How appropriate for him, as Brother Bill touched many people and he did take One Day at a Time and now he is at rest. I was honoured and humbled to sing "He Touched Me" at his "Witness to the Resurrection" Memorial Service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Westville. I fulfilled his request.

Sister Marian then sang "He Touched Me":

*"Shackled by a Heavy Burden, Neath a load of guilt and Shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same.  
He Touched me, O, He Touched me, and O the Joy that floods my Soul,  
Something Happened, and Now I know, He touched me and made me Whole."*

Big Bill was tired, worn out, ill, but then God reached out and Touched Him and took him home. Rest in Peace, my Brother.

My deepest sympathy to Brother Bill, Sister Cindy, Brother Al and Sister Frances and all members of the family.



**JAMES A. DICKIE  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
1993-1994**

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### Tribute to Brother James A. Dickie, Past Grand Patron

by  
Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron

*"There are strange things done in the midnight sun  
By the men who toil for gold;  
The Arctic trails have their secret tales  
That would make your blood run cold;  
The Northern Lights have seen queer sights,  
But the queerest they ever did see  
Was that night on the marge of Lake Lebarge  
I cremated Sam McGee."*

These words of Robert Service's poem, "The Cremation of Sam McGee", the smell of pipe tobacco, the laughter of someone who just shared a funny joke with friends at an Eastern Star event- always bring to my mind, a special friend, by the name of James Dickie.

Jim was born and raised in the mining town of Springhill, but while working in Cape Breton early in his career, he caught the fancy of a local music teacher, Marian Bourinot; and, as they say, the rest is history.

During their married life, and because of his work with Maritime Tel and Tel Co. Ltd., Jim, Marian and family, lived in various parts of the province- and following retirement, they settled in Seafoam, where they had summered for many years, in their new home, built almost entirely by Jim.

After a number of years in Pictou County, Cape Breton and family called, and they returned to live on the shores of Bras D'Or Lakes in Little Narrows- without a doubt- one of the most beautiful spots in God's country.

Jim was initiated in the former Faith Chapter No.54, Mulgrave, and over the next fifty-two years, he was an active member in Chapters in the communities in which they lived. He served as Worthy Patron a total of ten times; and was elected Worthy Grand Patron while a member of the former Victory Chapter No.17, in Pictou. Along with Sister Evelyn Thompson, Worthy Grand Matron, he presided over the Grand Chapter Session, "Under the Umbrella of Stars", which was held in Kensington, Prince Edward Island, in July 1994. Brother Jim also held Honorary Memberships in eight chapters throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Following the closure of Victory Chapter, we were pleased to welcome Brother Jim and Sister Marian as members of Westville Chapter No.24, until their last move, where he served faithfully in Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37, Whycocomagh.

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Jim loved to sing, and often shared this talent with his Eastern Star friends; and on his death was a valued member of the choir in Little Narrows Presbyterian Church. Jim was an excellent ritualist, and many times did the complete installation of officers in subordinate chapters.

Jim was well respected by all with whom he worked or socialized- and was known for always being there to lend a helping hand- whether building a house, providing transportation to someone needing a drive, being a great listening ear and advisor while dealing with items concerning Grand Chapter, or as an excellent host when he and Sister Marian welcomed guests in their home.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother; and our sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Marian, and all members of his family; as well as the members of Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37, Whycocomagh.

*"Let us not mourn his passing,  
Let us rejoice to know  
That, earthly labour finished,  
He was prepared to go.  
Let us emulate his virtues,  
That all of us may say,  
The Eastern Star World is better  
Because he passed this way."*

At Sister Marian's request, I will close with these words from a favourite hymn:

*When On My Day of Life  
"When on my day of life the night is falling,  
And in the winds from unsunned spaces blown  
I hear far voices out of darkness calling  
My feet to paths unknown.*

*There from the music round about me stealing  
I fain would learn the new and holy song,  
And find at last, beneath Thy trees of healing,  
The life for which I long."*

Rest in peace dear friend and Brother.

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### DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

**Sister Jane, WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the Altar in memory of our three Past Grand Patrons.

**Brother George, Grand Chaplain:**

Compassionate God, we thank you for this quiet time - this Shalom as we reflect on the lives of our late Past Grand Patrons.

We acknowledge your will to remove those Brothers from this earth and we trust in your wisdom and grace to continue to sustain and comfort their families, their friends and the members of this Order who mourn the loss. Be with Sister June, Marg and Sister Marian. May they experience in abundance the blessings of fraternal love, the closeness of family and the support of caring friends.

We raise up in praise and thanksgiving the Brothers' devotion to the principles of this Order - a devotion that inspired them to offer their talents and to serve in a variety of stations and capacities within this Jurisdiction. We give thanks for their commitment to helping those less fortunate through the many charitable activities.

Each of our late Past Grand Patrons was like the good servant whom the Biblical writer addressed in John's Third Letter - "*You are so faithful in the work that you do for your fellow Christians, even when they are strangers*".

May you, O God, hear our prayer and sanctify our tributes of thanksgiving and love.  
Amen

The Grand Choir sang "*Christian's Goodnight*"

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Grand Secretary, you will read the scroll of our departed Members.

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**SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS: 2011-2012**

**MAYFLOWER #2**

Evelyn Middlemas

**KEYSTONE #5**

Harold Huskilson  
Olive Dease  
Lois Rizzi

**CENTURY #10**

William M. Thompson  
Wilfred Fisher  
Arna Gardner  
Audrey Gunn

**QUEEN ELIZABETH #14**

Laura Campbell

**VICTORIA #19**

Christene MacLeod  
Jon C. MacLeod  
Joan Roberts

**MYRTLE #21**

Cyril MacIntosh

**CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)**

Constance Stewart

**WESTVILLE #24**

George McLean  
William M. Thompson  
Jean Braine  
Esther Beck

**HARMONY #25**

Elizabeth Heighton  
Sadie Sample

**MUNRO #26**

Sheila Beattie  
Barbara Nicholson

**KWEBEC #27**

Arnold Tobey  
Valerie Fiander

**AMETHYST #28**

Clarissa Tummonds

**ARBUTUS #30**

Edith Wentzell

**ST. MARY'S #35**

Gladys White  
Joyce Elliott

**DR. GORDON MACLEOD #37**

Irene Austin  
James Dickie

**MAE #38**

Elaine Feener  
Richard Haugen

**MYSTIC STAR #40**

Marjorie Hoskin  
Audrey Christie  
Margaret Allen

**ARMCREST #45**

Margaret (Peggy) Allan

**FLORENCE FRASER #47**

Marie Tate

**ELM #48**

Clarissa Tummonds  
Ernest Decker  
Arna Gardner

**SCOTIA #49**

Donald Cooke

**REGENT #52**

Elva Pickering

**RUTH #57**

Helen MacLeod  
Frances Johnsen

**EMERALD #58**

Ethel Pelley  
Maxine Young  
Margaret Warren

**QUEEN ESTHER #61**

Harry Clarke  
Jean Coombes  
June Walker\_  
Dorothy Dorey  
Carl Duncan  
Margaret MacDonald

**ATLANTIC #65**

Elda McGuire

**STARLIGHT #66**

Jean Urquhart  
Roy Digdon

**LAUREL #67**

Jeanette Durnnian  
Vesta Illsley  
Ruth Hill

**MONTAGUE #69**

Martha Richards  
Florence Myers

**CRESCENT #70**

Harold Huskilson

The scroll was reverently placed on the Altar by the Grand Marshal.

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### MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**Brother George, Grand Chaplain:** Introduction of Tribute by Star Points -

The following part of the Memorial Ceremony has been developed around two symbols that are a prominent part of this Grand Chapter year - the Forget-Me-Not flower and the Inukshuk. Please direct your attention to the Star Points as they share their tributes.

(After each Star Point delivers her tribute, she will place her container of Forget-Me-Nots on the Memorial Table to help form the Labyrinth around a small open Bible.)

**Sister Jean Annear, Grand Adah:**

The blue Forget-Me-Not plant represents "true love" - true blue. It also symbolizes faithful love.

As Adah I represent the faithful love of a daughter. We will not forget the fidelity of our late Sisters and Brothers.

**Sister Margaret Muise, Grand Ruth:**

*Sweet forget-me-nots have a ring of gold  
Round the center of each flower we behold,  
Reminding us, like Ruth, to be constant to duty  
That fidelity and friendship may grow in beauty.*

As Ruth I represent faithful obedience to the demands of honour. We will not forget the honest labours of our deceased members in the promotion of justice.

**Sister Peg Lipskey, Grand Esther:**

*"Memories are forget-me-nots  
Gathered along life's way,  
Pressed close to the human heart,  
In a perennial bouquet."*

As Esther I represent loyalty. Through the memories that we hold of our former members, we will not forget the joy that they brought to our lives.

**Sister Gloria Turner, Grand Martha (Pro Tem):**

*Forget Me Nots - spread on their own,  
A tiny flower -easily grown,  
Fragile to hold, tender to frost -  
As loves we've known  
Forget Me Not*

This lyric from Laurie Lee Lewis' 2010 tribute song to fallen soldiers reminds us of the uncertainty of human life as illustrated in Martha's lesson.

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As Martha I represent the hope of immortality. We will not forget our beloved Sisters and Brothers and their trustful faith rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

**Sister Connie MacDonald, Grand Electa:**

In her book, Flower Symbolism, Cathleen Smith writes, *Forget-me-nots also represent the Christ Child with the request that future generations not forget His suffering for their salvation.*

As Electa I stand for loyalty to ones Christian faith. We will not forget the steadfast love shown by our departed Sisters and Brothers.

**Brother George, Grand Chaplain:** From the poem Evangeline by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

**Star Points: (in unison):**

*Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of Heaven, Blossom the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels.*

(Star Points assemble behind the second Memorial Table)

(Grand Ruth and Grand Martha will unveil the Remembrance Inukshuk and Grand Electa will share the following Memorial Statement:)

**Sister Connie, Grand Electa:** Sister Ruth and Sister Martha have just unveiled an Inukshuk. The Inukshuk is the symbol chosen for this Grand Chapter Session. The Inukshuk had many purposes in Inuit culture. Two of those traditions have been chosen for this Memorial Ceremony.

As the Inukshuk was often used to mark a place of respect or a memorial to a beloved person, so today we offer this Inukshuk as a mark of respect and as a remembrance for the Sisters and Brothers who have died during the past year. The unworked stones in this Remembrance Inukshuk were selected from various sites throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Inukshuk was also used in the far North to offer direction and guidance for the traveller. The traditional meaning of the word Inukshuk was "**Someone was here**" or "**You are on the right path**". This Remembrance Inukshuk has been placed today to face the East while pointing toward our Sacred Altar and the Word of God. As this symbol reminds us of our initiation journey so may it serve as a tribute to our late Sisters and Brothers who "were once here among us" and who, through their service to the Order, helped to guide it "on the right path".

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**Brother George, Grand Chaplain:**

God of mercy and love we have come before You to offer our tributes of affection, gratitude and respect for the Sisters and Brothers who have come to the end of their earthly journey during the past year. We pray that through our words, our thoughts and our actions we have brought honour to You, assurance to this membership and a just tribute to the record of our dear departed.

May our continuing work and witness as your servants serve to bring honour to your name both now and in the days to come. May each mark of affection, each word spoken and each ministry of ours reflect the noble principles of our Order, the high calling that You have for us and the Grace that you have shown to us. May this resolve be our parting tribute and pledge to the Sisters and Brothers whom we have memorialized. Eternal God hear our prayer and sanctify our tributes of respect and love. Amen

**CLOSING**

**Sister Jane, 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. sharp on Thursday, July 5, 2012.

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**THURSDAY MORNING, July 5, 2012**

**9:00 a.m.:** Grand Chapter was called to order by:  
Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) and  
Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (35)

**Sister Cheryl, G.G.C.C.M.:** Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers.  
It is a pleasure to share the East with my husband, Brother Allen, P.G.P. and such an honour for us to call to order this session. We extend a warm fraternal welcome to all assembled here.

This morning a new slate of Officers will be elected. We extend our best wishes to them and know that under their leadership our Grand Chapter will be in very capable hands.

**Brother Allen, P.G.P.:** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed a pleasure to share the East with my wife. It is an honour to assist with the opening of today's session and to welcome our members and visitors. I hope that each of you will have fond memories of this session. Today is a very important day, as it is the day we elect the future leaders of this Jurisdiction---so lets' not delay and get down to business.

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**Sister Cheryl, G.G.C.C.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron west of the Altar for proper introduction. Sister Jane and Brother Fred, thank you both for this honour to call to order this session. I sincerely congratulate you both on a wonderful year. Sister Jane, you are indeed an inspiration and a role model for perseverance and dedication to our beautiful Order. Last month we all watched segments of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on TV and heard all the accolades bestowed upon her - you are no less deserving and I applaud your determination. Brother Fred, I congratulate you on a job very well done and the joy you have brought to our Order - with excellent leadership, your beautiful voice and of course your numerous roles as Prince Phillip and last but not least, when I think of you it is always with a "ROSE".

**Brother Allen, P.G.P.:** I also thank you for the privilege to open this morning session. Congratulations to you both for the manner in which you have conducted the business of our Grand Chapter and served this past year in an exemplary way. I wish you both health and happiness in all your future endeavours.

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

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

**Sister Cheryl, G.G.C.C.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure I present you with your Gavel and know you will use it wisely.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sister Cheryl and Brother Allen, thank you very much for opening the morning session on this last day of Grand Chapter. I got to know you by association with the "Fresh Air Queen". Brother Allen you probably had another name for her! We have all become good friends, roommates on occasion, and you are "Cat People", too! Sister Cheryl, please accept this small gift as a token of my appreciation.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Sister Cheryl and Brother Allen, we're sort of in the same neck of the woods, and I remember visiting both of you when Sister Peg and I were celebrating an anniversary "down Digby Neck". Since then we have come to know you and your support of our Beautiful Order. Brother Allen, please accept this token, and my thanks to you both for your duties this morning.

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The Grand Choir sang "*Melody of Love*" to Sister Jane and Brother Fred.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

### **PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

Sister Beverley Brown, W.M. of Elm Chapter, No. 48 was introduced, welcomed by Sister Jane with one of her "LOVE" notes:

*"The more you LOVE, the more you'll find  
That life is good, and friends are kind..."*

She was escorted to the East where she received a hearty welcome.

### **MINUTES**

The Grand Secretary read the abbreviated version of the minutes of the Wednesday afternoon session. She moved that the minutes be adopted as read. This was seconded by Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (40) and the motion was carried.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69), gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48) and carried.

**Members: 283**

**Visitors: 114**

**Total registered to date: 397**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.** announced that the Crafts and Treasures Baskets will be drawn for at 12:30 p.m. today along with the Basket for the Special Project.

**Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther** announced the names of the **General Grand Chapter Committee Members appointed for 2012-2015:**

**Sister Marion Buchan on Shrine Charities**

**Brother Zeke Eaton on Heart**

**Sister Annie Mae Waterbury on Alzheimer's**

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.** announced that **Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.** has been appointed **Forever Friend of the Most Worthy Grand Matron for 2012-2015.**

**Sister Barbara White, Incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron,** will make her **Official Visit to our Grand Jurisdiction on July 5-9, 2014.**

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At **9:30 a.m.** the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers and appointed the tellers.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS**

Chairman: Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P. (IPEI)

Co-Chairman: Brother Keith Pettigrew, G.G.C.C.M. (15)

#### Group A

Sister Carol Pettigrew, P.M. (15)

Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (38)

Sister Jean Profitt (52)

Brother Philip Roode, P.P. (24)

Sister Erin Miller Jones (IPEI)

#### Group B

Sister Susan Eaton (IPEI)

Sister Michelle Gallant (52)

Brother David Hobson, P.P. (67)

Brother William Jackson (10)

Sister Melvina Buchanan (69)

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013**

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2012-2013: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Ralph Swinamer, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Mary Reid, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Daniel Campbell, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Irma Maxwell, Grand Conductress.

#### **The following were nominated:**

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Gloria Turner, P.M. (8)  
Sister Suzanne Aitken, P.M. (69)

For Grand Sentinel: Brother John Lorimer, P.P. (25)  
Brother Kirk MacLennan, P.P. (2)

#### **The following were elected for the ensuing year:**

Sister Suzanne Aitken was elected Associate Grand Conductress  
Brother John Lorimer was elected Grand Sentinel

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.** announced that all the stuffed cats and dogs which she and Brother Fred have been given this year will be taken to each community for distribution by first responders to children in need.

The Grand Choir sang "*Count Your Blessings*".

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN**

**Brother George Doughart, Grand Chaplain:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It has been a very interesting and satisfying year for your Grand Chaplain and I sincerely thank Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, and Worthy Grand Patron,

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Brother Fred, for the opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction. I learned much from the experience. I learned by doing, I learned by listening and I learned by error.

My attendance with the Grand Family at Official Visits and at other events was rewarding. I shared in approximately twenty Official Visits, in all three Schools of Instruction and as an active Officer at the Maine-Maritime Exchange in Machias, Maine and the Maritime Exchange in Riverview, New Brunswick.

*To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2a*

During the year ninety-two Memorial Cards were issued for Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in thirty-seven other Grand Jurisdictions. Two of those losses were Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter. This Grand Jurisdiction recorded the death of fifty-nine members including three Past Grand Patrons in the year ending May 31, 2012. Memorial Cards offering tributes of love and respect for our late Sisters and Brothers were issued to twenty-nine Subordinate Chapters.

I express my gratitude to Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, for her competence, her kindly manner and for her prompt assistance and thoughtful guidance shown to me throughout the past year.

I want to close this Report with lines from one of John Greenleaf Whittier's poems, *A Legacy*, which expresses what I feel are the thoughts that each of our departed Sisters and Brothers would want us to hear at this time:

*Friend of my many years!  
When the great silence falls, at last, on me,  
Let me not leave, to pain and sadden thee,  
A memory of tears,*

*But pleasant thoughts alone  
Of one who was thy friendship's honored guest  
And drank the wine of consolation pressed  
From sorrows of thy own.*

Sister Jane, Brother Fred, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother George moved the adoption of this Report. It was seconded by Sister Carol Atkinson, P.M. (21) and the motion was carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE**

**Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

I, Sister Margaret Burhoe, Kwebec Chapter #27, Chair of Finance, will introduce the other two members of this Committee. Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Queen Esther Chapter #61, who has served for the past two years and Brother James Ferguson, Harmony Chapter #25 who has served for the past year.

We attempted to follow as closely as possible the outline for the Finance Committee, as set out under Article 3, Grand Chapter Committees and their Duties, in the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

All bills were paid in a timely manner. Warrants for these bills were mailed to each member for signatures and then returned to the Grand Secretary.

The Committee met with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to compare expenditures with the budget approved at Grand Chapter 2011. In March new numbers were projected for the 2013 budget. Numbers remain relatively the same except for revenue from the Programme Booklet, which in 2010 was a figure covering six months. Figures in 2011 cover 12 months and most of the money is received prior to the end of June. We also dropped the line object for Anniversary Celebrations. In April the Grand Secretary presented the proposed budget to the Grand Council where it was approved without changes.

No decision is needed from the Finance Committee regarding the requirements for printing reports and/or changes to the C. L. &R., as a decision was made at a previous time that Allen Print would be used because they have the 'format' setup and therefore it is automatically cheaper to have them do the tasks for us.

Our books were not reviewed or audited by a CPA or CA. However on the basis of information provided by the Grand Treasurer, the balance sheet and statements of income and retained earnings were compiled as at December 2011 by an accountant.

One of the ways of paying for supplies is by means of a credit card held by the Grand Secretary which earns reward points. There are credit cards that instead of earning air miles, earn 2% cash back on all purchases. This card is available to individuals or to groups whose constitution or bylaws permit them to borrow for current expenses, and can be fully secured. Many of our investments are held by a bank which has this kind of card available. We recommend the use of this kind of credit card.

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At Grand Chapter Session 2011, one of the Notices of Motion which was brought to the floor, had the potential of changing the bottom line of the expenditures for 2011. That Notice of Motion was the reinstatement of the Associate Grand Matron as a District Deputy Grand Matron. Her expenses were not considered when the 2011 budget was approved the day before. We recommend that in future years when a Notice of Motion has the potential of changing the proposed budget, the Worthy Grand Matron must change the agenda, so that the budget is not approved until the Notices of Motion are dealt with.

Although our membership numbers are declining and regular attendance at our Grand Chapter Session is also declining, the cost of holding Grand Chapter Sessions continues to increase. In 2011 that cost was the biggest percentage of our budget at 18.08% of our revenues, followed by ESTARL bursaries at 17.86%. The first address of the Worthy Matron to a new initiate states "The Order of the Eastern Star exists for the purpose of giving practical effect to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry, which is to provide for the welfare of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of Master Masons". In years' past (but not recent past years), a portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project was used to partially cover costs of Grand Chapter expenses. We recommend that this should again be the case. Members of chapters work hard to raise funds for our own expenses, but also to assist the WGM and WGP with their special project. When the WGM and WGP make official visits, more time is spent explaining what their special project is, than what our ESTARL project is. We recommend it is time we reviewed our main purpose for being, and "lighten the burdens of active duty".

I thank Sister Betty Ann and Sister Dorothy for their assistance and answers to my queries while I served on this committee. I wish every success to future members of this committee in fulfilling our pledge as members of this great fraternity, and to the future of Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Margaret Burhoe moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M. and the motion was carried.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Sister Margaret Burhoe, P.M. (27) and seconded by Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M. (61) that the Budget for 2013 as presented be approved. The motion was carried.

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**Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star  
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Budget January 1to December 31, 2013**

**Revenue**

Per Capita Assessments	\$ 19,000
Registration Fees	10,000
Craft Sale	1,500
Donations and Sundry	100
Interest	2,500
Sale of Supplies	1,600
Program Booklet	7,000

**Total Revenue** **\$ 41,700**

**Operating Expenses**

Printing, Postage and Office Expense	9,000
Worthy Grand Matron Expenses	2,000
Worthy Grand Patron Expenses	1,000
Grand Secretary Expenses	4,000
Grand Treasurer Expenses	2,000
Office Rent	1,500
Insurance and Bonding	1,300
Annual Proceedings	4,000
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Jewels	1,000
Grand Officer Badges	200
District Deputies Expenses	2,000
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter	2,000
Auditing	600
Amortization Expense	500
Program Booklet	6,000

**Total Operating Expenses** **\$37,100**

**Grand Session Expenses**

Printing and Supplies (Sessions)	900
Assistant for Grand Secretary	300
Recognition of 50 Year Members	200
Minister and Church Service	100
Moving Equipment	250
Hostess Chapters	2,500

**Total Grand Session Expenses** **\$ 4,250**

**Total Expenses** **\$41,350**

**Budgeted Net Income** **\$ 350**

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### MEMBERSHIP

The Committee Members on Membership are:

Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P., Laurel Chapter #67 (Chairperson)

Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M., Century Chapter #10

Sister Heather Boyd, P.M., Myrtle Chapter #21

Sister JoAnne Giffin, P.M., Mystic Star Chapter #40

Brother Hayward Meisner, P.P., Crescent Chapter #70

Sister Marilyn Farrow, P.M., Atlantic Chapter #65

Sister Kathryn Doughart, P.M., Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI)

**Brother Cyril Marsters:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Our committee was deeply saddened by the passing of our member, Sister Barbara Nicholson. Sympathy is extended to her family.

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 for their District, to visit their Chapter to speak on Membership.

It was reported to me that four of the nine members were invited to speak at six chapters. I suggest that the Membership Committee is very under utilized and we should do more to promote this committee.

Also in October, the Chairperson of the Membership Committee sent out a package to the three new members on the committee with some information on the Rob Morris Jewel, the Fraternal Heritage Recognition Project and some suggestions for talking to chapters with the hopes of increasing membership.

I was quite excited with the new requests for Fraternal Heritage Recognition Certificates. There were four presented in 2012 and one in 2011 after three years of no requests.

Special thanks to Sister Lynn and Brother Darrell Thurber for their record keeping and preparing the lovely certificates.

One of our members, although not invited to speak at any Chapters, himself brought three brothers and two sisters to his chapter. Well-done, Brother Meisner.

The Grand Secretary has advised that as of May 31, 2011 our membership was 1,926. On this same date the year before, 2010, the membership was 2,040. This is a very significant drop of 114 members. The membership statistics for 2012 have not been completed as of this date.

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Brother Cyril Marsters moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Heather Boyd, P.M. and the motion was carried.

### **JURISPRUDENCE**

**Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M.:** We are pleased to present the report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Members of the Committee are: Brother Allan Conrad, G.G.C.C.M., Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M., and Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M., Chairperson.

Duties of the committee are set out in Article 3, Page 27 of the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter.

Your committee reviewed the instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron for 2011-2012 and found them in keeping with the C.L.&R. and Ritual and were therefore approved. Sister Jane asked that we be attentive to all our members, including those that were unable to attend as we must strive to look after each and every member to strengthen our chapters.

The committee attended the informal meeting that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron had on the morning following the closing of Grand Chapter. Due to the health of our Worthy Grand Matron, and her upcoming surgery, she felt she was not able to put on a Grand Officers School of Instruction but instead she and the Worthy Grand Patron would meet with their Grand Officers and District Deputy Matrons and go over any questions that they may have concerning any of their duties for the upcoming year.

We had spoken with Sister Jane before Grand Chapter and agreed that what she was able to do was more than enough. Sisters and Brothers sometimes we need to use common sense and allow what has to be done to get the job accomplished.

The committee attended the three Schools of Instruction for the Subordinate Chapters. The first two Schools were presided over by our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Mary Lou Higgins, as our Acting Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane was just recovering from surgery. We congratulate Sister Mary Lou on the excellent job and how proficient the ritual work was. There were many questions and she and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred were very efficient with their answers. Sister Jane, you would have been proud.

Our Worthy Grand Matron was able to preside over the last School of Instruction and all work was excellent and any questions that arose were answered very efficiently as well.

All questions involving the C.L.&R were referred to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Jurisprudence Committee was contacted several times throughout the year and we

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were pleased to assist and confirm any decisions that were made. The Worthy Grand Matron has listed in her report questions and answers she discussed with us before she made her decisions.

The committee received Instructions for Subordinate Chapters and Instructions for District Deputy Matrons from Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Associate Grand Matron, and found all in good order.

Notices of Motion were received from the Grand Secretary. We reported separately on these.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were received and reviewed and found to be in good order. We concur with the questions and answers from the Worthy Grand Matron, her decisions, and her recommendations. We draw you to the irregularities written in her report. We received and reviewed the Worthy Grand Patron's report and concur with the By-law amendments he approved. We congratulate them both on their service and dedication they have given to this jurisdiction and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

I would personally wish to thank Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. and Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P for appointing me to this committee. It has been a very enlightening, busy, and enjoyable committee.

In closing I want to thank Brother Allan and Sister Edith for their assistance this past year and wish them well as they continue on in their duties.

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

### **E.S.T.A.R.L.**

#### **(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)**

**The report was prepared by Brother Charles Paterson, P.P. (55), Chairman and read by Sister Marianne MacMillan:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and all members of this Grand Jurisdiction;

On behalf of this years ESTARL Committee members, Sister Nora Moxsom, P.M., Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M., Sister Shirley Shot, P.M., and Sister Anna Carr, P.M., I wish to submit the following report for the records of this Grand Chapter.

On November the 5th, 2011 the ESTARL Committee met at the Elmsdale Masonic Lodge and all members were in attendance. We perused all applications submitted from the Grand Secretary prior to the October deadline a total of eighteen (18).

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Sixteen(16) were approved and two (2) denied in compliance with the mandate as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter. Each applicant accepted for an award received from the Grand Chapter \$750.00 to continue their studies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank P.G.M. Sister Annie Mae Waterbury and P.G.P. Brother Whit Giffin for the opportunity to serve on this committee, which is such an asset to those in theological study and music ministries. I would also like to thank the Chapters and members for their continued support.

Sister Marianne MacMillan moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Anna Carr, P.M. (1PEI) and the motion was carried.

### Awards listed by University

#### Atlantic School of Theology:

Bethe Benjamin-Cameron  
Barbara Jean Cairns  
Derek Elsworth  
Robert T. Elford  
J. Keith N. Gale

Barbara A. Hache  
Karen Pitt  
Shalome Swinamer  
Nicole Uzans  
Gneid Walsh

#### Acadia Divinity College:

Janet Kwantes  
Stephen Mawhinney  
Charlene M. Arseneau Reid

#### Emmanuel College, Toronto:

Sara Wilson

#### Presbyterian College, Montreal:

Amanda Jane Henderson

#### University of Toronto (Music):

Sarah Svendsen

### **HEART-TO-HEART PROJECT**

**Sister Connie MacDonald, Grand Electa, was in charge of this project.**

The criteria for this project were:

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.

**Sister Connie, Grand Electa:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

As Grand Electa, I was responsible for Sister Jane and Brother Fred's special Heart to Heart reading project. Our subordinate chapter Electa's were my contacts within the chapters.

We had 51 members from 11 chapters read to their children, grandchildren, mothers, and seniors. In total 1,172.5 hours were logged from September 2011 to June 2012.

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Some of the participating chapters came up with innovative ways of promoting this project. Sister Gail Kay of Harmony Chapter spoke to the chapter each month about the importance of reading taken from articles she found in a local paper. Harmony Chapter members who are also members of the United Church in Stellarton were invited to visit with the Sunday School children each Sunday to read and discuss a book.

Westville Chapter members spent one morning in October reading to Children at the local library. They also found ways to further promote this project that didn't directly involve reading. In November and December, members donated 71 new books to the Salvation Army. The members also donated Spanish/French/English books to be taken to the Dominican to an adopted Haitian girl. Some of the books also went to a village school.

Thank you to all participants for making this project a success.

The eleven chapters participating were: Cedar Chapter #3, Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14, Crystal Chapter #1PEI, Westville Chapter #24, Harmony Chapter #25, Amethyst Chapter #28, Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37, Regent Chapter #52, Queen Esther Chapter #61, Starlight Chapter #66, Laurel Chapter #67. Certificates were given to all participating chapters.

The top award winner of volunteers was Georgina MacLeod of Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37.

In the Special category, Sister Heather Matthews of Cedar Chapter #3 was the winner.

In the Young Mothers category, Sister Erin Miller Jones and Sister Barbara Matthews-Basso, both members of Crystal Chapter #1PEI were winners.

### **REPORT OF THE 65th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET of the GRAND CHAPTER ORDER of the EASTERN STAR of NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

The Committee Members: Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M. (Co-Chair), Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (Co-Chair), Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M.

**Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

We, the members of the Committee are pleased to report that plans for this very special banquet are close to completion.

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Location: - Summer Street Industries  
72 Park Street, New Glasgow, NS  
Date: - Saturday, September 22, 2012  
Time: - 5.00 PM  
Tickets: - \$25.00

Assisting with this project are two very special and knowledgeable persons, Sister Georgie Dewey on tickets and booklet and Brother John Lorimer on decoration arrangements.

We encourage every Sister and Brother to attend this 65th anniversary celebration and witness the opening of the "TIME CAPSULE".

You may purchase tickets for this event from one of the committee members or Sister Georgie Dewey.

Brother Murray Gardner moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.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 final report.

The members of the committee are:

Brother John Newell, G.G.C.C.M., Housing  
Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M., Social  
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M., Favours  
Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., Transportation  
And I am Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M., Chair

When getting this report ready, my thoughts went back to Grand Chapter in Oak Island, as I sat in the East waiting to give my final report as G.G.C.C.M. on Credentials with Sister Barbara Benton, M.W.G.M. and other Committee Members present. Sister Rennie Ofton was present and she and Brother Fred asked to address the Grand Chapter. I remember how proud they were as they announced their large number of appointments for our Grand Chapter. It hardly seems possible that three years have passed and we are once again four months from General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 1-8, 2012. That day our Grand Chapter looked forward to happy and productive years and this has happened for our Appointed Members. But there have been some low spots along the way. Our Brother Fred was not able to live his dream to accomplishment and Sister Rennie has missed many

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visits due to poor health. We pray that her health will continue to improve and she will be back on the trail to General Grand Chapter. We encourage all who can to attend General Grand Chapter and show the world how much pride and love we have for Fred and his Memories. It is nice to hear that 11 or 12 Members from Laurel Chapter #67, Fred's Chapter, will be going. Decide to go and be sure to sign up on Sister Joan Campbell's sheet because a great deal of work must be done. All the Committee Members have done their job.

**Housing:** All Sessions, Banquets and Luncheons will be held at the modern downtown Fort Worth Convention Center. Our Delegation will be housed at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel, eight blocks away and will be the Headquarters for the M.W.G.M., the A.M.W.G.P., the Texas delegation as well as Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The cost will be \$189.00 plus tax per night.

**Transportation:** Brother Allen Denton has had an easy job. As we said last year everyone must make their own travel arrangement. At the assigned Hotels in Fort Worth there will be buses travelling frequently between the Hotels and Convention Center. A pass may be purchased at \$20.00 for the week.

**Social:** On Wednesday night we will host the "Come Sail With Us- NS & PEI" Banquet. Prices for the Banquets will be \$45.00 + \$2.00 gratuity. This is going to be our Banquet with all Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island themes. This is the only Social event we must plan, so let's make it great.

Tuesday night will be open for Jurisdiction events and who knows where we will land- Billy Bob's or some other Hot Spot in Fort Worth.

**Favours:** Sister Belle Pearson, P.G.M. has made a supply of favours, for which we thank her. She will be distributing them to Members going to General Grand. Just let her know that you are going and she will see that you get some.

As a post script I did not get to give my Credential Report while Sister Barbara Benton was present but I was happy for the 22 Appointments.

We, your Committee, would like to thank Sister Stella Trask and Brother Zeke Eaton for giving us this appointment and hope we have done our job to the satisfaction of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Sheila MacDonald moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

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### BENEVOLENT

The members on this Committee are: Sister Helen J. Connors, P.G.M., Chairperson, Brother Keith Pettigrew, G.G.C.C.M. and Sister Margaret Clarke, W.G.E.

**This report was prepared by Sister Helen Connors and read by Sister Margaret Clarke:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers.

We the Benevolent Committee wish to submit the following report;

There were few requests for aid this year and we were able to respond favourably to them. They were accepted with grateful thanks.

The financial report will be found in the Grand Treasurer's Annual Report.

We received a real uplift from a letter sent by a recipient who received help in 2007. She sent a cheque for \$2,000.00 with a lovely note thanking the committee for helping her through a difficult time in her life. She is still an active member of her chapter and filling an office. This makes our work so rewarding.

Once again we wish to thank the Grand Treasurer for her prompt response to our requests. The need is always urgent.

We would like to remind our members to be aware of any need within their chapters. Requests must be sent made in writing to any member of the committee. Everything is handled with the utmost discretion.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish to congratulate you on a successful year and wish you all the best in the future.

Sister Margaret Clarke, W.G.E. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Keith Pettigrew, G.G.C.C.M. and the motion was carried.

### HISTORIAN

**Sister Diane Patterson, P.M. (10):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I am Diane Patterson, Past Matron, Century Chapter, No. 10, New Glasgow, and I am pleased to give the following report. Thank you for the honour you have given me and my Chapter by appointing me Historian of Grand Chapter this past year.

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OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
“RIBBONS OF HOPE”  
OLD ORCHARD INN  
WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Worthy Grand Matron  
Marion Buchan (67)

Worthy Grand Patron  
Frank Cullen (24)

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

**2010 - 2011**

Worthy Grand Matron	-	Mrs. Marion Buchan (67)
Worthy Grand Patron	-	Mr. Frank Cullen (24)
Associate Grand Matron	-	Mrs. Jane Wooldridge (1PEI)
Associate Grand Patron	-	Mr. Fred Lipskey (67)
Grand Secretary	-	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	-	Miss Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	-	Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins (48)
Associate Grand Conductress	-	Mrs. Mary Reid (25)
Grand Chaplain	-	Mrs. Linda Townsend (67)
Grand Marshal	-	Mr. John Lorimer (25)
Grand Organist	-	Mrs. Kay Horton (66)
Grand Adah	-	Mrs. Linda Foote (67)
Grand Ruth	-	Mrs. Lillian Symonds (28)
Grand Esther	-	Mrs. Leota Meisner (70)
Grand Martha	-	Mrs. Doris Cullen (24)
Grand Electa	-	Mrs. Heather Lynch (38)
Grand Warder	-	Mr. Roy MacKinnon (66)
Grand Sentinel	-	Mr. Ralph Swimaner (2)

**EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS**

Grand Secretary Emeritus – Mrs. Hazel MacLeod (45)  
Grand Treasurer Emeritus – Mr. Cecil Decker (55)

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

District #1	-	Mrs. Ann Ross (19)
District #2	-	Mrs. Viola Horton (47)
District #3	-	Mrs. Bonnie Boutilier (61)
District #4	-	Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins (48)
District #5	-	Mrs. Patricia Wamboldt (71)
District #6	-	Mrs. Marion Robinson (67)
District #7	-	Mrs. Mary Reid (25)

**“RIBBONS OF HOPE” DEDICATION**

This 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Session “Ribbons of Hope” is dedicated to the members of Laurel Chapter #67 and Westville Chapter #24 in appreciation of their love and support. Also, appreciation goes to Doris Cullen, a wonderful wife and sister, and in memory of Gerry Buchan, who inspired many with his love of children and his dedication to the Shriners Hospital.

Aim: To be faithful to our Obligation and to serve to the best of our abilities.

Motto: Be well and be happy.

Scriptures: WGM: *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. - Romans 8:28  
In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.- Proverbs 3:6*  
WGP: *Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.- Job 22:21*

Honour Station: Ruth  
Emblems: The Sheaf  
Special Project: The Shriners Hospitals  
Watchwords: “Joy, Love and Peace”  
Colours: Star Point colours  
Flowers: All lilies, roses and orchids  
Fun Symbols: WGM - Butterflies, All things Scottish  
WGP - Eagles, Trains

Musical Selections:  
*The Wind Beneath My Wings*                      *The Lord’s My Shepherd*  
*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*                      *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*  
*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*                      *Unto the Hills*  
*In the Bulb There is a Flower*                      *On Eagles Wings*  
*We Are Pilgrims on a Journey*                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

On Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 a Honour Banquet was held “Celebrating Our Stars” 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 “Ribbons of Hope” Session began with the ESTARL Church Service held in the Grand Chapter room at the Old Orchard Inn and Spa, Greenwich, N.S., on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4 pm. The largely attended service realized \$923.62 in monetary donations for the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Bursary Fund.

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### Presentation of the Grand Family

Following the ESTARL Service the presentation of the 2010/2011 Grand Family and Escorts was held with Sister Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron (24) introducing the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and their Escorts.

### Emblem Ceremony

An impressive Emblem Ceremony was held narrated by Sister Marian Durling, PGM, GGCCM (61). Sisters taking part in the Emblem Ceremony were:

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

The informal opening was called to order by Sister Gail Cook, PGM, GGCCM (67) and Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP, GGCCM (70). The formations were narrated by Sister Carol Clark, PGM, GGCCM (24).

The Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Subordinate Chapter Ruths and Grand Pages formed the “wings of a butterfly”, the Grand Guards formed the head, antennae and tail and the Grand Representatives encircled the butterfly with a chain of friendship. Soloist, Sister Sharon Ward, PM (24) sang, “*The Prayer.*”

The presentation of flags was under the direction of Brother William A. Thompson, Jr., PGP, GGCCM (24) and tributes were given to the Canadian Flag and the United States of America Flag.

The Invocation was given by Sister Linda Townsend, (67), Grand Chaplain.

The presentation of distinguished guests followed:

Sister Barbara Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, was introduced and welcomed.

2 Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, (Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Connie Woodward and our own Sister Margaret Clarke, as Worthy Grand Esther) were presented at the Altar.

Also Introduced, welcomed and receiving Grand Honours were:

23 General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Ambassador to Alaska, Sister Violet Blair, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Ambassador to New York, Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Benevolence and Social Chairman, Canada, Sister Marion Miller, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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Chapter Restoration, Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Charters, Chairman, Sister Judith Brightman, PGM, Rhode Island

Eastern Star Journal, Chairman, Brother William A. Thompson, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Education, Canada Chairman, Sister Donna Allen, PGM, New Brunswick.

ESTARL, Canada Chairman, Murray Gardner, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Margaret Hourston, PGM, Quebec

Executive Committee, Co-Chairman, Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Brother John Newell, PGP, Housing Chairman, Canada, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Jurisprudence, Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Membership, Canada Chairman, Brother Allan Conrad, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Necrology, Canada Chairman, Sister Gail Cook, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Betty Roberts, PGM, US Chairman, New Mexico.

Public Relations, Canada Chairman, Brother David Waterbury, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Registration, Canada Chairman, Sister Carol Clark, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Ritual, Canada Chairman, Sister Marian Durling, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Scottish Rite Charities, Brother Keith Pettigrew, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Brother Donald Thornton, PGP, Canada Chairman, Ontario.

Shriners Charities, Canada Chairman, Brother George Crouch, PGP Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Special Deputy to Bolivia, Brother Frank Fenner, PGP, Massachusetts.

**Presentation of 50 Years and 50 Plus Years**

At this time **31** 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 honored members.

Greetings were then brought as follows:

Provincial                    The Honorable Ramona Jennex, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nova Scotia on behalf of the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Darrell Dexter.

Masonic Greetings        Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, Brother Barry S. Imber,  
                                          Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Brother Larry Etherington.

Shrine                         Noble Rob Buchan of Philae Shrine Temple on behalf of Potentate Shane MacFarlane.  
                                          Noble Rob is the son of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion.

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Daughters of the Nile      Queen of Athena Temple #149, Queen Marelene Clyde.  
Host Facility      Mr. Bill Wallace, Manager of the Old Orchard Inn and Spa.

### **Presentation to the Montreal Shiner's Children's Hospital, Special Project of 2010-2011**

A cheque was presented to Madame Celine Doray, Administrator of the Shiners Hospital in Montreal in the amount of **\$25,500.00**. When all contributions were tabulated Sister Marion and Brother Frank presented a grand total of **\$32,420.49**.

The welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters was given by Sister Megan Church, PGM (22), Chair of Hostess Chapters, 2011.

### **Other Presentations:**

- 4 Worthy Grand Matrons and 3 Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 11 Past Grand Matrons and 9 Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 5 Past Grand Matrons and 5 Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions
- 2 Elected and 14 Appointed of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 1 One Grand Officer Emeritus
- 22 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
- 4 Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions
- 5 General Grand Chapter Special Appointments
- 5 District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 2 Visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons
- 39 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 17 Worthy Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 8 Worthy Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 2 Visiting Worthy Matrons
- 26 Hostess Chapters members and their Committees

### **Formal Opening:**

Narrator, Sister Marian Durling, GGCCM (61) presided during the Emblem Ceremony and Sister Carol Clark, GGCCM (24) presided over the formations. Sister Kay and Brother Horton sang, "What a Wonderful Year."

The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order on Tuesday morning, July 5<sup>th</sup> by Sister Edith Conrod, PGM (61), and Brother Tabor Caulier, PGP (27).

### **Presentation of Distinguished Guests Not Previously Presented**

- 1 Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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- 5 Grand Representatives in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 3 Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 2 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

### **Robert's Rules of Order**

Brother Adrian Pearson, GGP, GGCCM (25), Parliamentarian read the Roberts Revised Rules of Order.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were read and accepted.

### **Notices of Motion**

The Notices of Motion were presented at the Grand Chapter Session on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and can be found on Pages 93-100, Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

### **Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Secretaries**

16 Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and 1 Visiting Secretary were presented and introduced. They were welcomed by the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, PM (40). This was followed by the report of the Grand Secretary.

### **Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Treasurers**

18 Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented and introduced. They were welcomed by the Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy Powroz, PM, (28). This was followed by the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

### **Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Ruths (Honour Station for 2010-2011)**

5 Subordinate Chapter Ruths were presented and introduced.

### **Correspondence and Greetings**

The Grand Secretary read the correspondence and greetings.

### **Tuesday, July 5, 2011 afternoon session**

2 Grand Chapter Committee Members on Publicity were introduced.

### **Grand Representative Commission**

Sister Anita Young, PGM, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Quebec presented Sister Sandra Denton, PM (35) with the Grand Representative Commission of Quebec in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

### **Remarks were heard from the following General Grand Chapter Committee Members**

Brother Donald Thornton, GGCCM, Chairman, Scottish Rite Charities  
Brother Murray Gardner, GGCCM, Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership "ESTARL"

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Brother Adrian Pearson, GGCCM, Jurisprudence  
Brother David Waterbury, GGCCM, Public Relations  
Sister Cheryl Denton, GGCCM, Co-Chairman, Executive Committee for Nova Scotia  
and Prince Edward Island  
Sister Barbara Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter

### **Grand Chapter Committee Reports**

Sister Shirley Conrad, PM (49), Chairperson, Finance  
Sister Wilma Verge, PM (58), Chairperson, Membership  
Sister Marion Conrad, PGM, (28), Chairperson, Jurisprudence  
Brother Donald Medicraft, PP, (31), Chairperson, Eastern Star Training Awards for  
Religious Leadership (ESTARL)

### **Report of the Grand Chaplain**

Sister Linda Townsend, PM (67), Chairperson, Grand Chaplain

### **Presentation to George Washington Masonic Memorial**

A monetary gift from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented to Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther. This gift of \$1,000.00 was given in memory of Brother Fred Clarke to his Special Project in General Grand Chapter, "The George Washington Masonic Memorial."

### **Memorial Service**

As we held our Grand Chapter Memorial Service we were saddened by the number of Sisters and Brothers who were called "home" to the Eternal Chapter above. As we recalled each of them we will remember the service and dedication they gave to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Our lives have been touched and we remember and give thanks for the lives of:

*Our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frederick W. Clarke, General Grand Chapter, 2009-2011 and Worthy Grand Patron, 1987-1988*

*Our Past Grand Patron, Brother A. Allison Mitchell, Worthy Grand Patron, 1991-1992*

*Our Past Grand Matron, Sister Sarah J. Doty, Worthy Grand Matron, 1972-1973*

There were 63 names read from the scroll of departed members representing 31 Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction. May their legacy touch each of us and live within our hearts.

*"Underneath are the Everlasting Arms"*

*"Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servants"*

### **Wednesday morning, July 6th**

Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, PGM (8) and Brother Whitman Giffin, PGP (59).

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### **Presentation of Distinguished Guests Not Previously Presented**

- 1 Past Grand Patron was presented and welcomed and received Grand Honours.  
1 Grand Representative was presented, welcomed and received Grand Honours.

### **Election of Officers**

The Election of Officers took place and the following 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

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Sister Irma Maxwell	-	Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Danny Campbell	-	Grand Sentinel

### **Report of Committees**

Sister Diane Hayman, PGM (24), Unfinished Business  
Sister Janet Johnson, PM (24), Librarian  
Sister Marian Durling, PGM (61), Chair, Fred's Crew  
Sister Helen Connors, PGM (24) prepared the Benevolent Report and it was read by Brother Keith Pettigrew, PGP (15)  
Sister Phyllis Vallis, PM (61), Chair, International Headquarters  
Sister Doreen Edgar, PM (58), Chair, Eastern Star Journal  
Sister Mary MacLennan, PM (2), Chair, Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project, Shriners Hospital  
Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, (26), Chair, Arrangements for General Grand Chapter, 2012  
Sister Margaret J. Allen, PM, (3), Historian  
Brother Ken Conrod, PP, (61), Chair, Program Booklet  
Sister Grace Boudreau, PM, (70), Chair, Publicity  
Sister Stella Trask, PGM (35), Chair, Courtesy  
Sister Jane Wooldridge, AGM (IPEI) prepared the Fraternal Correspondent Report and read by Sister May Lou Higgins, Grand Conductress, Elm (48), and Sister Mary Reid, Associate Grand Conductress, Harmony (25)  
Sister Judy Graves, PM (IPEI), Chair, Crafts and Treasures

### **Presentations to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worth Grand Patron**

Sister Grace Boudreau, PM (70) and Sister Melda Johnston, PM (52) presented Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank albums of beautiful memories during their year.

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### **Reception of Grand Organist and Grand Choir**

Members of the Grand Choir along with the Grand Organist, Sister Kay Horton, PM, Starlight (66) Assistant Grand Organist, Brother Ed MacLaren, PP (69), were introduced and warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

### **Presentation of Honourary Memberships**

Honourary Memberships in this Grand Jurisdiction were presented to the following on behalf of the Past Grands Club:

- 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, GGCCM on ESTARL and Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer of Quebec
- Sister Betty Robertson, GGCCM 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

### **Closing of Grand Chapter 2010/2011**

The “Ribbons of Hope” Grand Chapter Session was called to order by Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM (26) and Brother David Waterbury, GGCCM (15)

Sister Carol Clark, GGCCM (24) presided over the Formations.

### **Final Report of Credential Committee**

Sister Tracey Hobson, Chair, Credential Committee reported the total in attendance at the Ribbons of Hope” Grand Session was **423**.

### **Farewell Addresses**

Farewell addresses were given by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion Buchan and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank Cullen. Sister Marion and Brother Frank each received standing ovations.

### **Recessional of Grand Officers, 2010–2011**

The Grand Chapter session for 2010/2011 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 as the Grand Choir sang, “Go Now In Peace.” This was narrated by Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther (67).

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The 2010-2011 Grand Officers retired and a recess was called to prepare for the Installation of the 2011-2012 Grand Officers.

### **Camp Triumph**

Rene MacMillan and Jordan Sheriko, two founding members of Camp Triumph spoke on the benefits of Camp Triumph, the 2011-2012 Special Project of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Lipskey.

### **Installation of Grand Officers for 2011/2012**

The installation of the 2011/2012 Grand Officers was carried out by Sister Marion Miller, GGCCM (1PEI), Installing Grand Officer, several General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Jane Wooldridge and Brother Fred Lipskey were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron respectively.

### **Closing Notes**

Sister Marion and Brother Frank, there is a hymn, "Here I Am, Lord, Send Me. A number of years ago you both responded to the call of letting your names stand for election in the Grand Family." You both answered that "Call" and since that time have given your heart and soul in carrying out your duties. At the informal opening of your Grand Chapter Sessions "Ribbons of Hope", at the beginning of the ESTARL Service, Rev. Dr. Randy Crozman, the Guest Speaker, unfolded a butterfly from the cocoon and placed it on the sound system in the Grand East to remain there for everyone to see throughout the Grand Chapter Sessions. That imagery reminded each of us of the love and hope you both have for our Grand Chapter and our Subordinate Chapters and reflects also the dedication and leadership that you both have shared during your year. One of the Hymns sung at the ESTARL Service was "May the God of Hope Go With Us." Thank you for walking with us, filling all our lives with love, working for peace, justice and hope, singing and sharing our joy with all. Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Marion and Past Grand Patron, Brother Frank for being faithful to our Obligation and serving this Grand Chapter with dedicated service and "Ribbons of Hope and Love."

It was moved by Sister Diane Patterson and seconded by Sister Vivian Ingham, P.M. (10) that the Historian's report be accepted. The motion was carried.

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### INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (formerly TEMPLE FUND)

**Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey, PM (2):** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. Our committee on International Headquarters is pleased to submit the following report.

The Committee Members are Sister Jean Jack P.M., Amethyst Chapter #28, Sister Marves Mansfield P.M., Armcrest Chapter #45 and myself, Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey P.M., Mayflower Chapter #2, Chairman.

We wish to say "Thank-you" to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving on this Grand Chapter Committee.

A letter was sent out to all Chapters reminding them to send \$7.50 for all new or affiliated members. We are grateful to our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, for mailing this letter to each Chapter.

It was moved by Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey P.M. and seconded by Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M. (2) that this report be adopted. The motion was carried.

### LIBRARIAN

**Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. (24):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As Librarian for this "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter year, once again I extend fraternal greetings to all members; and wish to remind you that there are many addenda and programs available to assist in preparing special programs during your Chapter year. This past year I have been pleased to answer ten requests; and have received several new items to add to our collection.

The project of "cleaning up the files" has taken longer than I had planned, but work still continues, and the end is in sight!

If I can be of any help, please write at P.O. Box 853, Westville, B0K 2A0; telephone at 902-396-5421 or Email at [janetjohnson55@hotmail.com](mailto:janetjohnson55@hotmail.com).

My sincere thanks to Sister Jane and Brother Fred for appointing me as Librarian this year; and I trust that your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron has been all you have dreamed and hoped for; and I wish you both all the best in the future.

Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. moved the adoption of her report. This was seconded by Sister Viola Horton, P.M. (47) and the motion was carried.

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### EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

The Eastern Star Journal Committee Members are: Sisters Doreen Edgar, Evelyn MacDonald, Lucinda Josey, Evelyn Aulenback, Joyce Cunningham, Margaret Bonn, Fran Harding and Brother John Lorimer,

	Number submissions	Comm. Member	Other
Summer Journal 2011	11	9	2
Fall Journal 2011	7	5	2
Winter Journal 2012	5	4	1
Spring Journal 2012	3	2	1

Submissions for the Eastern Star year ...26

2/3 thirds of our 36 chapters have submitted entries this year.

In the past three years we are pleased to report that 82 stories have been submitted and printed. It is amazing how many different stories can surface when the members put their minds to it. A picture and a story can actually improve a member's well being by showing that we care enough to recognize the accomplishments of our sisters and brothers. We would ask that if you have an idea and are nervous about proceeding, contact one of the committee who will put you in the right direction. Sometimes it takes more than yourself to complete the story. When in doubt "Take a picture", the story will follow. We would like to thank Sister Stella and Brother Zeke for appointing us on this committee and wish the committee chosen for the next three years much success.

Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. moved the adoption of this report and Sister Fran Harding, P.M. (52) seconded the motion and it was carried.

### FRED'S CREW

The Executive of Fred's Crew: Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21), Chairperson; Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35), Co-Chair, Liaison with the Grand Chapter of Texas; Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) Chairperson, Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24) Co-Chairperson, Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24), Secretary, Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Treasurer, Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10), Chair of Finances, Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (67), Membership.

#### **Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Chairperson:**

Sisters and Brothers this will be the final report of Fred's Crew. It has been a pleasure for me to serve on this committee and I want to thank everyone who has been involved in any way. Brother Bill as Co-chair, Sister Dorothy as the Keeper of the Funds, Sister Carol as Secretary, Brother Murray on Finance and others. We have worked to the best of our ability and we are still "Sailing the Ship" even though our Captain has gone. We want to thank Sister Margaret for all the wonderful work she

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has done on our behalf. No one can comprehend the many hours of work and fund raising she did for our Grand Chapter. To all the Chapters who have donated so much over the years, we thank you. Sister Dorothy will be able to give a financial update but we know we have met our commitment.

Now the end is in sight and our thoughts are on Fort Worth in Texas, October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We want to encourage as many as possible to attend this General Grand Chapter Session. We want to be there for what I know will be a most meaningful Memorial Service for our Brother Fred, MWGP, and I understand many members of Laurel Chapter # 67, Brother Fred's home chapter, will be taking part. We will be there to support Sister Margaret and her family at this time.

We are so proud of the way Sister Margaret has represented our Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Esther and I know Brother Fred is smiling down on her today and we will feel his presence at General Grand Chapter.

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.

### PRESENTATION

Sister Mab Cole Smith (8) was escorted to the East and presented a monetary gift of \$140.00 to Sister Jane and Brother Fred 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.

### FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

The Fraternal Correspondent members are: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M., Sister Mary Reid, G.C. and Sister Irma Maxwell, A.G.C.

**Sister Mary Lou Higgins:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

If it is true that we can go anywhere in the world our heart desires when we read, the three of us have travelled extensively this year. Sister Betty Ann was extra fast and delivered her bags of books to a couple of us earlier than usual, but of course Sister Irma had to lug hers home from Grand Chapter. So there was really no excuse to procrastinate in getting the job done. However, only Mary got right at it, Irma wasn't too far behind, but the third member of this committee, shall we say, lagged a wee bit. However, we all gradually began travelling through the various Grand Jurisdictions via the proceedings. The addition of many more CD discs this year made it seem more like work - because we had to sit at computers and not lounge comfortably in our easy chairs while doing them.

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As we travelled from place to place, we found some Jurisdictions may differ slightly but all are very similar. Every Chapter is based on faith in the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and the ideals of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. The Holy Bible is always at the centre of the Chapter Room and the Flag is always given a place of respect and honour. We were also amazed to see the amount of money, time and energy given to Charities by members of the Eastern Star. We were dazzled by descriptions of some of the decorations for sessions and can only imagine the amount of work and time put into them. One consistent factor which threads its way through the Eastern Star World is declining membership and the number of 50, 60, and even 70+ members tells us we are indeed an ageing organization - in Kansas 17 members received 75-year pins. Consolidations between chapters seems to be becoming prevalent.

All jurisdictions raise funds and spend time and effort supporting a wide variety of causes and charities. All jurisdictions are also concerned with the declining membership and are seeking ways to attract new and younger members. Some unique ideas we found: in 2008 BC & Yukon passed a resolution that chapters could no longer surrender their Charter, but MUST consolidate with another chapter; in New York the Eastern Star operates a day care centre, which is certainly getting to the young people early, and Louisiana has Plural membership (may belong to more than 2 chapters). We truly have a beautiful Order and we do so much good with all our donations of time, labour and money to various charities in spite of our dwindling size, but it is very plain we must continue to persevere in adding new members.

Although it's true that the three line officers who are in charge of this report probably glean a few good ideas for their own sessions, it seems to be the extent of its usefulness - our understanding is there was only one request for a copy of the longer report last year. So, knowing how much work we put into it, we conclude by saying what a waste of good time!

And so with tongue in cheek, we thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for the honour of having the opportunity to present this report.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Mary Reid, G.C., and the motion was carried.

### **PROGRAM BOOKLET**

**Brother Peter Kay, Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers,

The Program Booklet Committee members were: Brothers Charlie Teal, Daniel Campbell, George Moxsom, Arnold Dempsey, Allen Reid, Shane MacFarlane, Wayne Newson and Peter Kay as chair.

This year we sold approximately 230 cats and dogs and 128 ads of various sizes.

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So far \$6,855.00 has been collected with \$1,160.00 outstanding. Total amount when all is collected will be \$8,015.00.

The contracted costs from the printer was \$4,295.30 and is expected to be that or less. Total profit this year should be approximately \$3,700.00.

I apologize that the program part of the booklet is not a pull out this year. It should have been; the printer was advised on how this was to be done. This wasn't noticed until after the booklet was stitched and too late to reprint in time for this Grand Chapter. We printed 600 copies and are selling the surplus at \$2.00 per book; a great gift for members of your Chapters who weren't able to attend.

I was a bit disappointed that some chapters found it necessary to decrease the size of their ads this year but we sold a few new ones which made the difference.

Special thanks to Brother Charlie Teal as he retires from the booklet committee. Charlie has worked on selling ads for the booklet since its beginning and this year alone sold over \$1,500.00 in ads as he has done in most other years.

I enjoyed being part of the Booklet Committee this year and wish my successor all the best next year.

Brother Peter Kay moved the adoption of this report. Brother Shane MacFarlane, P.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

### **CLOSING**

**11:45 a.m.:** The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

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### **THURSDAY AFTERNOON, July 5, 2012**

**1:30 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.

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**PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

**Members: 284 Visitors: 114 Total: 398**

Sister Mary MacDonald moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48) and the motion was carried.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S  
SPECIAL PROJECT - CAMP TRIUMPH**

The Committee Members: Sister Helen Nicholson, P.M. (1PEI), Chair; Sister Faye Calder, P.M. (15), Co-Chair; Sister Julia MacKinnon, P.M. (66), Sister Christine MacGillivray, P.M. (21); Sister Kim Tidgwell, (27); Sister Janet Hue, P.M. (58); Sister Leota Meisner, P.M. (70).

**Sister Helen Nicholson, Chair:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Your Committee started our work one year ago in July, 2011, at Old Orchard Hill Inn in Greenwich, Nova Scotia. Sister Faye Calder and myself bagged all the calendars and pins in bags of 10 and each Chapter signed out their allotment with the exception of one Chapter in Cape Breton and we mailed a package to them. Thanks to those who set up the tables for us in the lobby so we could have everyone sign out their bags at the end of Grand Chapter Sessions last July.

Two letters were sent out to each Chapter requesting the Chapters to promote and sell the pins and calendars and requesting that they have the funds returned by the end of the calendar year. Some of the Chapters were very prompt in returning the funds to either Sister Faye Calder or myself. Special thanks to Sister Faye for keeping after the Chapters in Nova Scotia to send in their money and for receiving the funds from them as I was unable to make any visits to the Chapters in Nova Scotia.

There were 400 calendars and 500 pins initially ordered with another 100 calendars and 200 pins ordered at a later date.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**INCOME:**

Total Calendars purchased: 500 @ 5.00	\$2500.00	
LESS: Calendars not sold 43	<u>- 215.00</u>	\$2285.00
Total Pins purchased: 700 @ \$5.00	\$3500.00	
LESS: Pins not sold 51	<u>\$ 255.00</u>	<u>\$3245.00</u>
		\$5530.00

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EXPENSES:

Two Invoices from Ink Spot for calendars in the amounts \$805.00 and \$201.25 for a total of	\$1006.25	
Three invoices from Premium Awards and Recognition Ltd. in the amounts of \$694.95, \$155.25 and \$155.25 for a total of	<u>\$1005.45</u>	<u>\$2011.70</u> \$3518.30
Cheques and Cash received in July	\$ 510.00	
Deposits with Metro Credit Union	<u>\$2723.30</u>	
57 calendars/pins retained for gifts at \$5.00 =	\$ 285.00	
	\$3518.30	
Bank Balance	\$2768.30	
Donation from Grand Guards	\$ 80.00	
Net cash Donations from Hospitality Room	\$ 176.00	
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3024.30</b>	

We, your Committee, wish to thank all of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction for all donations given to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their Official Visits.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the hospitality area this week and made a monetary donation. It was appreciated and helped add to the final total we are presenting to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their special project.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to work on this Committee for you. Thank you both.

Sister Helen Nicholson, P.M. moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Faye Calder, P.M. and the motion was carried.

**PUBLICITY**

**Sister Donna White, Chair:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Distinguished Guests and Members;

The Publicity Committee corresponded by phone, email and one meeting in May. Two letters were sent to the chapters during the year. I would like to thank the chapters for providing such a large assortment of memorabilia. Also thanks to the committee members for getting the information to me in a timely fashion.

We, the members of this Grand Chapter hope, Sister Jane and Brother Fred, you both enjoy looking through the albums when you finally get a chance to sit and relax.

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I want to thank you for the honour of being chair of this committee. I submit this report on behalf of the Publicity Committee: Sister Donna White, P.M. (69), Chair; Sister Dolena Matheson, P.M. (37), Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson, P.M. (48), Sister Helen Fredericks, (57), Brother Lowell Levy, P.P. (8), Sister Donna Himmelman, P.M. (5), Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M. (2).

Sister Donna White, Chair moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson, P.M. and the motion was carried.

### **PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS**

**Sister Donna White and Sister Fran Burgoyne Jackson** were escorted to the East. They presented Sister Jane and Brother Fred with their beautiful albums of memories depicting their year.

### **COURTESY**

**Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. (67), Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

The Courtesy Committee for the "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter Session wish to submit the following report.

I am pleased to introduce the members on the Courtesy Committee: Brother Frank Cullen, Past Grand Patron, Sister Suzanne Aitken, Past Matron, Sister Melda Johnston, Past Matron, Brother Jack Whalley, Past Patron, Brother Larry Ingham, Past Patron and myself Sister Marion Buchan, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, we thank-you for this Grand Chapter appointment on the Courtesy Committee. Thanks also to Brother Bill Clark, Past Grand Patron for his assistance.

The "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter began with the ESTARL Church Service and was followed with the Informal Opening when we welcomed many guests, visitors and our own Sisters and Brothers.

The Session was held at the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2012.

It was a pleasure to greet and to welcome our own Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke and Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Connie Woodward, as well as the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. It was wonderful to welcome visiting Distinguished Guests from many jurisdictions. A special welcome to all the Grand Representatives - you exemplify our Fraternity.

Greetings and a warm welcome were received from the Province of Prince Edward Island, a Masonic Representative, and the University of Prince Edward Island.

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The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron made a presentation to Camp Triumph, which was a very worthwhile and well supported Charity this year.

- 2 General Grand Chapter Officers
- 20 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 4 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 21 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 27 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 14 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 19 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 17 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 9 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 3 Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 3 District Deputy Grand Matrons and visiting Grand Lectures
- 39 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 39 2011-2012 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 2 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

I would like to say a sincere "Thank-you" to the Credentials and Registration Committee, and especially Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. for your willing co-operation. It has been great working side by side with your committee.

Brother Frank and I would like to say a special "Thank-you" to the Sisters and Brothers on the Courtesy Committee who gave generously of your time. Your willingness to share the responsibilities and to go the second mile was welcomed and appreciated. Sister Suzanne, I am especially grateful to you for your assistance.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, you have had a challenging year as Worthy Grand Matron. Your spirit and determination have impressed our membership. You have had the support and prayers of all who know you. It is a blessing that you are well. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, you have filled your office admirably and enjoyed your travels as well as meeting so many Sisters and Brothers.

Congratulations on an excellent Grand Chapter Session. I know that all who attended, enjoyed this "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter Session. We have enjoyed the music and the Island Hospitality.

Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Frank Cullen, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57)** was escorted to the East and the draw for the Special Basket - a project for the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project took place. Sister Betty Smith, P.M. (27) was the winner of the basket. The proceeds from this project were \$388.00.

### CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The members of the Crafts and Treasures Committee: Sister Anna Ford, P.M. (71) Chairman, Sister Carole Newell, P.M. (14), Sister Kay 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) and Sister Joyce England (IPEI).

**Sister Anna Ford, Chair:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we your Crafts and Treasures Committee wish to submit the following report.

We have had a successful garment sale this year and we hope the Sisters and Brothers will enjoy their many purchases. The amount raised from this endeavour is \$791.75

Each Committee Member has also made a basket from their district and we have sold tickets on these during Grand Chapter. We have realized the amount of \$982.00 from these baskets and the following have been the lucky Sister or Brother who have won them.

### DRAWS: BASKETS

District 1: A) - Jackie King; B) - Kay Boutilier; C) - Aileen MacKillop

District 2: Carolyn Galley Card

District 3: A) - Kathy Shears; B) - Lloyd Brown

District 4: Joyce England

District 5: Irma Maxwell

District 6: Dan Campbell

District 7: (PEI) - Pat Armstrong

District 7: (NS) - Stella Trask

**The total amount raised: \$1,773.75**

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for asking us to serve on the committee for you. It has been a pleasure and we hope we have met your expectations.

Sister Anna Ford, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Carole Newell, P.M. and the motion was carried.

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### PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.** asked that Sister Anna Ford, P.M. (71) be escorted to the East. In the absence of **Sister Heather Lynch**, the daughter of Sister Anna, she presented Sister Anna with the **Grand Representative Commission of Louisiana** to present to Sister Heather when she returns home.

### RECEPTION OF GRAND ORGANIST AND GRAND CHOIR

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Choir in the West.

The Grand Organist, Brother Ed MacLaren and twenty-one members of the Grand Choir were escorted to the west, introduced and warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Your wonderful music is the "spoon full of sugar" which helps the medicine (business) go down. My LOVE Note for you is:

*LOVE is the music - We hear in our hearts.*

Brother Ed, you were so great to help me choose the special pieces, sing or play them - whatever I needed. Starlight Quartet, I LOVED the harmony. Thank you all so very much for helping me make music an important part of these Grand Chapter sessions.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Music adds so much to our proceedings and is important in setting a mood for us. The choir has responded in every way to add to the splendor of our Grand Chapter. Sister Kay, thank you so much for the sabbatical you granted me when I was elected Grand Sentinel. I will have one more chore next year and then I will be pleased to be among the back row boys plus one.

### **The response was given by Brother Ed MacLaren, Grand Organist:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers,

It is an honour for me to respond to your welcome of the Grand Choir. It has been an honour and pleasure to be your Grand Organist for your "Reflections of Love and Music" Session. Sister Jane, you and I worked together to make this Session the best possible. Brother Fred, you and I have had several opportunities over the past four years to provide music at different functions. I have enjoyed these opportunities very much.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Sister Christene MacLeod, who was appointed my Assistant Grand Organist. She was so excited and I had looked forward to working with her; however, this was not to be. My sympathies to her family and her Chapter.

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A special thank-you to Brother Whit Giffin, P.G.P. who so willingly stepped up to the plate. As usual it has been a pleasure working with you.

To Sister Kay Horton, thank you for your assistance in directing the choir. You make us work hard but it shows in our presentations.

To my page, Sister Beth Brett - What can I say. You are a ray of sunshine wherever you are. Thank you.

And we would not have a choir without our faithful Brothers and Sisters who turn out from year to year to participate. Thank you.

A special thank you to the Starlight quartet for your special numbers in song.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for having the confidence in me to appoint me to this position.

Worthy Grand Matron, may we approach the East and present you with all the music that was used during your Session, "Reflections of Love and Music"?

Brother Ed and Brother Whit Giffin were escorted to the East and presented Sister Jane and Brother Fred each with a book of the music.

### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M. and Brother Ralph Swinamer, A.G.P. were escorted to the East and presented gifts to Sister Jane, W.G.M. and Brother Fred, W.G.P. along with donations to their Special Project. These gifts and donations were from the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Sister Jane, W.G.M. received a cute crystal kitten holding a crystal ball. Brother Fred, W.G.P. received beautiful brass "Bluenose" schooner bookends.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MOTION**

**Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.** (61) moved that the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron appoint a committee to investigate and find suitable locations that fit the criteria of the motion that was passed yesterday and report back to Grand Chapter next year. Sister Margie Allen, P.M. (3) seconded the motion and it was carried.

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### NOTICE OF MOTION

**Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24)** read the following Notice of Motion which will be presented at Grand Chapter in 2013:

I will move or cause to be moved the following motion at the 2013 session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Constitution of Grand Chapter- Articles 9, Section 1  
After Program Booklet Committee add the following:  
Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee

Rationale:

as the Grand Chapter session is a function of the Grand Chapter and as many districts are having difficulty or are tired of raising funds, the Grand Chapter should look at arranging and funding Grand Chapter following the criteria for Grand Chapter as outlined in Article 7, section 1, as approved in the motion this week.

Further notices of motion will be made to the laws and regulations of Grand Chapter in a timely manner outlining the proposed make up and responsibilities of this committee.

William F. Clark, PGP  
PP Westville Chapter # 24.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24)** read the following Notice of Motion to be presented by **Sister Mary Reid, P.M. (25)** at the 2013 Grand Chapter Session:

At the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island held in Truro in July 2013 I will move or caused to be moved the following motions:

1. I move that Article 2, Section 9, page 3 of Laws and Regulations of The Grand Chapter be changed from:

"hold Schools of Instruction, at which she shall cover all ritualistic work and instructions according to the ritual and Constitution, Laws and Regulations: together with any other instructions she feels are necessary, as follows:"

To:

"hold Schools of Instruction, at which she shall cover instructions and ritualistic work according to the irregularities witnessed. This will be done in the style of a practice session so there will be more time for discussion explanations, so the members receive satisfactory answers to their questions. Time should be spent on demonstrating signs and passes. In the Initiation Ceremony only the sections dealing with the gestures need to be given and explained."

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Rationale: Current Schools of Instruction are not working. If they were we would not see the same items reported as irregularities year after year. The Lessons and Lectures given during the Initiation Ceremony are beautiful and members do not have a problem with them.

Attendance at Schools of Instruction is dwindling. Just perhaps our members feel the instruction received does not justify the time spent at the schools. This recommendation was made by the Guidelines Committee with Sister Ada Bayers, PGM Chairperson. Our members have waited long enough to have Schools of Instruction that meet their needs.

2. Article 16, Page 26, Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters, 5th paragraph down starting with "When our own"

Add the following:

Conductress is to be introduced, she should introduce herself at the proper time along with the other guests. When the Conductress is to be introduced alone, the Associate Conductress should escort her and do the introduction.

Rationale: Conductresses are confused as what to do, should they introduce themselves or not, if so, when? In a lot of cases these Sisters just are not introduced or are done at the end.

3. Article 3, Page 26 of Laws and Regulations for Grand Chapter add the following as section 7.

"Unfinished Business Committee: Duties should include updating the Grand Officer Guidelines each year and passing any updates to the Worthy Grand Matron who will distribute them to the Officers who have the Guidelines."

Rationale: I was given a copy of the Grand Officer Guidelines and it is full of instructions suggestions, do's and don'ts. It is a very valuable asset to anyone going to the Grand East. It also outlines the responsibilities of each committee so it is a great tool for sending out letters to those who accept appointments.

4. Article 1, Page 17 Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter - Grand Secretary add the following to her duties:

"Give to the Associate Grand Conductress and Grant Sentinel a copy of the Grand Officer Guidelines, Receive from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron their copy of the Grand Officer Guidelines at the end of their session."

Rationale: This would ensure that each of the line officers have a copy of the Grand Officer Guidelines. Be recycling the guidelines costs would be kept to a minimum.

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### MOTIONS

A motion was made by Sister Ann Marie Murdock, P.M. (25) and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) that the 2014 Grand Chapter session be held at the Community College in Stellarton, Nova Scotia. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) and seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) that the following 2 lines on page 182 in the 2008-2009 Proceedings be removed: **“Furthermore, I move that the Grand Secretary only provide notices of motion from General Grand Chapter to those who intend to go to General Grand Chapter.”** After some discussion this motion was carried.

Recommendations in the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Wooldridge were dealt with as follows:

1) Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. moved, seconded by Sister Mindy White, P.M. (69) that the Grand Chapter provide a set of travelling flags, one Nova Scotia and one Prince Edward Island complete with poles and stands, to be in the care of the WGM/WGP for visits or exchanges to other Jurisdictions.

An amendment was made by Brother Ralph Swinamer, A.G.P., seconded by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M., to remove the word “visits” from the original motion. The amendment was defeated. **The original motion was carried.**

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) kindly donated the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island flags that Brother Fred Clarke, M.W.G.P. used when he travelled. Sister Mary MacLennan, P.M. (2) kindly donated two flag stands.

2) A motion was made by Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. and seconded by Sister Mindy White, P.M. (69) that the W.G.M. be provided with a complete set of up to date By-Laws of each Chapter to assist her in the granting of accurate dispensations. The motion was carried.

3) Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. moved, seconded by Sister Mindy White, P.M. (69) that each chapter appoint a designated person (Instructress or Worthy Patron, etc.) to work with the District Deputy Grand Matron to correct the irregularities which are the same ones showing up each year. **The motion was defeated.**

4) It was moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. and seconded by Sister Mindy White, P.M. (69) that the Report Form for the District Deputy Grand Matrons be revised to make it a more user friendly Form, and offer the Worthy Grand Matron a more accurate picture of the Chapters. **This motion was carried.**

Sister Jane, W.G.M. offered to provide the revised form.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M. announced that there will be a practice for the new Grand Officers following the practice of the outgoing Grand Officers at the close of this afternoon session. She requested that seats be reserved for the family and friends of the incoming W.G.M. and W.G.P. for the Installation ceremony this evening.

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, A.G.M. invited all members to attend the Grand Chapter Session to be held at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel on July 8, 9 and 10, 2013.

Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. thanked Brothers Cyril Marsters, P.P. (67) and Bill Thompson, P.G.P. (24) for operating the sound system during these sessions.

**CLOSING**

**2:55 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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**THURSDAY EVENING, July 5, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.** The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of the "Reflections of Love and Music" Grand Chapter Session.

Narrator:	Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M.	(61)
Bible:	Sister Norma Wall	(52)
Bible Escorts:	Sister Jean Profit	(1PEI)
	Sister Joan Sudsbury	(52)
Sword and Veil:	Sister Marguerite Keating	(1PEI)
Sheaf of Wheat:	Sister Charlotte Enman	(61)
Crown and Sceptre:	Sister Catherine Pettigrew	(52)
Broken Column:	Sister Millie Aker	(67)
Cup:	Sister Mary Crouch	(67)

**6:40 p.m.** The Grand Chapter was called to order by:  
Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24) and  
Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24)

**Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M.:** Good evening Sisters and Brothers,

It is a very special privilege and an honour to greet each of you in fraternal love and to extend a sincere and friendly welcome to all, at this final meeting of "Reflections of Love and Music" Session.

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Sisters and Brothers, our annual session not only gives us the chance to conduct our business, but it also gives us the opportunity to meet both new friends and renew many treasured friendships from near and far which keeps alive that great spirit of love which our Order teaches.

We were very pleased to welcome General Grand Chapter Officers, especially our own Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther, of whom we are very proud, and Sister Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth, whom we are very pleased to have as an Honorary Member of our Grand Chapter, many General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors, especially our own Committee Members and Ambassadors of whom I was very proud to stand and be introduced with at our Informal Opening on Tuesday evening.

We trust that our Distinguished Guests have welcomed the wonderful hospitality that has been received on this beautiful province of Prince Edward Island, you have enjoyed our Session and that you have Angels watching over you as you return home. Please come back again!

It is indeed a pleasure for me to be sharing the East with my husband Brother Bill, P.G.P. You have been my biggest supporter through all our trials and tribulations and I am so very happy to have you standing here beside me. YOU ARE MY ROCK!!!!

**Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P.** thanked Sister Jane and Brother Fred for the honour of opening the final meeting of this session with his wife, Sister Carol. He extended his welcome to all visitors and members.

**Sister Carol, G.G.C.C.M.:** I now call to order the opening of the final session of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, "Reflections of Love and Music". The Worthy Grand Matron has requested that the assembly remain seated so that all may see the processional and formations.

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

### FORMATIONS

Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61) presided over the Formations. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Tuesday evening.

**Sister Carol, 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.

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**Sister Carol, G.G.C.C.M.:** Sister Jane, Worthy Grand Matron, we got to know each other when I was Worthy Grand Matron and while making our Official Visit to Crystal Chapter I noticed all the beautiful angels around the chapter room and hall. I knew at once where most of them came from and I still have that special one you made for me.

We are not only fraternal sisters, but now you are my Survivor sister. Having breast cancer has certainly made an impact on my life and I know that what you have had to deal with, along with the other challenge you have had to endure, each day is a blessing and thank God that we have both overcome this dreaded disease. The challenges you have had to face this year and still continued to accomplish everything you wanted to do as Worthy Grand Matron is remarkable. Jane YOU ARE A SURVIVOR and I am very proud to call you my friend.

Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Patron, I met you a few years ago, and when I heard you sing, "I said that man has talent". You may be a wonderful singer but you are also a great Ritualist. It is wonderful to just sit back and hear you recite. I know you and Sister Peg have travelled many miles this past year, but the memories you will cherish forever. Our friendship has developed more over these past three years and I am also very pleased to call you my friend.

**Brother Bill, P.G.P.** added his words of congratulations to both Sister Jane and Brother Fred for their successful year ending with a successful Grand Chapter session.

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

Grand Honours were accorded to both Sister Jane and Brother Fred.

**Sister Carol, G.G.C.C.M.:** Sister Jane, your gavel has been used wisely and I am very pleased to present it to you for your final session. Congratulations!

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** Sister Carol and Brother Bill, I have chosen "couples" to do the all the openings for the sessions this year. Except for the first two who were a couple of Islanders, the rest are husband and wife couples. I am in total awe that any family would go through this twice. Sister Carol, thank you for your understanding of my situation, and your encouragement. Please accept this small gift as a token of my appreciation.

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Sister Carol and Brother Bill, thank you for opening our last session. You both emulate concern and dedication and your enjoyment of our Order. Thank you for your support.

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The Grand Choir sang “*Come Fill My Heart*” accompanied by Sister Loretta Dow, P.M., Florida on flute, to Sister Jane and Brother Fred.

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.

### MINUTES

The Grand Secretary read the partial minutes from the Thursday afternoon session. She moved the acceptance of these minutes and Sister Vicki Perry, P.M. (40) seconded the motion and it was carried.

### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

**Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M., 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 2011-2012 "Reflections of Love and Music" session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Members of this Grand Jurisdiction: 284**  
**Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions: 114**

**GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE: 398**

It is with pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the Credentials and Registration Committee - namely, Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48), Sister Susan Lorimer, P.M. (25) and myself to thank Sister Jane Wooldridge, W.G.M. and Brother Fred Lipskey, 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.

Once again, THANK YOU for allowing us to be part of your Most Successful Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M. (69) moved the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48) and the motion was carried.

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The following is a list of the Subordinate Chapters and the number of members who attended the “Reflections of Love and Music” Grand Chapter Session in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island:

<u>Chapter Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Crystal #1 PEI	26	Dr.GordonMacLeod#37	0
Mayflower #2	6	Mae #38	5
Cedar #3	6	Mystic Star #40	8
Keystone #5	5	Armcrest #45	2
Grace #8	9	Florence Fraser #47	4
Century #10	9	Elm #48	9
Queen Elizabeth # 14	5	Scotia #49	8
Evangeline #15	15	Regent #52	16
Victoria #19	5	Elmsdale #55	2
Myrtle #21	9	Ruth #57	3
Westville #24	13	Emerald #58	10
Harmony #25	11	Queen Esther #61	16
Munro #26	3	Atlantic #65	5
Kwebec #27	11	Starlight #66	7
Amethyst #28	12	Laurel #67	16
Arbutus #30	0	Montague#69	11
Annavaal #31	0	Crescent #70	6
Queens #34	1	Pearle #71	5
St. Mary's #35	5		

Total Number of Chapters: 37

Number of Chapters attending: 34

TOTAL	number of Members in attendance:	284
TOTAL	from Other Jurisdictions:	<u>114</u>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>398</b>

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.** announced that Kwebec Chapter, No. 27 also received a Participation Award for the Heart to Heart Project.

Those who ordered pictures must pick them up before the close of this session.

### FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Jane Wooldridge

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** My Sisters and Brothers, so ends a super year of support for Camp Triumph, for Grand Chapter, and for me. Thank you for electing me even though the condition of my health was uncertain. It was a distinct honour for me to represent this Jurisdiction as your Worthy Grand Matron. If you continue to support our members as you have supported me this year, the future of Eastern Star in this Jurisdiction is as bright as the Star which we follow!

*May the Star we have followed  
Throughout this GRAND year  
Shine down on your pathway  
Bringing comfort and cheer*

*May the friends we have added  
To our Eastern Star chain  
Grow brighter each year  
And forever remain.*

*May the strength you have given,  
The hours you have spent,  
Reflect in your lives,  
Bringing peace and content*

*May our Heavenly Father  
Whose LOVE we all know,  
Protect us and guide us  
Wherever we go.*

Sister Jane was given a standing ovation by the members.

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**FAREWELL  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
Brother Fred Lipskey**

**Brother Fred, W.G.P.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all. As my term draws to a close, I realize what a privilege it has been to serve in this office. The opportunity to learn more about the Order of the Eastern Star and the manner in which it functions has been an enlightening experience. Though leadership is absolutely necessary, it is helpless without the whole hearted support from the membership. Yes, dear Sisters and Brothers, YOU. It is you, and only you, who can turn leadership into an accomplished reality.

To all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, I extend my heartfelt and humble thanks for your strong support so cheerfully given and for the countless happy occasions experienced during my term of office.

Sister Mary Lou, Brother Ralph, and your Grand Family, I hope your year will be a rewarding experience and a treasured memory in the future. Happy travels and the best of luck!

May God bless our beloved Order and each of us as we strive to meet our commitments and I would ask you, one more time, to consider this, Wherever you go, take your whole heart along. Thank You.

Brother Fred was given a standing ovation by the members.

**Sister Jane, W.G.M.:** I would now like to invite Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61), Installing Grand Officer, to preside over the Installation Ceremony.

**Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M., Installing Grand Officer,** announced the names of those assisting her in the Installation ceremony

**Sister Edith Conrod, Installing Grand Officer introduced Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther,** to preside over the badge ceremony.

The Grand Choir sang "*May Your Heart be Filled with Love*".

The Grand Choir sang "*Go Now in Peace*", as the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

**RECESSIONAL OF 2011-2012 GRAND OFFICERS**

**Sister Margaret Clarke, W.G.E. (67)** narrated a beautiful ceremony to retire Badges as follows:

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### CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and **Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther**, narrated the following as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar.

*The sunlight now is waning, as their Chapter year now ends,  
Our Officers return their Jewels, to the Altar they attend  
Its been their joy to serve you, and wear these badges true,  
And, a privilege for them to walk the starry path with you  
Here they lay their Jewels shining fair,  
Leaving them with reverence and with prayer.*

The Crossed Swords within a Star, an emblem of protection.

The Dove within the Star, an emblem of peace.

The Cup within the Triangle, an emblem of Charity and Hospitality.

The Broken Column within the Triangle, an emblem of Nature's life and beauty.

The Crown and 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.

As the officers retire they close the gate on the end of a perfect day. May you always walk in sunshine.

The Grand Choir sang "*May You Always Walk in Sunshine*" as the Grand Officers of 2011-2012 retired.

A recess was called for the preparation of the Installation of the 2012-2013 Grand Officers.

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### INSTALLATION OF 2012-2013 GRAND OFFICERS

Prior to the Installation ceremony, the family, friends and chapter members of the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to seats in the Grand Chapter room.

7:55 p.m.: Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. (67) attended at the Altar informally.

Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Frank Cullen, P.G.P (24) led the members in prayer.

#### **Installing Grand Officer: Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M.. (61): -**

Assisting in the East: Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M.. (10) - Installing the Worthy Grand Matron  
Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Ambassador to New York, (2) - Installing the Worthy Grand Patron  
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25) - Installing the Associate Grand Matron  
Brother Tabor Caulier, P.G.P.(27) - Installing the Associate Grand Patron  
Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) - Installing the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer  
Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) - Installing the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress  
Sister Carol Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24) - Installing the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Organist  
Sister Joan Campbell, G.G.C.C.M. (21) - Installing the Grand Star Points  
Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. (61) - Installing the Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel

Assisted by: Installing Grand Marshal: Brother John Newell, G.G.C.C.M. (14)

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Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M. (67)

Installing Grand Organist: Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P. (40)  
Installing Grand Warder: Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M. (35)  
Installing Grand Sentinel: Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.M.(1PEI)

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Music: Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M.(1PEI) and  
Brother Allison MacDonald, P.P. (1PEI)  
Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35)  
Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19)  
Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. (61)

### INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted by Brother John Newell, G.G.C.C.M., Installing Grand Marshal, into the Grand Chapter Room.

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Sisters wore beautiful three piece gowns in fuchsia - the shell and jacket were lace with sequins scattered throughout. The skirts were straight line in plain fuchsia. The Worthy Grand Patron and the brothers were resplendent in black trousers and white jackets. Air Force Tartan vests and bow ties completed their outfits. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore gowns of royal blue in the same style as the Grand Officers. The Worthy Matrons wore three piece gowns in dark green - the shell and jacket were lace and the skirt was straight line in plain dark green. The Worthy Patrons wore dark suits or tuxedos.

Brother Murray Gardner, G.G.C.C.M., installed his cousin, Sister Mary Lou Higgins, as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Mary Lou, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an Honour Guard of the members of Elm Chapter, No. 48 and her family and friends who were holding her symbols for the year - sunflowers and frogs. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Connie and Brother Allison MacDonald sang "*Put Your Hand in the Hand*" to Sister Mary Lou.

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Ambassador to New York, installed her husband, Brother Ralph Swinamer, as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East through a Guard of Honour of the members of Mayflower Chapter No.2 and family and friends holding his fun symbol for the year - airplanes. He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35), sang "*I Love You*" to Brother Ralph.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang "*Keep Me Safe*" to the Grand Chaplain, Brother Shane MacFarlane, following his installation.

The newly installed Star Points were escorted to the East and a beautiful Star Point Ceremony was read to them by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Worthy Grand Matron. As she spoke to each Star Point she presented each with a gift.

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At the completion of the Installation Ceremony, the Installing Grand Officers were escorted to seats in the East and thanked for their beautiful work.

The following **Grand Officers** were installed for **2012-2013**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Mary Lou Higgins	(48)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Ralph Swinamer	(2)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Mary Reid	(25)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Daniel Campbell	(40)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Irma Maxwell	(15)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Suzanne Aitken	(69)
Grand Chaplain	Brother Shane MacFarlane	(19)
Grand Marshal	Brother David Hobson	(67)
Grand Organist	Sister Diane Patterson	(10)
Grand Adah	Sister Sharon Adams	(28)
Grand Ruth	Sister Carol Atkinson	(21)
Grand Esther	Sister Frances Burgoyne-Jackson	(48)
Grand Martha	Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey	(2)
Grand Electa	Sister Mary MacLennan	(2)
Grand Warder	Sister Vivian Ingham	(10)
Grand Sentinel	Brother John Lorimer	(25)

### ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2012-2013

#### SISTER MARY LOU HIGGINS

**Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M.:**

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends;

As I was trying to think of a way to get started tonight, I remembered a story I had read in one of the proceedings -Saskatchewan, I think. It was about a school teacher who had these nice little new pupils and she was wanting to get better acquainted with them, so she was asking them if they lived near to school or far from school. When she asked one of the tousled-haired little boys he said "I guess I must live near to the school, because every time I come home my Mom says "Good Heavens, are you here already?" That's exactly how I feel tonight - "Good Heavens, - am I here already?" This is a very special, exciting - and nerve-wracking - night for me. Unlike Sister Jane, who last year said she had from an early age aspired to the position, I will have to say that never in the world, until 3 years ago, had I any expectation of ever standing here giving an acceptance speech as your Worthy Grand Matron. However, things change, here I am, and I am truly grateful for the honour extended to me. A huge

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thank you to the members of this Grand Chapter for the confidence placed in me for the coming year and I ask for your prayers, your assistance and your love as we begin this journey. Any leader is only as good as the people with whom she is surrounded and I KNOW I am surrounded with great people. My promise to you is that I will do the very best that my capabilities will permit to carry out the many responsibilities of the Worthy Grand Matron. To Sister Edith and Sister Jane, thank you for always being at the other end of the phone when you were needed, and to Sister Betty Ann for her ever-quick email replies.

Thank you Grand Chapter for giving me Brother Ralph Swinamer to serve with me as Worthy Grand Patron. His experience and wealth of knowledge gleaned from his extensive travelling will serve us well and it will be a comfort to have him by my side to advise and keep me on track. The only complaint I've heard from him, so far, is when I wear too high heels! Sister Marylyn, thanks for sharing.

To Sister Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther, thank you for your help, kindness, and friendliness during the past year - it means a lot.

To all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons - three years ago when many of you began a "bugging and coaxing campaign" you also promised any help and support you could give-thank you for being as good as your word.

To Elm Chapter #48 - would you please stand. What a journey we have embarked on and I am so happy to have you all along as we travel towards our "Country Friendship" Session to be held on July 8, 9, 10 at the Glengarry in Truro. There is one very important member of Elm Chapter who is not able to be here tonight and that is Sister Lyda Fisher -- she has been SO supportive of me for all my Eastern Star life and I know she's thinking of us all tonight. Thank you to each of you for the love and support you have shown and for the hard work I have put you through and will continue to expect for the coming year. I am very proud of my Chapter.

I would also like to acknowledge the great support received from Myrtle Chapter #21, where I am an Honorary member. Would the members of the Hostess Chapters in District #2 please stand. You have planned many Grand Chapter Sessions in the past and I have great faith that the planning for our July, 2013 Session is in very capable hands - thanks to each of you as well as to the members of Mayflower and Annaval Chapters who are assisting.

To our wonderful Installing Team: You all did a FANTASTIC job and it was a lovely Installation. To each who took part, you were chosen for a special reason and I thank you for being part of my life, as I have been part of yours. Sister Edith, I know a lot was placed on your shoulders and you did a great job. Brother Murray, who else could install me but my own dear Cousin - you made it special. To Sister Joan and Brother John, my first Grand Family Mom and Dad - thank you - it wouldn't

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have been complete without both of you being here (but John didn't sing to me.) Sister Connie and Brother Allison - it was perfect and just the way I wanted it -May we all "put our hand in the hand of the Man". My sincere thanks to Brother Whit and the soloists, Sister Beth, Sister Cheryl and Sister Marian, who you will hear in a bit.

To our Elected Grand Officers: Congratulations and I look forward to having you as part of our Grand Family. A special welcome to Sister Suzanne, Associate Grand Conductress and Brother John, Grand Sentinel.

To our Appointed Grand Officers: You are our very own and each of you is special. Sisters, you look lovely in fuchsia and Brothers, you are indeed a handsome lot decked out in your Air Force Tartan. It's exciting to look out on our own Grand Family together for the first time - I know we will have a good year and am looking forward to have you travel with us as much as you possible can. Always remember though "Family comes first" -- then our Grand Family.

To our District Deputy Grand Matrons: You were each specially chosen to represent me as you travel to the Chapters in your District. I know you will be well received and do a great job. My wish for you is safe travelling and happy experiences.

To our G.C.C.M.s: thank you for accepting your appointments so willingly. You will have lots of work, but we hope you will enjoy it and have some fun together as well. Sister Doris Cullen is Chair of our Special Project and will have the calendar books and pins ready for each chapter to pick up when you leave here.

NOW - I would like to introduce my Family - and just because I'm addressing you last, doesn't mean you don't always come first with me because you always will, even if I do forget some things now and then. I ask you to stand as I introduce you and remain standing until you're all on your feet. First comes the top cat in our family, when Beau and Roxie aren't around that is, my husband Ross. Many of you have met him at banquets and other places where food is being served. Ross, I thank you for your love and support, as well as for your patience, most of the time, when my mind is overflowing with Eastern Star. I also appreciate all the driving you have done for me the past three years and humbly request you continue doing this - for one more year. You're not sitting in order so I'm just going with what I have written so I won't forget anyone. Our son Mike, his wife Janet and their daughters Marcy, Michelle, and Erin. Our daughter Jane, her husband Dennis and sons Kyle, Adam, Bret and Trevor. Our great grand-daughter Madalyn Jane Crawford, daughter of Adam and Jessie could not be here. Our younger son, Glen, his wife Sheila, their son Matthew and their daughter Nicole. My cousin and best friend, Eleanor Carter -- my other cousin Murray Gardner - some might have met him before, and my niece, Bev Brown. I'm proud of you all and thank you for being here tonight. I should also thank Mike and Glen for never refusing when I call and say "I need your father to drive me - you don't need him do you?"

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Our Special Project this year is Canadian Diabetes Research and we ask for your usual generous support. You will notice in the calendar booklet this project was chosen in memory of my sister and in honour of my grand daughter, Nicole and I would really like her to come up here with me for a minute so everyone can put a face on a child who has lived with Type 1 Diabetes since the age of 18 months - bring Nicole to stage. Please remember Nicole and the many other children and adults who have diabetes. We are also asking you to save and roll your "Dimes for Diabetes" and they will be collected at Official Visits. To keep us all fit and trim, hopefully, we have chosen a Keep Healthy Project, which is WALKING, inside or outside. You will find the inside walking instructions in your bulletin tonight - Sister Carol Atkinson, our Grand Ruth is looking after this project and we ask members to keep track of the minutes walked every day (try for at least 30 minutes) report minutes to Chapter Ruth who will report to Grand Ruth. Our goal will be to walk at least two million minutes during the year and there will be a monetary prize for the top 3 chapters at next year's Session. Have fun and stay healthy.

To Sister Jane and Brother Fred: Thank you for giving us a great year -- sit back and relax for a bit now. I bet you might even skip the Schools in September, but we'll be looking for you out and about soon and hope you can make many of our Official Visits.

I would like to acknowledge some gifts: Thanks to Georgie and Charlie Dewey for all the work done in preparing Chapter Directories for our Grand Officers. I have received two beautiful stepping stones from Bev Brown - there will be tickets sold for the Special Project on these at Official Visits, with permission of each Worthy Matron, of course, and they will be on display at Elm Chapter. The stones were much too heavy to bring tonight, but I have received another work of art from Irene Johnson and this I am going to show you. Show quilt. Tickets will be sold on this at Official Visits too. And from my Family, I have been given this fine-looking gent. This is my fun symbol and I expect we will have some fun with him, but he will also be carrying a serious message as well from the letters of his name: F.R.O.G. -- Reminding you to "Fully rely on God." There will be a receiving line immediately following our retirement and all are invited to a Reception and some light refreshments in the next room.

Worthy Grand Patron, I would like you to accept this gift from Ross and I. I now invite you to address these folks.

### **PRESENTATION**

Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. presented Brother Ralph, W.G.P. with a photograph of a Lancaster plane that flew out of Canada. It is one of two left in the world today.

**ADDRESS OF THE  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
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**BROTHER RALPH SWINAMER**

**Brother Ralph, W.G.P.:**

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers and Special Guests. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as your Worthy Grand Patron. This humble servant will do his utmost to serve our beautiful Order in a manner befitting this high office.

Sister Mary Lou, I congratulate you on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron. You have certainly put a lot of effort into this evening, and you are to be commended for your dedication to our beautiful Order. This past year has been full of ups and downs for me, with several health issues, and I hope and pray they have been resolved.

To the Installing Officers, your performance has been superb. Many thanks for sharing your talents with us this evening. Sister Cheryl, we have been friends for many years and I thank you for sharing your musical talents with us this evening. Special thanks to Sister Marylyn for installing me. We have been together for 57 years, and your love and support are very special to me.

You see before you our elected and appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year. They certainly are a fine looking crew, and were selected for their dedication to our Order. It will be my pleasure to serve with these officers this coming year.

When the decision was made in July, 2010, to let my name stand for election as Grand Sentinel, it was a complete surprise to my wife, Sister Marylyn, and to Mayflower Chapter #2, and Annaval Chapter #31, yet they have supported me all the way. My thanks to my two Chapters for their continued support.

Each year the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron select a charity as their special project, and each year the membership give their full support in these special projects. Our late Brother Fred Clarke stated on numerous occasions, that our Grand Jurisdiction was second to none in support of charities. Let us continue this tradition, and support our special project for 2013.

My fun symbols for this year are airplanes and chickadees. After 37 years in the RCAF, I formed a love relationship with the airplanes that I worked on and flew as a Flight Engineer. The Lancaster was the first aircraft I worked on, and it is my favourite. After years of feeding birds, the chickadee has to be my favourite. They are such a lovely little bird.

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We are the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and I would like to see our Provincial Flags in our chapter rooms. We are equally proud of our respective provinces, and I feel we should show our flags. They don't have to be full sized flags, but two smaller flags on one of our desks could fit the bill.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Lou, I would like to present a gavel for your use during your year as Worthy Grand Matron. This gavel was made from a tree planted in 1895 at Acadia University, by Sir Charles Tupper, a former Prime Minister of Canada, and one of our Fathers of Confederation. This gavel has some historical value, use it well and God Bless.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Presentations to Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M.:**

Brother Ralph, W.G.P. presented Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. with her gavel and sounding block which were made by Ron MacNeil. The box for the gavel and sounding block was made by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71) from wood brought back from Barbados.

Sister Edna Zinck, P.M. and the members of Elm Chapter, No. 48 approached the East and presented Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. with her travelling Bible - a gift from her chapter, Elm #48. Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. thanked the members for the beautiful Bible which she will cherish.

Sister Cora MacKay, P.M. (48) presented Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. with a beautiful carrying case for her Bible. This case was made by Brother Charlie Dewey, (10) and was made from red and white elm - very appropriate for a W.G.M. from Elm Chapter.

Sister Irene Johnson, P.M. (48) presented Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. with a beautiful Bible Marker which she handcrafted.

Sister Mary Lou's family presented her with a lovely bouquet of Red Roses.

#### **Presentations to Brother Ralph, W.G.P.:**

Brother Kirk MacLennan, P.P. (2) approached the East and presented Brother Ralph, W.G.P. with a model of an Aurora airplane - Brother Ralph's last airplane.

Brother Ralph, W.G.P. announced that he will be using the Bible and carrying case which were used by his wife, Sister Marylyn, when she was Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Kirk MacLennan, P.P. (2) presented Brother Ralph, W.G.P. with a Bible Marker depicting Brother Ralph's symbols for the year - the RCAF Tartan and airplanes. This was a gift from Brother Kirk and Sister Mary MacLennan.

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### INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2012-2013 were presented in the west, introduced and escorted to the East. The four appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons are: Sister Edna Zinck, Sister Carol Nielsen, Sister Anna Ford and Sister Mary MacDonald.

Sister Mary Lou, W.G.M. and Brother Ralph, W.G.P. thanked each of them for accepting this appointment. The Worthy Grand Matron pinned each with her badge of office and they were given a hearty welcome.

District No. 1	Sister Mary Reid, A.G.M.	(25)
District No. 2	Sister Edna Zinck, P.M.	(48)
District No. 3	Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M.	(61)
District No. 4	Sister Irma Maxwell, G.C.	(15)
District No. 5	Sister Anna Ford, P.M.	(71)
District No. 6	Sister Suzanne Aitken, A.G.C.	(69)
District No. 7	Sister Mary MacDonald, P.M.	(69)

### PRESENTATION OF THE 2012-2013 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

At this time **twenty-two Worthy Matrons and fourteen Worthy Patrons** for 2012-2013 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Mary Lou and Brother Ralph:

**Worthy Matrons:** Sister Mary MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Sister Marianne MacMillan, Cedar #3; Sister Louise Seeley, Keystone #5; Sister Joan Mills, Grace #8; Sister Margaret Muise, Century #10; Sister Marie Black, Evangeline #15; Sister Christine MacGillivray, Myrtle #21; Sister Helen Nicholson, Crystal #1PEI; Sister Janet Johnson, Westville, #24; Sister Susan Lorimer, Harmony #25; Sister Sheila MacDonald, Munro #26; Sister Beverley Wentzell, Kwebec #27; Sister Marion Conrad, Mystic Star #40; Sister Donna Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Edna Zinck, Elm #48; Sister Helen Szucs, Scotia #49; Sister Melda Johnston, Regent #52; Sister Wilma Verge, Emerald #58; Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Queen Esther #61; Sister Mildred Aker, Laurel #67; Sister Mary MacDonald, Montague #69; Sister Anna Ford, Pearle #71.

**Worthy Patrons:** Brother Kirk MacLennan, Mayflower #2; Brother Richard Muise, Century #10; Brother Marshall Black, Evangeline #15; Brother Willard Nicholson, Crystal #1PEI; Brother Allister Thompson, Westville #24; Brother John Lorimer, Harmony #25; Brother Robert Wells, Kwebec #27; Brother Daniel Campbell, Mystic Star #40; Brother Larry Ingham, Elm #48; Brother Harold Farrow, Atlantic #65; Brother Fred Lipskey, Laurel #67; Brother Heber Ross, Montague #69; Brother Ron Boudreau, Crescent #70; Brother Jamie Lynch, Pearle #71.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East where they received a hearty welcome and then escorted back to their seats.

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### SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.G.M. and Brother Fred Lipskey, P.G.P. were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and signed the Bible. They were escorted back to the East.

### PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

#### Presentation of Past Grand Matron's Jewel

Sister Marion Miller, G.G.C.C.M. presented Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.G.M. with her Past Grand Matron's jewel. This jewel had belonged to the late Sister Helen Herring who was Worthy Grand Matron in 1958-59 - the year that this Grand Jurisdiction became Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Sister Marion pinned the jewel on Sister Jane and hopes that she will wear it proudly for a long time.

Sister Jane, P.G.M., thanked Sister Marion for presenting the jewel and said she was very pleased to receive it. The Lyres at the Star Point stations were made for Sister Helen's session in 1959. Sister Helen's flowers that year were "kleenex" carnations.

#### Presentation of Past Grand Patron's Jewel

Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers,

It is an honour for me to have been asked to present the Past Grand Patron's jewel to Brother Fred Lipskey, P.G.P. Brother Fred, you are a gentle man with a strong faith devoted to family and our Order. You have given us a wonderful year of service with memories that we will all cherish. As I place this jewel in your pocket I know that you will wear it with dignity and pride. May your years ahead be filled with much joy.

As a cute gesture Sister Jane and Brother Fred attached a "tail" to each other to show that they are the "tail end of the Past Grands".

Brother Fred, P.G.P. thanked Sister Margaret for presenting and pinning his jewel and said he would wear it with pride. He also thanked Sister Gail Cook, Sister Margaret and Brother Fred Clarke for encouraging him to begin the journey to the Grand East.

### PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.G.M. presented Sister Mary Lou Higgins, 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 Mary Lou thanked Sister Jane for presenting this jewel and said she will be honoured to wear this jewel.

Brother Fred Lipskey, P.G.P. presented Brother Ralph Swinamer, W.G.P. with the William McLellan Travelling Jewel to be worn by the W.G.P. when he is visiting

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outside this Jurisdiction. Brother Ralph thanked Brother Fred 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.

The history of the Worthy Grand Patron’s Travelling Jewel: It was first presented to Brother William McLellan in 1948 and then to Brother Chesterton Davies in 1963 when he completed his year as Worthy Grand Patron. It was returned to Grand Chapter in 1985 to be used as the Worthy Grand Patron’s Travelling Jewel. It was presented for the first time as the Travelling Jewel to Brother Fred Clarke in 1987 when he became Worthy Grand Patron.

**CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER, 2012**

**10:20 p.m.** The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene in Truro, Nova Scotia on July 8, 2013.

As the Grand Officers retired, Sister Marian Durling, G.G.C.C.M. sang “*Go Now in Peace*”.

The Grand Officers retired to the adjoining room and formed a receiving line.

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES  
For 2012-2013**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIVE YEAR Appointment:**

**E.S.T.A.R.L.:** Brother Larry Ingham, P.P. (10)

**THREE YEAR Appointments:**

**Credentials:** Sister Faye Calder, PM. (67)

**Finance:** Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24)

**Jurisprudence:** Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P.. (10)

**Membership:** Sister Viola Horton, P. M. (47)

Sister Yvonne Stephenson, P.M. (14)

Brother Kenneth Conrod, P.P. (61)

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<b>Eastern Star Journal:</b>	Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M., Chair	(58)
	Sister Ann Ross, P.M.	(19)
	Sister Christine MacGillivray, P.M.	(21)
	Sister Marjorie Davis-Snow, P.M.	(49)
	Sister Sharon Layton, P.M.	(45)
	Sister Hattie Hagen, P.M.	(61)
	Sister Arlene Riswold, P.M.	(2)
	Sister Audrey Farquharson, P.M.	(1PEI)
<b>Historian:</b>	Sister Margaret J. Allen, P.M.	(3)

### ONE YEAR APPOINTMENTS:

<b>Committee to plan 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grand Chapter:</b>		
	Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., Co-Chair	(61)
	Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P., Co-Chair	(10)
	Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M.	(61)
<b>Consolidation Ceremony:</b>		
	Brother Whitman J. Giffin, P.G.P.	(8)
	Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M.	(61)
	Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.G.M.	(1PEI)
<b>Courtesy:</b>	Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.G.M.	(1PEI)
	Brother Fred Lipskey, P.G.P.	(67)
	Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M.	(67)
	Brother Philip Roode, P.P.	(24)
	Sister Janet Hue, P.M.	(58)
	Sister Mary Smith, P.M.	(57)
<b>Crafts and Treasures:</b>		
	Sister Wilma Verge, P.M. Chairman	(58)
	Sister Diann Campbell Kinney, P.M.	(37)
	Sister Georgie Foye	(10)
	Sister Susan Wroe, P.M.	(27)
	Sister Joan Mills, P.M.	(38)
	Sister Rhonda Fader, P.M.	(71)
	Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M.	(15)
	Sister Fran Harding, P.M.	(52)
<b>Housing for Grand Chapter:</b>		
	Sister Edith Conrod, P.G.M. Chair	(61)
	Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M.	(35)
	Brother John Newell, P.G.P.	(14)
	Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P.	(1PEI)
	Sister Ann Wight, P.M.	(21)
<b>International Headquarters Fund:</b>		
	Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. Chairman	(27)
	Sister Midge Medcraft, P.M.	(31)
	Sister Irene Johnson, P.M.	(48)

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<b>Librarian:</b>	Sister Janet Johnson, P.M.	(24)
<b>Program Booklet:</b>		
	Brother Frank Cullen, P.G.P. Chairman	(24)
	Brother Alec Nicholson, P.P.	(26)
	Sister Grace Boyd	(48)
	Brother Ted Caulier, P.G.P.	(27)
	Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M.	(28)
	Brother Robert Turner, P.P.	(30)
	Brother David Clarke, P.P.	(5)
	Sister Donna White, P.M.	(69)
<b>Publicity:</b>	Sister Bonnie Boutilier, P.M. Chairman	(61)
	Sister Julia MacKinnon, P.M.	(66)
	Sister Goldie Chisholm, P.M.	(21)
	Sister Beverley Wentzell, W.M.	(58)
	Sister Leota Meisner, P.M.	(70)
	Sister Helen Eisener	(35)
	Sister Judy Graves, P.M.	(1PEI)
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>		
	Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. Chairman	(24)
	Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.	(61)
	Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M.	(27)
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Brother William Bishop, P.P.	(31)
<b>W.G.M.'s &amp; W.G.P.'s Special Project:</b>		
	Sister Doris Cullen, P.M. Chairman	(24)
	Brother Kirk MacLennan, P.P. Co-Chair	(2)
	Sister Carole Newell, P.M.	(14)
	Sister Ethel Brown, P.M.	(55)
	Sister Stella Myra, P.M.	(8)
	Sister Myrtle DeMings, P.M.	(70)
	Sister Joan Oderkirk, P.M.	(65)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2015:**

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M., General Chair	(35)
Sister Marion Buchan, P.G.M., Social Events	(67)
Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P., Housing	(70)
Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., Transportation	(35)
Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M., Favours	(2)

**Reception for General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Appointments:**

Sister Stella Trask, P.G.M., Chair	(35)
Brother Whitman Giffin, P.G.P.	(40)
Sister Ann Marie Murdock, P.M.	(25)
Brother Garry Hope, P.P.	(24)

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### *“COUNTRY FRIENDSHIP”* GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

To be held at the Glengarry Best Western Hotel,  
Truro, Nova Scotia  
July 8, 9 and 10, 2013

**DEDICATION:** **To our Families:** Love and thanks to Ross, Marylyn and our families for their love, support and understanding .  
**To our Chapters:** Elm #48, Mayflower #2, Annaval #31  
**In Memory** of Sister Annie Patterson, the first Worthy Grand Matron of our Grand Jurisdiction, who was a member of Mayflower Chapter #2 - and **In Memory** of Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, Forever Friend.

**THEME:** All Things Country

**MOTTO:** Think Gently on the Past, Look to the Future, but be Content with the Present

**AIM:** Just for TODAY:

Do not worry

Do not get angry

Do all work honestly

Count your blessings AND

Be Kind to Every Living Thing (Reiki Principles)

#### **HONOUR STATIONS:**

**WGM:** **Esther**, in memory of the WGM's mother, Sister Peggy Graham, who was Elm Chapter's first Esther; AND the station to which Sister Joan Campbell appointed me as Grand Esther in 1999.

**WGP:** **Chaplain**, the station to which Sister Marion Conrad appointed him in 1992.

**EMBLEMS:** Crown and Sceptre  
Open Bible

**SCRIPTURES:** **W.G.M.:** Proverbs 17:17; Ecclesiastes 3:1  
**W.G.P.:** Psalms 118:24

#### **WATCHWORDS:**

**KINDNESS** - to yourself, to family and friends and to strangers

**FRIENDSHIP** - Make a new friend wherever you go

**CONTENTMENT** - If I am content with what I have, I can live simply and enjoy both prosperity and free time; when I let go of what I have, I receive what I need; when I let go of what I am, I become what I might be.

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**COLOURS:**     **FUCHSIA** - for country flower beds  
                  **BLUE:** -- for wide-open country skies and streams  
                  **GREEN:--** for the meadows and stately ELMS of the Stewiacke Valley  
                  All colours of the Air Force Tartan

**FLOWERS:**     **WGM:** Sunflower           **WGP:** Red Rose

**BIRDS:**        **WGM:** Cunning Crow   **WGP:** Cute Chickadee

**SPECIAL PROJECT:**     **CANADIAN DIABETES RESEARCH** (in memory of the WGM's sister Willa who lived a short life because of diabetes and in honour of her grand-daughter Nicole who is living with Type 1 Diabetes and has been since the age of 18 months).

**PROJECT PIN:** Cure Diabetes Ribbon Pin

**FUN SYMBOLS:**   **WGM:** FROG (Fully Rely on God)  
                          **WGP:** AIRPLANE (come fly with us)

**MUSIC:**

**WGM:** *Precious Memories*  
          *Morning Has Broken*  
          *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*  
          *Standing In The Need of Prayer*  
          *Put Your Hand in the Hand*  
          *Go Now in Peace* (Blessing to close meetings)

**WGP:** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*  
          *Climb Every Mountain*

**DIMES FOR DIABETES:** Roll and save dimes to be collected on the nights of Official Visits

**KEEP HEALTHY PROJECT:** Walking Club: log your minutes walked and report to Chapter Ruth who will report to Grand Ruth. Aim for thirty minutes a day. (This can be indoor walking or outdoor walking and indoor walking instructions will be available).

**FAVOURITE QUOTE:**     *"I have lived long enough to learn how much there is I can do without ... He is nearest to God who needs the fewest things" -- Socrates*

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### DECORATIONS “REFLECTIONS OF LOVE AND MUSIC” JULY 3, 4 and 5, 2012

A special thank you to Sister Clara M. Nieforth, P.M. (28) for the following detailed description of decorations in the Grand Chapter room during the session.

Our labyrinth is traditionally enclosed by a white rope fence punctuated at intervals by square white posts about three feet tall, each with a flat top. Two things that differ with each Grand Chapter Session are the decorations perched atop these posts and the means of entering the labyrinth in the West. This year’s decoration atop each of the posts was a wooden intarsia Inuksuk about eight to ten inches tall.

Some years the officers and guests enter through an archway elaborately decorated with whatever the flowers and fun symbols are for that year. At this Grand Chapter Session all entered through two double white picket ‘garden’ gates, situated at the left and right of the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron in the West, and left invitingly ajar for the entire session. These were made by Sister Jane’s husband Donnie.

In the centre of the labyrinth, as always, was our sacred Altar on which rested the open Holy Bible. And in the northeast corner of the Grand Chapter Room, between the Grand Chaplain’s station and that of the Grand Treasurer our Charter stood in its designated spot.

Outside the fence and between the gates was a carved wooden Inuksuk more than three feet tall and painted grey to represent stone (a gift from the Worthy Matron of Mystic Star Chapter). Piled around its base was a small child’s delight – a mound of stuffed toys – mostly dogs and cats in various sizes and colours. Several of these cuddly toys occupied child-size rocking chairs and others were in toy rocking chairs. Just to the north and south of these gates, and almost hidden by the open gate, was another child-size rocking chair, each of which was occupied by four or five more stuffed cats and dogs. Other stuffed toys – mostly cats and dogs – abound in various locations all over the Grand Chapter room.

On the Grand Secretary’s desk was a large potted silk geranium in a huge purple teacup and saucer surrounded by several stuffed toys. There was a similar arrangement on the Grand Treasurer’s desk except that her plant was a large violet in a white teacup with purple saucer. Both cups were about the size of a four-litre ice cream tub.

On the Grand Treasurer’s desk, in addition to the flowers and pets, was a small wooden lyre on loan from Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M., constructed by Sister Dorothy’s father, Brother John Powroz, for Sister Diane’s year as Worthy Grand Matron.

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Behind each of the Star Point officers' chairs was a white wooden lyre as tall as the back of the chair. Each was conservatively decorated with sprays of lily of the valley, forget-me-nots and a silk rose in the colour appropriate to the station – with the exception of Sister Martha, whose lyre had a spray of fern with the lily of the valley and forget-me-nots. These lyres were constructed for Sister Helen Herring's Grand Chapter Session in 1959.

Most of the emblems at the Star Point Stations were on loan from various chapters throughout the jurisdiction with the exception of Electa's beautiful cup which was a gift to Sister Jane at her Installation from Brother Fred, W.G.P., and Sister Peg, Grand Esther.

Inside the labyrinth in the northwest and southwest corners was a large potted pink silk hydrangea. There was another one in the south and north near the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress's stations and an additional one at each side of the Inuksuk in the West.

There were four similar plants across the front of the stage in the East but they were two different shades of blue. In the northeast corner at the front of the stage was another child-size rocking chair occupied by several stuffed cats and dogs and the rocking chair in the southeast corner was occupied by a black stuffed dog, large enough that it pretty much filled the chair.

On the Worthy Grand Matron's podium was a fluffy white kitten with a very long tail that hung down the side of the podium.

Spring-type rocking chairs were placed in the East for the comfort of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Each was covered with a folded fleece throw. Naturally Sister Jane's throw had cats on it while Brother Fred's had a dog. Three smaller fleece throws with fringed edges hung on the West wall of the Grand Chapter Room. These showed playful kittens and puppies.

There were many stuffed cats and dogs in all sizes and colours across the front of the stage – some in toy rocking chairs while others reclined on the floor looking out across the Grand Chapter room. Among them was the occasional intarsia Inuksuk. This line was broken only where the steps went up to the stage beside the Grand Marshal's and Grand Chaplain's stations and the ramps at the back corners. At the left and right of the podiums in the East were large wicker baskets filled with fluffy pets. Almost hidden among all these cute and cuddly critters, just to the south of the Worthy Grand Patron's podium, was a knitted Inuksuk about 10 inches tall. At either side of the podiums in the East were Sister Jane's and Brother Fred's handcrafted Bible cases with the intarsia Inukshuk facing the Grand Chapter room.

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Along the north and south edges of the stage was another row of stuffed animals in various sizes and colours. They reminded me of kittens and puppies in an animal shelter waiting to be adopted. Several of the bigger puppies had their front paws resting on the bottom rope of the fence that enclosed the stage, and the little white poodle in the far southeast corner looked as if he was pleading for someone to take him home and love him.

On Thursday morning Sister Jane reminded us that these stuffed animals were to go back to our communities and that we should bag them up after lunch and take a bag with us to our local fire department or police department for distribution to children in traumatic situations. At the close of the session all had disappeared.

A large banner which said “Reflections of Love and Music” hung on the East Wall of the Grand Chapter room. The flags, presented in the opening ceremony and placed in stands at the back of the stage and in front of this banner were, on the north side, Canada, the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America. On the south side were the flags of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the Christian flag and the flag of Eastern Star.

At the close of the “Reflections of Love and Music” Session, when the officers for 2011-2012 retired from the Grand Chapter room for the last time, Sister Jane paused and waited while Brother Fred lovingly and reverently closed the gates.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### **Tuesday, July 3, 2012**

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 11:00 a.m.     | Past Grands Meeting           |
| 11:30 a.m.     | Grand Representatives Meeting |
| 12:00 p.m.     | Past Grands Luncheon          |
| 1:30-3:00 p.m. | The Cat in the Hat Tea Party  |
| 5:00 p.m.      | ESTARL Church Service         |
- The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

#### **Wednesday, July 4, 2012**

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| 7:00 a.m.  | Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast                |
| 12:00 p.m. | Grand Representatives Luncheon                         |
| 6:00 p.m.  | “ <i>The Inukshuk</i> ” Main Banquet and Entertainment |

#### **Thursday, July 5, 2012**

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| 7:15 a.m.  | Grand Officers Breakfast                                                       |
| 12:00 p.m. | “ <i>Forget-Me-Not</i> ” Luncheon -<br>Secretaries, Treasurers and all Members |

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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. Tamiseia, 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 Chrisopoulos, Worthy Grand Warder and P.G.M. of Ohio	July 2010
Mrs. Glenna Densmore, Past Grand Matron, Vermont	July 2010
Mr. Ronald Boudreau, Past Grand Patron, Vermont	July 2010
Mrs. Barbara Burtchett, Past Matron, Virginia	July 2010
Mrs. Mary Ellen Hailey, Past Matron, Florida	July 2010
Mr. Al Hailey, Past Patron, Florida, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (05-07)	July 2010
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
Mrs. Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron, Saskatchewan	July 2012
Mrs. Diane M. Jones, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (12-13), California	July 2012

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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	1970-71
* Mrs. Ada Bayers	1971-72
* Mrs. Sarah Doty	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	1982-83
* Mrs. Helen Turner	1983-84
* Mrs. Eunice Brown	1984-85
Mrs. Eleanor Freeman, R.R.#1 Caledonia, Queens Co., N.S., BOT 1B0	1985-86
Mrs. Diane Hayman, 1900 Drummond Rd., Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	1986-87
Mrs. Barbara Bowser, 20 Brigadoon Ave., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 2B5	1987-88
Mrs. Violet E.R. Blair, 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	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
Mrs. Jane Wooldridge, 1031 Brackley Point Rd., Rte.15, Harrington, PEI, C1E 1R1	2011-12

### 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	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	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.	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
Mr. Fred Lipskey, 89 Noichols Avenue, Kentville, N.S., B4N 2G9	2011-12

### 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. Mary Lynn Smith, 16013 46 St. NW, Edmonton, AB, T5Y 0G9  
ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Diana Houlette, PGM, 4600 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204  
ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Annie Ruth Bryant, PGM, 3602 Nitawood Dr., Little Rock, AR, 72206  
AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Euginia 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, 320 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, FL2, Topeka, KS, 66603-3912  
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. Rheanne E. Frost, P.O. Box 459, Peru, ME, 04290  
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. Patti Rhinesmith, 111 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807-3101  
NEW MEXICO - Oct. - Mrs. Barbara B. Eichmuller, P.O. Box 1300, Deming, NM, 88030  
NEW YORK - Oct. - Mrs. Karem Marshall-King, 1400 Utica St., Box 106, Oriskany, NY, 13424  
NORTH CAROLINA - June - Mrs. Frieda Nettles, PGM, Box 1660, Apex, NC, 27502  
NORTH DAKOTA - June - Mrs. Roberta Kloster, 1405 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Fargo, ND, 58102  
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - July - Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan, 2375 Roosevelt Drive, Halifax, NS, B3L 3H8  
OHIO - Oct. - Mrs. Roberta G. David, PGM, 2163 Crab Tree Dr., Beavercreek, OH, 45431  
OKLAHOMA - Oct. - Mrs. Shirley Neihoff, 1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie, OK, 73044-2003  
ONTARIO - Sept. - Mrs. Lynne Atkinson, 413 Drew St., Woodstock, ON, N4S 4V3  
OREGON - June - Mrs. 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. - Mr. Rafael Rondon, PGP, Box 810255, Carolina, PR, 00981-0255  
 QUEBEC - Oct. - Mrs. Anita Young, PGM, 1301 Barsalou, Chambly, PQ., J3L 2X8  
 RHODE ISLAND - Oct. - Mr. Robert A. Kane, PGP, 95 Farnum Rd., Warwick, RI., 02888  
 SAO PAULO - July - Maria M. Penarotti, Rus Pedro Goes, 3601 Bloco #4 Vila Italia, San Jose de Rio  
     Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 15035-170  
 SASKATCHEWAN - Apr. - Mrs. Janet Zondervan, Box 587, Moosomin, SK, S0G 3N0  
 SCOTLAND - Apr & Oct.- 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. Karen Steptoe, 410 Vista Drive, Miller, SD, 57362  
 TENNESSEE - Apr. - Mrs. Jean Vincent, PGM, 1007 Hyndsver Rd., Martin, TN, 38237  
 TEXAS - Oct. - Ms. Marlene Scholari, 1503 West Division, Arlington , TX, 76012  
 UTAH - Oct. - Mrs. Brenda D. Hansel, PGM, 98 N. Country Way, Fruit Heights, UT, 84037-2236  
 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. Ruthann Watts, 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

Julia Baker (45)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2013
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
William Allen (24)	California	Dec. 31, 2013
Fred Matthews (37)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2012
Linda Holmes (61)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2013
Carol Whitlock (58)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2014
Arlene MacKeigan (14)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2014
Charles McPherson (25)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2012
John Langley (66)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2013
Rose Salmons (21)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2012
Ann Wight (21)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2014
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
Heather Lynch (38)	Louisiana	July 01, 2014
Barry Jack (10)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2013
Dennis Hagen (34)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2013
Charles Graves (1PEI)	Maryland	June 15, 2014
Gary Sterling (3)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2012
Donald Medicraft (31)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2014
Helen Fisher (48)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2012
Gerald Hatt (30)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2013
Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson (1PEI)	Missouri	June 16, 2013

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Christine Ryan (40)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2013
Elizabeth MacLean (37)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2013
Kathleen Holmes (70)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2012
Patricia Mooney (49)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2013
Kathryn Acker (70)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2014
Linda MacKay (10)	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2012
Kenneth Wile (71)	New Mexico	Dec. 31, 2012
Geraldine Delk (8)	New York	May 01, 2014
Irene MacIsaac (66)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2013
Jean MacMillan (35)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2013
Kenneth Smith, PGP (27)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2013
John Dollimount (38)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2013
Kirk MacLennan (2)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2012
Margaret Fearon (5)	Oregon	May 01, 2014
Donna Hazeldine (45)	Pennsylvania	Mar. 01, 2013
Sylvain Roulliard (57)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2013
Sandra Denton (35)	Quebec	July 01, 2014
Frances Duncan (10)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2014
Bruce Fleet (58)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2013
Elizabeth Dean (30)	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2013
Helen MacEwen (52)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2013
Marion Robinson (67)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2014
Melvin Nelson (55)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2013
Vincent Maxwell (15)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2013
Evie Jean Lazenby (65)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2014
Patricia Canning-Selig (71)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2013
Willard Nicholson (1PEI)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2013
Nancy Doyle (24)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2012
Katherine Robinson (19)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2014
Elizabeth Langille (65)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2012
Norma Hayman (40)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2013
Bryan Campbell (49)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2012

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

Polly Fulford	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2012
Dawn Drozd	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2013
Kathy Pierson	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2012
JoAnn Long	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2013
Diana Kay Van Lissum	Australia	Dec. 31, 2012
Margaret MacPherson	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2013
Diane M. Jones	California	Dec. 31, 2013
Len Wardlaw	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2012
Margery B. Zurko	Connecticut	May 07, 2014
Grace F. Hitchens	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2013
Nell O'Rear	District of Columbia	June 30, 2014
Theodore Barber	Florida	Dec. 31, 2013
Selena Turner	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2013
Floyd Culver	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2012
Robert McMillen	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2012
Jean Craig	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2013
JoAnn Seelye	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2013
Winona Gebauer	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2012

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Agnes Bacon	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2012
Paula Sue Stewart	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2012
Clyde J. White, Jr.	Maine	May 31, 2014
Marion Scott	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2012
William Gyr	Maryland	June 01, 2012
Christine A. Wilson	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2013
James E. Manchester	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2013
Bruce Flygare	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2012
Charles A. Jackson	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2013
Barbara A. Froman	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2014
Norman F. Frazier	Montana	Dec. 31, 2013
Dale Anderson	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2013
Ginger Houston	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2014
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
Jean Mannfopf	New York	Dec. 31, 2013
Ruth Powell	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2013
Norma Borden	North Dakota	July 31, 2013
Eileen Hatfield	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2012
Donald Devore, PGP	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2013
Bernice Brown	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2013
Melvin Dehut	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2013
Marlene F. Moisey	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2012
Vionette Lopez	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2013
Mildred Orr	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2012
David Jannarelli	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2013
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
Kevin Weishaar	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2013
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
Lynette P. Zierden	Washington	Dec. 31, 2013
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****2011-2012**

<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mrs. Arlene Riswold Box 469 Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Cedar #3	Wallace	Mrs. Marian Durling, P.G.M. 127 Golden Sands Drive Malagash Mine, N.S., B0K 1E0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6 Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mrs. Kimberly Shauffenburg 504 Back Centre Rd. Site 5, Comp 5 RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Century #10	New Glasgow	Mrs. Georgie Dewey P.O. Box 625 Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X0	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Mrs. LaVerne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Road Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Victoria #19	Baddeck	Mrs. Evelyn MacDonald P.O. Box 855, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Ann Wight 26 Saywood Drive Truro, N.S., B6L 4G7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday
Westville #24	Westville	Mrs. Diane Hayman, P.G.M. P.O. Box 853, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704 Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Caryl Yates 2 Stacey Avenue North Sydney, N.S., B2A 3P4	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Amethyst #28	Halifax	Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277 Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Annaval #31	Middleton	Mrs. Kim Hankinson P.O. Box 215 Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Queens #34	Liverpool	Mrs. Hattie Hagen 469 Oldham Road Oldham, N.S., B2T 1C2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. Amelia Whalley P.O. Box 746 Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162 Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Mae #38	Bridgewater	Mrs. Helen Holden 130 Lakeview Haven Drive Hebbsville, N.S., B4V 7A9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan 2375 Roosevelt Drive Halifax, N.S., B3L 3H8	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday
Armcrest #45	Halifax	Mrs. Sharon Layton 80 Chipstone Close #115 Halifax, N.S., B3M 4L4	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Florence Fraser #47	Sherbrooke	Mrs. Barbara Crosby Box 99 Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Mrs. Cora MacKay 474 College Road Truro, N.S., B2N 2R2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mr. Bryan Campbell 30 Kaleigh Drive Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1N1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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Regent #52	Central Bedeque, P.E.I.	Mrs. Fran Harding 2710 Rte. 20, Darnley Kensington, R.R.#1, P.E.I., C0B 1M0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom 8565 Hwy 14 Hardwoodlands, N.S., B0N 1Y0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Claudette Smith P.O. Box 128 Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1M4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Emerald #58	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Edith Conrod, PGM 67 Hollyoake Lane Dartmouth, N.S., B2V 1L6	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Atlantic #65	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Cooper Road, Fr. River RR#2, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Starlight #66	Port Hawkesbury	Mrs. Yvonne Fox 397 Hwy 19 Newtown, N.S., B9A 1J2	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Box 281 Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague, P.E.I.	Mrs. Alena Buchanan R.R.#3, Montague P.E.I., C0A 1R0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs. Grace Boudreau P.O. Box 342 Shelburne, N.S., B0T 1W0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Anna Ford 11823 Hwy 8 Kempt, N.S., B0T 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday

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