

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

NOVA SCOTIA

AND

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD IN

NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PICTOU CAMPUS
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

JULY 14, 15, and 16, 2013

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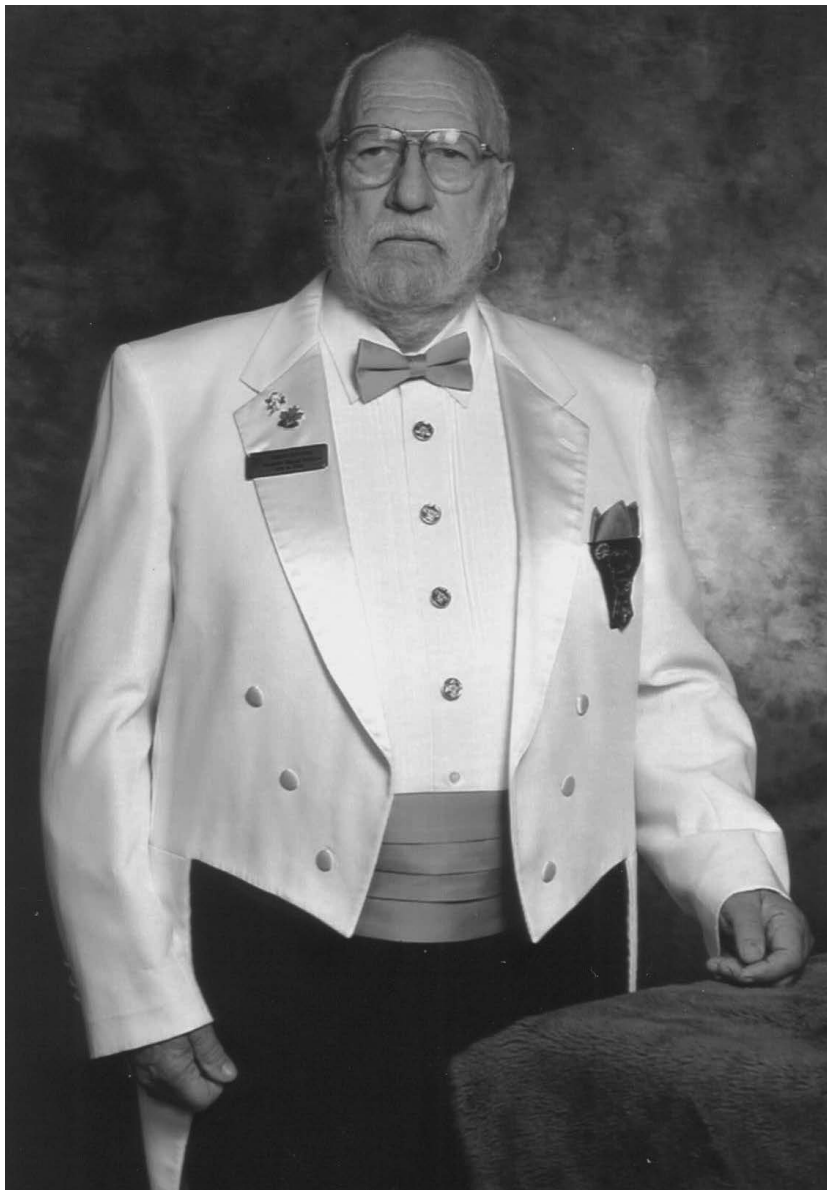
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DIVINE SERVICE Monday, July 14, 2014

The "Garden of Love" ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at the Community College Pictou Campus, Stellarton, Nova Scotia, on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 4:45 p.m. and was well attended.

Scriptures were read by Brother Peter Kay, Grand Chaplain, Brother Dan Campbell, WGP, and Sister Mary Reid, WGM. Brother Rev. Charles McPherson's sermon was "Out of the Ordinary". A solo "Rock of Ages" was sung by Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald.

The service concluded with The Commissioning and The Benediction.

The offering from this service amounted to \$1,212.83, and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) Programme.

INFORMAL OPENING MONDAY EVENING, July 14, 2014

6:00 p.m. Musical prelude.

6:15 p.m. Entrance of Distinguished Guests

INTRODUCTION OF 2013-2014 GRAND FAMILY and ESCORTS

Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.G.M. introduced the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and their escorts on behalf of Sister Stella Trask, PGM. who was unable to attend.

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Sister Brenda Clarke, District Deputy Grand Matron District No.6. Sister Brenda is a Past Matron of Laurel Chapter No.67, Berwick, former Mae Chapter No.38, Bridgewater (twice), and Keystone Chapter No.5, Yarmouth (3 times). She has been Grand Representative of Louisiana, Grand Representative of Texas, District Deputy Grand Matron in 2004-2005 and a Grand Chapter Committee Member. Sister Brenda loves spending time with family and friends, and in her spare time enjoys crafting, especially, scrapbooking. Her escort this evening is Brother Jamie Lynch, a Past Patron of Pearle Chapter No. 71, Caledonia.

Sister Ethel Brown is serving as District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 4. She is a Past Matron of Elmsdale Chapter No. 55 where she joined in 1998. She took the office of Secretary that same year and served in that position for 8 years. She has been Worthy Matron of her chapter three times, the first time in 2006 for their 50th Anniversary. She has been a Grand Chapter Committee Member and Grand Warder for Sister Edith Conrod, PGM and Brother Ted Caulier, PGP for the "Memories of Christmas" year; and was Grand Representative of South Carolina. She was an employee of the Royal Bank of Canada for 20 years, and is a Life Member of Elmsdale Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No.48. Sister Ethel's escort is Brother Frank Cullen, PGP, Past Patron of Westville Chapter No.24. He has been a member since 1978 and served as WGP with Sister Marion Buchan WGM for the Ribbons of Hope Session 2011. Brother Frank was Grand Sentinel while Sister Ethel was Grand Warder in 2009.

Sister Darlene Amirault, District Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 3, is an almost thirty year member of Scotia Chapter No. 49, Musquodoboit Harbour. She has served as Worthy Matron in her chapter four times and is a third generation member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Darlene was a Grand Representative of Wisconsin, and also served as Grand Martha in 2002-2003 for Sister June MacDonald and the late Brother George Crouch. She is Assistant Manager at Charm Diamond Centre in Bedford. Her escort this evening is a close friend, Mr. Kenneth Josey.

Sister Joyce Malcolm, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No.1, is a 52 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was initiated in the former Faith Chapter No.54, Mulgrave, and is now a Past Matron of Starlight Chapter No.66, Port Hawkesbury. Sister Joyce is an employee of Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home as a Registered Nurse, celebrating fifty years as a nurse last week. She is escorted by Brother Roy MacKinnon, Past Patron, also a member of Starlight Chapter No. 66. We all know Brother Roy for his beautiful tenor voice, entertaining us with solos and in the Starlight Quartet.

Our Grand Sentinel, who will soon assume the second highest rung on the ladder for a Brother, is **Brother Kirk MacLennan**. Brother Kirk is a Past Patron and currently Secretary of Mayflower Chapter No. 2,

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Kingston, and a dual member of Laurel Chapter No. 67, Berwick, where he serves as Marshal. He has served as Grand Representative of Ontario, and a Grand Chapter Committee Member. Brother Kirk is a Past Master and Secretary of Harmony Lodge No. 52, in Aylesford, where he has been a member for almost thirty-two years. He is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, and is currently President of the Annapolis Valley Scottish Rite Club. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Mary MacLennan, a Past Matron, and thirty plus member of Mayflower Chapter No. 2, where she has served three times as Worthy Matron. She is a dual member of Laurel Chapter No. 67, Berwick, and in 2012-2013 served as Grand Electa for Sister Mary Lou Higgins and Brother Ralph Swinamer. She has served several times as a Grand Chapter Committee Member, and is currently a member of the Publicity Committee.

Brother Howard Ford, Grand Warder is a thirty-seven year member of Pearle Chapter No.71, Caledonia, and a dual member with St. Mary's Chapter No.35, Digby. He was Grand Chaplain for Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew and Brother Allison Mitchell, and a Grand Representative of Manitoba. He has been Worthy Patron of his chapter eight times. Brother Howard has been Treasurer of his Masonic Lodge for twenty-six years, is a busy worker in his church and community, and does beautiful wood work. He is escorted this evening by his wife, Sister Anna, Past Matron, and they just celebrated fifty years of marriage.

Sister Christine McGillivray, Past Matron of Myrtle Chapter No.21 in Truro, is serving as Grand Electa 2013-2014. She joined the Order of the Eastern Star in October of 1980 in Electa Chapter No. 2 in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. During her years in Eastern Star, Sister Christine has held many offices in many chapters across Canada. A mother of three, a member of the military for 17 years, as well as a military wife, led to many moves, and also joining chapters in the areas where she and her family lived. Sister Christine is being escorted this evening by her husband of 42 years, Brother Mike, who joined Myrtle Chapter in 2013.

Our Grand Martha, **Sister Mildred Wagner**, is a sixty-four year member of our Order, and served in almost every office in her Chapters, Evening Star Chapter No. 28, Halifax, and Mystic Star Chapter No. 40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay; as well as serves as Pro-tem officer for several other chapters. She has served on the Publicity Committee of Grand Chapter, was Grand Martha in 1993 for Sister Marion Conrad and Brother Adrian Pearson; and has been Grand Representative of Manitoba and Montana. Sister Millie retired from Canada Life Assurance Company after a forty-two year career which began as a Bookkeeper for life insurance and culminating as an Administrative Assistant. She belongs to Daughters of the Nile as well as St. Paul Anglican Church, where she is involved in many groups. She enjoys travelling and visiting with family and friends in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and has attended General Grand Chapter in many different places. Her escort is

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a special friend, Brother Mel Antle, who is Junior Past Patron of Evening Star Chapter No. 28, Halifax. Brother Mel, who is also a Shriner, volunteers at the IWK Children's Hospital, where he runs a model railway for the children.

Our Grand Esther is **Sister Diana Read**, Past Matron and a thirty year member of Westville Chapter No.24. Sister Diana has been Worthy Matron twice, and since completing her first term as Worthy Matron, has held an office every year, except one, has been all Star Points except Adah, and has been Grand Representative of Puerto Rico. Sister Diana immigrated to Canada with her husband and two young children 47 years ago, living in Montreal for 4 years, spent 1 year in France before moving to Nova Scotia in 1972. They have a son and a daughter, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Sister Diana owned and operated a nursery school for 36 years before retiring 17 years ago. Sister Diana has a great interest in theatre, as a volunteer teacher, directing, and acting in several local theatre companies. In her spare time she makes greeting cards and tends to her country garden at their summer cottage. Sister Diana has really enjoyed her year as Grand Esther, travelling with the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and members of the Grand Family. She is escorted by her husband Brother Terry, Past Patron of Westville Chapter No.24, who she actively supports in all his masonic endeavours. He is a four time Past Master and a Past Grand Lodge officer. He has served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia and is presently the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works for the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada Royal and Select Masters. He is also active in all concordant bodies of the York Rite.

Sister Lynn Simpson, Grand Ruth, is a Past Matron of Century Chapter No. 10, which she joined when her mother Chapter, Lady Doric No. 29, surrendered its Charter. Sister Lynn joined Eastern Star because of the urging of her late Dad, Brother David MacLean, and held her first office as Star Point Adah, when her parents served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in 1976. She was fortunate to enjoy Eastern Star for many years, with her late Mom, Sister Elizabeth "Lib" Simpson, who was a faithful member as long as able to attend meetings. Sister Lynn and her friend Sister Myrna MacPherson, are well known for their decorating of the lunch room for each Chapter meeting. She is retired from Sobeys Inc. where she worked her way up from a telex operator in the steno pool, to being an Executive Assistant to two Vice-Presidents. It was during her work at Sobeys that she first met our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary. Sister Lynn loves to sew and paint, do needle work, and garden. She sings in a senior choir called the Trinitarians, as well as her own church choir. Her escort tonight is Brother Bill Clark, PGP, for whom she worked as his Executive Assistant for fifteen years at Sobeys. Brother Bill and his wife Sister Carol, have been in Sister Lynn's life for many years, and she says they are very special people to her.

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Grand Adah, **Sister Candace Reid**, is a fourteen year member of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Stellarton, and has served as Worthy Matron twice. A highlight of her membership, was serving as Worthy Matron and Grand Adah this past year, while her mother served as Worthy Grand Matron. She is a third generation member of our Order, and has received a Fraternal Heritage Award. Sister Candace graduated in the Business Administration Program from this Nova Scotia Community College, where we are meeting this week, and is currently employed by Sobeys Inc. as a Custom Clerk. Her escort is her sister, Sister Kimberley MacLean, Adah, in Harmony Chapter, and our current Grand Representative of Connecticut. Sister Kim has also received the Fraternal Heritage Award. She is the mother of two sons, Tyler and Luke, who love when their Aunt Candace babysits them.

Brother Bob Turner, our Grand Organist, is a Past Patron of Arbutus Chapter No. 30, Milton, where he served in the East last year with his daughter; and is currently Worthy Patron of Grace Chapter No. 8, Lunenburg. He is a Past Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, a member of all eight Concordant Bodies of the York Rite, is presently District Deputy Grand Master for a third term for Lunenburg-Queens District, and is a member of the Shrine in Philae Temple. Brother Bob spent twenty-one years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and has served as a Civilian Flight Instructor, a Charter Pilot, and an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. His favourite hobby is that as a Ham Radio Operator. His escort is his wife, Sister Gloria, Past Matron, who was initiated in Lorraine Chapter No. 44, Ottawa, Ontario in April 1977. Sister Gloria currently belongs to Grace Chapter No. 8, Lunenburg and Arbutus Chapter No. 30, Milton.

Our Grand Marshal, **Brother Carl Thompson**, a native of Kensington, Prince Edward Island, is a fourth generation and forty-five year member of Mount Zion Lodge No.12 in Kensington. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons for PEI and has been Grand Representative of Masons to Cuba. His is Past Grand Master of Lodge of Perfection and Past President of Red Oak Shrine Club. Brother Carl is a member of Regent Chapter No.52, Central Bedeque, served as Worthy Patron 5 times and as Grand Representative of West Virginia. Brother Carl fills in at Chapter when needed, and you can find him snoozing in many offices. He was a farmer for 40 years and then started his business, Thompson Well Drilling, with his wife branching out into geothermal heating. He is an avid traveller, but was a little sidelined this year. His hobbies include antique tractors, and taking the cottage kiddies for rides on his Little Red Wagon! Brother Carl is being escorted by his wife of forty-nine years, Sister Norma, a Past Matron of Regent Chapter No.52, Central Bedeque.

Brother Peter Kay, Grand Chaplain 2013-2014. Peter joined Eastern Star in 1995 and has served as Worthy Patron three times in Harmony Chapter No.25, Stellarton, N.S., where he is presently serving as Chaplain. Peter is an active member of Western Star Lodge No.50 in

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Westville and is Membership Chairman for Philae Shriners. These days he is busy driving the Pictou County Shrine Club 2-ended car in many parades. Brother Peter has worked on the Program Booklet Committee for many years and was Chairperson for two of those years. After being a Grand Representative of New Brunswick, Peter served on the Grand Representatives Association executive four years. Being a Trustee, Session Member, and Chair of the Official Board at Sharon St. John United Church here in Stellarton occupies much of Peter's time. Then there are his three precious musical grandchildren – Alexandra, Pierre, and Katey. Now that he is retired, he enjoys every opportunity to spend time with them, especially painting with Katey. Peter is being escorted by his wife of forty-nine years, Sister Gail. A Member of Harmony Chapter since 1995, she has been Esther, Martha and Electa, and Worthy Matron twice. She has served Grand Chapter as Grand Representative, Grand Electa, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Grand Chapter Committee Member. A retired school teacher, Gail is involved in her church and community activities.

Sister Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Conductress, has been a member of our Order for eighteen years. She is a Past Matron, serving in this position on five different occasions, has served on several Grand Chapter Committees, and was the Grand Representative of Arkansas. She recently became a Charter Member of Evening Star Chapter No. 28. Sister Wilma belongs to the Northern Lights Seniors Group and is the Queen of the Red Hat Chapter "The Foxy Fems". She is escorted tonight by Brother Ted Caulier, a twenty-six year member of our Order. He is a Past Patron, Past Grand Patron, and a Charter Member of Evening Star Chapter No. 28. He retired as a Sargent Detective after thirty-two years of service with the Halifax Police Department. He is married to Sister Bev for thirty-four years, and is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Sister Suzanne Aitken, Grand Conductress, will soon take that second last step on the ladder towards the East of this Grand Chapter. She is a Past Matron and forty-one year member of Montague Chapter No. 69, Montague, Prince Edward Island, and is a dual member of Lord Beaverbrook Chapter No. 33, Hampton, New Brunswick. She has served as a Grand Representative of Ohio in this Grand Jurisdiction, and as Grand Representative of Vermont in New Brunswick. She also served as a District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Inez Daye and Brother Allen Denton in 2003-2004, as well as serving on the Courtesy and Program Booklet Committees of Grand Chapter. Sister Suzanne retired from Canada Post after thirty years of service; and was Provincial Co-ordinator of Canada Postal Employees Curling Classic. She is a volunteer driver for PEI Cancer Services, Volunteer Driving Project; belongs to the Lower Montague Women's Institute and Community Council; a member and former Clerk of Session of Hillcrest United Church in Montague. Her escort tonight is Brother Paul Aitken, Junior Past Patron and newest member of Montague No.69, who was lucky enough to serve as Worthy Patron with his Sister, Sister Suzanne.

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Brother Paul is a twenty-five year Mason and served twice as Master in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 13, AF&AM. He is a Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, a Companion of Alexandra Chapter of Royal Arch, and provincial co-ordinator of PEI Cancer Services Volunteer Drivers. We're glad you finally succumbed to the pleadings of family members and joined the Order of the Eastern Star.

Our Grand Treasurer, **Sister Faye Calder**, joined Eastern Star forty-three years ago in Evangeline Chapter No. 15, Kentville. She affiliated with Laurel Chapter No. 67 in 2009. During her Star years she served as Worthy Matron three times in Evangeline Chapter and once in Laurel Chapter. She was a Grand Representative of Tennessee in 1990-1991, District Deputy Grand Matron in 1978; and in 2011-2012 served on the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron's Special Project; and on the Credential Committee in 2012-2013 Grand Chapter year, prior to her election as Grand Treasurer one year ago. Sister Faye retired from the banking/finance industry after fifty years' service; is a volunteer with the Valley Regional Hospital on the front desk and in the gift shop, as well as serving as the Hospital Auxiliary Treasurer for eight years.

She has been married to Brother Jack for fifty-two years, and they are the parents to two daughters, Susan and her husband Michael in Comox, BC, and Cheryl and her husband David in Lower Sackville, NS. They have four grandchildren, Gregory, John, Katelyn, and Alexandra. Her escort tonight is a family friend, Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP, who served as her Worthy Patron in 2007-2008;. Brother Fred is also known for having served as Worthy Patron in Saskatchewan with the very famous, "Elizabeth the Tooth".

Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, has completed her first year as Grand Secretary, and has had an enjoyable experience dealing with the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, as well as Sisters and Brothers in many other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Diane is a fifty-three year member of the Order and was initiated into the Order in Westville Chapter No. 24, where she served as Worthy Matron twice, and is currently the Secretary, a position she has held for many years; and is also a dual member of Castleview Chapter No. 21, Cowley, Alberta. She served on the Publicity and Jurisprudence Committees, and as chair of the Arrangements for General Grand Chapter Committee, as well as Anniversary Committees for Grand Chapter, several times. She was Grand Representative of South Dakota in 1976-1977, and was Worthy Grand Matron in 1986-1987 along with Brother Cecil Dean as her Worthy Grand Patron. In 1991 she served as Co-chair of the Assistants for the Worthy Grand Warder in St. Louis, Missouri, where she was also installed as a member of The Rose Award Committee for General Grand Chapter for the late Sister Virginia Painter, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ray Osborne, Most Worthy Grand Patron. She retired today as Secretary of the Past Grands Club after serving ten years. Sister Diane retired as an Elementary School teacher after thirty-three years; served as Town

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Councillor and member of many local, provincial and national committees; as well serving as an Elder and Chair of the Board of Managers in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. She is married to her husband of fifty-three years, Alfred, and the mother of five, grandmother of fourteen, and great grandmother of two, with a third expected in time for Christmas. She and Alfred have also been host parents to over twenty exchange students from countries all around the world. Her escort tonight is Sister Christie Peterson, PGM of South Dakota, a friend of almost thirty-seven years. She and Sister Christie, a former Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in South Dakota, served as Worthy Grand Matrons together for several months, as well as serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Members in the same Triennium.

Brother John Lorimer, Associate Grand Patron, will soon take that final step to the highest office afforded to a Brother in this Grand Chapter. A Past Patron of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Stellarton, he has served on the Eastern Star Journal Committee, and was Grand Marshal for Sister Marion Buchan and Brother Frank Cullen in 2010-2011. In 2012, he became a dual member of Century Chapter No. 10, New Glasgow. He is a member, and Treasurer, of Western Star Lodge No. 50, AF&AM, and Western Star Building Association in Westville; and a member of the Pictou County Shrine Club. He is also a member and Treasurer of Sharon St. John United Church, three doors away from this building. Brother John retired from the local pulp mill where he worked for over forty years. He is best known in Eastern Star and church circles for his decorating talents; and we have him to thank for this beautiful "Garden of Love: setting. Thanks so much Brother John, for sharing your talents so freely. Your work is very much appreciated. His escort tonight is his wife of over forty years, Sister Susan, PM, who is serving as Chair of the Credentials and Registration Committee, and will be installed on Wednesday night as Grand Esther.

Sister Irma J. Maxwell, Associate Grand Matron, was initiated March 15, 1993, into Port Royal Chapter No. 1. She affiliated in 1995 with Evangeline Chapter No.15 and later with Laurel Chapter No.67. She served as Worthy Matron twice in Evangeline No.15, was Grand Electa in 2002-2003 in the Grand Family of Sister June MacDonald, WGP, and Brother George Crouch, WGP, and was a Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. She also served as Secretary to our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, and a member of Cardinal Crew for General Grand Chapter. She is a member of Orchard Valley United Church, Daughters of the Nile, and a life member of Valley Regional Hospital Auxiliary. Irma is a graduate of Kings County Academy and Mack Business College and worked for twenty-eight years as office manager in a medical office. She has a daughter and a son, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Her husband, Vincent, a Past Patron of Port Royal Chapter No.1 and Evangeline No.15, who was also a member of Philae Shrine, passed away in April 2013. Sister Irma's escort is Brother James MacKenzie, Past Patron of

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Evangeline No.15, and a member of several masonic bodies, including the Mystic Order of the Shrine. Jim has the honour of being the third in a long line of masons – his grandfather, father, himself, and his son, as well as being part of a third generation line of Eastern Star members – mother, father, wife, himself, daughter, and son.

Our Worthy Grand Patron, **Brother Danny Campbell**, was initiated into the former Halifax Chapter No. 7, and is now a member of Mystic Star Chapter No. 40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay. Brother Danny is currently Worthy Patron of his chapter, along with his wife, Sister DiAnne as Worthy Matron. Brother Danny was a Grand Representative of Missouri in this Grand Jurisdiction, and served as Grand Chaplain for Sister Isabelle Pearson and Brother Bill Thompson in 2001-2002. During his university years, Brother Danny played varsity volleyball and represented Dalhousie University on the Gymnastics Team. He became an educator with the Halifax County District School Board in various capacities, ending his over thirty year career as a Lead Principal. Our Worthy Grand Patron has served in many capacities in Grand Lodge and in 2007-2008, he served as Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia. He has been past Chair of the Dance Club of Halifax and Dance Nova Scotia; and is presently a member of the National Board of Directors of Breakfast for Learning Canada, and Past Chair of the Nova Scotia Provincial Chapter of this organization. He presently attends Calvin Presbyterian Church in Halifax, where he served as Chair of Board of Managers and presently convenes the Personnel and Ministries Opportunity Team. Brother Danny has enjoyed his year as Worthy Grand Patron, working alongside our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, and he will always cherish the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. He is being escorted by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM, a dual member of Mystic Star Chapter No. 40 and Evening Star Chapter No. 28. She has served as Worthy Matron twice with Brother Danny and is a giver of Sobey's Bags.

And, the Star of the Show, **Sister Mary Reid**, our Worthy Grand Matron, is a thirty year member of Harmony Chapter No. 25, where she has served as Worthy Matron five times. She has served this Grand Chapter as Grand Electa for Sister Marion Miller and Brother John Patterson; District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Marian Durling and the late Brother William M. Thompson; was appointed as a Grand Representative of Virginia, by Sister Marion Conrad and Brother Adrian Pearson; and has served on the Registration and Crafts and Treasures Grand Chapter Committees. She is a graduate of Stellarton High School and St. Francis Xavier University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. She is retired from Michelin Canada, Payroll Department, and is currently employed as Office Manager by the Anglican Churches of Pictou County. She is the mother of son Michael, daughters Sister Kimberley MacLean, and Sister Candace Reid; and grandmother to Isaac and Avery Reid in Ottawa, and Tyler and Luke MacLean in Durham, Pictou County. Michael is a member of Keith Lodge No. 23, Stellarton, and his sisters are members of Harmony

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Chapter No. 25. Her escort this evening is her husband of forty-four years, Brother Allen Reid, a Past Patron of Harmony Chapter No. 25. Brother Allen will tell you he has provided lots of TLC for the Worthy Grand Matron this year – namely, TUG, LUG, and CARRY. Those days will soon come to an end, following the culmination of a very successful Garden of Love Year and Grand Chapter Session.

PLEASE join me in giving a very hearty welcome to the **Garden of Love Grand Family 2013-2014.**

6:30 pm EMBLEM AND BIBLE PRESENTATION CEREMONY 2014

The ceremony was narrated by Sister Gail Cook P.G.M. (67) as the emblems were placed at their stations.

Bible: Brother Jamie Lynch PP (71)

Sword & Veil: Sister Arlene Antle, PM (40)

Sheaf: Sister Kathryn Cameron (25)

Crown & Sceptre: Sister Violet Cameron (25)

Broken Column: Sister JoAnne Giffin PM (40)

Cup: Sister Vivian Ingham PM (10)

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

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

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The Bible is placed by Brother Jamie Lynch, Past Patron, and a member of Pearle Chapter No. 71, Caledonia.

The emblem of ADAH is the sword and veil united. The sword reminds us of God's LOVE and is typical of right. Dividing God's law and the principles of man is the veil, the symbol of revelation, and when it covers our eyes, it shrouds our visions of life. When the veil is lifted, the clear purpose of life is brought into focus. The story of ADAH cautions us to build within our lives, a strong cord of Loyalty and Obedience and above all, the LOVE OF GOD. The Sword and Veil is placed by Sister Arlene Antle, Past Matron, and a member of Mystic Star Chapter No. 40, St. Margaret's Bay.

RUTH has given us the emblem of the Sheaf. Its golden hue reminds us to be faithful to the demands of Honour and Justice. It represents the collective work of many deeds of kindness which are done for the sake of another. No task is ever menial when done as a labor of LOVE. The story of RUTH teaches that burdens can be lightened when we share our troubles and sorrows, and when we labor for the sake of another. The sheaf is placed by Sister Kathryn Cameron, a member of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Stellarton.

The Crown and Sceptre is the emblem of ESTHER. The crown symbolizes the high honour when accepted with the proper sense of responsibility and obligation. The Sceptre represents the Power. When used together, the Crown and the Sceptre symbolize the force of power and authority, which can achieve Justice for all. The story of ESTHER brings the regal gift of Dignity, reminding us whatever our station in life, we too, should conduct ourselves in a worthwhile manner. The Crown and Sceptre is placed by Sister Violet Cameron, a member of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Stellarton.

The Broken Column is the emblem of MARTHA. It brings us the gift of FAITH in times of strife. When we experience uncertainties during our lives, if we would but have Faith in God and rely upon His promises, then He will not leave us comfortless, nor will He ever put upon us more than we can bear. The story of MARTHA becomes personal to each of us at one time or another. Through Faith we have the promise of Life Everlasting from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Broken Column is placed by Sister JoAnne Giffin, Past Matron, a member of Mystic Star Chapter No. 40, St. Margaret's Bay.

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

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Sister Vivian Ingham, Past Matron, a member of Century Chapter No. 10, New Glasgow.

Sisters and Brothers, our emblem ceremony has ended. May we continue to hold these lessons deep in our hearts and walk with them every day.

6:45 p.m. Sister Marion Conrad P.G.M. (40) and Brother Adrian Pearson P.G.P. (25) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Good evening Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished and Honoured Guests and Friends. It is a distinct pleasure, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to welcome each of you to this Informal Opening of the 67th "Garden of Love Session". To each of you we extend a warm welcome, our hospitality, our friendship and our fraternal love.

Our Informal Opening is an evening of great excitement as we eagerly look forward to reviewing friendships with our Sisters and Brothers from all parts of our Eastern Star World. It is a very special privilege to welcome Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron. Your presence is a source of great joy to us. Our stars shine brighter as we welcome you.

We were so happy to have our Jurisdiction blessed with the appointments of Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Alzheimers, Brother Zeke Eaton on Heart, and Sister Marion Buchan on Shrine Charities.

We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to our Hostess Chapters for the many hours spent preparing and planning for our enjoyment. Please visit the hospitality room where you can enjoy tea and coffee and a light lunch. This will give you an opportunity to make new friends and renew old .

And last of all, I extend to all of our faithful members in our Jurisdictions, who are attending our Garden of Love Sessions, a sincere welcome. The strength of our Order depends on a unified effort of EVERY member. Please participate in all our deliberations.

Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Danny, Worthy Grand Patron, I wish for you a happy, harmonious and successful Garden of Love Session.

What a great pleasure it is to share the honour of informally opening this "Garden of Love Session" with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Adrian Pearson. Brother Adrian, this is just another special moment we have had the pleasure of sharing. I now invite you to extend your welcome.

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Brother Adrian: Thank you Sister Marion, my Worthy Grand Matron. What a delight to join you in this Informal Opening Session. "Our Circle of Friends" Session in 1992-1993 created many lifetime Friends and Memories.

My thanks to Sister Mary and Brother Dan for this privilege.

Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests and friends. WELCOME to this Garden of Love Informal Opening. We are especially honoured to have Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White in attendance. As well, our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members – Sister Marian Buchan, Brother Zeke Eaton, Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, and Sister Margaret Clarke, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. May your stay be enjoyable and your memories long lasting.

Sister Marion: I now call to order the Informal Opening of this 67th annual Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – "The Garden of Love" Session. It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional so that you can see the formations.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Subordinate Chapter Chaplains, Adahs and Esthers and Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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Sister Cheryl Denton P.G.M.:

Good evening Sisters, Brothers and friends. It is the wish of the WGM and WGP that you remain seated for the Processional. It is also the wish of the WGM that there be no formations as it is difficult for many to stand any length of time and hopefully to shorten the Informal Opening Session. So that being said let us begin and maybe this new idea will catch on.

Grand Choir – please give a hearth welcome to our Grand Choir. Their music brings joy to our hearts and helps bring a very special ambiance to our Grand Chapter.

DDGM's – you were especially chosen by our WGM and WGP to help carry out their wishes. What a wonderful job you have done. And also making sure we the membership are doing everything correctly.

Grand Pages – You inspire us with your creativity and excellent hospitality when hosting the Official Visits by the WGM and WGP. We know how very hard you have worked in order to have a successful year in your individual Chapters. Well done thy good and faithful servants.

Grand Guards – the old saying "Behind every great man stands a greater woman". Well in your case "behind every great woman stands a

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great man". You have performed your duties well and brought honour to your Chapters.

Grand Representatives – what a lovely OES appointment to be given to specially chosen people. I hope that each of these goodwill ambassadors will enjoy their appointment and make long lasting friendships. To the visiting Grand Representatives from Other Jurisdictions, we truly appreciate your attending this session and hope you make many happy memories and come back often.

Adahs – You were specially chosen by our WGM and WGP as one of their honour stations during their year. The Blue Ray of our Star represents the sky when all clouds have vanished . You have indeed brought honour to your Chapters and I know have beautiful memories from this portrayal of a heroic Adah.

Esthers – you also have been specially chosen this year by the WGM and WGP as one of their honour stations representing the white ray of our star, which symbolizes light, purity, and joy, and how Esther was able to save her people from extermination.

Chaplains – you too have been specially chosen this year, and what credit you bring to our chapters, admonishing us to walk uprightly that our lives may be void of offence to God and Man.

This now concludes the Processional.

Sister Marion PGM: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron at the altar for introduction.

Sister Mary: It is so wonderful to have the honour of welcoming you to your Grand Session. We have shared many travelling adventures, and I am proud of your accomplishments this past year.

Brother Danny: I congratulate you on a job well done. We are so proud of you in Mystic Star Chapter No. 40. Sister Millie, Grand Martha, and I have enjoyed our travels with you.

Brother Adrian PGP: Sister Mary, WGM – I welcome you to your Garden of Love Session. You have served Grand Chapter well and we are especially proud in Harmony Chapter No. 25. You are to be commended for your Pillow Case (Dress) Project. This Outreach program exemplifies the charitable side of our Order. May your Garden of Love Session be the success you deserve.

Brother Dan, WGP – HOW ABOUT A TOTALLY TRUE STORY? Your year of service was appreciated by this Grand Chapter. We were impressed with your enthusiasm for the Breakfast for Learning Project which will benefit so many students. THE ALMOST TRUE STORIES

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were enjoyed as well. The Grand Chapter has benefited from your efforts.

Thank you both for the opportunity to serve with Sister Marion.

Sister Greta Smith, AGC New Hampshire then sang: "I Have a Dream" to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Patron.

Sister Marion PGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Mary and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Danny to the East.

Grand Honours were extended to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Reid thanked Sister Marion Conrad for presenting her gavel.

The Grand Officers proceeded to their stations. The Grand Chapter Session was opened informally and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Brother Peter Kay, Grand Chaplain gave the Invocation:

"O God, from whom all blessings flow, in this quiet moment we open our hearts to You. Be with our **WGM Mary** and our **WGP Daniel** as they conduct the business of this "Garden of Love" session. As the light reveals the wonders around us, may You reveal the closeness of Your presence. **Today**, help us to hear You in **unexpected voices**; to see You in **unexpected eyes**; to meet You in **unexpected people** and to touch You in **unexpected ways**. May we be **surprised, inspired and comforted** by the revelation that You are with us as we transact the business of this Grand Chapter and ask Thy blessing's upon our proceedings. We pray for Your divine guidance in our decisions during this "Garden of Love" session and that we practice **Faith, Hope, Charity, Harmony and Love** during our deliberations. Into Your hands, we commend our spirit, through Jesus Christ. Amen"

The Grand Marshal, **Brother Carl Thompson** proclaimed the Informal opening of the 67th Annual Grand Chapter Session "Garden of Love" called to Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, thanked Sister Marion Conrad PGM and Brother Adrian Pearson PGP for presiding over the Informal Opening of the Garden on Love Session. Brother Danny, Worthy Grand Patron, commented on how wonderful it was to have a Past Grand Matron from Mystic Star Chapter and a Past Grand Patron from Harmony Chapter to do the honours.

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Sister Marion and Brother Adrian presided over their "Our Circle of Friends Session in 1993 and it is a coincidence that both Sister Mary, Brother Danny, Sister Marion, and Brother Adrian are long-time friends, and travelled many miles together visiting the chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

The Cavalcade of Flags was presented, under the direction of Brother Ted Caulier, P.G.P, (28):

The Canadian Flag was presented by **Brother Tony Szucs** Past Patron, Scotia Chapter No. 49 followed by the singing of "O Canada". The flag was then placed in the East, and the tribute was given by **Brother Fred Lipskey PGP** (67):

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

Tonight it is my pleasure and privilege to pay tribute to the Canadian Flag which is a single red maple leaf on a white background, flanked by bold red bars. It reflects our home, our pride in this country, what our citizens have and continue to achieve. To other nations, it represents a caring people, dedicated to human rights, freedom and tolerance. To new immigrants, it's a symbol of hope and opportunity.

The Maple Leaf has been an adopted Canadian Symbol as early as 1700 and in 1868 was adopted as the Nation Emblem of Canada. In 1921 red and white were proclaimed as the official colours of Canada by King George the fifth. The colour red is symbolic of the sacrifice so many of our men and women have made during World Wars and missions of peace throughout the World. White symbolized peace and tranquility reflecting neutrality and impartiality of Canadians. Recognized throughout the world, the Canadian flag is the symbol of our nation's unity, and beyond any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion.

In his speech at the national flag inauguration ceremony, Prime Minister Lester Pearson said:

"Under this Flag may our youth find new inspiration for loyalty to Canada; for a patriotism based not on any mean or narrow nationalism, but on the deep and equal pride that all Canadians will feel for every part of this great land."

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour of presenting this tribute to our Canadian Flag.

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The Union Jack was presented by **Brother Jack Whalley**, Past Patron of St. Mary's Chapter No. 35 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**, **Associate Grand Patron**, Pilgrim Chapter No. 55, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner". The flag was then placed in the East, and the tribute was given by **Sister Shelley Gullett**, **PGM**, Pilgrim Chapter No. 55, New Hampshire.

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

I could start this tribute to the American Flag by informing you of its history; but I would rather talk about the unfaltering loyalty and devotion that Americans show in its presence. There is nothing on this God's green earth that is more moving to see, then the dedication and show of loyalty when a fallen Soldier is brought home from War. It is awe inspiring to see people standing on the side of a road or highway, waving their American Flags as a sign of respect for our fallen Heroes. Or, to see people stop in their tracks, to salute the American Flag as it goes by in a Parade; or the hush of a crowd at a Ball Game, when preparing for the National Anthem.

I am a Canadian but have lived in the United States of America for twenty-two years and I can tell you what the American Flag means to me, for you see, I was recently sworn in as an American Citizen. It is the pride I feel when I recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem. It is the gratefulness for a veteran's service when I thank them for my freedoms. It is the community of support from those whom I may not even know.

The boundary line between the United States and Canada has never been more blended in my heart, for both Countries operate in a democracy. Therefore, each of us holds our Country's Flags in the highest esteem, as we pay love's tribute to them respectfully. We each share in the same pride for the freedoms for which our countrymen have fought. We each share in the acceptance of persons, no matter their race, creed, or ethnic origin. We each share in the joy of victory and the sorrow of defeat.

In comparison, both the United States of America and Canada share not only a democratic Government, but their Flags both share the colors of Red and White. White for the Purity of Independence, Thought, Word and Deed; and the Red for the Blood that was, and is shed in securing the Freedoms we all share.

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In closing, I pledge Allegiance to the United States of America, for I was made in Canada, but am Proud to be an American!"

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the honour of paying my love's tribute to the American Flag and for the honour you have bestowed upon the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. The Flag of the State of West Virginia, the home State of our Most

Worthy Grand Matron was presented by Brother Terry Reid, Past Patron, Westville Chapter No. 24, Grand Representative of West Virginia in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Nova Scotia flag was presented by **Brother Richard Muise**, Past Patron, Harmony Chapter No. 25 and the Prince Edward Island flag was presented by **Brother Paul Aitken**, Past Patron, Montague Chapter No.69 together at the Altar, and then placed in the East.

The Christian flag was presented by **Brother Allen Reid**, Past Patron, Harmony Chapter No.25 and the Eastern Star flag was presented by **Brother Ariel Broas**, Evening Star Chapter No.28 together at the Altar and placed in the East.

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WGM: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends: Brother Danny and I welcome each of you to our Garden of Love 67th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Our various committees have been very busy preparing for this session and we hope everyone enjoys their visit to our beautiful province and our Pictou County hospitality. If time permits, we encourage you to also visit our equally beautiful sister province of Prince Edward Island.

WGP - Sister Mary and I thank Sister Jane for introducing the Grand Family and their escorts, Sister Gail Cook for narrating the Emblem Ceremony and Sister Cheryl Denton for the Entrance of Special Groups. With your assistance we feel our session is off to a great start.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White, PGM of West Virginia was presented at the Altar, introduced and welcomed. Sister Bobbi was escorted to the East where she was accorded Grand Honors.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AND TAIWAN: Sister Judith Brightman,
P.G.M. Rhode Island.

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AMBASSADOR TO PERU: Sister Helen Walker, PGM of West Virginia;

ALZHEIMERS: Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Carla Carmain-Herret, PGM Utah

COMMUNITY SERVICES – Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM New Brunswick;

DISTRIBUTION: Brother Leonard Beasley, Chair, PGP, Colorado

HEART: Brother Zeke Eaton, P.G.P., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

NECROLOGY: Sister Shelley M. Gullet, P.G.M., New Hampshire

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sister Julie McMillan, PGM, Illinois

REGISTRATION: Sister Marylynne "Pete" Nealis, P.G.M., Idaho

SHRINE CHARITIES: Sister Marion Buchan P.G.M., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

TRIENNium: Chair Sister Alice Brown, PGM, West Virginia

WGM: What an honour it is to welcome you to our session this evening. Congratulations on your appointments. A special welcome to our own Sister Annie Mae, Sister Marion and Brother Zeke we are so very proud of all of you.

WGP: Our gift for you: The words "peace" and "tranquillity" are worth a thousand pieces of gold.

Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, GGCCM Alzheimer gave the response to the welcomes to the members representing the General Grand Chapter.

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

PRESENTATION OF 50 PLUS AND 60 PLUS MEMBERS

Twenty-seven fifty and sixty plus members of our Grand Jurisdiction and three visiting members were assembled in the West and introduced themselves, each giving their years of service.

They were: Sister Marian Durling (51); Brother Whit Giffin (52), Sister Shirley Conrad (56), Sister Millie Wagner (64), Sister Marion Conrad (60), Sister Gail Fudge (50), Sister Betty Ann Loughnan (51), Sister Ada Turner (59), Sister Alena Buchanan (60), Margaret Best (54), Sister Marjorie Conrad (54), Sister Barbara Paterson (53), Sister Goldie Chisholm (51), Sister Margaret Clarke (56), Sister Margie Allen (56), Sister Sheila MacDonald (53), Sister Eleanor Mitchell (56), Brother Charles Teal (55), Sister Diane Hayman (53), Sister Jean Beckwith (65), Sister Effie Behie (67), Sister Helen Connors (61), Sister Barbara Ferguson (52); Sister Marion Welsh (52), Sister Joyce Malcolm (52), Sister Aileen MacKillop (54), Brother Zeke Eaton (50), Sister Marylynne Nealis of Idaho (52), Sister Betty Robinson of New Jersey (50), Sister Virginia Houston of Nevada (53), Sister Dorothy Sullivan of Michigan (70), Sister Ruth Young of Colorado (60) .

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WGM: Welcome Sisters and Brothers. Each of you has had the honour of helping guide the Order of the Eastern Star to where it is today. Congratulations on a job well done.

WGP: Our gift for you: Life is a mirror. If you frown at it, it frowns back; if you smile, it returns the greeting.

At this time Sister Mary, Sister Bobbi, and Brother Danny joined our 50 and 60 years plus members at floor level in the East. These cherished members were each presented with a red rose while our Grand Organist played Memories.

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

WGP: Greetings will be received from the Province by Tim Houston, MLA for Pictou East. Tim is a new member of the Legislature and we hope this is just the beginning of great things to come in the future.

Tim Houston: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, guests.

I am so honoured and happy to be here with you all tonight in the Garden of Love.

On behalf of the People of Pictou East and the Members of the Nova Scotia Legislature I want to welcome you to Pictou County and in deed Nova Scotia.

Yours is a great organization. Thank you for doing what you do for not only your communities but the communities of the world. You do so much and You do it because you care. For this, each and every one of you has earned our gratitude and our respect.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which men and women can belong. Over 500,000 members internationally. Over ½ a million people working together for Charity, Truth and Loving kindness for the good of all mankind throughout the world.

This is a great number of people pointed in the same direction working for the greater good and doing it not for attention, not for compensation ... doing it because you care.

And folks, we need more people like you.

I was happy to learn that this year 13 Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership of \$928.57 each were provided.

Thank you for doing what you do.

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And that almost 1,000 dresses for girls in 3rd world countries were made by our Nova Scotia and PEI members.

Thank you for doing what you do.

And I want to wish you great success with the Breakfast for Learning project for schools in Nova Scotia and PEI. There is no better start for children than with the most important meal of the day.

Thank you for doing what you do.

Ladies and gentlemen, tonight I want to bring a special greeting to one person in particular that is being welcomed as a member into the oldest social order in North America. Bobbi White.

Please join me Bobbi:

Tonight Bobbi is being welcomed as a member of the Order of the Good Time. I would like to welcome Bobbi to join me as I explain a little of the history of the order to make sure that we all appreciate its significance.

In 1605 – before the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth Rock – Sieur de Monts and the intrepid explorer, Samuel de Champlain, established the first permanent European settlement north of the Gulf of Mexico at Port Royal, Nova Scotia.

The previous winter had been spent on an island in the St. Croix River where the scurvy and the cold climate had taken a heavy toll. While the fertility and the warmer climate of Port Royal was in direct contrast to the previous location, the rigours of that winter were well remembered.

To maintain morale, in November 1606, Champlain instituted the Order of the Good Time, whereby each night a member of the Gentlemen Adventurers became Grand Master responsible for the evening dinner and entertainment.

Naturally, each Grand Mast responsible endeavoured to outdo the other. Consequently, it is claimed that they dined better than their countrymen at home. And so was born the oldest social club in North America.

In the early 1930's, the Government of Nova Scotia reinstated the Order. It is unique in that: - There are no initiation fees
There are no annual dues, and
There are no formal meetings.

The only requirement for membership is that you visit Nova Scotia for at least three days. Only four things are demanded from our members:

1. Have a good time;
2. Remember us pleasantly;

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3. Speak of us kindly, and
4. Come back again

We have no penalties for not conforming to these requirements, they are not necessary.

Bobbi – although you have not applied for membership, it is my pleasure to present you with your certificate of enrolment in the oldest social order in North America – the Order of the Good Time.

Congratulations. Ladies and Gentlemen, the newest member of the Order of the Good Time.

In closing, let me again thank you and wish you a wonderful evening.

CIVIC GREETINGS

WGM: I would like to introduce Brother Adrian Pearson on behalf of Brother Joe Gennoe, Mayor of Stellarton and both members of Harmony Chapter No. 25. Brother Adrian brought greetings on behalf of the Town of Stellarton.

Brother Adrian PGP: Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, all platform guests, Sister, Brothers and friends: Many of you will know that I served as Town Administrator for thirty-six years. Part of my duties were to manage the operation of the Town and to keep the Mayor and councillors out of hot water and looking good in the public eye. Not an enviable task!

As an example, at 10:00 this morning, Mayor Joe Gennoe called and advised that he and all Council have two meetings this evening and therefore could I bring Greetings on their behalf.

Was it Shakespeare who said “The more things change, the more they remain the same”?

Therefore, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, welcome to the Town of Stellarton. We are honoured to have the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and their guests in our midst.

We hope that your stay will be enjoyable, and your deliberations successful. Do take time to visit the Nova Scotia Museum of Industry (Ford Street) and other attractions.

Once again, Welcome and Come again!

The response was given by **Brother Kirk MacLennan**, Grand Sentinel: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and visitors: As Grand Sentinel, it is one of my duties, but even more, it is my honour and

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pleasure, to give the response to our Distinguished Guests.

On behalf of the members and visitors gathered here, I would like to thank you all for making time in your busy schedules to be with us for the opening of our "Garden of Love: Grand Chapter Session this evening, and for your greetings.

Worthy Grant Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for allowing me the privilege of responding to our guests.

MASONIC ADDRESSES

Sister Mary asked all Masons to stand. As a tribute to our Masonic Brothers, Sister Greta Smith, AGC, NH sang "Footsteps of the Masters".

Brother Danny asked the Brothers to be seated and welcomed them to our Grand Session. He then proceeded to introduce representatives from the various Masonic bodies present as well as Sister Sharon Layton, Queen of Athena Temple.

Brother Dan WGP: We are honoured this evening to have the Grand Masters of Masons in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in attendance. MW Brother Paul Frank, we met many years ago at a Lodge meeting at the Veterans' Wing in Middleton. You have served Masonry in many capacities, and I wish you well in the coming year. Would you please address your Sisters and Brothers?

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, **Paul E. Frank.** NSAA, AANB, FRAIC, Hon AIA: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons: On behalf of the Officers, Brethren and the entire Nova Scotia Masonic Family, I am honoured to be able to bring greetings to you this evening and welcome you to Stellarton. We are striving to make all aspects of Freemasonry more visible in Nova Scotia and establish the public's understanding of Freemasonry rather than leaving it to our critics to establish. To do this we have to show how and why we are relevant and to concentrate on the positive aspects of Freemasonry, in particular our generous tradition of benevolence and giving to a wide variety of causes. Our Fraternities have always stood as examples of what is good and what is right.

My theme for this year is "BE A BUILDER" – a builder of Self, Lodge / Chapter and Community.

Specifically, a, "Builder":

- Undertakes personal learning and development,
- Demonstrates high moral and ethical values
- Plans for his future and the future of his Lodge/Chapter
- Coaches, mentors, educates, trains and develops others,
- Promotes peace, harmony and Brotherly love,

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- Travels and visits,
- Cares for those in need, and
- Contributes to his community.

SELF - with respect to ourselves, I urge that we encourage personal contemplation along with education, development and mentorship in our Lodges/Chapters.

LODGE/CHAPTER – As stated by Very Worshipful Brother Alden Sarmiento, the Grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Washington in an address he recently gave, I believe we must strive to be, “An organization that members want, not an organization that wants members.” The most important aspect of delivery on that objective is captured in one word, “Quality”; quality in our membership, our degree work, membership, education, our meetings and our leadership.

COMMUNITY – I encourage the involvement of our Lodges/Chapters in appropriate activities within their communities. There was a time when Freemasons were identifiable as the leaders in their individual communities and our society over all. We need to get back to that enviable position.

My Brothers and Sisters, I continue to see a bright future for our Fraternity in Nova Scotia.

When we all work together we can accomplish anything. Success just doesn't happen; it is the result of hard work and commitment. Let us then apply ourselves with zeal to the practice of the excellent principles inculcated by our orders. Let us cultivate the great moral virtues laid down by our fraternities and improve in everything that is good, amiable and useful. Uniting in this grand design, let us be happy and endeavour to promote the happiness of others.

In closing, I thank you again for allowing me the honour of welcoming you to this Annual Session on behalf of the Nova Scotia Masonic Family “BE A BUILDER” and enjoy Freemasonry!

Brother Danny then introduced Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, MW Bro Paul Montgomery.

Brother Paul then addressed the Session.

Brother Danny introduced Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Harold Farrow, Assistant Rabban of Philae Shriners.

Brother Harold: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers Visitors all: It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening to bring you greetings from The Illustrious Potentate Sir John Cameron of Philae Shriners of

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Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I wish you BOTH, all the best as you conduct this 2014 "Garden of Love Session" Thank you.

Brother Danny introduced Daughters of the Nile, Athena Temple No. 149, Queen Sharon Layton.

We had the pleasure of attending Queen Sharon's installation earlier this year. Queen Sharon is also a member of Armcrest Chapter No. 45.

Queen Sharon: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, and Guests. Thank you for this opportunity.

The Daughters of the Nile is an International fraternal organization for women 18 years or older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile or is a majority member in Good Standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls or who was a patient with our without Shrine or Masonic relationship at a Shriners Hospital for Children.

There are many stories about the children who have been patients at the Shriners Hospital for Children. Here is one. Olivia Stamps seemed like every other little girl. Then she started walking, and her parents noticed something unusual – she was walking on her toes.

Olivia's family grew accustomed to her condition, until the day Olivia's mother brought her along for her brother's immunizations. The doctor, observing Olivia, said, "I think maybe you should take her to see a neurologist. I think she might have cerebral palsy".

Dr. David Westberry, who is a paediatric orthopaedic surgeon, states that in a movement analysis lab, using high-speed cameras, reflective markers, force platforms and muscle sensors work together to create a computer model of how the child moves. Based on the date, the medical team can then determine a very specific treatment plan for a child with mobility impairment and "with modern diagnostic techniques and surgical methods we're able to offer significant treatment options that improve the quality of life and the function of children with Cerebral palsy.

Olivia makes this comment: "My dream was about trying to get my legs fixed one day so I could fit in with all the other kids and it came true. I can run, play, do whatever I want. Thank you for the surgery and everything you've done".

Would the ladies of the Household of Athena Temple No. 149 and other Temples please stand.

I thank you for the privilege of representing you as your Queen and also being present with the Reigning Queens of other Temples at our

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Supreme Session in June. It was a wonderful time and I feel very privileged to be one of the 125 Reigning Queens present. From the bottom of my heart I thank you.

Stepping Stones to Happiness Certificates are a special incentive gift that is available to any donor for a contribution of \$25. These certificates are available in Honour of, in Memory of, and as a Contributor. It is a wonderful way in which to provide a lasting gift to a friend, officer or to family in memory of their loved one or for oneself as a contributor.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Dan on behalf of the Ladies of the Household of Athena Temple No. 149, I wish to present to you both a Stepping Stone to Happiness Certificate and wish for you both an enjoyable and successful Grand Chapter.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi, it is with great pleasure that I present you with a Stepping Stone to Happiness Certificate and wish for you a wonderful General Grand Chapter Session.

May God bless you, keep you safe and in good health.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

The response was given by Brother John Lorimer, Associate Grand Patron.

Brother John: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter committee members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and this "Garden of Love" session, it falls upon me to bring thanks to our concordant bodies for their greetings. To Paul Frank, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Paul Montgomery, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, thank you for taking time to address our Grand Chapter and we wish you both much success in your Masonic endeavours and congratulations on your recent elections.

To Sister Sharon Layton, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, thank you for taking time to speak to us this evening and also congratulations on your election. To Noble Harold Farrow, Assistant Rabban of Philae Temple for your kind words and being with us tonight representing the Potentate and the Divan.

We appreciate all of you taking the time from your busy schedules to encourage and be with us. Thank you again.

HOST FACILITY

WGP Dan introduced Scott MacGillvray, Manager of Student Services,

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to bring us greetings from the Nova Scotia Community College, Stellarton Campus.

PRESENTATION to BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

WGM – All year Brother Danny has had the honour and duty of telling every one about our Special Project, “Breakfast for Learning”. During the year we have become more aware of the immediate results of this program and how it affects not only the present but the future for our children.

The following was sent to me along with a donation to this cause: “As a teacher, I have seen, first hand, what Breakfast for Learning can do in the lives of children. It provides the “fuel for learning”, especially in the lives of children who come to school with often no breakfast; or sometimes even no supper!

One little fellow was drawing a picture in black and I asked him if he had eaten, he told me he found sardines 2 days ago. God Bless You Both, Carol Whitlock.

If there is anyone in the building that has not purchased an elephant or lion pin or pins in support of this project I urge to do so before leaving this evening. In reality you are not purchasing a pin but boxes of cereal, bags of fruit, milk, etc for a dear child who may not receive a nutritious meal, or perhaps any meal, until the next day at school. All funds raised this year will go to the programs in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

WGP Brother Dan: This evening I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Bev Mahon, Co-ordinator of Breakfast for Learning in the Atlantic Region. During the past year, the Order of the Eastern Star in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to date have raised over \$20,000 toward this project. Bev, I have the honour of presenting you with a cheque for this amount and we will have an additional cheque in the future as funds are still being collected.

Bev Mahon: On behalf of Breakfast for Learning, I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for your generous donation.

Established in 1992, Breakfast for Learning, is Canada’s longest running national charity dedicated solely to child nutrition. To date, Breakfast for Learning has helped nourish more than 3.4 million children from coast to coast, providing over 510 million healthy meals and snacks.

Breakfast for Learning empowers communities across Canada to start and sustain much-needed school-affiliated breakfast, lunch and snack

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programs. These programs help to ensure a healthy start for many elementary and secondary students who may otherwise attend school malnourished and unable to adequately learn, thrive and develop to the best of their ability.

In the 2013/14 academic year Breakfast for Learning funded:

- 30 breakfast programs I PEI serving 3,082 children more than 450,000 healthy meals and snacks; and
- 81 programs In Nova Scotia, serving 7,634 children approximately 1.2 million healthy meals and snacks.

Proceeds from this generous donation we received today from the Grand Chapter will help BFL support student nutrition programs in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Breakfast for Learning exists because when a child is hungry, it is hard to learn. One in six Canadian children attends school hungry. One in seven children in Canada lives in poverty and is at risk of falling behind by Grand 3.

The generosity and support of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will help Breakfast for Learning continue its mission to ensure every child attends school well-nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

Again thank you for this wonderful gift. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

DRESS A GIRL CANADA

WGM Sister Mary reported on their fun project “Dresses for Girls in 3rd World Countries”. Through Dress a Girl Canada, the over 991 dresses, shorts, T-shirts, panties collected will be sent to wherever needed anywhere in the world. Sister Mary and Brother Allen will be taking the clothing to Ottawa where a representative from Dress A Girl Canada will pick them up. That morning Sister Mary and a few others were interviewed for CTV News. This was seen by many and as a result there are many others throughout the province now making dresses. Sister Mary will continue to collect these dresses and take them to Dress A Girl Around The World Canada (name changed in 2013).

Sister Jessica MacLennan, PM of Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter No. 37 then sang “The Lord’s Prayer” in Gaelic.

At this time Distinguished Guests and any others who wished to were given an opportunity to leave at this time, although they were welcome to stay if they so desired.

A musical selection was played while guests retired.

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WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

The welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters 2014 was given by Sister Isabelle Pearson, WGM, and Chair

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

The Hostess Chapters for this Session have been Century No. 10, New Glasgow; Myrtle No. 21, Truro; Westville No. 24, Westville; Harmony No. 25, Stellarton; and Elm Nov. 28, Upper Stewiacke.

On their behalf, let me welcome you all to the "Garden of Love" 67th Grand Chapter Session.

We have worked diligently to make this a satisfactory setting and an atmosphere that will cause our many visitors to return again to Pictou County for our warm Nova Scotia hospitality.

Please let us know how we can be of assistance or check with our Information Table. Enjoy your stay!

Sister Mary, WGM, and Brother Dan, WGP, we trust that our efforts have met with your approval and will in some small way contribute to the success of your Session.

Thank you worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of extending the Hostess Chapters 2014 welcome.

The response was given by Sister Suzanne Aitken, Grand Conductress.

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

It is a pleasure to respond to the gracious welcome extended by the Hostess Committee. Your committee has worked long and hard to make this Grand Chapter a success and we sincerely thank each and every one for their part. Each Sister and Brother here will benefit from all your hard work and dedication.

Sister Mary and Brother Danny, may your "Garden of Love" Session be everything you hoped and dreamed for and may you sit back for years to come and have many fond memories of the past year.

Thank you Sister Mary and Brother Danny for the privilege of responding to the Hostess Committee's welcome.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRONS and WORTHY GRAND PATRONS

Sister Donna Richard, Worthy Grand Matron of Alberta and a member of Harmony Chapter No. 25 in Stellarton, N.S. was presented at this time.

Sister Mary, WGM: I hope you are enjoying your special year serving your Grand Chapter and your dreams are coming true. Your taking time to visit our Garden of Love Session is greatly appreciated and we have or plan to visit our sister Grand Chapters as time and scheduling permits.

WGP - Our gift to you: I may be uncertain about exactly where I'm headed, but I am very clear regarding this: I'm glad I've got a ticket to go on this magnificent journey.

The response was given by Sister Donna Richard, WGM.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for allowing me the privilege of responding to your warm Maritime welcome. I wish for you a Grand Chapter Session filled with peaceful and harmonious deliberations that will go far in plans for the future.

Please enjoy the next two days and "No matter What", a little precipitation can only benefit any Garden of Love.

PAST GRAND MATRONS and PAST GRAND PATRONS

16 Past Grand Matrons and 16 Past Grand Patrons were introduced:

Sisters: Helen Connors, Eleanor Mitchell, Barbara Bowser, Marian Durling, Sheila MacDonald, Cheryl Denton, Carol Clark, Edith Conrod, Inez Daye, Marion Conrad, Margaret Clarke, Marylyn Swinamer, Mary Lou Higgins, Jane Wooldridge, Gail Cook and Brothers: Ken Smith, Keith Pettigrew, Lawren Armstrong, Allan Conrad, Allen Denton, Ralph Swinamer, Bill Clark, Frank Cullen, Bill Thompson, Murray Gardner, Adrian Pearson, John Newell, Fred Lipskey, David Waterbury, Whit Giffin and Ted Caulier.

WGM: We are honoured to have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island present. Where would we all be if it wasn't for the experience and wisdom you share. We thank you for all the assistance you give.

WGP: Our gift for you: Won't you come into the garden! I would like my roses to see you.

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The response was given by Brother Allen Denton, PGP.

Brother Allen: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of those who have served this beautiful Order in the same position you now hold I think you for the sincere welcome to this your "Garden of Love" Session.

We are here to enjoy your session and to be of any service to you within our power. Our sincere wish is that this session will be the perfect fulfilment of your fondest hopes and dreams for your year.

Thank you for the honour of responding to your welcome.

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

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

21 Past Grand Matrons and 8 Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced.

Sisters Ann Morton, Betty Danks, Audrey Sypher, Donna Allen, Jeannie Duncan, Donna McEwen, Lynn Hutchin, Nancy Keirstead, Carol Sutherland of New Brunswick; Anita Young (Grand Secretary), Marg Hourston (Grand Treasurer) of Quebec; Bertha (Bert) Johnson of Alberta, Shelley Gullet, New Hampshire; Kathleen MacDonald of California; Christie Peterson, Glenda Meeks, South Dakota; Jerri Holt of Maine; Joyce L. Armonath, Connecticut; J. Ellen MacKay, Judy Fenner and Bonnie Zumalt, of Massachusetts.

Brothers: John Murray, Doug Swan, Laurie Bishop of New Brunswick; Pete Forrest, Maine, Baldur Johnson of Manitoba; Frank Fenner, Cliff Brightman, Robert MacKay of Massachusetts

WGP: Thank you for coming to our session. We hope you enjoy your stay in Pictou County and will return many times in the future.

WGM: Our gift for you: The game of life is a game of boomerang. Our thoughts, deeds, and words return to us soon or later with astounding accuracy.

The response was given by Sister Nancy Keirstead, PGM of New Brunswick who made reference to her fellow "Misfits".

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

10 Elected or Appointed Grand Officers were presented.

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Sisters: Associate Grand Matrons Corley Anne Byros, (Grand Secretary Emeritus) of Maine, Cindy Sheaffer of Wyoming, Susan D. Ferguson, of New Hampshire; Associate Grand Conductresses Greta Smith, New Hampshire, Jean Calhoun, West Virginia; Beverly Beazley, Grand Lecturer of Colorado; Susan MacArthur, Board of General Purposes of Alberta.

Brothers: Associate Grand Patrons Larry Gullet, New Hampshire, Dale E. Hanington, Maine; Kenneth Ulch Grand Chaplain of Ontario.

WGP: We hope you are enjoying your year travelling around representing your Grand Jurisdiction.

WGM: Our gift for you: You are given a daily invitation to fill your heart with all the smiles it can possibly hold.

The response was given by Brother Larry Gullett, AGP, New Hampshire

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

It is a pleasure and a privilege to respond to the gracious and kind welcome extended to the Elected Grand Officers. I especially appreciate this honour as Nova Scotia has a very special place in my heart and each visit seems like coming home to me as we share the fraternal bonds and friendships we have made over the years.

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

They were escorted to the East.

GRAND OFFICERS EMERITUS

The Grand Officers Emeritus of this Grand Jurisdiction were presented.

Sisters Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary Emeritus and Dorothy Prowoz, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

WGP: You have faithfully served the Grand Chapter for a number of years and your dedication is appreciated. We hope you are enjoying your retirement it is well deserved.

WGM: Our gift for you: Give to the world the best you know, and the best will come back to you.

They were escorted to the East.

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

18 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were introduced.

Sisters: Kimberley MacLean of Connecticut, Alice MacAskill of Delaware, Elizabeth Thompson of Maryland, Sharon Horne of Georgia, Margaret Best of Nevada, Marlene Clyke of New Jersey, Bev Wentzell of New York, Marilyn Parker of Ohio, Jessica MacLennan of Scotland, Maureen Roddick of South Dakota, Marian Durling of Washington, Annie Brown of Florida, Elizabeth Moxsom of Wyoming, Cora MacKay of Missouri.

Brothers: Don Selig of California, Harold Farrow of Australia, Carson Jackson of Colorado, Terry Read of West Virginia.

The welcome was given by Sister Irma Maxwell, Associate Grand Matron.

Sister Irma: It is with great pleasure and with love that I welcome you, the Grand Representatives of our beautiful Order to this Garden of Love Session. You are our ambassadors of goodwill throughout our many Jurisdictions. To our visiting Grand Representatives, may you enjoy your visit to Nova Scotia and I hope you will want to visit us again. To the Grand Representatives in our own Jurisdiction, please take this opportunity to enjoy your appointments, get to know your counterparts if they are here, and hopefully you will be able to visit them at their Grand Chapters. Thank you all for being here.

The response was given by Sister Cora MacKay, Grand Representative of Missouri in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Cora: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we thank you Sister Irma for your warm words of welcome.

As we travel, we strive to strengthen the fraternal love and friendship within our own Grand Jurisdiction and within the Grand Jurisdiction we represent. We are thankful for the honour conferred upon each of us and our Chapters by our appointments as Grand Representatives.

Sister Mary and Brother Danny, we extend to you a very successful Garden of Love Session that will give you many happy memories to cherish.

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They were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.

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

Presented at this time were 13 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Susan McLaughlin in Delaware, Tammy Ross in Wyoming, Eleanor A. Carbonaro in Connecticut, Nick Nealis in Idaho, Dorothy E. Sutherland in Michigan, Betty Robinson in New Jersey, Sandra Hern in Ontario, Patricia Whitehill in California, Ginger Houston in Nevada, Vicki Smith in Texas, Lorene Bloomer in Wisconsin.

Brothers Earl Barnes in Oklahoma, David Ogilvie in Rhode Island.

WGP: It is a pleasure and honour to meet our Grand Representatives in the other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you are enjoying your visit to our fair provinces and have an opportunity to meet with your counterparts.

Our gift for you: It is a funny thing about life. If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

The response will be given by Sister Sue McLaughlin, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Delaware.

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

I bring greeting from the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Vickie Nicklas of Delaware as well as my own Chapter, Caesar Rodney No. 8 in New Castle, Delaware.

When Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Reid, asked me to give the response on behalf of the Grand Representatives, I was quite surprised and truly honoured to be asked. It is especially meaningful to me since the WGM was a McLaughlin and I am married to a McLaughlin.

We have been chosen to represent our countries, territories and states. We have traveled far and wide, developing lifetime friendships everywhere we go. We all have made new friends here today and are enjoying our commissions and having fun traveling.

We thank you for all courtesies extended to us and the gifts we have received.

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PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

4 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions were presented.

Sisters: Sally Barnes of British Columbia & Yukon in Oklahoma, Virginia Mitchell of Maine in New Hampshire.

Brothers: John "Tom" McLaughlin of Oklahoma in Delaware, Robert Keirstead of Vermont in New Brunswick,

WGP: Welcome to our little part of the world. We hope you have a wonderful time in the Maritimes and return often.

Our gift for you: The great thing in the world is not so much where you are but in what direction you are going.

They also were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.

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

4 District Deputy Grand Matrons were introduced.

Sisters, Darlene Amirault, District No. 3, Ethel Brown, District No. 4, Brenda Clarke, District No. 6, and Debbie MacNeil District No. 6, Ontario.

Sister Mary, WGM: You did a wonderful job of performing your duties this year. I certainly appreciate all your time and efforts. I know each of you enjoyed meeting with your Sisters and Brothers and were well received in all chapters.

WGP: Our gift for you: Enjoy when you can, and endure when you must.

They were then escorted to the East.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

25 Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced.

Credentials and Registration – Sisters Susan Lorimer (chair), Peg Lipskey

Crafts & Treasurers – Sisters Susan Eaton, Linda Foote, Pat Armstrong,

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Audrey Farquharson

ESTARL – Sisters Marianne MacMillan, Anna Carr, Brother Larry Ingham

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Grand Historian – Sister Margie Allen

Grand Librarian – Sister Janet Johnson

International Headquarters – Sister Goldie Chisholm

Membership – Sisters JoAnne Giffin (chair), Carol Atkinson, Marilyn Farrow

Program Booklet – Sister Ruby MacKenzie (chair), Brother Ken Langille

Publicity – Sisters Heather Matthews (chair), Clara Nieforth, Georgie Foye

Special Project – Sisters Millie Acker, Melda Johnston, Evie Jean Lazenby, Helen Szucs, Mary MacLennan

WGM: A special welcome to our Grand Chapter Committee Members. Where would our Grand Chapter be without all your dedication and hard work. We appreciate all the time you spend in helping our Grand Chapter run smoothly.

WGP: Our gift to you: Your life is a work in progress. That's progress – as in always moving forward, always reaching, always striving, always making things better.

They also were escorted to the East.

PRESENTATION OF 2013-2014 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

17 Worthy Matrons and 12 Worthy Patrons for 2013 – 2014 were introduced.

Mayflower No. 2 – Sister Mabel and Brother Richard Haynes

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Sister Annie and Brother Lloyd Brown

Grace No. 8 – Sister JoAnne Giffin

Century No.10 – Sister Diane Patterson & Brother Murray Gardner PGP

Evangeline No. 15 - Sister Carol Pettigrew & Brother James MacKenzie

Myrtle No. 21 – Sister Heather Boyd and Brother Earl Chisholm

Westville No. 24 – Sister Joyce and Brother Phillip Roode

Harmony No. 25 – Brother Allen Reid

Munro No. 26 – Sister Sheila MacDonald & Brother Brian MacKeigan

St. Mary's No. 35 – Sister Sandra Denton & Brother Jack Whalley

Scotia No. 49 – Sister Darlene Amirault, DDGM

Regent No. 52 – Sister Norma Thompson

Elmsdale No. 55 – Sister Elizabeth Moxsom-Sherring

Ruth No. 57 – Sister Mary Smith

Queen Esther No. 61 – Sister Irene Beeler

Starlight No. 66 – Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton

Laurel No. 67 - Sister Peg & Brother Fred Lipskey

Montague No. 69 – Sister Suzanne Aitken, GC and Brother Paul Aitken

Sister Cindy d'Avella, Hamilton, Ontario

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WGM: Well I see that each of you has made it through another year. Congratulations on all that you do for your chapters and for the Order of the Eastern Star.

WGP: Our gift for you. The mantra to help you make it through: “Need to, can do. Have to, will do.”

The response was given by Sister Irene Beeler, PM Queen Esther No. 61.

They were then escorted to the East.

Next to be presented were those responsible for making sure everything was ready for our members and visitors – 26 members of the Hostess Chapters and Committees.

WGP: You have had an extremely busy few years getting ready for the Garden of Love Session. We all appreciate your hard work and dedication as you prepared to make our visitor’s stay here in Pictou County and our Garden of Love Session most successful and truly memorable.

WGM: Our gift for you:
Count your blessings, not your troubles.
You’ll make it through whatever comes along
Within you are so many answers.
Understand, have courage, be strong.

The response given by Brother Murray Gardner, PGP, Co-chair No.10

Brother Murray: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: It is a pleasure to respond to the gracious welcome extended to the Hostess Committee. Your committee has worked long and hard to make this Grand Chapter a success and we sincerely thank each and every one for their part. Each Sister and Brother here will benefit from all the hard work and dedication.

Sister Mary and Brother Danny, may your “Garden of Love” session be everything you hoped and dreamed for and may you sit back for years to come and have many fond memories of the past year.

Thank you sister Mary and Brother Danny for the privilege of responding to the Hostess Committee’s welcome.
They were escorted to the East.

WGM, Sister Mary thanked Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron for the use of her gavel.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

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The Grand Marshal proclaimed this session from labour to rest to resume at 8:45 am on Tuesday, July 15.

FORMAL OPENING Tuesday Morning, July 15, 2014

The Session began at 8:45am with the **Ribbon Ceremony** – Narrator Sister Judy Fenner, GGCCM, PGM, MA.

Taking part were Past Grand Matrons from our Jurisdiction:

Adah – Sister Sheila MacDonald

Ruth – Sister Inez Daye

Esther – Sister Carol Clark

Martha – Sister Mary Lou Higgins

Electa – Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, GGCCM

Sister Judy Fenner: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your Sisters will now perform a Ribbon Ceremony for you.

When we first join this beautiful Order we are given a 2" by 3" piece of paper and told that we need it when visiting other Chapters as proof that we are indeed a member of the Order. As new members we do not fully understand what a gift this card really is. It really is a magical piece of paper for it symbolizes our membership in a worldwide fraternity of men and women who believe in charity and service to others. We listen to the Ritual over and over again, gaining new insight each time we hear it. We then begin to memorize the words and understand even more. Hopefully, we apply the lessons learned in our daily lives. We travel to other chapters in our state and beyond and begin to appreciate the universality of this fraternity. We learn that with a simple word of phone call we can connect with a support group that is like no other whether we are celebrating a great event in our lives or when we need support in times of illness and sorrow. When traveling the dues card helps establish trust between people and the ability to get help if needed. It is only as we weave all of these experiences together and personally experience this self-less love that we begin to really appreciate the value of our membership. So, a seemingly innocuous piece of paper is really a very valuable document. We invite all of you to watch as the Star Points symbolically weave the lessons of our heroines together to form our star which symbolizes the virtues of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love.

Sister Electa's ribbon is red and is the thread that symbolizes charity, hospitality, courage and love. Her lesson encourages us to reach out to the needy, the friendless, the sorrowing, and the lonely for we are pledged to bring them comfort and love. May you have Electa's courage and love.

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Sister Martha's ribbon of green symbolizes hope and immortality and is the thread of faith, comfort and trust. We are to share her hope and trust with those who are discouraged. We are to be a comfort to those who mourn by sharing in their sorrow. May you have Martha's hope and faith and her unwavering trust in the immortal life of the soul.

Sister Esther's ribbon of white symbolizes purity in thought and action and unwavering loyalty to our Sisters and Brothers and those who look to us for encouragement and support. It is the thread of loyalty to each other and to our principles. Our loyalty gains expression in speaking kind words about others and by being there for support when needed. May you have Esther's loyalty to guide you in your interactions with others.

Sister Ruth's ribbon of yellow symbolizes constancy in our progress through life. Ruth stood by Naomi even though it meant leaving all that was familiar to her. Hers is the thread of quiet helpfulness and perseverance. Ruth learned that by gathering here a little and there a little and with the help of others we can move onward toward our goals.

Sister Adah's ribbon of blue symbolizes our fidelity to our spoken vows and truthfulness in all conditions of life regardless of the cost. Hers is the thread of fidelity to the promises made when we took the Obligation of the Order and fidelity to our family and friends. We are to teach others that truth shines through our lives and can shine through theirs for truth never changes. May you have Adah's fidelity to our obligation and to each other.

In the center of our Star is an Altar upon which rests the Holy Bible. It is from this book that we receive guidelines for living pure and upright lives and words of support, comfort, understanding and love. Let us read and study it often and not forget its lessons.

Sisters, Brothers and friends. Our Star is complete. As you see it displayed may it remind you that by living a life of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love you can make world a better place one act of charity at a time. Every journey begins with a leap of faith and in stepping out in faith we can do anything! Remember: always to be of service to each other and to those less fortunate than we are.

Sister Mary and Brother Daniel, we wish you a happy and harmonious Grand Chapter session. Thank you for allowing us to present this ceremony for you.

To the "Ribbon Weaving" Sisters – thank you for your beautiful work. Sisters and Brothers, follow our Star with all that is in you and you will receive blessings rich, abounding and eternal.

(This ceremony was written by B. Judith Fenner, PGM of MA for Sister Mary Reid, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Daniel Campbell, Worthy

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Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for their 2014 Session.)

9:00am the Formal Opening was called to order by Sister Carol Clark, PGM (standing in for Sister Helen Connors, PGM) and Brother Keith Pettigrew, PGP.

Sister Carol, PGM: Good morning Sisters and Brothers.

Welcome to this the formal session of the Grand Chapter – Garden of Love Session with a very special welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and all our Distinguished Visitors.

I hope you all have had a good night's rest and are now wide awake and ready to make important business decisions.

Thank you Sister Mary WGM and Brother Dan WGP for giving me the honour of opening this Formal Session.

(On behalf of Sister Helen) "Sister Mary; you have been one of my special OES Kids (or to be more diplomatically correct) children. Your mother Norma and I were great friends and we always kept up to date on what our families were doing and I am happy to say they have all done us proud.

Brother Dan: You also have an outstanding background in the Order, and my fondest memory of your family is Mrs. Santa Claus. We also share a Scottish Heritage. I was tempted to wear my Scottish tartan kilt, but, wearing wool in the summer is just not my thing.

Sister Mary and Brother Dan: I am sorry but due to old age and ill health I was unable to attend any of your meetings but I kept up on what was going on and I know that you have had a very successful year and have spread "Hope, Charity, Harmony, and Love" throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. I also know that the "Garden of Love Session" will be an extension of these words. So may God bless and keep you both under the shadow of his wings now and always.

It is also a great honour for me to be sharing the Grand East this morning with Brother Keith. As you all know we were members of the Benevolent Committee for years and have formed a very strong and lasting relationship. I give you Brother Keith."

Brother Keith PGP: Good morning Sisters and Brothers:

I must say how pleased I am to share this formal Opening of the "Garden of Love" Session, with Sister Carol Clark, PGM.

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this Official Opening of the

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Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in a beautiful part of our province, "Pictou County".

Please enjoy your stay.

Sister Carol PGM: I now declare this 67th Annual Session of Garden of Love Grand Chapter open for business.

Entrance of Grand Officers. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented at the altar.

Sister Carol: Sister Mary this is truly a very meaningful moment for me and I know Sister Norma is watching over us. Despite some health problems, you have given this Grand Chapter your very best and have won the respect and loyalty of all our members.

Brother Dan, although your year of service is quickly coming to a close, I know the memories and friendships will never fade.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron you will now be conducted to the East and were accorded the Grand Honours.

Sister Carol: Sister Mary WGM – thank you again for the honour of opening this session. I now present you with your gavel. I know you will use it wisely and well.

I close with this verse that Sister Leah Conn left with me: "May all that is brightest and fairest in life be your portion and share. Be happy and God's blessing attend you, is every my wish and prayer."

Duet: "Hallelujah" by Beth Brett and Shane MacFarlane

OPENING CEREMONY

WGM – The Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Chapter proclaimed opened for the transaction of business.

The Opening Ode "Again We Meet" was sung.

The flag of Canada was presented by Brother John Lorimer, Associate Grand Patron, "O Canada" sung and the flag was placed in the East.

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

Sister Mary thanked Sisters Carol and Helen and Brother Keith for presiding over the Formal Opening of the Garden of Love Session.

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Sister Helen you have been my OES Mom for many years and I thank you for all your patience in answering all my questions.

Brother Keith many years ago when I was a Conductress in my chapter you told me when I decided to go to the Grand East I had your support and here you are today assisting in opening my Grand Chapter Session. Over the years you may have forgotten that conversation but I never did. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Dan also thanked Sisters (Helen) Carol and Brother Keith, for presiding over the Formal opening of the Garden of Love Session.

Both of you have been such stalwarts and dedicated members of our order for so many years. Sister Helen I have always been impressed with your knowledge of all aspects of our order. Brother Keith, our friendship goes back many, many years and it is such an honour and pleasure to have you as a Brother and Friend!

Sister Inez Daye was thanked for taking on the task of organizing the Ribbon Ceremony. A job very well done.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

not previously introduced

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White PGM of West Virginia.

Sister Bobbi was presented at the Altar, escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours. Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton sang "What a Wonderful World".

General Grand Chapter Officer Sister Clara Hamilton, Worthy Grand Electa and PGM of Alabama was presented, escorted to the East and Accorded the Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sisters Susan Martin, Courtesy, Donna White, Registration, Gail Kay chair of Special Projects, Jean Annear Publicity, and Brother Tony Szucs, Courtesy were presented, escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Worthy Patron Brother Craig Savoury, Elmsdale No. 55 was introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East.

Robert's Rules of Order

Brother Adrian PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your Garden of Love Session.

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Sisters and Brothers, as we approach the Business of this Grand Chapter, may we reflect the love and goodwill that was evident in the Frist Garden of Love, so long ago.

Robert's Rules of Order were read by Parliamentarian Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP.

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

APPROVAL OF THE 2013 MINUTES

The 2013 Minutes were deferred to the 2015 Grand Chapter by the Worthy Grand Matron.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS REPORT

Sister Isabelle: The Unfinished Business Committee members are: Sister Inez Daye, PGM, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, PGM, and Sister Isabelle Person, PGM, chair.

As directed at the 2013 Session, your Committee have considered the task of up-dating the Book of Guidelines for Grand Officers.

Background: This Book was compiled and printed in 1987. As noted in the Foreword of the book:

1. It is not an Official document of Grand Chapter.
2. It is intended to provide information to assist present and future Grand Officers.

However, it has not been made available annually to all in-coming Grand Officers.

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Current Situation: As one would expect, it is severely out-dated. It contains many cross-references to the CLL&R, which of course have been rewritten and amended many times in the intervening twenty-seven years.

A major concern for the Committee is the repeating and interpretation of Legislation from the CL&R.

The Committee have reviewed the document in its entirety and comment as follows: Over one hundred amendments (deletions, corrections, references) are required. The resultant product would still be a Book full of references to the CL&R. Therefore, the Book should be set aside.

Your Committee find that the CL&R is the primary source of information and ALL members should be encouraged to become user friendly with it.

Consideration could be given to preparing a Leaflet of FAQ (frequently asked questions) with answers. This would be available through the Grand Secretary's Office and readily accessible.

This is submitted for your consideration.

Other Items:

Most of the motions passed at the 2013 Session have been implemented. The requirement to send copies of Chapter By-Laws to the WGM has not been fulfilled. We understand that several Worthy Grand Matrons have expressed the preference to ask the WGP or the Chapter Secretary for any information if and when needed.

The report was moved by Sister Isabelle and seconded by Sister Eleanor. **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Sister Belle, we would like to thank your committee for all their hard work. Going through past proceedings looking for items that have not been addressed is not only time consuming but requires great concentration. Thank you Sisters for your dedication.

REPORT OF CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

Brother Whit Giffin PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, members of this Grand Jurisdiction:

During Past Grand Matron Sister Jane Wooldridge's year, I was asked if I would head a committee on preparing a Ceremony of Consolidation. It was considered that something was missing from our Constitution, Laws, and Regulations and that the process of consolidation was left hanging in mid-air. Discussions were held with Sister Mary Lou Higgins and at her installation in July 2012, Sister Mary Lou named the Consolidation Ceremony Committee consisting of me, as chair, along

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with Past Grand Matrons Sister Barbara Bowser and Sister Jane Wooldridge.

Since that time, we have spent many hours emailing back and forth and used lots of paper. We were still in our “infancy” (I think I could find you my diapers) when Evening Star Chapter was formed as a result of Emerald and Amethyst Chapters consolidating in June 2013. Thus began our work of trial and error. We were more directly involved in the consolidation of Atlantic and Cedar Chapters in October 2013 and had the ceremony ready for use at that time.

Recognizing the broader need to have Article 31, Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters contained in our C.L.& R., revised to provide a seamless flow from the beginning of the process through to the conclusion with the Ceremony of Consolidation, we embarked on the task of revising Article 31 and in the Notices of Motion presented at this Grand Chapter, you will see and read the results of our hard work.

Worthy Grand Matron let me, on behalf of my wonderful Sisters, state this was a pleasure and education for the three of us and we appreciate having been given the opportunity to successfully bring this to a satisfactory conclusion – it was indeed a labour of love.

Whitman J. Giffin, PGP Chair, Barbara Bowser, PGM and Jane Wooldridge, PGM.

The report was moved by Brother Whit seconded by Sister Barbara.

Carried

WGM/WGP: Brother Whit, Sister Barbara, and Sister Jane you did a wonderful job in preparing our Consolidation Ceremony. We used an amended form on 27 October when the former Chapters Cedar No. 3 and Atlantic No. 65 united to form Cedar Atlantic No. 3. I hear many favorable comments on the ceremony. You did a terrific job.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION 2014

Sister Edith Conrod, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: We your Jurisprudence Committee, Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, Brother Murray Gardner, P|GP, and Sister Edith Conrod, PGM Chair have reviewed the Notices of Motion to be presented at this Grand Chapter Session and report as follows:

Notice of Motion No. 1 – presented by Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, PM Munro Chapter No. 26 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 2 – presented by Sister Diane R. Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24 is in order.

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Notice of Motion No. 3 – presented by Sister Margaret A Clarke, PGM, PM Laurel Chapter No. 67:

Section No. 1 in order

Section No. 2 in order

Section No. 3 in order.

Notice of Motion No. 4 – presented by Diane R Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24 should be changed to Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters Article 16 then motion will be in order.

Notice of Motion No. 5 – presented by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 6 – presented by Sister Marie Black, PM Evangeline Chapter No. 15 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 7 – presented by Brother William F Clark, PGP, PP Westville Chapter No. 24, and Chair of Finance is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 8 – presented by William F. Clark, PGP, PP Westville Chapter No. 24, Margaret A Clarke, PGM, PM of Laurel Chapter No. 67, and Carol D Clark, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 9 – presented by Faye Calder, PM Laurel Chapter No. 67 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 10 – presented by Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order however please note that the Ritual page No. 27 states that the Marshal stands at the left and the Chaplain stands at the right of their respective chairs.

Notice of Motion No. 11 – presented by Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 12 – presented by Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 13 – presented by Kimberley MacLean, Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 14 – presented by Kimberley MacLean, Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No.15 – presented by Kimberley MacLean, Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 16 – presented by Kimberley MacLean, Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

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Notice of Motion No. 17 – presented by Kimberley MacLean , Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 18 – presented by Christine McGillivray, PM Myrtle Chapter No. 21 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 19 – presented by Mary Reid, WGM, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 20 – presented by Mary Reid, WGM, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is out of order as these lines have already been added to Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters Article 16, page 25, 5th paragraph by a motion that was presented by Mary Reid, AGM at our session in July 2013 and passed by this Grand Chapter.

Notice of Motion No. 21 – presented by Mary Reid, WGM, PM Harmony Chapter 25 first part of this Motion is out of order for the same reason as Motion No. 20 as it was included in the same Motion presented at the 2013 Session by Mary Reid, AGM, Harmony Chapter No. 25 and passed. The second part of the Motion is in order and may be voted on.

Notice of Motion No. 22 – presented by Mary Reid WGM, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 23 – presented by Mary Reid, WGM, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 24 – presented by Mary Reid, WGM, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 is In order.

Notice of Motion No. 25 – presented by Whitman J. Giffin, PGP is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 26 – presented by Whitman J. Giffin, PGP is in order.

Sisters and Brothers although we the Jurisprudence Committee finds Motions in order it does not mean that you have to vote for them. Please give considerable thought as to how you vote. If you do not understand a Motion it is better to vote against than for it. A notice of Motion can always be submitted again at the next session.

Sister Edith moved the adoption of this report and seconded by Brother Murray. Carried

WGM: Sister Edith, Brother Murray and Sister Sheila thank you for all your work during the year.

The Parliamentarian ruled that there was no rationale given for Notice of Motion No. 8 and all other Notices had provided this information.

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The Worthy Grand Patron was asked to preside during the Notices of Motion. Those making the Notices of Motion read them, discussions were held, and decisions made.

VOTING ON NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 1. At the 67th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Stellarton, Nova Scotia on July 14th, 15th, and 16th 2014, I will move or cause to move the following:

Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 8, No 1 Page 4: Sessions: Delete the 1st paragraph of No. 1, and replace with: "The regular session of the Grand Chapter shall commence with the Informal opening on Monday of the 2nd full week in July, to take effect in 2018."

Rationale: this will eliminate the conflict our Grand Chapter has with our July 1st Holiday. Also, it will greatly improve the rapport we have with the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Their members will be free to attend our Grand Chapter in its entirety. Our members will not have to rush to get to New Brunswick for Thursday, and we will not lose visitors who may want to attend our Installations, but feel they must leave on Wednesday to get to New Brunswick. This will give us 2 full days between Sessions.

Sheila MacDonald P.G.M. P.M. Munro Chapter No. 26
The Motion was moved by Sister Sheila and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24. **Defeated**

Motion 2. Take notice that at the next session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held July 14, 15, 16, 2014, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Change: Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 7, Page 4: Sessions: "In case of extreme emergency the Grand Council may change the place of meeting" to the following:

"In cases of extreme emergency the Grand Council may change the place and/or dates of the meeting."

Diane R. Hayman P.G.M. P.M. Westville Chapter No. 24
The Motion was moved by Sister Diane and seconded by Sister Isabelle Pearson, PGM, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25. **Defeated**

NOTE: These two Notices of Motion were presented at the 66th Grand Chapter Session in July 2013 as required by CONSTITUTION GRAND CHAPTER Article 12 Nov 1 Page 7 "This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter by a two-thirds vote, provided that any proposed amendment shall have been

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submitted in writing at a previous regular session and printed copies thereof sent to the members at least sixty days before the regular or special session at which action is to be taken.”

Motion 3. At the next Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held July 14, 15, 16, 2014, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

Instructions for Subordinate Chapters:

1. Article 14, Page 23, Paragraph 1: Remove the lines: “With face to the Altar, the Conductress then steps back in the circle of Officers midway between Ruth and Esther.”

And replace with: “The Conductress then takes one step backward, turns and steps back in the circle of officer’s midway between Ruth and Esther and faces the Altar, where she remains until after the Warder reports to the Worthy Matron.”

2. Article 14 Page 23, Paragraph 2: Remove the lines: “After completing the prayer, with face toward the Altar, she/he rises and steps back into the circle of officers, midway between Esther and Martha.”

And replace with: “After completing the prayer she/he stands, takes one step backward, turns and steps back into the circle of officer’s midway between Esther and Martha and faces the Altar.”

3. Article 14, Page 24, Paragraph 2: Remove, after Salutation Sign: “step back into the circle of Star Officers between Ruth and Esther, turn toward the Southeast, take the necessary steps to the marching line and return to her station.”

And replace with: “step back into the circle of Star Officers between Ruth and Esther, turn toward the Southwest, take the necessary steps to the marching line and return to her station.”

Rationale: These are housekeeping motions based on Resolution No. 38 passed at General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly November 2012.

Also, refer to Constitution of Grand Chapter Article 2 Page 1 Paragraph 2.

“The Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward shall conform to the Ritual and the Ritualistic work in the General Grand Chapter Book of Instructions. When changes are made in ritualistic work, decisions or resolutions pertaining to Ritualistic Work are adopted in General Grand chapter, they shall immediately be in force in the Grand Jurisdiction.” (refer to Red Book, Page 15)

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Margaret A. Clarke, P.G.M. P.M. Laurel Chapter No. 67

The Motion was moved by Sister Margaret and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville No. 24 **Carried**

Motion 4. Take notice that at the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward, to be held on July 14, 15, 16, 2014, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

4. LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER: Article 16

Dual membership: Delete Heading, and Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Pages 16 and 16(a), in their entirety, and replace with the following: Article 16 Plural Membership

1. A member in good standing of a Subordinate Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward may hold membership in more than one Subordinate Chapter, in this Grand Jurisdiction, or in more than one Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, provided that the Grand Chapter of Subordinate Chapter also permits Plural membership.

2. The procedure in receiving and acting upon any petition for Plural Membership shall be the same as that of any other petition for affiliation. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Primary Chapter and other chapters to which the petitioner belongs, must accompany the petition. The Secretary of the electing Chapter shall immediately give written notice of such election to the Grand Secretary. This notice shall give the name of the said Plural Members, and the names of the Subordinate Chapter, and Grand Jurisdiction where the Primary membership and other memberships are held.

3. Plural members must pay annual dues in all chapters, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in each. A Chapter Secretary shall not issue a receipt for a member holding Plural membership, until proof of good standing in the Primary Chapter and other chapters has been established. Such information may be obtained from the Dues receipt of other Chapters.

4. A Plural member shall be entitled to:

(a) vote in each of the Chapters in which she or he holds membership

(b) hold an office, except the offices of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, and Secretary, in more than one Chapter at the same time.

(c) register as a member of only one Chapter at Grand Chapter

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(d) carry the rank of Past Matron or Past Patron into the Chapter with which she or he becomes a Plural Member.

5. Loss of membership by suspension for non-payment of dues, or expulsion in any Chapter carries with it the loss of membership in all Chapters. The Secretary of the Chapter in which the Plural member is suspended or expelled, shall immediately notify in writing, the other Chapters in which said person holds membership. The Secretary of the Chapter receiving such notice shall immediately record her or her so suspended or expelled, and shall further note such action in the minutes of the next stated meeting. The Secretary shall then notify the Grand Secretary, in writing of the suspension of the Plural Member.

6. When a member desires to terminate Plural membership, she or he shall request a demit. The Secretary of the Chapter which grants the demit, shall notify the Secretaries of the other Chapters in which the member retains membership. The Secretary shall notify the Grand Secretary that the membership as a Plural member has been terminated, and a demit was granted.

7. The Grand Secretary shall keep a record of all members holding plural Membership.

8. Plural membership may also be permitted with Australia, New York, New Jersey, and Scotland, if the Chapters in those jurisdictions allow Plural membership; and if the masonic affiliation is in order with Grand Chapter requirements.

Rationale: Resolution No. 2 presented at General Grand Chapter in 2012, was passed, allowing Plural memberships in those jurisdictions who wish to permit them. This will allow many members to retain membership in their mother or Primary Chapters as they move around in this busy mobile world. Family and jobs often dictate that members move to other parts of their own Grand Jurisdiction as well as to other Grand Jurisdictions. Most members wish to "cling to" their Home Chapter in which they were first introduced to this beautiful Order; and this change to Plural membership allows them to do this, as well as be able to join other Chapters who can use their help as a member. For example: this change would allow a member to retain membership in their Chapter(s) in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and if they must move away, they may then join a Chapter in their new Jurisdiction.

Diane R. Hayman P.G.M. P.M. Westville Chapter No. 24

The Motion was moved by Sister Diane and seconded by Sister Janet Johnson, PM Westville Chapter No. 24. **Carried**

Motion 5. Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters Article 40 MISCELLANEOUS Page 59 Delete the eighth statement, "Beer, Liquor and Intoxication beverages must not be served nor sold at Eastern Star gatherings."

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This article was removed from the Red Book of General Grand Chapter at the last session of General Grand Chapter in 2012 by the vote of the delegates I attendance.

Diane R. Hayman P.G.M. P.M. Westville No. 24

The Motion was moved by Sister Diane and seconded by Sister Janet Johnson, PM Westville Chapter No. 24. **Carried**

Motion 6. At the July 2014 Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved, the following:

Article 2 Laws and Regulations of Grand chapter Page 10, "Duties of Officers – District Deputy Grand Matrons, Item 3 Line 2: Which now "annually visit each Chapter in their district in any one of the following months September, October or November" DELETE the word, SEPTEMBER

The line would then read: 3. "annually visit each Chapter in their districts in either the month of OCTOBER or NOVEMBER for the purpose of conducting an official Inspection"....

RATIONALE: The officers are Installed in June and September being the first month in most Chapters for a meeting after Installation, and some of the new officers are newly initiated members, it is very stressful for them to do all the work in September. We should be very mindful not to put too much stress on them so soon.

Marie Black P.M. Evangeline Chapter No. 15

The Motion was moved by Sister Ruby MacKenzie, seconded by Brother Jim MacKenzie PP., Evangeline Chapter No. 15. **Defeated**

Motion 7. At the 2014 Grand Chapter Session, July 2014, I will move or cause to be moved that Article 3 Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Page 28, be amended as follows: No. 8: add after Grand Chapter "and all chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island."

Add new section No. 9: "all chapters are to send a copy of their liability insurance policy annually to the Grand Secretary." Renumber current numbers 9 and 10 as numbers 10 and 11.

AMENDED on a motion by Wilma Verge seconded by Sister Gail Hemlow and carried "all chapters are to send a copy of the receipt for payment for their Liability Insurance annually to the Grand Secretary."

Rationale: As subordinate chapters are in fact subordinate to the Grand Chapter and as the Grand Chapter has liability insurance, and if a chapter whether in Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island does not have liability insurance any litigation could fall back on the Grand Chapter, it

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is imperative all chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island carry sufficient liability insurance.

William F. Clark, PGP, PM Westville No 24 Chair of Finance
The Motion was moved by Brother Bill and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24. **Carried**

Motion 8. We will move or cause to be moved at the 2014 Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the following notice of motion that will be effective for the Grand Chapter session 2017.

Laws and Regulation Grand Chapter – Article 3, Page 32, Chapter Committees and their Duties: Add the following after “Benevolent Committee”: New: “Chapter Arrangements Committee”

The Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee shall consist of the following:

1. General Chair
2. Housing Chair
3. Social & Tickets Chair
4. Set Up & Decorations Chair

Their responsibilities are as follows:

General Chair: This person' overall responsibility is to negotiate with the designated hotel staff, the following:

dates for Grand Chapter session
the Conference room and set up for Grand Chapter session
the room rates
the meal prices
the rooms for specific functions - Registration; Meals; Past Grands, PAGOS, Grand Representatives meeting areas; Crafts and Treasurers and Vendors areas.
the seating arrangements for all Banquets and Luncheons
the storage of Grand Chapter paraphernalia

Housing Chair:

negotiate, along with the General Chair, the hotel room rates
be the contact person with the hotel for room registration
receive all room registrations and communicate same to the hotel management

Social & Tickets Chair:

obtain along with the General Chair, menus and rates for all meals at Grand Chapter including, but not limited to, the Main Banquet, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron's Luncheon; Past Matrons and Past Patron's Luncheon; Secretaries and Treasurer's Luncheon, Grand Representatives Luncheon, Past Grand Matron and Past

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Grand Patron's Luncheon, PAGOS Breakfast, and any others deemed necessary.
coordinate, with the Worthy Grand Matron and other groups, their meal requirements for the main banquet and specific luncheons.
coordinate, with hotel management, the room set up for banquet and luncheons
consult, with the General Chair, Worthy Grand Matron, and specific groups, to set prices for Banquet and all luncheons.
receive all requests for tickets for all events

Set Up & Decorations Chair: coordinate with the Worthy Grand Matron her ideas for decorations for the Grand Chapter session.
arrange with hotel staff the complete set up of the Grand Chapter room including the procurement and set up of the sound system
arrange for decorations of the Grand Chapter Room, and coordinate with the Social Chair, the decorations for Banquet and Luncheons.
arrange to have Grand Chapter paraphernalia put in prearranged storage location after Grand Chapter session is completed.
arrange the return of the sound system, if it is not the property of Grand Chapter.

William F. Clark, PGP PP Westville Chapter No. 24
Margaret A. Clarke, PGM PM Laurel Chapter No. 67, Carol D. Clark, PGM PM Westville Chapter No. 24
This motion was not voted on at this time pending Rationale.

Motion 9. At the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, July 2014, I will move or cause to be moved.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 10 Page 36 "Revenue of Grand Chapter", add the following to the beginning of the article
Supplies, Books, Forms
Supplies (including Rituals, Constitution Laws and Regulations, etc) shall be furnished to Subordinate Chapters and Members at 20% above Cost. For those that are purchased through General Grand Chapter, the Cost includes price, plus exchange, shipping, and cost of money order.

RATIONALE: When we receive invoices from General Grand Chapter, the cost includes, shipping and handling. Plus we have the cost of exchange and money order. For invoices from Canadian suppliers, the costs would include, shipping, handling and GST, if necessary. The mark up on these items provides income for Grand Chapter. We understand this has been done in the past, but has never been included in the CL&R.

Faye Calder PM Laurel Chapter No. 67
The Motion was moved by Sister Faye and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24. **Carried**

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Motion 10. At the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Stellarton, NS in July 2014, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

CL&R Book of Instructions For Subordinate Chapters Article 40 Page 69
CL&R Miscellaneous add: "Elected officers (when possible) should stand in front of their chairs. When possible, the Chaplain, Marshal, Warder, should stand beside their chairs next to the line of march. The Organist should stand beside the piano seat."

RATIONALE: We have instruction stating where the Star Point Officers are to stand and should complete the information by stating where all other officers are to stand so we will have consistency in our chapters.

Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25
Motion was moved by Sister Candace seconded by Sister Mary Reid
PM Harmony Chapter No. 25. **Defeated**

Motion 11. CL&R Book of Instruction For Subordinate Chapters Article 14 page 14 No. 3 add to the beginning: "A Candidate who cannot kneel may be seated at the Altar and hold the Bible in regular manner and take the Obligation." This seat should be placed at the Altar by the Marshal prior to the beginning of the ceremony and removed after the Conductress(s) leave the Altar on their way to Adah's station. This would ensure that the seat is not in the way as the procession moved from Star Point to Star Point.

RATIONALE: To comply with CL&R Book of Instruction For Subordinate Chapters Article 27 Initiatory Ceremony Page 52 last sentence, a candidate who cannot kneel may be seated at the Altar and hold the Bible in regular manner and take the Obligation."

Candace Reid PM Harmony Chapter No. 25
Motion was moved by Sister Candace seconded by Sister Mary Reid,
PM Harmony Chapter No. 25. **Carried**

Motion 12. CL&R Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters Article 40 page 69 CL&R Miscellaneous add: "Items are to be placed under the Star Point Officer's chairs, unless there is a place in the pedestal.

RATIONALE: If not, they would be inside the labyrinth or near the line of march which would be a hazard to anyone walking about the Chapter room.

Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25
Motion was moved by Sister Candace seconded by Sister Diane
Hayman, PGM, PM Westville No. 24 **Carried**

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Motion 13. At the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Stellarton, July 2014, I will move or cause to move the following:

CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 1 Officers, Elected, Appointed and Eligibility Page 1 No. 3 states "with the exception of the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress who by virtues of their office shall serve as District Deputy Grand Matron." ADD: "and Associate Grand Matron."

RATIONALE: to agree with Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 2 page 3 Duties of Officers, Worthy Grand Matron No. 6.

Kimberley MacLean Harmony Chapter No. 25
Motion was moved by Sister Kimberley seconded by Sister Mary Reid,
PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 **Carried**

Motion 14. Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 19 Election of Grand officers Page 45: Change from: (2) request all voting members to sit in groups separate from non-voting members".

To: "(2) request all members of this jurisdiction to sit in groups separate from the visitors."

RATIONALE: All members in this Grand Jurisdiction are entitled to vote per Constitution of Grand Chapter Article 5 Membership of Grand Chapter Page 3 No. 1.

Amended to read: exception of chair who should remain in stated place.

Kimberley MacLean Harmony Chapter No. 25
Motion moved by Sister Kimberley seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP,
PP Westville Chapter No. 24. **Carried**

ADDRESS OF OUR MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Bobbi, MWGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: HELLO NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND!!!

It is good to be here with you at your 67th Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the seeds of love and service you have sown are in full bloom in your "Garden of Love" Session.

When I first arrived in Nova Scotia, I did what all Canadians do when they return home; I went to Tim Horton's! My first memory of visiting this wonderful establishment was after a late meeting one night here. I was riding with Sister Margaret and Brother Fred Clarke and we stopped for a snack at Tim Horton's. I thought I had died and gone to

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heaven, or else I was really hungry! It is Canada's answer to Starbuck's!

It is always special when I can return to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand Chapter and visit with good friends and my kind of people and renew friendships made over many years of my Eastern Star life.

Sister Mary Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for using my West Virginia flag. It is always good to have a piece of home with me when I travel.

Thank you also for using one of my gavels for a part of your deliberations. This is my oldest gavel as I used it as Worthy Matron of my home chapter, Thelma Chapter No. 24 in Clendenin, West Virginia in 1970-1971.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has always been wonderful and superlatives seem to come easy here. The evergreens seem greener and the water in the lakes and rivers seem bluer than a lot of other places. The air even appears lighter because it is not contaminated and you can't see it! Now, where I live sometimes we get nervous when we can't see our air!

My best wishes are extended to all of the Tri Line Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons for a wonderful year of service with love as you served, are serving or will serve your Grand Chapter as its leaders and we all have to help each other to accomplish the goals of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Our Ritual, Laws and Traditions are so very important to our Order. We are not a social club, but it is our ties to our founding principles that set us apart from other organizations. Our Traditions should always be upheld and practiced and we should adhere to the Red Book of General Grand Chapter for guidance in all matters. You received your Grand Chapter Charter through General Grand Chapter many years ago and we must take care to live up to its principles.

Will the General Grand Chapter Officer please stand? We like to call them the "First Family" since "The White House" should always have one.

Now, would all the other General Grand Chapter Appointments please stand and be recognized? We appreciate your being here and thank you all for accepting your positions to work for the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

My first visit to Nova Scotia was way back when I was a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia in 1982 and your Session was held in Halifax at St. Mary's University. It was the 35th Grand Chapter and was presided over by Sister Dorothy Oliver as Worthy Grand Matron and Brother

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Kenneth Smith and it was called, "The Guiding Light". That used to be one of my mother's favourite soap operas back home!

It's always a joy to come to Nova Scotia and be with you once again as you leave your legacy in the history of your Grand Chapter taking care to live up to the principles of our Order of the Eastern Star. Your Brother Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron was always dedicated to this purpose. My many fond memories of Brother Fred not only here in Nova Scotia, but as we served on the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees together many years ago will never be forgotten. I was present when this Grand Chapter voted overwhelmingly to support him as a candidate for Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and I joined Fred's Crew to go on the voyage to the East in General Grand Chapter. It was a sad and difficult time for the Eastern Star world when Brother Fred passed away far too soon. When I attended his services, it was heart-warming for me and I know for Sister Margaret and her family to see the tremendous attendance and to hear the wonderful remarks that were said about our dear departed Brother. He had worked so hard in his Eastern Star efforts, just as Sister Dorothy Dewing, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron had and neither one of them got to preside over their Triennial Assembly.

In the meantime I have traveled all over your province to attend your sessions. From Halifax to Dartmouth to Greenwich to Sydney to Stellarton, to the Western Shore and now back to Stellarton once again and all points in between and I ever tried Haggis twice – my first and last times!

Service to others is our goal and all of our projects reflect that major premise of Eastern Star. Our programs for the next three years are wide reaching and reflect Charity Truth and Loving Kindness.

The Alzheimer's committee is a new committee and is long overdue for our support in finding a way to ease the devastation not only of the memory loss of our loved ones but to also help the entire family and friend understand this debilitating disease of the affected person. It is a degenerative disease that slowly kills the nerve cells of the brain and the brain dies before the body. I would ask that if you know someone who has Alzheimer's or has died with this disease, would you please stand? Your Sister Annie Mae Waterbury is serving on this important and much needed committee.

Brother Zeke Eaton is serving on the Heart Committee, which is another important Committee. We must never take for granted the frailty of life as our very existence depends on every single beat of our heart. I'll have to tell you that Zeke told me of a good Mexican restaurant right in my own town that I didn't even know about.

Sister Marian Buchan is serving on the Shrine Charities Committee and this is the main fund raising committee for these three years. We are

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selling ONLY one pin this Triennium to benefit our project and it is this beautiful Austrian crystal scattered star pin that I am wearing and it sells for \$25 US funds and the profits realized remain in your jurisdiction for your projects. We hope you will consider the Shrine Charities as it has to be the world's greatest philanthropy, as they provide their services to any child they can help for as long as they need care until the age of 18. And now, the Shrine has started accepting as patients, our wounded military personnel coming back from conflicts, who are in need of prostheses to replace lost limbs or other services. This magnificent gesture ties right in with the **Support Our Military Committee**, one of our new Committees for General Grand Chapter, and it is a win-win ideal situation for us!

Sister Margaret Clarke is a BFF or better known as Bobbi's Forever Friend and she has been that for many years except she is a cutthroat when playing cards! She served the General Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Esther and after Fred's passing; she traveled on to carry out the planned itinerary as he would have wanted her to do. However, at a recent Grand Chapter she was announced as Bobbi's Favourite Friend and it has been an inside joke since then, but let's just keep it between all of us.

We are proud and pleased to have all of these wonderful appointments working with us in this "Hope For Tomorrow" Triennium.

In 1952, the ESTARL project became the sponsored project of the General Grand Chapter and its connection with Education is long standing. I'm sure we all know the importance of education for everyone, not just our youth, but especially for those interested in the religious field in some manner.

Sisters and Brothers, the General Public doesn't know who we are and we must become visible to attract new member. The Public Relations Committee is selling this lovely Eastern Star jewellery that I am wearing. Sister Julie McMillan, a member of this committee from Illinois and her husband Bob have a table outside to show you the necklace, earrings, bracelet, and Bobbi's Friendship ring, which is a limited edition and will only be sold these three years. The profits from this project will be used to fund a PR campaign to further our public image and hopefully gain new member.

Through Community Service we can provide a dual purpose of not only helping those who are in need, but also saying to the Public, "We are the Order of the Eastern Star and helping others is what we do". Being engaged in our communities in any way we can is also a Public Relations tie-in with the Community Service and Membership Committees that are so very important to our existence. Your dedication to this purpose was demonstrated last night in a big way with the 1000 dresses for "Dress A Girl Canada" project of the Worthy Grand Matron. The representative for the "Breakfast of Learning" program was

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overwhelmed with the very generous donation to that program of the Worthy Grand Patron's.

I have many friends as well as wonderful memories of my many visits to your jurisdiction since I first visited with you in 1982. And over the years, I have had the pleasure of serving with several of your members in different capacities and the memories linger on.

Many of your Past Grands have served the General Grand Chapter as Committee Members in the intervening years, and represented you well. Sisters Megan Church, Diane Hayman Barbara Bowser Jessie Nutter, Dora Turnbull, Vi Blair, Eleanor Mitchell, Carol Clark, Mildred and Cheryl Denton and all of the Marians and Brother Bill Clark, Al Mitchell, Ken Smith, and Keith Pettigrew just to name a few.

I rode back into Halifax from Moncton, New Brunswick late one night after their meeting with Sister Megan Church driving, Sister Jessie Nutter in the back seat and me riding shotgun! Let me tell you it was a wild and crazy drive and I believe Sister Megan talked the entire trip!

Then, some other folks that just kind of became instant friends were Cecil Decker, your Grand Treasurer for several years and Garry Hope who served as Grand Warder.

The 1618 project, which is the address of our International Headquarters in Washington, DC was introduced as a means of raising funds to repair the original elevator in the International Headquarters as well as doing additional repairs on our building in DC. We urge you to support the 1618 project in buying a ribbon for \$20 or contributing \$100 or more for an International Headquarters pins. The ribbons feature the colors of our five star points and you can all of the colors.

If you don't subscribe to the Eastern Star Journal, I would encourage you to sign up to receive YOUR magazine. It is filled with stories about community service and various activities around our world. It is now under new management since we have a new Editor Sister Kathy Miller from Illinois.

Now, I'm sure that in the hills of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, you have some mountain lions roaming around in the woods out there someplace and I heard about one mountain lion that was out roaming the hills and he came upon an unsuspecting bull graving. He was starving and approached the bull, killed it and began devouring all that he could eat.

After a while, he was feeling so full and proud of himself, he began to road and Road and ROAR so loudly that soon a hunter came long, heard him, and killed the mountain lion!

Now, the moral of this story is: When you're full of bull you should keep

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your mouth shut!

The little verse that I end all of my talks with is the same one that I used when I was Worthy Grand Matron of West Virginia in 1980-1981.

We wish for you a happy heart, a peace to fill your mind, a hope, a faith, a dream come true of quite a special kind.

Thank you for allowing me to address your members at this time.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, PGM and Brother Whit Giffin, PGP on behalf of the Past Grands Club moved and seconded that the following persons be granted Honorary Memberships in our Grand Chapter.
Motion Carried

Sister Bobbi White, MWGM, Thelma Chapter No. 24, Clendenin, West Virginia; Brother John E. Grobler, MWGP, Reliance Chapter No. 216, Bremerton, Washington; Sister Sandy Caunt, Sirius Chapter No. 123, Matawan, New Jersey; Brother Fraser Caunt, Sirius Chapter No. 123, Matawan, New Jersey; Sister Jane J. Sims, PGM, Ruth Chapter No.15, Manchester, New Hampshire; Brother E. William Rohr, PGP, Ruth Chapter No.16, Manchester, New Hampshire; Brother Michael Meeks, PP, Battle River Chapter No. 142, Hermosa, South Dakota; Brother Philip Hubbard, PGP, Evening Star Chapter No. 189, Hartland, Maine, Sister Jean Hubbard, PM, Evening Star Chapter No. 189, Hartland, Maine.

Replacements: Sisters Glenda E. Meeks, PGM, and Christie Peterson, PGM, Battle River Chapter No. 142, Hermosa, South Dakota due to loss in a house fire.

Sister Mary, WGM then presented Honorary Memberships to the following: Sister Bobbi White MWGM, Sister Glenda Meeks, PGM and Sister Christie Peterson, PGM.

Sister Mary, WGM asked the Grand Conductress to present Sister DiAnne Campbell, Grand Representative of Quebec. Sister DiAnne was presented, escorted to the East where Brother Dan WGP presented the commission. She was then accorded Grand Honours.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Diane, GS: The Secretaries and Treasurers Luncheon has been moved to the Fire Hall.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session from labour to refreshments to resume at 1:30pm.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 15, 2013

The Grand Officers assumed their station and the Grand Chapter was proved. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session from refreshments to labour.

INTRODUCTIONS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

not previously introduced

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Peggy Jajoe and **Worthy Grand Patron** Brother Ray Kraglund of New Brunswick were presented, welcomed, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Past Grand Patron Brother Ronald Jajoe of New Brunswick was also presented, welcomed, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Appointed Grand Officer Sister Shirley Kraglund, Grand Ruth of New Brunswick was introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East where she was given a hearty welcome.

Grand Representatives: Sister Beth Brogan of New Mexico and Brother Arthur Phinney of Wisconsin in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented, welcomed to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

**PARTIAL REPORT OF
CREDENTIAL & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Sister Susan Lorimer, chair gave the following report.

Voting from our Grand Jurisdiction	– 254
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions	– 105
TOTAL	– 359

Sister Susan moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Sister Peg Lipskey. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

Minutes of the Tuesday morning Session were read by **Sister Diane Hayman**, PGM, Grand Secretary and moved the adoption of these minutes. This was seconded by Sister Carol Clark, PGM Westville No. 24, **Motion Carried.**

Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, BFF of MWGM:

1. She announced that the General Grand Chapter Trustees gave money to Sister Margaret for a Most Worthy Grand Patron's jewel.

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Instead of a new jewel, a circle will be added to the pentagon on Brother Fred's Past Grand Patron's jewel; as this was his wish.

2. From March 29 – 31st she attended the Constitution the Grand Chapter of Italy in Milan, presented a Canadian Flag in Brother Fred's honour, and brought greetings on behalf of our Grand Jurisdiction.

REPORTS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ANNIE MAE WATERBURY ALZHEIMERS

Sister Annie Mae, GGCCM, PGM:

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

Alzheimers is the leading cause of dementia and it is one of the fastest growing diseases in Canada. It seems there is hardly a person who does not know someone impacted. With dementia, memory loss is accompanied by impaired judgement and language, and the inability to perform some activities of daily living. It brings out feelings of helplessness -- not only for the person suffering, but also for the people who want to help.

Without question, dementia is a progressive and a degenerative disease that destroys vital brain cells. It is not a normal part of aging. It becomes challenging to communicate with people. Love, joy, fear, anger and sorrow -- these emotions remain. Also, there are moments of frustration, anxiety, grief, bewilderment and desperation. It takes their memories, their familiarity with family and friends.

In this disease, knowledge is powerful. Understanding how to care for a person is paramount. Love, patience, understanding, and humour is all part of helping them.

Dementia can occur in anyone, at any age, even in their 30's, 40's, and 50's, but the risk of developing alzheimers increases with age. If you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms of dementia like memory loss, confusion or difficulty in completing tasks, see your family doctor. It is important to get a prompt diagnosis because the earlier treatment is started, the more effective it can be. We need to show our continued support in having fundraisers in our Chapters to raise monies for this worthwhile cause, which is one of our Most Worthy Grand Matron's special General Grand Chapter charities.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to address the assembly at this time.

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WGP – Sister Annie Mae thank you for your very informative information.

We will now hear remarks from Brother Zeke Eaton, GGCCM on Heart.

BROTHER ZEKE EATON HEART

Brother Zeke Eaton, GGCCM, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all:

It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the General Grand Chapter Committee on Heart.

Heart funds throughout North America provide money to support research into the causes and treatment of heart disease and stroke. Hopefully, over time, more effective preventive measures and treatments will be developed.

Thank you Sister Bobbi, for the honour of being allowed to serve on this General Grand Chapter Committee, and thank you, Sister Mary, for allowing me the opportunity to speak.

And a reminder from the sages – Some mistakes are just too much fun to only make once.

WGM - Brother Zeke thank you for your information on your Committee.

We will now hear remarks from Sister Marion Buchan, GGCCM on Shriner's Charities

SISTER MARION BUCHAN SHRINE CHARITIES

Sister Marion, GGCCM, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers:

I was honoured to be asked by Sister Bobbi to serve as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member and thrilled when I learned that Shrine Charities was to be my committee. A sincere "Thank-you" to both the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment.

As the members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island already know, the Shrine Hospital for Children was the charity Brother Frank Cullen and I chose as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. With the help of our members, more than

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\$32,000 was sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal. I cannot thank you enough. And you are continuing to support the Shriners Hospital when you purchase a cluster of stars pin from me that so many of you are wearing. Thank-you again!

As a member of the Daughters of the Nile, whose only philanthropy is the Shriners Hospitals, I have toured several of the Shrine Hospitals. The hospital in Montreal is unique and as the only Canadian hospital – it is very special. This hospital is renowned for research and on a personal note, I have a grand-daughter who wants to study and work there. She has just completed her third year of university.

This is a very exciting time for the hospital in Montreal as the building of a new facility for the Shriners Hospital for Children is well underway. The corner stone was laid on September 23, 2013 and I plan to be there when it is opened in 2015. The hospital will be three times the size of the current hospital. It will have more operating rooms and direct connection to the Montreal Children's Hospital. Complicated surgeries can be performed with access to an ICU next door.

The Miss Canada International competition used to be a pageant but has turned into a scholarship competition that encourages young women to develop a platform on a public issue and work within their community. Twenty-three year old Alyssa MacLeod, a recent graduate of Cape Breton University was nominated by the Shriners and was chosen as Miss Canada International with her Power of Perseverance platform, entitled "Encouraging Children with Disabilities to Reach their Dreams". She says that "Thanks" to the Shriners that dream is possible. Alyssa is a Shrine child who was diagnosed at six months of age with cerebral palsy. She has had major surgeries in 1994, 2000, 2006, 2007 on her spine and feet. Alyssa has always tried to maintain a positive attitude and does not see herself as having a disability. Her goal is to study medicine and when she is finished, she would like to be a Doctor at the Shriners Hospital in Montreal.

Wonderful stories like this one continue to touch my heart and keep me working to support the Shriners Hospital for Children.

WGP: It is always a pleasure to hear from you Sister Marion. Thank you.

Sister Annie Mae, Sister Marion, and Brother Zeke we are so very proud of you for what you have done and continue to do for this Grand Jurisdiction and now for what you are doing for the General Grand Chapter.

NOTICES OF MOTION (continued)

It was reported that **Motion 14** which was previously carried, should have been defeated, as it required a two-thirds majority to pass.

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At this time Brother Bill Clark, PGP **withdrew Motion No. 8.**

Motion 15. Kimberley MacLean, Harmony Chapter No. 25 moved the following motion which was seconded by Sister Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25.

CL&R Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters Article 9 Business of a Chapter page 14, 1st paragraph Add: “unless they have been asked to fill another office by the Worthy Matron.”

RATIONALE: To agree with Article 9 Business of a Chapter page 14 3rd paragraph 2nd sentence: “The Worthy Matron has the right to ask an officer to fill another office pro-tem.” **Carried**

Motion 16. The following Motion was moved by Sister Kimberley seconded by Sister Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25.

CL&R, Book of Instructions For Subordinate Chapters Article 22 page 43 third paragraph change “... she moves the Bible to one side of the Altar to make room for the ballot box.” To “... she moves the Bible to her right or to the top of the Altar to make room for the ballot box.”

Rationale: Continuity in Instructions. To agree with the instruction on page 40: “on the left side of the Bible, or in front of the Bible if the Altar is small.” **Carried**

Motion 17. The following motion was moved by Sister Kimberley seconded by Sister Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25.

CL&R Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 2 Chapter Room Page 3 second full paragraph, three lines from the end Change: “candidates” to “new members”.

RATIONALE: Once the obligation is taken, the candidate becomes a member. **Carried**

Motion 18. The following motion was moved by Sister Christine seconded by Sister Mary Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25

Note that at the next session of Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Stellarton in July, 2014, I will move the following:

CL&R Book of Instruction of subordinate Chapters Article 21 Page 36 and the top of Page 37 “Report of the Investigating Committee:, last sentence; “A petitioner for degrees or for affiliation must not be informed of the personnel of the Investigating Committee”

Change to: “Only the members of the Investigating Committee shall

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I inform any petitioner(s) for degrees or affiliation, the personnel of the committee.”

RATIONALE: To verify who actually informs the petitioner(s) of the names of those serving on the Investigating Committee and to make sense of the statements in the last paragraph on Page 37, starting where it first states: “It is desirable that Investigating Committees make personal contact with the petitioner, if she or he is not known personally to the committee. Sometimes a call at the home is helpful if tact and good judgement are used by the committee.” **Defeated**

Motion 19. The following Motion was moved by Sister Mary seconded by Sister Kimberley MacLean, Harmony Chapter No. 24

CL&R Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters Article 16 Page 27 Introductions 2nd paragraph 2nd last sentence.

Delete: “The Ritual Page 106 specifies the proper wording for giving Grand Honours.” This is part of the Installation Ceremony and not an “instruction” which are written in a different font size. In its place, insert: “Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honours to”

RATIONALE: To agree with the Red Book Page 169 1st full paragraph 1st sentence which states: The conductress escorts the Most Worthy Grand Matron through the Labyrinth on the North side of the altar and the Worthy Matron, extending her right hand, receives her in the East and says “Sisters and Brothers, you will join me I extending the Grand Honours to our Most Worthy Grand Matron.” **Defeated**

Motion 20. The following motion was moved by Sister Mary seconded by Sister Kimberley MacLean Harmony Chapter No. 24

CL&R Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters Article 16 Page 23

Add: “If the Conductress should be introduced, and there is no one else to be introduced at the same rank the Associate Conductress does the introducing.”

RATIONALE: At the first meeting of the year a District Deputy Grand Matron, as well as any other rank, could be the chapter Conductress, As such, she would be very reluctant to introduce herself alone. It is the duty of the Associate Conductress to assist with the active duties of the Chapter, which includes introductions. **Defeated**

Motion 21. The following motion was moved by Sister Mary seconded by Sister Candace Reid, PM Harmony Chapter No. 24

CL&R Book of Instruction For Subordinate Chapters Article 16 page 25:

Add: “If the Conductress should be introduced, she is to be introduced I

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the proper manner as the other members being introduced.”

RATIONALE: Quite often the Conductress is reluctant to introduce herself. If she is entitled to be introduced, she should be included with the other members. Article 16, page 29 of our CL&R Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters states the order of introductions.

ALSO ADD: “if both the Conductress and Associate Conductress are being honoured during the meeting, the Marshal does the introduction when the honoured group are being introduced. (This does not apply to the Opening Introductions.)

RATIONALE: This is a special time in the meeting for these Sisters, and as such they should not be required to introduce themselves. It is the Marshal’s duty to assist with ceremonies. **Defeated**

Motion 22. Moved by Sister Mary Reid, seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP, PP Westville Chapter No. 24

CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 2 Duties of Officers, Grand Secretary, Page 15 Add as No. 17 (a): “Keep possession of one Grand chapter Visa Card, using when necessary, to make purchases, and get approval for payment.”

RATIONALE: The Visa Card is a new item provided to the Grand Secretary. **Carried**

Motion 23. Moved by Sister Mary seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24

CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 2 Duties of Officers, Grand Treasurer, Page 19 No. 9 Delete this duty regarding the securing of a safety deposit box, from the Grand Treasurer’s duties and add to the Grand Secretary’s duties as No. 45.

RATIONALE: Article on page 19 Duties of Officers, Grand Secretary, No. 21, states the Grand Secretary has the duty of purchasing jewels, She/he should also have in hand any returned Jewels to be recycled, and as they are kept in the safety deposit box, it is more convenient for this to be the bank nearest to the Grand Secretary. **Carried**

Motion 24. Moved by Sister Mary seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, PM Westville Chapter No. 24

CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 2 Duties of Officers, Grand Treasurer, Page 20 Add: “Keep possession of one Grand Chapter visa Card, using when necessary to make purchases, and get approval for payment.” As No. 9 in the Grand Treasurer’s duties, which will have been deleted by Motion No. 23, if passed.

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RATIONALE: The Visa Card is a new item provided to the Grand Treasurer. **Carried**

Motion 25. The Motion was moved by Brother Whit seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, PGM, PM Queen Esther Chapter No. 61 to be effective immediately.

Article 31, Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Pages 26 through 29, inclusive. Consolidation of Chapters, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article 31.

RATIONALE: during the establishment of a Ceremony of Consolidation, the Committee assigned to this task became increasingly aware of a need to revise Article 31 in its entirety to provide a seamless flow from the beginning of the process to move directly into Article 31 A – Ceremony of Consolidation. **Carried**

ARTICLE 31 CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

1. Under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, and in accordance with Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, it shall be the duty of a Committee on Consolidation, consisting of three Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons, to co-ordinate all matters pertaining to the consolidation of Chapters. This committee to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron as soon as advised by a Chapter Secretary of a consolidation request. (see No. 1. In procedure for Consolidation)
2. Two or more Chapters may consolidate and become one Chapter.
3. All correspondence **MUST** be dated and have the Chapter Seal affixed.

PROCEDURE FOR CONSOLIDATION

1. Any member of a Chapter may at a stated meeting present a resolution in writing to the effect that "Chapter A" (identify) shall request consolidation with "Chapter B" (identify). The resolution, if seconded and accepted by three-fourths of the members present, is placed on record, no further action is taken by the members at this meeting. The Secretary shall **IMMEDIATELY** advise the Worthy Grand Matron and proceed as follows:
 2. The Secretary of Chapter A shall notify every member of that Chapter by
 - 1) e-mail whenever possible, or
 - 2) notice be delivered by personal contact from one of the top chapter officers, or
 - 3) regular mail if either of the first 2 is not available,of the proposed action at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the time when the vote will be taken. The vote shall be taken at a stated meeting by written ballot and for adoption shall require the affirmative vote of

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three-fourths of the members present. There shall be no absentee ballots and no voting by proxy.

3. The resolution may propose that more than two Chapters consolidate, and shall be sent to all Chapters simultaneously, adapting words to include more than two Chapters. All Chapters requesting Consolidation would then be listed under Chapter A.

4. If the resolution is approved, the Secretary of Chapter A shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the Secretary of Chapter B accompanied by a financial statement and a list of members in good standing, with a request that the members of Chapter B consider this resolution for consolidation. A copy of the written communication shall also be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron.

5. At the first stated meeting of Chapter B after receipt of the resolution, the request of Chapter A shall be presented, and if the members of Chapter B so choose, they shall proceed with a similar resolution, notice to their members and action thereon at a subsequent stated meeting of their Chapter, following the procedure described above.

6. The Secretary of Chapter B shall promptly notify in writing the Secretary of Chapter A of the result of the vote on the resolution, sending a copy of the communication to the Worthy Grand Matron.

7. The Worthy Grand Matron shall promptly satisfy herself whether all pertinent transactions are in order and, after discussion with the Grand Council, shall then officially notify the interested Chapters that the consolidation is approved. The date that the Worthy Grand Matron approves the consolidation shall be the official date of consolidation.

8. Prior to the date of the ceremony of consolidation, the information as required on annual return forms will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of the Chapter not functioning under its original charter. i.e., Chapter A.

9. The following matters must be agreed upon by all Chapters included in the consolidation before the Worthy Grand Matron will give her final decision:

a. **PROPERTY.** The paraphernalia, property and money of the Chapters being consolidated become the property of the resulting consolidated Chapter. All copies of Secret Work, and all old petitions for membership are to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within thirty days of the receipt of the Certificate of Consolidation from the Worthy Grand Matron

b. **NAME, NUMBER AND LOCATION.** The name, number and location shall be selected by mutual agreement of the Chapters being consolidated. The name may be one of the names, a composite name, or a new name approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. The number

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shall be selected from one of the Chapters included in the consolidation. The location shall be the meeting place of one of the Chapters.

c. **CHARTER AND BY-LAWS.** The Worthy Grand Matron will authorize the newly consolidated Chapter to function either under the Charter of one of the Chapters included in the consolidation, to which shall be attached a Certificate of consolidation, or by granting a new Charter. The Chapters shall mutually agree to accept as By-Laws of the newly consolidated Chapter the By-Laws of one of those Chapters being consolidated. The original Charters of all Chapters shall be kept in a safe place with the official records of the consolidated Chapter, and photocopies shall be kept for use in the Chapter room. A copy of the Certificate of Consolidation shall be kept with each.

d. **OFFICERS.** The Chapters may mutually agree that the officers of one, but only one, of the Chapters shall continue to serve as officers of the new Chapter until the next annual election. Otherwise, the Worthy Grand Matron shall immediately declare all the offices vacant and order a new election, which shall be held under her direct supervision. The new corps of officers shall be installed by the Worthy Grand Matron or her Deputy as soon as possible, preferably at the same time as the election takes place, and shall hold office in accordance with the By-Laws.

e. **MEETING AND OTHER MATTERS.** All other matters shall be governed by the Charter and By-Laws selected at the time of consolidation. To be a member in good standing, all dues must be paid to the date of consolidation in accordance with the By-Laws of the Chapter of which the person was a member at the time of consolidation. All members of the newly consolidated Chapter shall continue to have the same rank and standing such as Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Life Members and Honorary Members, as they held in their previous Chapters.

f. **APPROVAL OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON.** No consolidation can be finalized without the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron, who shall grant a Certificate of Consolidation or a new Charter under her signature, attested to by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Chapter. These forms are on file and available from the Grand Secretary. The Certificate shall include the name, number, location and date of consolidation of the new Chapter, together with the names, numbers and locations of the Chapter included in the consolidation. For any matters not covered in these instructions, the direction and guidance of the Worthy Grand Matron or Committee on Consolidation as appointed should be secured.

g. **CEREMONY OF CONSOLIDATION.** The Ceremony of Consolidation shall take place at a special meeting as soon after the date of consolidation as is practical. This ceremony shall be under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron who shall preside over this special

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meeting with the assistance of her Grand Officers. The Worthy Grand Matron, in consultation with the newly consolidated Chapter, shall select a date, time and location for the Ceremony and the Grand Secretary will notify all Chapters within the Jurisdiction. There will be business conducted or correspondence acted upon at this special meeting other than congratulations to the new Chapter. **Carried**

Motion 26: At the 87th Garden of Love Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and on the recommendations of the Consolidation Ceremony Committee, I will move or cause to be moved the following to be effective immediately. Whitman Giffin, PGP moved the following motion which was seconded by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, Crystal No. 1 (PEI).

Article 31. A. Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, a Ceremony of Consolidation be added immediately following Article 31.

RATIONALE: In its present form, there is no provision in our Constitution, Laws and Regulations for a Ceremony of Consolidation. With an increasing number of Chapters considering consolidation rather surrendering their charter, it is considered a necessary step to conclude the process of consolidation. This will effectively bring the Ceremony of Consolidation as a significant highlight in the life of the newly consolidated chapter and bring the consolidation to a satisfactory conclusion . Also by so doing, it will eliminate the necessity of renumbering the succeeding Articles in this section of our Constitution, Laws and Regulations. **Carried**

Article 31.A Consolidation Ceremony

This Ceremony has been made possible through the gracious permission of the Grand Jurisdiction of Quebec and their Worthy Grand Matron Sister Diane Evans (2013) with certain modifications and additions to reflect the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Instruction: The Chapter requesting the consolidation is identified as Chapter **A**. The Chapter they chose to consolidate with is identified as Chapter **B**.

Please note: If it is the wish to have an Open Ceremony whereby non-member guest can be present, all Grand Officers assume their Stations and the Ceremony will proceed as per instructions contained on Page of this Ceremony (bold print)

W.G.P. All who are not members of the Order will retire.

(W.G.P. calls the meeting to order).

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W.G.P. _____ Grand Marshal, you will invite the WGM and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room.

G.M. By order of the Worthy Grand Patron, I invite the WGM and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter Room.

(After completing the order, the Grand Marshal takes her/his position in the line of Grand Officers. They are then led in by the Grand conductresses. The Grand Chapter is at liberty to elaborate the figures as it may desire, providing, the proper position is assumed by the Grand Officers at the close of the march; and provided, further that the line may be formed either inside the chairs or outside, as seems most convenient.)

(W.G.P. hands the gavel to the W.G.M. and she seats the Chapter)

W.G.M. _____ Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the Ceremony of consolidating ___(A)___ **Chapter No. and** ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___O.E.S., and direct him to allow no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

G.W. Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in the Ceremony of consolidating ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ and ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___O.E.S., and you are directed to allow no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(The Grand Warder closes the door)

G.W. Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruption.

W.G.M. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

A.G.M. Sister Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

(Grand Conductresses prove the Chapter and report to the Associate Grand Matron.)

A.G.M. Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

W.G.M. It is well, Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

W.G.M. That we may have the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon our work, let us unite in prayer.

G.C. Our Father in Heaven, whose Wisdom and goodness is always with us, we pray for Your blessing on those assembled here in Your Name. Bless the members of these Chapters who are now associating themselves in a united effort to do good. Bless the Officers who will be

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entrusted with the government of this Chapter, give them wisdom and an understanding heart, that they may show Charity, Truth and Loving kindness in all their endeavours and deliberations. May these Members, now consolidated as one Chapter, add strength to our Jurisdiction and continue the good work of the Order of the Eastern Star, ever increasing in devotion and love for You. We ask all this in Your Name. Amen.

W.G.M. Let us unite in singing our Opening Ode: “ “.

W.G.M. I now declare this Meeting duly opened for the purpose of Consolidating ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ and ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___.

(W.G.M. strikes one blow of the gavel.)

G.W. Brother Grand Sentinel, this meeting is duly open for the purpose of Consolidating ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ and ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___.

(The Grand Warder closes the door) does he rap on the door or just opens it. The Chapter is now open.

G.W. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

(* If this is to be an Open Ceremony, follow the procedure for opening and closing as outlined in the Ritual Page 97 and using the above prayer in place of repeating the Lord's Prayer. Just prior to presentation of the Flag, the WGM should state I now declare this meeting duly open for the purpose of Consolidating ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ and ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___.)

W.G.M. _____ Grand Marshal, you will present the Flag of our Country.

(Singing of the National Anthem.)

(After Flag presentation, W.G.M. seats the Chapter.)

W.G.M. Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present for proper introduction.

(The Conductresses present I proper order only those who are to receive Grand Honours.)

W.G.M. For an organization such as the Order of the Eastern Star, continuous existence requires a certain pliability and initiative. In this Grand Jurisdiction, as the population shifts about, we find that membership potential grows and wanes in many areas. Thus we find Chapters being formed and some old ones unable to carry on. For this

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reason we are Consolidating ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ and ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___ at their own request.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will cause the members of _____ Chapter No. _____ to assemble at the West side of the Altar, in a semi-circle, facing East.

(The Grand Conductress leads the members of Chapter A, beginning with WM and WP, single file, observing square corners, to the point of Electa, then entering the labyrinth between Electa and the Altar in a circular form around the Altar.)

W.G.M. Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will cause the members of _____ Chapter No. ___ to form a semi-circle outside the members of _____ Chapter No. ____.

(The Associate Grand Conductress proceeds as the Grand Conductress did, forming a semi-circle outside the members already assembled.)

W.G.M. Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of ___(A)___ Chapter No. on behalf of the members of your Chapter:

do you firmly believe that it is in the interest of your Chapter to consolidate with ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___?

Do you agree that in united these Chapters, ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ and ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___ will consolidate under the name, _____ Chapter No. ___?

That the stated meetings of the Chapter united shall be as laid down in the By-Laws of ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___?

That the funds, rituals, minute book, records, charters and other paraphernalia of ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ will become the property of the united Chapters?

That all the Officers and Members of ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ agree in whole to obey the By-Laws of ___(?)___ Chapter No. ___

W.G.M. Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of ___(B)___ Chapter No. ___ on behalf of the members of your Chapter:

do you firmly believe that it is in the interest of your Chapter to consolidate with ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___?

Do you agree that honorary and life members of ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ retain this honour by the union?

That the members of ___(A)___ Chapter No. ___ whose dues have been paid, will be clear on the books until the end of the fiscal year?

W.G.M. _____ Grand Secretary, you will read the Certificate of Consolidation.

(Certificate of Consolidation, available from the Grand Secretary, is attached.)

W.G.M. The circle is a perfect figure having no beginning or end. The members of ___ Chapter No. ___ will step forward into the circle formed

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by ___ Chapter No. ___

In the name of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the members of ___ Chapter No. ___ are now received into this perfect circle of friendship, uniting both Chapters under a common purpose.

Singing of one verse of "Blest be the Tie That Binds".

(The WGM and WGP go down into the circle, and join hands with the members assembled. A Past Grand Matron should be appointed to assume the East until the WGM returns.)

W.G.M. We, the representatives of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, now receive you into this perfect circle of friendship and join our hands with yours, as the outward token of inner unity, which is the golden chain that binds our fraternity together and now unites these two Chapters as one.

[If the choice has been to select a new name a new Charter must be prepared containing the names of all members of the new Chapter as well as the balance of relevant information and it is to be presented at this time.

W.G.M. Whereas the members of this consolidated Chapter have expressed their desire and by vote to select a new name, a new Charter has been prepared with an Attached Certificate of Consolidation and is to be hung in your Chapter room.

Grand Secretary, you will read the Charter.

W.G.M. Sisters and Brothers of _____ Chapter No. ____, you have heard the reading of the Charter, Do you accept and signify your willingness to comply with the conditions therein?

(All members answer, "I do".)

W.G.M. Sisters and Brothers of ___ Chapter No. ____, I entrust this Charter to your care with the blessings of Grand Chapter, as you now associate yourselves in a united effort to do good. May your new Officers, who are entrusted with the government of this new Chapter, be endowed with wisdom that they may, with understanding hearts, be charitable, truthful, and humble in all deliberations. May this Chapter add strength to our Grand Jurisdiction, and to our great Order of the Eastern Star.]

W.G.P. By virtue of the authority vested in me, I now proclaim you a duly consolidate Chapter of our Order to be henceforth known as _____ Chapter No. ____, Order of the Eastern Star. May peace, unity and loving kindness always reign; may you abundantly prosper, and all you undertakings be crowned with success.

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[The WGM presents the Certificate to the WM of the newly consolidated Chapter.]

[The WGM and WGP return to the East.]

W.G.M. Will the former members of ___(A)___ Chapter take one step back?

Grand Marshal, you will now escort these members to the Grand Secretary's desk, where each will sign the By-Laws of the Chapter.

[As each member signs, the Grand Marshal will escort them back to their place in the semi-circle around the altar. After signing has been completed the Grand Marshal will take position inside the labyrinth at the end of the semi-circle nearest Elect's station marching between the Altar and the members of the Consolidated Chapter to their seats in the South-East exiting the labyrinth to the marching line and with raised baton drop them off at their seats.]

W.G.M. The members of the consolidating Chapter, who are not present, will sign the By-Laws at the first stated meeting they attend.

_____ Grand Secretary, you will read the list of Officers of the Consolidated Chapter.

[If the WGM has declared all Offices vacant and has presided over an election of Officers for the newly consolidated Chapter, the Installation Ceremony will proceed. The Installation Ceremony will be under the charge of the Grand Officer with the WGM as Installing Officer and will follow as contained in the Ritual beginning on Page 98.]

W.G.M. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the participating Chapters to the East.

Presentation of Jewels, Service Pins, etc...if any, by the WGM and WGP.

Remarks by the newly installed Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, as well as the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the participating Chapters.

[WGM may thank her Pro-tem Officers and announce any regrets.]

COLLECTION (optional)

Guests speak: (Optional) G.G. Officers
G.G.C.C.M.
P.G.M./P.G.P

W.G.P. Closing remarks

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W.G.M. Closing remarks

CLOSING CEREMONY [as per Ritual Page 45]

(If this has been an Open Ceremony, skip the following and follow the closing as per Ritual Page 97 without any retiring march.)

W.G.M. Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode “ “.

[Following “Farewell Proclamation”]

W.G.M. ____ **Grand Marshal**, you will now proclaim this meeting, held for the purpose of consolidating ____**(A)**____ Chapter No. ____ and ____**(B)**____ Chapter No. ____ duly closed.

G.M. Brother Grand Sentinel, this meeting is closed.

[The door is left opened.]

W.G.M. Sister (Brother) Grand Marshal, you will retire the Grand Officers.

[Closing March and retiring of Grand Officers with Flag(s)]

WGM/WGP: Brother Whit, Sister Barbara, and Sister Jane you did a wonderful job in preparing our Consolidation Ceremony. We used an amended form on 27 October when the former Chapters Cedar No. 3 and Atlantic No. 65 united to form Cedar Atlantic No. 3. I hear many favorable comments on the ceremony. You did a terrific job.

Sister Edith Conrod PGM reported that at the 2013 Session a report was given by the committee to find locations for Grand Chapter but no action was taken in their report. Therefore, she moved that **Grand Chapters 2017, 2018, 2019 be held at the Glengarry Motel, in Truro.** This was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, PM Laurel Chapter No. 67. **Carried**

RECEPTION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

15 Subordinate Chapter Secretaries were presented:

Mayflower No. 2 – Brother Kirk MacLennan

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Sister Marian Durling, PGM

Keystone No. 5 – Sister Brenda Clarke, DDGM

Century No. 10 – Sister Georgie Dewey

Crystal No. 1 (PEI) – Sister Anna Carr

Evangeline No. 15 – Sister LaVerne Porter

Myrtle No. 21 – Sister Ann Wight

Munro No. 26 – Sister Caryl Yates

Evening Star No. 28 – Sister Doreen Edgar

St. Mary's No. 35 – Sister Amelia Whalley

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Mystic Star No. 40 – Sister Betty Ann Loughnan
Elmsdale No. 55 – Sister Nora Moxsom
Laurel No. 67 – Sister Betty Thompson
Montague No. 69 – Alena Buchanan
No. 131, New Jersey – Jeanette Vreeland

WELCOME TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Sister Diane: Fellow Secretaries:

It is a pleasure to see all of you assembled in the West, and I am most pleased to extend a warm welcome to each of you today to the “Garden of Love” Grand Chapter Session.

Sincere thanks to each of you for your very important service to your Chapters. I know what is entailed in being a Chapter Secretary; and no person gives more service to a chapter, than a good Secretary. At your Installation you are told that “You have a difficult and responsible position, and if you fail to do your duties, it makes things harder for the Grand Secretary and Grand Chapter.”

Thank you for carrying out your duties in a responsible and timely manner. This past year has been one of learning and working together, and trying new ways of doing things. I cannot thank each of you enough, for your great cooperation; and I look forward to another year of working together for our Grand Chapter.

I just want you to know how much I appreciate you, you’ve always been there, rain and shine, whatever I’ve been through
I pray that God will bless you more in a very special way
As you have been a blessing to me, each and every day.

The response was given by Sister Georgie Dewey, PM, Secretary of Century Chapter No. 10.

Sister Georgie: Sister Diane, you and I have been friends for many years and I certainly consider it a privilege to respond to the kind words of welcome you have just given to the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries. I am sure I speak for all the Chapter Secretaries when I say you have been so helpful during this past year. We realize this is your first year as Grand Secretary and although you were busy getting settled in your position, you still had time for each of us when we called upon you for assistance. On behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries we thank you for your time and patience and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, I thank you for this honour you have given to me and to my Chapter, Century No. 10, in affording me the opportunity to respond to the Grand Secretary’s welcome. I wish you both a wonderful “Garden of

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Love” Grand Chapter Session as you proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter.

Star Love to Each of You.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Diane Hayman P.G.M. (24) Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

I have often heard Sister Betty Ann tell us that the Grand Secretary’s Office is a busy and interesting one, and now I know exactly what she meant! The daily contact with our members makes the work very enjoyable; and the various issues they bring, certainly keeps life interesting. I find it hard to believe that a year has gone by already!

I have tried my best to carry out my duties as promptly as possible, and have kept our membership and financial records up to date. It was a new venture using the Quickbooks Accounting system, and other than a few glitches, mine of course, things went well. My sincere thanks to Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary Emeritus and Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, for their help answering questions re this program. And a GREAT BIG thank you to Sister Betty Ann for all her “Job Instructions” that came with the moving van and all its contents. Your guidance was and is so very much appreciated. I only hope I can measure up to the standards set by you and our other Grand Secretaries. I often think about the Grand Secretary’s job when we had 60+ chapters, and there was no such thing as computers, email, long distance calling packages, etc. and everything was done on an old style typewriter, or mostly by hand! We should be so grateful for all our Grand Secretaries.

My biggest regret is that I was not able to get the Proceedings completed in time this year. However I have all the business of Grand Chapter typed and it is just a matter of adding pictures and lists, etc. and it will go to the printers soon after Grand Chapter I hope. Please accept my apologies.

This past year Our Grand Chapter was deeply saddened with by the passing of three Past Grand Patrons: Brother Bruce Atkinson; Brother Lewis Smith; and Brother George Crouch, as well as many other Sisters and Brothers in our Subordinate Chapters. We were also saddened with the death of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray McRoberts, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

Unfortunately, the trend of declining membership still rears its ugly head, and we were saddened by the loss of two chapters, Florence Fraser Chapter No. 47, on October 8, 2013, Sherbrooke, and Ruth Chapter No. 57, Dartmouth, as of May 31, 2014. I can report that several members from Florence Fraser No. 47 have affiliated with

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another chapter, and we hope that many others of both closed chapters, will affiliate with a chapter in their neighbouring communities. We are encouraged that several chapters have been able to initiate new members, and we can only hope that this trend will continue, and we will once again see an increase in membership.

STATISTICS: MEMBERSHIP 1 June 2012 to 31 June 2013

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2012:		1,848
No. of Members Initiated:	23	
No. of Members Affiliated:	22	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	2	
Sub-total	<u>65</u>	
TOTAL:		1,895
No. of Members Died:	71	
No. of Members Demitted:	68*	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>27</u>	
Sub-total	166	
 NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 31 MAY 2013		 1,729
 No. of Chartered Chapters:	 36	
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	1,729	
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	24	
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	26	

***Note 32 of the members demitted were members of:
Mae Chapter No.22, whose charter was surrendered on May 08,
2013**

*** Note: 25 of the members demitted were members of Queens
Chapter, No. 34, whose charter was surrendered on May 17, 2012.**

**18 of the members demitted were members of Shoreham
Chapter, No. 59 who consolidated with Grace Chapter, No. 8 on
August 17, 2011.**

IN APPRECIATION

**Sister Diane, P.G.M., Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy
Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:**

It is my pleasure to address you as Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the first time, and I sincerely thank all the Sisters and Brothers for their support and friendship as I took on this new venture. I am going to quote from the first report of my dear friend, our late Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Hilda Powroz, who in said, "I want to say that it has been a most interesting year, a learning experience, and one filled with many surprises. However I have really enjoyed every minute, the telephone calls, the many letters, some funny, and some not, and the

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fantastic support of all members.” Twenty- eight years later I would say the same thing.

To all the Chapter Secretaries, thank you each so very much for your support in words and deeds this past year, as you dealt with a greenhorn Grand Secretary. I appreciated all your words of wisdom and helpful suggestions, such as reminding me to get my name and address on the Invoices, instead of Sister Betty Ann's, for one thing! Thanks so much for your cooperation as we moved into the age of sending correspondence via email. I know it was hard for a few, but you persevered, and I hope you will agree that it was good to be able to get correspondence as it came available. I realize that sometimes you felt as if you were being inundated with emails; but I trust it was not too stressful, and again, say a big Thank You for your support. Thanks also for sending in your information regarding your membership in a timely manner. It certainly helps keep the membership cards and records up to date; and I know the Grand Chaplain especially, appreciates getting the names of our deceased members in a timely fashion. It is always good to have a telephone chat when necessary and your little notes by email or mail, are very much appreciated. I must also express my most sincere thanks to the four Sisters who are the contact persons for their Chapter Secretaries, and receive all chapter emails for them. This is going beyond, and your Chapters and the Grand Secretary really appreciate what you do. You are all true friends.

To Sister Cora MacKay, who is no longer the Secretary of Elm Chapter No. 48, thank you for the last nine years of service, and enjoy your retirement. To all others who have taken on this position again for another year, thank you for your dedication to your Chapter and our Order. Your service is very much appreciated by your Chapter members and Grand Chapter.

To Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary Emeritus, a very sincere Thank You for your helpful lists that gave me much needed guidance throughout the year, and for always being there to answer my many questions, or your answers which let me know that what I thought was the correct answer, was, indeed, the correct answer! Hopefully, the phone calls will be much fewer this coming year.

To Sister Faye, Grand Treasurer, you and I have weathered this year together. It has not always been exactly smooth, but we learned much together, worked together, laughed together; and I value the closer friendship we have developed this past year. You have been a GREAT Grand Treasurer, and I look forward to working again with you another year.

Sister Mary, you and I are Honorary members of each other's Chapters, and have been long-time friends. It was great to have served this first year with you. As we live close in proximity, it made many things, like getting warrants and fifty and sixty year certificates signed, quite easy. I

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trust I was of some help to you this year, and I thank you sincerely for allowing me to have a seat in your car for many OES trips in and out of our Jurisdiction. I know our friendship will continue.

Brother Danny, it has been great to have had a chance to get to know you better this year. Your Uncle Jack was one of my Grand Representatives in 1987, 1988, and he and his wife, Sister Florence, were long-time friends of my parents. They would both be so proud of your accomplishments in our Order.

To you both Sister Mary and Brother Danny, may you always have great memories of this "Garden of Love" Year: and always remember that due to your leadership and the support of our members, many children in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be able to learn in school much easier, because they are not hungry: and little girls in many Third World Countries, will wear, perhaps for the first time, pretty little dresses, which were sewn with much love, by many of our members.

I move the adoption of this report.
 The Report was moved by Sister Diane seconded by Sister Carol Clark, PGM, PM of Westville Chapter No. 24. **Carried**

**ESTARL DONATIONS
 June 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

Mayflower Chapter No. 2			
Chapter Donation			100.00
In Memory of Sis Jessie Giles			25.00
Chapter Donation			100.00
Cedar Chapter No. 3			
Chapter Donation			100.00
In lieu of bar for jewel			50.00
Sis. Annie & Bro Lloyd Brown In lieu of gifts to Officers			25.00
Marianne MacMillan in Honour of Joan Oderkirk,			
Nora Moxom and Ethel Brown			20.00
Keystone Chapter No. 5			
In memory of Bro Charles Gosling and Sis Nellie Godfrey			50.00
Grace Chapter No. 8			
Chapter Donation			170.00
Joan Mills - In lieu of gifts to officers			25.00

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Chapter Donation				100.00
Century Chapter No. 10				
Chapter Donation				200.00
Frances Duncan - in lieu of gifts at Honour Night				25.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14				
Chapter Donation				200.00
In memory of Sis. Hazel Campbell				25.00
Bro John & Sis Carole Newell - in Memory of Bro				50.00
Willfred Collis				
In Memory of Bro George Crouch PGP				50.00
In memory of Bro Angus Hodinott				25.00
In Memory of Bro Darrell Thurber				25.00
Evangeline Chapter No. 15				
In Memory of Sis. Ruth Keith, Verna Forsythe & Bro				150.00

Victoria Chapter No. 19				
Chapter Donation				100.00
Ann Ross in Honour of Installing Team				20.00
Agnes & Chane MacFarlane - In memory of Isabelle &				60.00
Gordon MacFarlane & Edith Austen				
Myrtle Chapter No. 21				
Heather Boyd - In Honour of Star Point Officers				20.00
Sis Joan Okerkirk - In memory of Sister Lee Good				25.00
Crystal Chapter No. 1 (PEI)				
Chapter Donation				1,000.00
In Memory of Sister Louise Adam's husband, Sis				60.00
Earlene Marsh's sister, & Sis Elsie Gallant's father				
In Memory of Edith Dawson, mother of Bro Wendell				20.00
In Memory of Kathryn Doughart's mother				20.00
In Memory of Judy & Charles Graves' daughter				40.00

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Sis Edith Lewis in Memory of Bro Everett MacDougall (her Worthy Patron 1961-62)	25.00
In memory of Jack Williams husband of Sis Frances	20.00
Westville Chapter #24	
In memory of Sis Jessie Tattrie & Bro James Robertson, PP	100.00
In honour of Sis Joan Robertson PM (50 year) and Sis Shirley MacEwan (65 year) memberships	100.00
In honour of Bro Bill Allen on Honour Night and Rev Jim Webber-Cook, ESTARL Speaker	50.00
In honor of Bro Frank & Sis Doris Cullen's 50th Anniversary	50.00
In honor of Sis Sharon & Clyde Purvis' 50th Anniverary	50.00
ESTARL Donation	250.00
Home Instead Inc in honor of Bro Willian Allen PP	501.25
Sister Helen Connors in honor of Sis Diana Read, Grand Esther & Susan Martin GCCM	20.00
Bro Bill Allen in honor of Grand Representatives on his Honour Night	25.00
Sis Diane Hayman in memory of Bro George Crouch, PGP, Bro Bruce Atkinson PGP, Bro Lewis Smith PGP and Sis Helen Barron	60.00
In memory of Sis Mabel Johnson GTE and Bro Lauchie Johnson PGP	25.00
Harmony Chapter #25	
Chapter Donation	200.00
In memory of Bro James Ferguson PP	50.00
Agnes & Andrew MacDonald, Chrissie MacMillan - in memory of Bro James Ferguson	40.00
Munro Chapter No. 26	
Chapter Donation	50.00
In memory of Doroty MacPhee	50.00
In memory of Sis Elizabeth MacLeod	50.00

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In Honour of Sis Marion Conrad PGM on receiving 60 year pin				25.00
Free Will Offering				125.00
In memory of Sister Nellie Gallop				50.00
Kwebec Chapter No. 27				
Sis June Dauphinee in memory of Sis Megan Church PGM				25.00
Chapter Donation				225.00
Margaret Burhoe - In Honour of her Installation				50.00
Sylvia MacCleave - In Honour of Janet Merry's 60th Year				15.00
in OES				25.00
Past Matrons Club				
Evening Star Chapter No. 28				
Clara Nieforth - in memory of Winnie Foy, Star Friends, Jim Johnston & Bernie Webb				10.00
Clara Nieforth - in memory of Doug Nieforth				10.00
Arbutus Chapter No. 30				
in memory of Sis Edna Smith				25.00
Chapter Donation				50.00
Annaval Chapter No. 31				
Chapter Donation				25.00
Don & Medge Medicraft - In memory of Robert Skafte				25.00
Chapter Donation				25.00
St. Mary's Chapter No. 35				
Chapter Donation				25.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter No. 37				
Chapter Donation				100.00

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Regent Chapter No. 52			
In memory of Jim Wade			10.00
In memory of Stella Jean MacKay, sister of Sister Marjorie Somers			10.00
In honour of Sis Marjorie Somer's 90th birthday			10.00

Elmsdale Chapter No. 55			
Chapter Donation			50.00
Chapter Donation			100.00
Past Matrons Club			101.00
Nora Moxom in lieu of gifts on Honour Night			50.00
Ethel Brown in lieu of gifts on Honour Night			50.00
Barbara & Charles Patterson in lieu of gifts for Nora Moxom, Ethel Brown & Joan Oderkirk on Honour Night			45.00
In memory of M. Pauline MacCulloch			25.00
In memory of David Miller and Kathleen Terrio			50.00
In memory of Sister Helen Barron			25.00
Sis Joan Oderkirk & Bro Richard Preeper in Honour of Chapter's 60th Anniversary			25.00
Sis Nora & Bro George Moxsom In honour of Sis Ethel Brown DDGM In memory of Sis Helen Barron			25.00
In memory of Pauline MacCulloch			25.00
Sis Ethel Brown DDGM - a gift on her honour night			20.00
Sis Joan Oderkirk in Honour of Sis Marion Conrad receiving her 60 year pin			15.00
In memory of Bro David Boutilier PP			20.00
In memory of Sis Helen Barron			25.00
Sis Laura Blois in memory of Sis Helen Barron			5.00
Sis Irma & Bro Ned Preeper in memory of Sis Helen Barron			25.00

Ruth Chapter No. 57			
Chapter Doantion			200.00

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Emerald Chapter No. 58			
Chapter Donation on closing			2,000.00
Queen Esther Chapter No. 61			
In memory of Gordon Teasdale			15.00
In memory of Sisters Dora Bateson, Augusta Douglas, & Kaye Bannister			75.00
Chapter Donation			200.00
Atlantic Chapter No. 65			
Joan Oderkirk & Richard Preeper - In memory of Brother Randy Isnor			50.00
Starlight Chapter No. 66			
Chapter Donation			50.00
Laurel Chapter No. 67			
In memory of Bro George Crouch PGP			50.00
In memory of their Vetrans			50.00
Chapter Donation			200.00
Sis Linda Foote in memory of her father, Bro Kenneth Crook			500.00
Montague Chapter No. 69			
Chapter Doantion			100.00
Crescent Chapter No. 70			
Chapter Donation			50.00
Pearle Chapter No. 71			
Sis Eleanor & Bro Raymond Freeman in memory of Bro George Crouch PGP			10.00
Chapter Donation			100.00

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DISTRICT ESTARL CHURCH SERVICES			
District No. 1 (Joyce Malcolm)			321.00
District No. 2 (Irma Maxwell)			365.00
District No. 3 (Darlene Amirault)			186.00
District No. 4 (Ethel Brown)			200.00
District No. 5 (Suzanne Aitken)			197.00
District No. 6 (Brenda Clarke)			135.00
District No. 7 (Wilma Verge)			438.00
District No. 7 - 2013 Church Service			10.00
Past Grands Club			
In memory of Bro Vince Ells, PGP			25.00
In honour of 50th Anniversary of Sis Gail PGM & Bro Lloyd Cook			25.00
In honour of 55th Anniversary of Sis Belle PGM & Bro Adrian Pearson PGP			25.00
In honour of 60th Anniversary of Bro Ward PGP & Sis Joyce Cunningham			25.00
In honour of 60th Anniversary of Sis Barb PGM & Brother Wendon Bowser			25.00
In memory of Bro George Crouch PGP			25.00
In memory of Bro Lewis Smith PGP			25.00
In memory of Bro Bruce Atkinson PGP			25.00
Grand Representatives Association			100.00

RECEPTION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

At this time 9 Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were introduced:

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Sister Heather Matthews
 Evangeline No. 15 – Sister Phyllis Jarvis
 Victoria No. 19 – Sister Aileen MacKillop
 Westville No. 24 – Brother Bill Thompson, PGP
 Harmony No. 25 – Brother Norm Ferguson
 Kwebec No. 27 – Sister Donna Ball
 Evening Star No. 28 – Sister Doris Hillier
 Laurel No. 67 – Sister Marion Buchan, GGCCM, PGM
 Starlight No. 66 – Brother Roy MacKinnon

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WELCOME TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Sister Faye, Grand Treasurer: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers. The office of Treasurer is one of Trust and Responsibility therefore you are very valuable Officers of our Subordinate Chapters. We are happy that you have accepted this opportunity and have served your Chapters so well. These past months for me have been a learning curve but I am gradually getting more familiar with the procedures. I congratulate you on your record of service and I am proud to welcome you to this Grand Chapter Session.

The response was given by Sister Marion Buchan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Shriners Charities, and Treasurer of Laurel Chapter No. 67:

Sister Marion: Sister Faye, Grand Treasurer, on behalf of the Treasurers of each Subordinate Chapter, I would like to thank-you most sincerely for your warm words of welcome.

Sister Faye and I, both members of Laurel Chapter 367, are Electa and Treasurer, respectfully. I would like to assure the Treasurers present, that I am closely scrutinized – I'm joking! We have an excellent working relationship and I appreciate the opportunity to represent the Chapter Treasurers and Laurel Chapter.

Thank-you Sister Faye!

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: This year has provided many challenges and changes for me as I became your Grand Treasurer just a year ago so had to learn a new program as well as Grand Chapter procedures. I hope I was able to fulfill your expectations. I would like to thank the Grand Chapter for the honour of serving as your Grand Treasurer.

I have been able to travel to several of the official visits as well as I had the opportunity to represent the Grand Chapter as Treasurer at the Maine-Maritime Exchange in Riverview, N.B. where I travelled with Sister Irma, Associate Grand Matron. It was an opportunity to see many old friends as well as meet some new ones.

Sister Diane, Grand Secretary and I have worked closely together to try and make the best decisions for our Grand Chapter along with the help of our Finance Committee. We have made some changes to help manage the budget, changed our banking service to a plan that offered

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the same options but at no cost, a savings of \$400 a year which will reflect more on the current year's budget as it did not happen until November. Our Grand Council worked with us in setting up a secured Visa card for all small purchases so it saves on the number of cheques written each month. We earn a percentage on the value of purchases which will offset annual fee. Sister Diane and I use this for all printing, postage, and other miscellaneous expenditures. We did have to purchase some new equipment for our offices but in future these will be passed on when officers change. The budget for the year has been approved by Grand Council and will be presented by the Finance Committee.

In Appreciation:

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for all the courtesies you have shown to me. I enjoyed our many visits. Thanks to the Finance Committee Members and the Grand Council with the support and patience you have given me this past year. Many thanks to Sister Dorothy who helped me to get things setup initially and were ready to answer questions when I needed help. Thanks to Sister Diane for the assistance she has given me in the past year, I have enjoyed our working relationship as well as our friendship.

In closing, I submit the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2013, as distributed to the members on registration.

I move the adoption of this report.

The Report was moved by Sister Faye, seconded by Sister Sandra Denton, St. Mary's Chapter No. 35. **Carried.**



**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NS and PEI
BALANCE SHEET
As of 31 December 2013**

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NS and PEI
BALANCE SHEET
As of 31 December 2013**

ASSETS			
Current Assets - Chequing/Savings - General Chequing			
	Benevolent	2,862.62	
	ESTARL	4,718.89	
	General Chequing - Other	9,259.74	
Total General Chequing			16,805.25
Small Business Savings			
	Benevolent	34,580.04	
	ESTARL	22,339.04	
	General	37,756.11	
Total Small Business Savings			94,675.19
	Treasury		5,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings			116,480.44
	Accounts Receivable	462.11	
Total Accounts Receivable			462.11
Other Current Assets - Accrued Interest GICs			
	Other Accrued Interest GICs		1,084.04
GICs General 1769033			
	Scotiabank April 23/16 2%	15,000.00	
	Scotiabank December 19/14 1.55%	5,000.00	
	Scotiabank December 19/15 2.7%	5,000.00	
	Scotiabank October 23/17 2.51%	15,000.00	
Total GICs General 1769033			40,000.00
GICs Benevolent 1769009			
	Scotiabank December 19/15 2.2%	5,000.00	
	Scotiabank March 17/14 2.51%	5,000.00	
	Scotiabank March 17/15 2.21%	5,000.00	
Total GICs Benevolent 1769009			15,000.00

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GICs ESTARL 1768985				
	Scotiabank April 15/14 2.86%		18,147.37	
	Scotiabank January 29/15 2.78%		5,000.00	
	Scotiabank June 19/18 2.15%		3,300.00	
	Scotiabank June 25/18 2.15%		2,000.00	
	Scotiabank March 17/15 2.51%		2,000.00	
	Scotiabank May 26/15 3%		1,000.00	
	Total GICs ESTARL 1768985			31,447.37
	Inventory			8,444.43
	Petty Cash			250.00
	Prepaid Expenses			3,750.00
	Total Other Current Assets			99,975.84
	Total Current Assets			216,918.39
	Fixed Assets			
	Office Equipment			
	Account Depreciation		- 6,450.32	
	Original Cost - Office Equipment		6,450.32	
	Total Office Equipment			0.00
	Paraphernalia & Regalia			
	Account Depreciation		- 19,217.74	
	Original Cost		19,776.52	
	Paraphernalia & Regalia - Other		- 558.78	
	Total Paraphernalia & Regalia			0.00
	TOTAL ASSETS			216,918.39
	LIABILITIES & EQUITY - Liabilities			
	Current Liabilities			0.00
	Other Current Liabilities			0.00
	Charities Payable			
	ESTARL		6,545.26	
	International Temple Fund		1,576.49	
	Charities Payable Other		462.00	
	Total Charities Payable			8,581.75
	Total Other Current Liabilities			8,581.75
	Total Current Liabilities			8,581.75
	Total Liabilities			8,581.75
	Equity			
	Benevolent Acc. Prior Years Gains		79,551.89	
	ESTARL Account - Prior Years Gains		26,718.16	
	General Account - Prior Years Gains		96,484.01	
	Opening Balance Equity			14,185.99
	Unrestricted Net Assets		- 14,637.38	
	Net Income.			6,033.97
	Total Equity			208,336.64
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			216,918.39

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RECEPTION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPLAINS

At this time 10 Subordinate Chapter Chaplains were introduced:

Grace No. 8 – Sister Edith Taylor
Century No. 10 – Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson
Queen Elizabeth No. 14 – Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM
Westville No. 24 – Brother Garry Hope
Kwebec No. 27 – Sister Sylvia McCleave
St. Mary's No. 35 – Brother Howard Ford
Laurel No. 67 – Sister Linda Foote
Elm No. 48 – Brother Murray Gardner, PGP
Regent No. 52 – Sister Melda Johnston
Pearle No. 71 – Brother Jamie Lynch

The welcome was given by Brother Peter Kay, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Peter: Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: It is indeed an honour to extend a welcome to the Chaplains of the Subordinate Chapters. All Sisters and Brothers recognize our dependence upon the Source of all Wisdom and Strength but few realize the many other duties of the Chaplain. In the Installation Ceremony it's that line "and to perform such other duties as are appropriate to your office". May you leave this "Garden of Love" Session with many new friends and happy memories. Thank you for coming and have a safe journey home.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to address the Subordinate Chapter Chaplains.
The response was given by Sister Edith Taylor PM and Chaplain of Grace Chapter No. 8.

Sister Edith: Brother Peter, it is my privilege on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Chaplains to thank you for your most gracious welcome.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, thank you for the honour given to my Chapter, Grace No. 8 and to me for the privilege of responding the welcome from our Grand Chaplain.

I hope you have wonderful memories of your "Garden of Love" Session filled with faith, hope, charity, harmony and love.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

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

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron Mary and Worthy Grand Patron Danny

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for giving me this opportunity to be part of your Grand Family and to serve as Grand Chaplain. I will always remember the friendship and support of the Grand Family and all of our Sisters and Brothers. I enjoyed traveling to many of your Official Visits and especially taking part in the Maine Maritime Exchange in Riverview, NB. I endeavoured to carry out my duties to the best of my ability, and hope I have lived up to your expectations as Grand Chaplain.

Thank you to the Grand Secretary for her support and assistance in keeping me informed and answering my many requests during the year. We did have a very busy year and your help was most appreciated.

We sadly mourn the loss of Brother George Crouch, Past Grand Patron, Brother Bruce R. Atkinson, Past Grand Patron and Brother Lewis Smith Past Grand Patron.

Regretfully, as part of my duties I have sent 67 cards and letters to Chapters in this jurisdiction and 91 cards to other Grand Chapters.

Please accept my condolences to all the Chapters who have lost Sisters or Brothers during the year.

Their painful days are over,
Their restless nights have passed,
God took them in His arms
And whispered peace at last.

I move the adoption of this report.

The report was moved by Brother Peter Kay, and seconded by Sister Carol Atkinson, PM, Myrtle Chapter No. 21. **Carried**

Brother Richard Muise, PP Harmony Chapter No. 25 assisted by Brother Peter Kay, Grand Chaplain, Sister Margaret Muise, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 and Sister Diana Read, Grand Esther presented the **White Table Ceremony**.

The ceremony opened with Brother Peter Kay ISAIAH 2: 1-4.

Sister Margaret Muise recited IN FLANDERS FIELDS and Sister Diana Reid did the RESPONSE TO FLANDERS FIELDS.
WHITE TABLE CEREMONY

Sisters and Brothers, you will have noticed the small table for one that is set-off on its own - it is reserved to honour our fallen comrades in arms. This table symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. We should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call, to serve, and who served the call of freedom in a special way. We are ever mindful, that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to

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never forget, that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured the agonies of pain, deprivation and death.

I would like to explain the meaning of the items on this special table;

The table is round - to show our everlasting concern for our fallen comrades,

The tablecloth is white - symbolizing the purity of the motives when answering the call to duty,

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of our fallen comrades, and the loved ones and friends of these comrades who keep the faith,

The slice of lemon on a bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those who will never return,

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed all,

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost for our Country under God,

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time,

The chair is empty - they are no longer with us.

Let us remember - and never forget - their ultimate sacrifice,

May God forever watch over them - and protect them and their families.

1 Minute of Silence”

Act of Remembrance:

They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning we shall remember them

Sister Mary, WGM: The hour has now arrived for our Memorial Service. We invite you to join with us in honouring those who have passed to their Eternal Home. After the service, and the Bible retired, I ask that you follow the Grand Officers in silence with reverence and respect due our dear Sisters and Brothers.



RAY MCROBERTS
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1985-1988

**Tribute to
Ray McRoberts, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron
Given by
Diane R. Hayman, Past Grand Matron**

Brother Ray McRoberts, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, died in Hideaway, Texas, On August 2, 2013, at the age of ninety-two years.

Brother Ray served in the US Army for twenty-one and one-half years, where he received the Bronze Star for his service during the Korean War. After travelling the world, he and Sister Lois retired in Sierra vista, Arizona, where he built a strip mall, and they both began second careers as Insurance Agents. His second retirement occurred in 1997, at the age of seventy-five years, when they moved to Texas, to take care of his sister and mother-in-law.

He was a member of Pearl of Venus Chapter No. 6, in Tombstone/Bisbee, Arizona; and served as Worthy Grand Patron of Arizona in 1970 – 1971.

His service to General Grand Chapter began in 1973 – 1976, when he was appointed Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The next Triennium, 1976 – 1979, he served as Worthy Grand Chaplain for the last Sister Mabel Makereth, MWGM from Toronto, and a special friend of our Grand Chapter, the late Brother Bill George, MWGP. In 1979 – 1982, he was elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and then, in 1985 – 1988, he served as Most Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Helen Roquemore Cox, Most Worthy Grand Matron. In “those days: the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron tried not to visit Grand Chapters together, but came in separate years. Sister Helen came in 1987 to the “Songs of Music Songs of Love” Session in Westville and Brother Ray visited Dartmouth in 1988 for the “Mountains of Friendship” Session. When he spoke during his visit, he said this to our members; (and I quote) “Then there are a few things that we need to stop saying, and that is: “IT’S NEVER BEEN DONE THAT WAY BEFORE”. All I can say is do not be afraid of change, because our society is changing, our times are changing, and we must change too. But we do not have to make any drastic changes.”

Brother Ray was a member of Hideaway Community Church, many community groups including Rotary International,, and he attained a Thirty-third Degree in the Masonic Order.

During his life Brother Ray had many varied interests, which included sponsoring and playing softball in a league. When younger, he piloted single engine planes, was a gold miner and avid rock hound, storyteller, SkipBo World Champion, and an exuberant basketball fan. In his Army days he was an expert marksman for which he received many medals and commendations.

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Sister Lois, his wife of sixty-three years, predeceased him in 2008. He is survived by one son Bill and his wife Sandra; two daughters, Lorraine and Julia and their husbands Michael and Jim; four grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; as well as many other family members. To all of his family members, the Grand Chapter of Arizona, and the General Grand Chapter, we express our deepest sympathies.

In her acceptance speech as Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Roquemore Cox described Brother Ray McRoberts, as follows: "Your gentleness of manner, devotion to a just cause and humility in great service are virtues fitting for your responsibilities. May our service together be a credit to our Order."

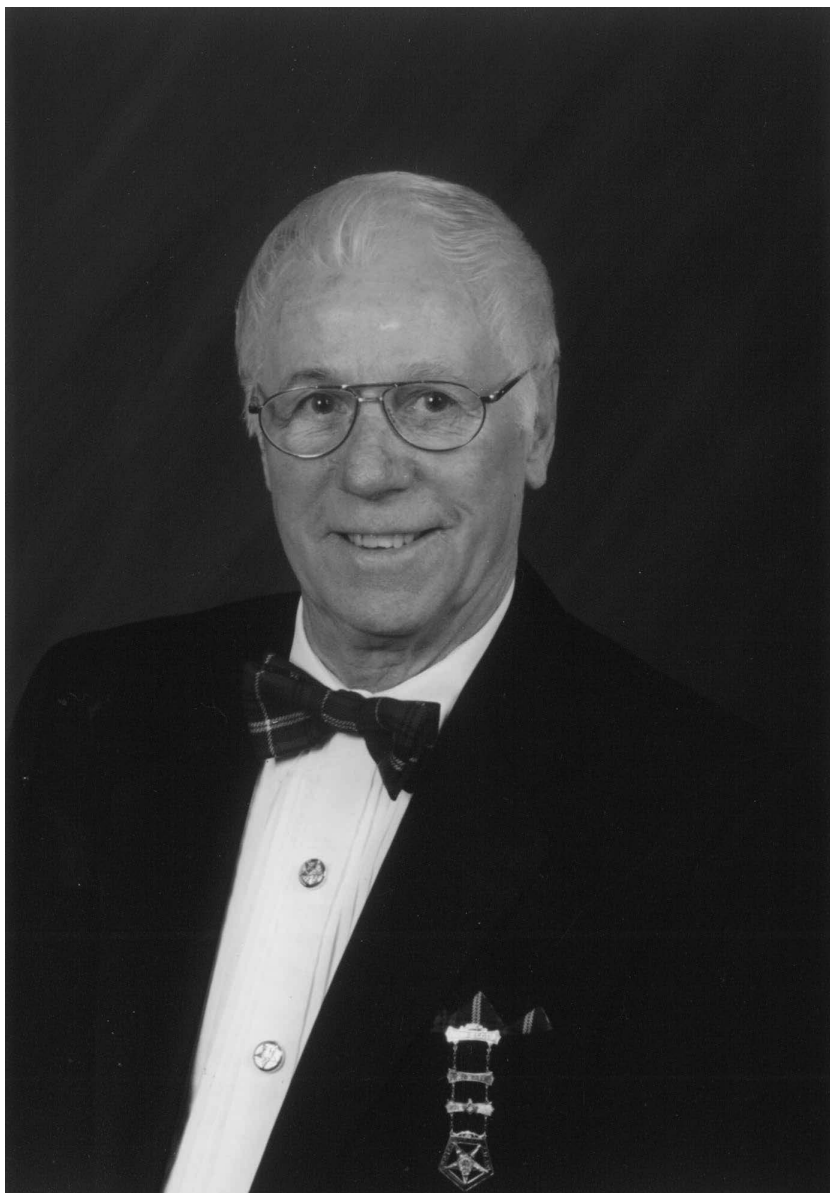
We will remember this distinguished gentleman for his many stories and his devoted service to our Order. Brother Ray quoted these words when he was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron, and they are as true today, as when he used them, almost thirty years ago.

"Only as high as we reach, can we grow. Only as far as we seek, can we go. Only as deep as we look, can we see. Only as much as we dream, can we be."

"Another Book Is closed
His mind and hands are still.
His fun and smile has ceased to shine,
A life of friendliness has been fulfilled.
Let us be thankful for a life, so kind and true.
He blessed our Eastern Star World, by passing through."

REST IN PEACE, our Brother Ray, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.





GEORGE ERNEST CROUCH
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
2002-2003

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**Tribute to
George Crouch, Past Grand Patron
Given by
Allan Conrad, Past Grand Patron**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: It is my honour to give this tribute to Brother George Ernest Crouch, Past Grand Patron.

Brother George joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1960 and served in Halifax and Esquimalt, British Columbia. After retirement, he drove a school bus for 14 years for Halifax County and then retired to the Valley.

Brother George was a Past Master of White Ensign Lodge in Halifax and Valley Lodge No. 90. He was also a member of Philae Temple (Shriner), Past Patron of Evangeline Chapter No. 15 and Laurel Chapter No. 67. Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward island 2002 - 2003 with Sister June Macdonald. Brother George was an excellent ritualist and did all his lectures by memory with little prompting. He was always ready to give a helping hand to whatever was asked of him by the Sisters or Brothers of his Chapters.

I first met George in 2000 when I first put my name in for Grand Sentinel, but it was in 2002 that we got to know each other and our friendship grew from then on. We had many discussions about the Masonic Order and the Order of the Eastern Star and why they were declining in membership. If he didn't agree with me, he'd just look and say "Allan that is just a crock". George, Allen Denton and I had many a good times and laughs as we traveled the Star trail. I recall the evening at Cornwallis when Brother Allen looked out the window at three dories tied together and said "this is George's navy there". The look on your face George was priceless. There were so many good times that happened as we travelled that I cannot tell here; they are best left for us to remember.

To his wife, Mary and his extended family, our deepest and sincere sympathy. May the hand of God rest upon you this day and forever.

Brother George, when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before the great white throne, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words "Well done good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

Rest in Peace Brother and good friend.





REV. R. BRUCE ATKINSON
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1967-1968

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**Tribute to
Rev. R. Bruce Atkinson, Past Grand Patron
Given by
Barbara Bowser, Past Grand Matron**

On January 17, 2014 our Senior Past Grand Patron, Brother Rev. R. Bruce Atkinson passed to the Grand Chapter above.

Brother Bruce was initiated into our Order on February 28, 1958, in Cobequid Chapter No. 39. From the beginning he did not hesitate to take an active part. Two years after his initiation he served as Worthy Patron. In 2007 with the closing of Cobequid Chapter he joined Crystal Chapter No. 1 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

With Sister Claretta Palmer as Worthy Grand Matron and him as Worthy Grand Patron they presided over the Garden of the Gulf Session in Charlottetown in July 1968.

He was very proud to be a 56 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

His beautiful tenor voice gave much joy to those who were blessed to hear him sing on many occasions.

His charming smile and always wise consideration for all members made him a welcome addition to every meeting.

I always enjoyed my telephone conversation with Brother Bruce over the years especially during the time that I was Secretary of the Past Grands Club for this Jurisdiction.

Our sincere fraternal sympathy is extended to his wife of sixty-seven years, Sister Doris, his daughter and son, grandchildren and great granddaughters, sisters and all family members, also to the members of Crystal Chapter No. 1, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and the members of the former Cobequid Chapter No. 39.

When good friends walk beside us, on the trails that we must keep, our burdens seem less heavy, and the hills are not so steep. Brother Bruce was such a friend to many Star members over the years.





LEWIS "LEW" OLIVER SMITH
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1994-1995

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**Tribute To
Lewis "Lew" O. Smith, Past Grand Patron
Given by
Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron**

Lewis "Lew" Oliver Smith was born in Caldeonia, N.S. on May 27, 1930 to parents, the late Oliver and May Smith. In early years he was a land surveyor working for the Nova Scotia Power Commission for 14 years. In 1965 he moved to Port Hawkesbury where he worked for Stora Forest Industries for 25 years, retiring in 1990.

Brother Lew was a volunteer fireman in Port Hastings holding various positions over the years from Truck Captain to Deputy Fire Chief. He enjoyed his membership in the curling club for over 40 years, and trips with his travel trailer. He was a trustee of St. David's United Church Port Hastings and the Historical Society. I smiled to myself thinking how fitting, his sons call him "Fred". A "Fred" could fix anything, do any job, and be there to lend a helping hand, to do whatever needs to be done. The door of the Smith house was always open, be it for a cup of coffee, a place to stay for a minute or two to relax and chat or to hear a story or a tale.

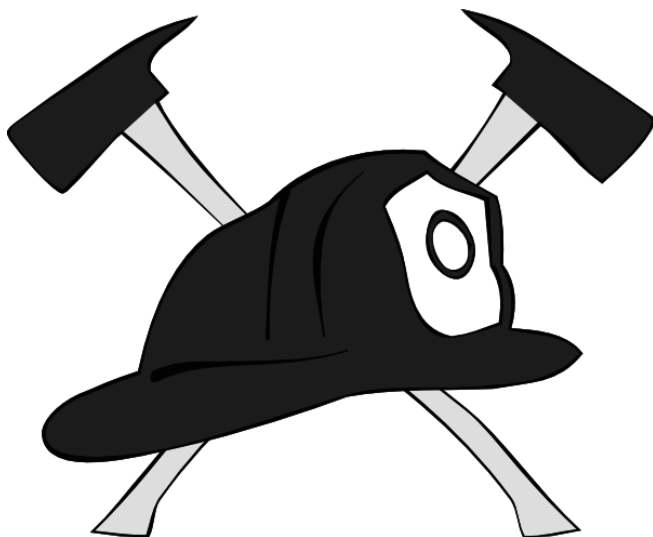
Brother Lew was a member and Past Master of Solomon Lodge No. 46 AF&AM Port Hawkesbury and the Causeway Shrine Club. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He was a member of Starlight Chapter No. 66, Order of the Eastern Star, serving many times as Worthy Patron. He was made a Life Member in 1995. Brother Lew served on Grand Chapter committees several times and was appointed as Grand Warder for Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew and Brother Allison Mitchell for their "World of Light" Session in 1991 – 1992. He served the offices of Grand Chapter and in 1994 was elected Worthy Grand Patron to serve with Sister Irene Liggins for the 48th session "Faith and Harmony". With the death of Sister Irene, I, (Sister Margaret,) became Acting Worthy Grand Matron (the step-mother). Brother Lew and the Grand Family were right there helping and supporting me when and where needed, for which I was very grateful. Brother Lew gave freely of his time and service to our Order and was considerate, kind and understanding.

Brother Lew and Sister Maxine were married for 56 years and she was his constant support.

We extend our sincere fraternal sympathy to Sister Maxine, sons, Kenneth, Blair, Troy and Dana, seven grandchildren, his sister, extended family members and the members of Starlight Chapter No. 66, Port Hawkesbury.

We may not know the reason
When God a life shall claim
But this we know it is not lost,
The spirit still remains
To comfort, cheer and guide us
Along life's toilsome ways
And give us hope eternal
Through the coming days.

WE SHALL REMEMBER



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"The Broken Chain"

We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Author: Ron Tranmer

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress draped the Altar in memory of our Brothers while the Grand Organist played various musical selections from their sessions.

Brother Peter, Grand Chaplain:

We pause in this "The Garden of Love" Session to pay tribute to our loved ones who have gone to their Eternal Home, the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

During the past year we have received many announcements from Sister Grand Jurisdictions on the passing of many distinguished members whose lives were an inspiration, therefore, it is with reverence and sincere sympathy in our hearts that we include their memory in our service this day.

Sisters, and Brothers, it is a privilege to dedicate this memorial service to those Sisters and Brothers who are now at rest from their labours. In faith we patiently await the promise of a greater joy than earth could have in store. We rely on Thy wisdom and love to comfort and protect us in our grief and sustain us as we journey toward that unseen shore beyond which our loved ones have gone. Grant that we may have the greatness of soul to complete this journey on earth and dwell in peace with Thee.

Let us pray:

Our loving Heavenly Father, who remembers all Your children in their time of need, place Your Hand on the hearts of all who gather here in a time of sharing and recalling the lives of these members. May your grace truly be sufficient, and may we too exhibit Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love in our daily lives. May our memories continue to sustain us, until we meet in eternity; matchless realm. We pray in the name of our Lord. Amen.

The Grand Secretary read the Scroll listing the names of those Sisters and Brothers who were "Called Home" in 2013 – 2014.



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Called Home 2013-2014

CEDAR No. 3

Sister Jessie Giles, PM

KEYSTONE No. 5

Brother Charles Gossling
Sister Ellen "Nellie" Godfrey

CENTURY No. 10

Sister Eliza MacKay

EVANGELINE No. 15

Brother George Crouch, PGP
Sister Ruth Keith
Brother Alvin Blair, PP
Sister Verna Forsythe, PM
Sister Elaine Grant
Sister Bernice Baltzer, PM

MYRTLE No. 21

Sister Margaret Arenburg, PM
Sister Althea "Lee" Good, PM

CRYSTAL No. 1 PEI

Brother Bruce Atkinson, PGP
Brother Everett MacDougall, PP
Brother Leith Andrews
Sister Margaret MacKinnon

WESTVILLE No. 24

Sister Jessie Tattrie
Brother James Robertson
Brother Sheldon Chisholm, PP

HARMONY No. 25

Brother James Ferguson, PP
Sister Marion Shaw, PM

MUNRO No. 26

Sister Dorothy MacPhee
Brother Wilfred Collis, PP
Brother Angus Hoddinott, PP
Sister Jean Carter
Sister Elizabeth MacLeod, PM
Sister Nelsona "Nellie" Gallop

KWEBEC No. 27

Sister Bernice "Bernie" Webb, PM

EVENING STAR No. 28

Sister Bernice Baker
Brother Darrell Thurber, PP
Sister Florence Dunlop
Sister Phyllis Vergie
Sister Emma Dicks, PM
Sister Barbara Myles, PM
Sister Lorna Spencer, PM

ARBUTUS No. 30

Sister Virginia Smith
Sister Edna Smith, PM

ST. MARY'S No. 35

Sister Freda Raymond
Brother Dr. Vladimir Lafkovic

ARMCREST No. 45

Sister Shirley Soucy, PM

FLORENCE FRASER No. 47

Sister Kathleen Boutillier, PM
Brother James Johnston, PP

ELM No. 48

Brother David Boutillier

SCOTIA No. 49

Brother David Nieforth, PP

REGENT No. 52

Sister Audrey Crozier

EMERALD No. 58

Pauline MacCulloch, PM
Sister Helen Barron, PM

QUEEN ESTHER No. 61

Brother Darrell Thurber, PP
Brother Jack Matthews, PP
Brother Cecil Boutillier, PP
Sister Dora Bateson, PM
Sister Augusta Douglass
Sister Catherine Bannister, PM
Sister Isabel MacDuish, PM

STARLIGHT No. 66

Brother Lewis O. Smith PGP

LAUREL No. 67

Bro George Crouch, PGP

MONTAGUE No. 69

Brother Charles "Jack" Stuart, PP

CRESCENT No. 70

Sister Cassie Saunders
Sister Shirley Rydholm

PEARLE No. 71

Sister Daisy Frail, PM



O.E.S. MEMORIAL SERVICE

When His eye is on the sparrow
And each budding leaf that grows;
When He sends the dew each morning,
And the sunshine to the rose;
You may know beyond all doubting,
In this trial you're passing through
God cares and every moment
He is watching over you.

The Grand Choir sang "His Eye Is On The Sparrow".

From the shepherd boy, David, comes the beautiful psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." With Him as our Shepherd and Keeper, we surely need no other guide or comforter.

ADAH

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul."

The decision put fidelity to a spoken vow ahead of all else, let Adah to seek the Lord alone for a time – perhaps beside still waters – in green and quiet places – so that her soul might be restored to accept her obligation.

RUTH

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

Ahead of Ruth lay several paths, the path of pleasure, the path of ease and plenty, but she, in her devotion to Naomi, and in obedience to the demands of life scorned all these and chose instead the path of righteousness.

ESTHER

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

To protect an oppressed and captive race, heroic Queen Esther, with splendid courage, chose the valley of the shadow of death,, and her strength of conviction helped her to fear no evil."

MARTHA

"For Thou art with me; Thy rod and staff they comfort me."

Sorrows and adversity are a part of this earthly life for all of us, and Martha learned to reach out beyond her knowledge and lean on that ever-present source of hope and comfort.

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ELECTA

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”

Electa felt joy many times through her charity and loving kindness to the poor and distressed. And, indeed, more than any other of our heroines, stood in the presence of her enemies. But she felt the anointing hand of her Lord as she spoke the truth and refused to deny Him.

ALL

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives
that we may live in the House of the Lord forever.”

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The son of God discloses.
And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald WP, Harmony Chapter No. 25 sang
“In The Garden”.

Let us pray:

And now, O lord, support us all the daylong of this glorious life;
Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life
Is over and our day's work is done.

Then in thy great mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and
peace at last. Amen

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the meeting from labour to
refreshments to resume at 9:00am. on Wednesday 16 July 2014.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING,
JULY 16, 2014**

9:00 a.m. Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Eleanor
Mitchell, PGM and Brother John Newell, PGP.

Sister Eleanor. PGM: A most pleasant “Good Morning” to you,
Sisters and Brothers and it is a pleasure indeed to have our Past

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Grand Patron Brother John Newell sharing the east with me this morning. I extend a genuine, warm, fraternal welcome to each of you.

Again, we have been most honoured and pleased to have our MWGM and other Distinguished Guests here – and sincerely hope you have enjoyed your visit here, and please – do return again many times in the future. To our own members, a great BIG welcome, we cannot do without you!

As you know, today is another very important busy time as we continue with business of Grand Chapter - we will also have the nomination and election of Grand Officers – to whom we extend our best wishes and we know that they will continue in the fine traditions of this Grand Chapter and provide leadership capably. All this to begin at 9:30 this morning, according to our law – so we must get down to business very shortly.

Brother John, may we have your greetings please.

Brother John, PGP: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is, indeed, an honour to assist with the opening of this final Grand Chapter Garden of Love Session and to share the Grand East with Sister Eleanor Mitchell, PGM whose devotion and service to this Grand Chapter is well known. I deem it a privilege to have been asked by Sister Mary, WGM and Brother Danny, WGP to share this opening with Sister Eleanor and I express my sincere thanks to both for this opportunity. Today marks an important day in our Grand Chapter, for it is the day when we elect the future leaders of this Grand Jurisdiction. I extend best wishes to them, and that under their leadership, know our Grand Chapter will prosper.

Sister Eleanor PGM: I now call to order this Wednesday portion of the 67th session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the “Garden of Love”.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

Sister Mary, WGM and Brother Danny, Worthy Grand Patron, this is a wonderful pleasure to welcome you to this last day of your “Garden of Love” session. I truly appreciate your invitation to preside this morning and to have Brother John sharing the East. You represent yet another addition to the pages of our Grand Chapter History and I commend you both for your sincerity and sense of purpose. Your interest in the Order of the Eastern Star was no doubt sparked by your respective family ties with the Order. Sister Mary, how well I recall that the year

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your Mom, Sister Norma served as Grand Warder, and my Husband our Brother Allison, Past Grand Patron, then Grand Sentinel, enjoyed their service to this Grand Chapter that year, also here in Stellarton. Brother Danny, I have so many great Star memories of our Sister Florence Campbell, PM as well as other family members. My wish for you both is to enjoy the remainder of the session and I hope, all your fondest wishes for it come true. Again thank you for this honour and for your service.

Brother John, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this Wednesday morning session. I thank you both most sincerely for this privilege.

Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Matron, my wish for you is that memory, like that of your fun symbol, the elephant, be very keen to remember all the wonderful and enriching experiences that were yours this past year.

Brother Danny, Worthy Grand Patron, as you continue to support those causes near and dear to your heart, I know you will continue to do so with the courage symbolic of your fun symbol, the lion. As was said on your Official Visit to Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14, "Courage does not always roar; sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

Sister Eleanor, PGM: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

They were accorded the Grand Honours.

Sister Eleanor, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present you with your gavel, and I know you will use it wisely.

I know you both had a wonderful and successful year and I congratulate you both on your special project, Breakfast for Learning. Welcome!

Solo – "On Eagles Wings" by Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP

WGM – Sister Eleanor thank you for presenting my gavel to me this morning. *

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

WGM – Sister Eleanor I am very pleased you once again made the

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journey East and can be with us. Although you keep in touch during the year, we still love and miss you.

Brother John I probably knew your name long before we ever met. We both worked for Sobeys and now we both work for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in one capacity or another as I know you are very active in the Cape Breton chapters. Thank you for assisting Sister Eleanor in opening this session.

WGP – Sister Eleanor, It is such a pleasure to have you in Nova Scotia once again.

You have been such an inspiration to all of us for many years! We miss you!

We are so pleased that you and Bro. John were able to open today's Session. Brother John, we have been Brothers and friends for many years. I will always remember how welcome you and Sister Carol have always made me feel whenever I visited Cape Breton. I have always cherished your friendship and assistance over the past number of years. Again a special thank you to both for opening today's session!

Minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session were read, moved for acceptance by Sister Carol Clark, PM Westville No. 24, and **Carried**.

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee

254 – Members from our Jurisdiction

106 – Members from Other Jurisdictions

360 – Total Attendance to Date.

The report was moved by Sister Susan Lorimer, seconded by Sister Peg Lipskey, and **Carried**.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Sister Evie Jean Lazenby and Brother Carl Thompson.

At 9:30 a.m. the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers and appointed the tellers.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Sister Christine Edit (A)

Co-Chairman: Sister Helen Szucs (B)

Group A:

Sister Alena Buchanan (69)

Sister Marion Conrad (28)

Sister Anna Carr (1 PEI)

Brother Paul Aitken (69)

Group B:

Sister Cora MacKay (48)

Sister Jean Annear (69)

Brother Charles Carr (1 PEI)

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Sister Heather Matthews (3) Sister Clara Nieforth (28)
Sister DiAnne Campbell (41) Sister Joan Mills (8)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

254 Ballots were issued. 128 needed for a majority.

The following were elected:

Worthy Grand Matron – Sister Irma Maxwell (15)
Worthy Grand Patron – Brother John Lorimer (25)
Associate Grand Matron – Sister Suzanne Aitken (69)
Associate Grand Patron – Brother Kirk MacLennan (2)
Grand Secretary – Sister Diane Hayman, PGM (24)
Grand Treasurer – Sister Faye Calder (67)
Grand Conductress – Sister Wilma Verge (28)
Associate Grand Conductress – Sister Christine McGillivray (21)
Grand Sentinel – Brother Robert Turner (30)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Cheryl Denton, PGM, St. Mary's Chapter No. 35, Digby

I would like to thank the other members on this Committee, Sister Marion Buchan, Social Events; Brother Ron Boudreau, Housing; Brother Allen Denton, Transportation; and Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Favours.

As of this date I have not received any information re General Grand Chapter, 2015, so there is no report.

Sister Cheryl moved the report, seconded by Brother Allen. **Carried**

I would like to make a motion to discontinue this Committee as it is no longer relevant. Everyone makes their own arrangements when information is received from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The motion was seconded by Brother Allen. **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Sister Cheryl, I guess the time has arrived for us all to earnestly start saving and make plans to attend General Grand Chapter. I hope we can have a good representation as Sister Bobbi and Brother John realize their dreams. Thank You.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ADAHS

Four Subordinate Chapter Adahs were presented.

The welcome was given by Sister Candace Reid, Grand Adah

Sister Candace: As Grand Adah, I am delighted to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Adah's to this "Garden of Love" Grand Chapter

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Session. Thank you for being here to participate in celebrating the Worthy Grand Matron's honour station, Adah. It has been a pleasure to visit with you in your Chapters this year. May the friendships you make be those which endure; and all your grey clouds, be small one for sure. Welcome.

The response was given by her sister, Sister Kimberley MacLean, Adah Harmony Chapter No. 25

Sister Kimberley: Sister Candace, on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Adah's, it give me pleasure to thank you for your kind welcome. It has been a pleasure for us to serve as Adah with you throughout the year.

Worthy Grand Matron Mary and Worthy Grand Patron Danny, thank you for giving me the honour to respond to the welcome on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Adah's. We wish for you a wonderful "Garden of Love" Session.

RECEPTION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ESTHERS

Nine Subordinate Chapter Esthers were introduced.

The welcome was given by Sister Diana Read, Grand Esther, PM Westville Chapter No. 24.

Sister Diana: Good day. It is such a pleasure to welcome you to our Grand Chapter today and I hope that you will have a wonderful time and have many memorable moments that you will cherish for years to come.

You represent the noble Queen Esther, The little orphan girl who through a series of events became a Queen; a Queen who never forgot her people, her family, and her friends.

May you always remember the family and friends that you will find at this "Garden of Love" Session of our Grand Chapter.

Enjoy,
Thanks you for coming.

The response was given by Sister Violet Cameron, Harmony Chapter No. 25.

Sister Violet: Sister Diana, on behalf of the other Subordinate Chapter Esthers thank you for your kind welcome. We know you have had a great year serving as Grand Esther. Thanks to Sister Mary and Brother Danny for the honour of responding to this welcome.

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At this time Honorary Memberships were presented to Sister Sandy Caunt and Brother Fraser Caunt of New Jersey.

FRED'S CREW

The executive of Fred's Crew, along with the Chair of the Grand Chapter Finance Committee and the Co-Chair of the 2012 Triennium of General Grand Chapter, need to discuss the distribution of the funds remaining in Fred's Crew Accounts and to discuss the invoice from Texas re the 2012 Assembly.

The treasurer reported the following amount:

\$ Canadian - \$31,329.84

\$ USA - \$35,428.27

A discussion took place on the invoice received from Texas as our share of the 2012 triennial assembly.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee has contacted Henry Martin of Texas requesting more details. After a number of emails and phone calls we were advised to contact General Grand Chapter if we wanted more information. A letter was then sent to the Chairman of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, Sister Paula Argus, asking for information. She in turn told us to contact Texas. We are now satisfied that our obligations to Texas have been fulfilled.

The committee is recommending the following for the distribution of the funds available:

1. \$25,000 US, to be sent to the George Washington Memorial in Washington. The interest to be used to maintain the OES display in memory of our late Most Worthy Grand Patron, Frederick W. Clarke and in honour of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
2. \$30,000 to be put in trust in honour of Fred Clarke and the interest is to go to the General Operating Account of Grand Chapter.
3. The remaining funds from the US account to be converted to Canadian Funds and the balance of the Canadian account are to be set up as a fund for Benevolent of which only the interest of this fund can be used for assistance. (Approximately \$12,000 Canadian)

These recommendations will be presented to Grand Chapter for approval.

Sister Marian moved a vote of thanks to all the members of our committee and a very special thank you to Sister Margaret for all her extra fund raising and promotions of our Grand Chapter around the world. This was seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, PGP. **Carried.**

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Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP questioned if any thought had been given to returning money to the chapters as all had been asked to contribute \$1,000, if possible, at the beginning.

Sister Marian Durling moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz, PM, Evening Star Chapter No. 28 **Carried.**

It was moved by Sister Marian Durling seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz that \$25,000 be sent to the George Washington Memorial in Washington as per No. 1 listed above.

Before the vote was taken Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP asked for the amount contributed by our own chapters. His concern was for the existing chapters who are struggling financially.

The vote was then taken and the motion **Carried.**

It was moved by Sister Marian Durling seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz that \$30,000 be given to Grand Chapter per No. 2 as previously listed. **Carried**

It was moved by Sister Marian Durling seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz that the remaining funds be given to the Benevolent Fund as per No. 3 previously listed. **Carried.**

Fred's Crew Income/Expense June 12, 2007 to July 4, 2014

Income:

US

Balance forward June 12, 2007	\$29,147.72
Sale of Merchandise	10,577.60
Membership	420.00
Interest	3,452.05
TOTAL INCOME US	\$43,597.37

Expense:

Teas convention Centre ½ Rental Deposit	\$ 7,287.50
Refunds Homecoming Banquet	880.00
Total Expense US	\$ 8,167.50

TOTAL US ASSETS REMAINING \$35,429.87

Income:

Canadian

Balance forward June 12, 2007	\$26,460.61
Donations from Chapters	3,030.59
Merchandise Sales	13,073.78
Membership	120.00
Interest Income	1,306.74
Total Income Canadian	\$42,991.72

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Expenses:

Fred's Homecoming Banquet	\$ 3,440.11
Refunds for Homecoming	640.00
Favours for GGC Banquet	6,364.25
Place cards/Programs for GGC Banquet	795.79
Isabelle Pearson	55.00
Service Charge/Postage	1,027.59
Total Expenses Canadian	\$ 12,661.88

Total Canadian Assets Remaining \$31,329.84

WGM/WGP: We thank you for your contributions during the past number of years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Good Morning Sisters and Brothers, the Finance Committee consists of the following individuals, Brother Garry Hope PP, Westville No. 24, Sister Carol Nielsen, PM, Queen Esther Chapter No. 61 (both of whom are unable to be here today) and me, Brother Bill Clark, PP, Westville Chapter No. 24 and PGP of this Grand Chapter.

The duties of the Finance Committee are found in the Laws and Regulations of the CL&R pages 27 and 28.

At the beginning of the new Grand Chapter year the Worthy Grand Matron invited our Committee to meet with the Grand Council. We accepted and had a great meeting. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary asked if the Committee could find ways to reduce our expenses. This was music to our ears!

As the Committee did not feel it was right for our Grand Treasurer to use her personal computer for Grand Chapter business, we approved the purchase of a computer, printer and software (Quick Books). We also approved the purchase of a new printer for the Grand Secretary's office.

Our newly elected Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, Sister Diane Hayman, PGM and Sister Faye Calder, PM shared your Committee's commitment to reduce our expenses. I would like at this time to personally thank Sisters Diane and Faye for the outstanding job they did this year. There was a huge learning curve for all of us which is still ongoing. We did however make progress.

Two of the duties of the Committee are to see that bonds are secured for all officers requiring bonding and annually review and secure all necessary insurance coverage for the Grand Chapter. In order to do this the Grand Secretary sent us a copy of the invoice for our insurance for the upcoming year. We contacted the carrier we had been using for a number of years to see if the cost could be reduced,

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while at the same time we contacted the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, MW Brother Harold Crosby, to find out if the Grand Chapter could secure insurance through the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, as do most of our subordinate chapters. Brother Harold put us in touch with his insurance person. They were both instrumental in getting our insurance bill lowered.

In discussion with our insurance person and with the Grand Treasurer, both indicated that all of our chapters must carry liability insurance as they are subordinate to the Grand Chapter and if they do not have insurance, the liability could fall on the Grand Chapter. As such I submitted a notice of motion that if passed will mandate each chapter to carry liability insurance and send a copy to the Grand Secretary annually.

This year, right after Grand Chapter 2013, your Committee met with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and set up a process whereby we could save money by having all the Grand Chapter bills scanned and emailed to the Committee and the Grand Treasurer. Each committee member would review and approve the bills, send confirmation to the chairman, who would in turn, send confirmation to both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. A warrant was then issued, scanned, sent to the Grand Treasurer and the bills paid. This process worked very well even with one member living in Florida for the winter months. We intend to use this process going forward.

The Grand Treasurer and the Chair of Finance Committee met with Brother Harold Crosby, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the fall of 2013 to obtain his advice on our investments. He was very helpful and made useful suggestions on how we should proceed with our investments.

The CL&R indicates that “the Finance Committee shall examine or cause to be examined the books of all officers who have custody and management or control of funds and other property of the Grand Chapter...”. Last fall we secured the service of a person to perform such duties but unfortunately this did not work out. Therefore, the Finance Committee made the decision to do the following review.

- The opening and closing balance of our account
- The reconciliation of the monthly statement for our bank account
- The invoices approved to be paid by the Grand Chapter
- The warrants issued to write cheques
- The list of our investments from the Bank of Nova Scotia

The balance sheet was taken from our own records. Our investments and interest rate are shown on this report.

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As per a motion at Grand Chapter last year, the Grand Chapter acquired a Visa Credit card. We had to guarantee this with the bank so you will see an entry on the balance sheet named Treasury for an amount of \$5,000. This is the guarantee for the Visa card. Our annual cost is \$49 and we will receive 2% of all purchases on the credit card. This will become a source of income.

The Grand Secretary contacted the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter and we now can pay all invoices to General Grand with our Visa card. This will eliminate postage and envelopes to the USA.

As you all are aware we have a Grand Chapter web site. What a great way to get information to our members and other Grand Chapters. In discussions with the Grand Secretary we are working to have all documents that normally go by mail to other jurisdictions added to the web page. She would then email the Grand Chapters advising them of the site.

Some examples are:

List of Grand Officers and committees

Tentative program for our Grand Chapter Sessions

Lists of arrangements of our Grand Chapter Session

With the exception of Grand Representatives information there is really no good reason to be mailing anything to any other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Worthy Grand Matron recommended that correspondence going to the chapters be sent via email as a way to save money. Some thought this was just down loading costs to the chapters. Your Committee along with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer made a commitment to reduce our costs sufficiently to offer a per capita tax reduction to the subordinate chapters. This we have done. We are recommending a \$1 per capita tax reduction for our Subordinate Chapters.

You will notice on the spreadsheet for the budget for 2015 that we have also shown our budgeted and actual expenses for the years 2012, 2013 and the budget for 2014 and actual expenses to June 30, 2014. The reason this was done was that a number of members asked if we could present a document that would make it easier to understand our income and expenses. We set this up in four sections:

Grand Chapter operating account from the close of Grand Chapter to the opening the following year.

The Grand Chapter Session

ESTARL Fund

Benevolent Fund

By identifying our income and expenses in detail we can see where we have to reduce our costs and improve our income. We believe this format makes it easier for our members to understand our finances.

The budget for 2015 has been reviewed and approved by the Grand Council for presentation to the membership.

The Finance Committee this upcoming year will be reviewing all sections of the CL&R to determine if there are any practices, rules & regulations that can be reviewed to reduce our Grand Chapter expense. A couple of examples re the district for the District Deputy Grand Matrons and associated travel expenses as well as the number of proceedings that are sent to a chapter and the format used. We will present notices of motion for anything that we believe will have a financial benefit for the Grand Chapter.

The committee recommends the following:

1. The budget for 2015 be approved.
- 2, The per capita tax for subordinate chapters be reduced by \$1.

Brother Bill moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Faye Calder, PM Laurel Chapter No. 67 **Carried.**

It was moved by Brother Bill Clark seconded by Sister Faye Calder that the budget for 2015 be approved. **Carried.**

It was moved by Brother Bill Clark seconded by Sister Faye Calder that the per capita tax for subordinate chapters be reduced by \$1.

On the question it was asked why the Per Capita should be lowered and if Grand Chapter takes over the running of Grand Chapter would we not need this extra dollar?

The answer was given that it was to off-set the cost printing mail received by e-mail. **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Brother Bill, Brother Garry, and Sister Carol all I can say is a great big thank you. Your diligence in looking for the best possible price for exactly what we need is to be commended. You all certainly went over the top in questioning all financial matters and coming up with what was best for our Grand Chapter. Thank you.

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GRAND CHAPTER
BUDGET COMPARISON
2012 - 2014

GRAND CHAPTER GENERAL ACCO	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	VARIANCE	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	VARIANCE	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL TO JUNE 30/14	BUDGET 2015
INCOME									
Per Capita Assessment	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,480.00	\$ (520.00)	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 17,290.00	\$ (1,710.00)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,485.00	\$ 13,500.00
Sale of Supplies	1,600.00	5,308.00	3,708.00	1,600.00	6,586.73	4,986.73	1,600.00	2,557.96	5,000.00
Fines	-	-	-	-	208.58	208.58	-	40.00	200.00
Interest Income	2,200.00	980.00	(1,220.00)	2,500.00	1,330.70	(1,169.30)	2,500.00	218.95	1,350.00
Memorial Donations other	100.00	20.00	(80.00)	100.00	-	(100.00)	100.00	-	100.00
Visa Card Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
Uncategorized Income	-	-	-	-	364.65	364.65	-	-	-
Total	\$ 22,900.00	\$ 24,788.00	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 23,200.00	\$ 25,780.66	\$ 2,580.66	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 14,301.91	\$ 20,450.00
EXPENSES									
Cost of Supplies	-	1,295.00	1,295.00	-	135.00	(135.00)	-	-	-
Audit	600.00	3,345.00	3,345.00	-	2,987.02	2,987.02	600.00	798.67	2,500.00
Insurance & Bonding	1,200.00	600.00	(600.00)	600.00	600.00	-	1,300.00	646.00	675.00
Postage	-	1,283.00	83.00	1,300.00	227.00	(1,073.00)	1,300.00	304.03	200.00
Visa Card Expense	-	-	-	-	(2.00)	2.00	-	-	50.00
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115.07	200.00
Printing/Postage office supplie	8,000.00	9,615.00	1,615.00	9,000.00	5,622.97	(3,377.03)	9,000.00	2,221.28	2,500.00
WGM- Honorium	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
WGP-Honorium	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
GS-Honorium	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
GT-Honorium	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
DDGM	2,000.00	2,964.00	964.00	2,000.00	2,593.02	593.02	3,000.00	651.47	2,500.00
Office Rent	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,450.00	(50.00)	1,500.00	750.00	1,500.00
Phone & Internet	-	-	-	-	1,493.03	1,493.03	-	660.00	1,100.00
WGM & WGP Jewell	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	1,214.75	214.75	1,000.00	621.50	1,000.00
Memorial Donations	-	232.00	232.00	-	236.00	236.00	-	-	100.00
Grand Officers Badges	200.00	-	(200.00)	200.00	-	(200.00)	200.00	-	200.00
Per Capita General Grand Chap	2,200.00	1,856.00	(344.00)	2,000.00	1,810.78	(189.22)	2,000.00	-	1,500.00
Amortization Expenses	1,000.00	555.00	(441.00)	500.00	-	(500.00)	500.00	-	-
Trentium Honorarium	-	605.00	605.00	-	-	-	0.00	330.51	-
65th Anniversary	1,250.00	1,500.00	250.00	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	-
Total Expense	\$ 27,950.00	\$ 34,354.00	\$ 6,404.00	\$ 27,100.00	\$ 27,367.57	\$ 267.57	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 10,098.53	\$ 23,025.00
Profit (Less) operating account		\$ (9,566.00)			\$ (1,586.91)		\$ (5,900.00)	\$ 4,203.38	\$ (2,575.00)

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BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I would like to introduce your Benevolent Committee to you: Sister Margaret Clarke PGM, Sister Barbara Bowser, PGM, and myself, Keith Pettigrew, PGP.

Your Committee responded to each request this year, however, we were only able to give partial help to each.

I must inform you that we started our year with \$826.62 and had to borrow from our short term fund in the amount of \$5,000. Our CL&R Rules and Regulations allow us to use only interest from our Benevolent Fund and our interest this year was \$667. We must pay back our loan, since we only have access to interest and donations.

With little interest and NO donations last year, your committee recommends that each Chapter use (for example) the Silver Drill from the month of November to donate to the Benevolent Fund.

We also recommend that we have a Donation Fund to build up assistance for our members in need.

Our Benevolent Fund is in need of help from each member, so your donation would be greatly appreciated by all. I would like to make the first donation of \$200.

We are a Benevolent Association and while we donate thousands of dollars to various charities, we must remember that our first priority should be our own members.

The financial statement will be found in the Treasurer's Report.

We would like to thank our Grand Treasurer for her prompt response and assistance.

Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron we congratulate you on a successful year and wish you all the best in the future.

Brother Keith moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM. **Carried.**

It was moved by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM that we pass the basket with proceeds going to the Benevolent Fund. Brother Dan Campbell, WGP seconded the motion . **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Brother Keith, Sister Margaret, and Sister Barbara thank you for being there for our Sisters and Brothers in need. It is comforting to know you are there should anyone require financial assistance. We are grateful for your devotion to our members.

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JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: We are pleased to submit the following report of the Jurisprudence Committee for the year 2013 – 2014. The members of this committee are Brother Murray Gardner, PGP, Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, and I am Sister Edith Conrod, PGM Chair.

The duties of this Committee are listed in the CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 3, page 27.

This Committee met in July 2013 and reviewed the new format that Sister Mary our WGM prepared for the Schools of Instructions as was passed at our Grand Session 2013.

At least two Members of this Committee were present at all schools of Instruction:

Grand Officers, July 2013 at Century Chapter No. 10, New Glasgow

And the three for all members were:

September 14, 2013 Crescent Chapter No. 70 Lockport

September 21, 2013 Kwebec Chapter No. 27 Bedford

September 28, 2013 Starlight Chapter No. 66 Port Hawkesbury

All schools were conducted in the new format as passed at our Session in July 2013. Many of the same questions seem to be asked year after year. We were pleased to assist the WGM when she requested help in answering any of the questions. Hopefully the new format will encourage more of our membership to attend these schools.

This was a year of many questions being asked however when a member contacted this Committee directly on matters involving the Constitution Laws and Regulations they were directed to contact the Worthy Grand Matron who then contacted this Committee, if she needed assistance. The Worthy Grand Matron has listed all questions and answers in her report and most were discussed with this Committee prior to being answered. There were a few matters that we found disturbing over the year but hopefully they have been resolved.

We reviewed and are in agreement with all dispensations granted by the Worthy Grand Matron.

We have reviewed the report of the Worthy Grand Patron Brother Danny and agree with the Bylaws that he has approved.

Sister Irma Maxwell, Associate Grand Matron submitted her Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters along with the Instructions for the District Deputy Grand Matrons for the 2014 – 2015 year to this

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Committee. All were found in order. We wish Sister Irma and Brother John well as they will soon assume their role as leaders of this Grand Chapter.

We reviewed and approved the amendments to the CL&R passed at 2013 Session prepared by the Grand Secretary, however we have heard from a number of members that they are not happy with having them printed all on one page so we recommend that this method not be used again.

The Notices of Motion were reported on earlier, however we would like to give a brief report as to how they are to be submitted and handled.

1. Notices of Motion are to be submitted to the Grand Secretary, no later than 120 days prior to the opening of the Grand Chapter Session.
2. The Grand Secretary immediately upon receipt send the proposal to the Jurisprudence Committee.
3. If a proposal is not in proper form when received, it shall be returned to the proponent with suggestions from the Jurisprudence Committee for correction.
4. The Jurisprudence Committee shall make any suggestions within 30 days after receipt. The proponent shall have 30 days to resubmit the corrected resolution to the Secretary. If not resubmitted within 30 days it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed and could be declared out of order at the session.

There was a question that arose in which this Committee felt that our Most Worthy Grand Matron should be contacted. The question was regarding seating in the East for Grand Representatives and Grand Chapter Committee Members who are not Past Matrons or Past Patrons, as the Red Book refers to the fact that only those who are Past Matrons or Past Patrons are eligible to sit in the East.

We felt that a report should be given regarding the reply received from the Most Worthy Grand Matron which reads "You are correct about the proper seating in the East according to GGC. However you cannot legally pass a law in any Grand Jurisdiction that is in conflict with those of General Grand Chapter.

It is my contention that all Grand Representative should be either a Past Matron or Past Patron, since at Grand Chapters, they are presented at the Altar and extended Grand Honours in the East."

My question is did this Grand Chapter go against the General Grand Chapter when we passed the motion in 2011 that all members be

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eligible to be appointed Grand Representatives? We realize that there are many other Grand Jurisdictions that do this but does that make it right?

This Committee had numerous meetings during the year through conference calls many lasting for hours. This worked out very well and we were able to keep in touch and confer on all matters that were brought to our attention. I would like to thank Brother Murray for suggesting and making these calls possible.

I would like to thank PGM Sister Jane Wooldridge and PGP Brother Fred Lipskey for the three year appointment to this Committee and I wish Sister Jane well as she begins her three year appointment on this committee.

Sister Sheila and Brother Murray all the best as you continue on, and I shall miss our phone calls.

Sister Mary WGM and Brother Danny WGP enjoy the rest of your session. I hope that we have been of some help to you over the past year.

Sister Edith moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Brother Murray Gardner, PGP Century Chapter No. 10.

Under the question it was asked "is that written that a Grand Representative must be a Past Matron or Past Patron?"

Answer given was "NO".

The vote was moved by Sister Edith Conrod, seconded by Brother Murray Gardner that the report be accepted. Carried.

WGM/WGP: Sister Edith, Brother Murray, and Sister Sheila. I wish to thank each of you for all the assistance given to us over the past year. There were likely some days that Sister Edith hated to answer the phone knowing I was on the other end with yet another question.

Your patience, wisdom, and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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

Sisters and Brothers I have prepared a detailed report of what I have been up to for the past 12 months. This will appear in the proceedings. Today I will present a much shorter version. Various Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons participated in

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our Installation last July 10 with Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP as the Installing Officer and Sister Carol Clark, PGM as the Installing Marshal. We then had a reception line and were treated to cake and ice cream.

On July 20 a School of Instruction was held for the Grand Family hosted by Century Chapter No. 10. Additional Schools of Instruction were held on September 14, 21, and 28 hosted by Crescent Chapter No. 70, Kwebec Chapter No. 27 and Starlight Chapter No. 66 respectively. We thank each of these chapters for the wonderful job in preparing the schools.

During the year we sent seasonal letters to the Chapters (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter) as well as a Welcome and Farewell letter.

Additional appointments were made to the following Grand Chapter Committees:

Brother Garry Hope, PP, Westville No. 24 replaced Brother James Ferguson, PP, Harmony No. 24 on the Finance Committee and Brother Bill Clark, PGP, Westville No. 24 assumed Chair of the Committee.

Sister Violet Fraser, PM, Florence Fraser No. 47 replaced Sister Kay Boutilier, Florence Fraser No. 47 on the International Headquarters Committee.

Sister Peg Lipskey, PM, Laurel No. 67 replaced Sister Faye Calder, PM, Laurel No. 67.

This year the Schools were held in a "Practice Setting". Everyone, including the Grand Officers, dressed comfortably. We covered every aspect of a meeting and reviewed the signs and passes. I have had lots of positive feedback on the form and the time made available for questions and answers. I have made a number of Motions based on the wishes of those attending the various schools.

Not to be outdone by Sister Mary Lou and Brother Ralph, we presided over the Consolidation of Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3 (formerly Cedar No. 3 and Atlantic No. 65). We used the new ceremony being presented for your consideration later on this week. The meeting was well received and many attendees said they appreciated that it was not drawn out, but to the point and very meaningful.

During the year I attended the Can-Am Exchange in Kingston, ON accompanied by our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Irma Maxwell, Grand Secretary, Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, and Grand Conductress, Sister Suzanne Aitken. We all had a great time. On the first Saturdays of April and May we travelled to Riverview, NB for the Maine-Maritime Exchange and Maritime Exchange. As to be

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expected Sister Nancy, Brother Laurie and their committees had everything in place and we all had a terrific time.

On June 7 I attended the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Truro where we were introduced and I had an opportunity to speak to their membership. Our Masonic Brothers were very cordial and later on I had an opportunity to speak to some of them in a more relaxed setting. The following Saturday I was supposed to visit the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown but illness prevented this. Brother Ed MacLaren read my message. Thank you Brother Ed.

A combined Homecoming was held in June. 14th. What a wonderful time. We received many gifts as well as monetary donations to our Special Project. I also received a Life Membership to Harmony Chapter No. 25 and an Honorary Membership to Mystic Star Chapter No. 40.

A Grand Council Meeting on June 14th was held prior to our combined Homecoming in Stellarton.

Sister Diane Hayman, PGM and Grand Secretary and I attended the last day of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and enjoyed the Installation of their 2013 – 2014 Grand Officers with Sister Nancy Keirstead as Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Laurie Bishop as Worthy Grand Patron. Along with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, Sister Inez Daye, PGM, and Brother Allen, TLC (tug, lug, and carry) provider attended the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire in August. From May 16 through 21, 2014 Brother Allen and I attended the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts and Maine.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened by the deaths of 3 Past Grand Patrons, Brother George Crouch, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother Rev. Bruce Atkinson as well as Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ray McRoberts. Our sympathy is extended to their families and Subordinate Chapter Members.

We also mourn the loss of many Members of our Subordinate Chapters and our Deepest Sympathy is extended to all those who have suffered a loss during the past year.

Our Memorial Service will pay tribute to all those who were “called home”.

DISPENSATIONS

During the year 16 Dispensations were issued for various reasons.

9 August 2013 – to Cedar Chapter No. 3, Wallace to move their meeting to the Wallace Community Hall for the Worthy Grand Matron’s Visit.

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12 September 2013 – to St. Mary's Chapter No. 35, Digby to hold their District Deputy Grand Matron's visit at 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm.

4 September 2013 – to Regent Chapter No. 52, Central Bedeque, PEI to hold their October on the 16th.

4 September 2013 – to Montague Chapter No. 69, S. Montague, PEI to hold their October on the 17th when their District Deputy Grand Matron visits.

13 September 2013 – to Mayflower Chapter No. 2, Kingston, NS to hold their November 12 on November 15 when their District Deputy Grand Matron visits;

17 September 2013 – to Elm Chapter No. 48 in Upper Stewiacke, NS to hold their District Deputy Grand Matron's visit on Wednesday, October 9 instead of Tuesday, October 8.

02 October 2013 – to Munro Chapter No. 30 in North Sydney, NS to hold an election for an Associate Patron at their October meeting. Their Associate Patron Brother Collis passed away in July 2013.

01 Dec 2014 – to Pearle Chapter No.71 to change their January 2014 meeting from 23 January at 7:30pm to 25 January at 2:00pm. Not used due to a death in the community.

05 Dec 2013 – to Armcrest Chapter No. 45 for January 2014 changing their meeting from New Year's Day to January 8, 2014.

05 Jan 2014 – to Starlight Chapter No. 66 to hold their December meeting (cancelled due to a storm) at St. David's United Church as their hall is closed for the winter and therefore has no heat. Gave a verbal okay also scanned and e-mail the dispensation with the original sent via mail that week.

04 February 2014 – to Pearle Chapter No. 71 to hold their February meeting on Saturday the 22nd when they would be honouring members.

07 February 2014 – to Arbutus Chapter No. 30 to hold their April, May, and June meetings on the second Saturday of the month. This is to allow the brothers to attend their various Grand Lodges.

20 March 2014 – to Harmony Chapter No. 25 to hold their May meeting on the 15th and not the 7th so members can attend the Official Visits on Prince Edward Island.

24 May 2014 –to Grace Chapter No. 8 to hold their July meeting on the 9th so members can attend Grand Chapter.

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24 May 2014 – to Westville Chapter No. 24 to hold their June meeting at the ADE Tri-Lodge, New Glasgow so more members can attend the Installation of Officers as there are no stairs.

26 May 2014 – to Laurel Chapter No. 67 to hold their June meeting at 7:00pm for the Installation of Officers.

During the year I also attended funerals and wakes, visited members in hospital, participated in various Installation Ceremonies. These I did as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and not because I was Worthy Grand Matron, therefore, I did not include them in my report.

DONATIONS

As Associate Grand Conductress I received the following donations:

Crystal Chapter No. 1	DDGM	\$ 30.00
Crystal Chapter No. 1 Past Matron's Club	DDGM	\$ 20.00
Regent Chapter #52	DDGM	\$ 15.00
Atlantic Chapter No. 65	DDGM	\$ 25.00
Barbara Bowser	Honour Night	\$ 10.00
Mary Lou Higgins	Honour Night	\$ 20.00
Marion Buchan	Honour Night	\$ 25.00
Belle & Adrian Pearson	Honour Night	\$ 15.00
Betty & Ken Smith	Honour Night	\$ 10.00
Marilyn & Harold Farrow	Installing in Tatamagouche	\$ 50.00
Marilyn & Ralph Swinamer	Honour Night	\$ 20.00
Associate Grand Conductress total		\$ 240.00

As Grand Conductress I received the following donations:

Barbara Bowser	Honour Night	\$ 10.00
Joan Campbell	Honour Night	\$ 25.00
Mary Lou Higgins	Honour Night	\$ 25.00
Marion Buchan	Honour Night	\$ 25.00
Belle & Adrian Pearson	Honour Night	\$ 15.00
Marian Durling	Honour Night	\$ 10.00
Betty & Ken Smith	Honour Night	\$ 10.00
Irma Maxwell	Honour Night	\$ 20.00
John & Susan Lorimer	For Installation	\$ 100.00
Munro Chapter #26	DDGM	\$ 25.00
Grand Conductress total		\$ 265.00

As Associate Grant Matron I received the following donations:

John & Susan Lorimer	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Irma Maxwell	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Gloria & Bob Turner, & Edith Taylor	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Marion Buchan	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Violet Cameron	Honour Tea	\$ 10.00
Peter & Gail Kay	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Belle & Adrian Pearson	Honour Tea	\$ 20.00
Mary Lou Higgins	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Vivian & Larry Ingham	Honour Tea	\$ 25.00
Ken & Betty Smith	Honour Tea	\$ 10.00
Christine McGillivray	Honour Tea	\$ 20.00
Marilyn & Ralph Swinamer	Honour Tea	\$ 20.00
Carol Nielsen	Honour Tea	\$ 20.00

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Associate Grand Matron total	\$ 275.00
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As Worthy Grand Matron I received the following donations:

Cedar Chapter #3	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Marion E. Durling	LM of Wm. Thompson PGP	\$ 25.00
Elm Chapter #48	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Crecent Chapter #70	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Crecent Chapter #70	memory of Sis Cassie Saunders	\$ 50.00
Leota & Hayward Meisner	lieu of gifts to Installing Team	\$ 50.00
Starlight Chapter #66	fundraiser after meeting	\$ 32.00
Starlight Chapter #66	Adendum gift from chapter	\$ 50.00
Queen Esther #61	chapter donation	\$ 75.00
Shirley Moir	in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	\$ 25.00
Keystone #5	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
School of Instruction	Draw	\$ 12.00
Dawn Wamboldt	Lieu of gifts to Installing Team	\$ 50.00
Isabelle & Adrian Pearson	Memory of George Crouch	\$ 20.00
Effie Behie	Honor of her 106th Brithday 66 yr member	\$ 106.00
Victoria Chapter #19	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Crescent Chapter	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Pearle Chapter	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
School of Instruction	Draw	\$ 21.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	Gift to DDGM	\$ 20.00
Mystic Star	Corsage	\$ 20.00
Mystic Star	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Rhoda Tupper		\$ 50.00
Mayflower	Adendum gift from chapter	\$ 25.00
Cheryl & Allen Denton	in lieu of gift at Homecoming	\$ 100.00
Cheryl & Allen Denton	in memory of Bro George Crouch PGP	\$ 50.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Munro	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Sheila MacDonald	in memory of Brother George Crouch	\$ 20.00
Queen Elizabeth	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Carole Newell	In memory	\$ 100.00
Westville	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Century	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Evangeline	Chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Carol & Keith Pettigrew		\$ 20.00
Evangeline	Good of the Order	\$ 70.30
Queen Elizabeth	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Munro	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Victoria Chapter #19	Chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Scotia Chapter #49	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
John & Carole Newell	LM of Alvin Blair, PP	\$ 25.00
Myrtle #21	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Myrtle #21	Past Matron's Club	\$ 25.00
Grace #8	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Kwebec #37	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Kwebec #37	Past Matron's Club	\$ 25.00
Julia Baker	LM of husband Bro Max Baker	\$ 25.00
Marves Mitchell-Mansfield	LM of husband Donald E. Mitchell	\$ 25.00
Harmony Chapter #25	chapter donation	\$ 200.00
Ruth Chapter #27	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Mary Smith	donation to Special Project	\$ 100.00
Carol Atkinson	donation to Special Project	\$ 25.00
John & Carole Newell	Memory of Brother Lew Smith PGP	\$ 50.00
Suzanne Aitken	Lieu of gifts to Grand Officers	\$ 25.00

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Cora MacKay	DDGM's	\$ 20.00
Leonora Leese	Honor of Bill Allen	\$ 10.00
The Reid Family	Honor of Marion Conrad's 60 years	\$ 10.00
Mary Lou Higgins	Honor of Marion Conrad's 60 years	\$ 20.00
Candace & Allen Reid	Lieu of gifts at Installation	\$ 25.00
Armcrest #45	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Elm Chapter #55	chapter donation	\$ 25.00
Grace Chapter No. 8	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Maureen Roddick		\$ 25.00
John & Amelia Whalley	Lieu of gifts at honor night	\$ 10.00
Century Chapter	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
John & Susana Lorimer	Lieu of gifts at honor night	\$ 200.00
Evening Star Chapter No. 28	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Evening Star Chapter No. 28	Past Matron's Club	\$ 25.00
Arlene & Mel Antle	In honor of Sister Carol, Clara & Sharon	\$ 30.00
Clara Neiforth	In lieu of gifts	\$ 10.00
Gail Fudge		\$ 25.00
Sharon Adams	In lieu of gifts	\$ 30.00
Lloyd & Annie Brown	Memory of Ella Jean Brown & Charles & Cathy Chalut	\$ 50.00
Lynn Simpson	Lieu of gifts	\$ 20.00
Carol Nielson	in lieu of gifts	\$ 200.00
Anaval Chapter	Chapater donation	\$ 100.00
Laurel Chapter #67	chapter donation	\$ 100.00
Carolyn & Norm Galley-Card	Lieu of gifts on honorees on 'Apr 16	\$ 20.00
Amelia & Jack Whalley	Lieu of gift to Howard Ford on Honor Night	\$ 10.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	Lieu of gifts to Howard Ford, Helen Wisener, Amelia Whalley	\$ 25.00
Westville Chapter #24	Lieu of gifts to Diana Read, Susan Martin & Garry Hope	\$ 75.00
Diana Read	Personal donation	\$ 50.00
Georgina Foye	Lieu of gifts	\$ 20.00
Pat & Don Selig	Lieu of gift honoring Bro Howard Ford	\$ 10.00
Charlene B. Davis	Honor of Sis Helen Eisenor, Amela Whalley, Bro Howard Ford	\$ 20.00
Eleanor & Raymond Freeman		\$ 50.00
Pearle Chapter #71	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Anna & Howard Ford	Lieu of gifts	\$ 60.00
Adrian & Belle Pearson	Honor of Susan Lorimer	\$ 15.00
Nancy Keirstead		\$ 20.00
Howard Ford	Money received on his Honor Night	\$ 35.00
Christine McGillivray	Lieu of gifts for Honor Nights	\$ 25.00
Victoria Chapter #19	chapter donation	\$ 200.00
Crystal No. 1 PEI	Lieu of gifts on Honor Night	\$ 210.00
Crystal No. 1 PEI	chapter donation	\$ 75.00
Regent	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Montague	chapter donation	\$ 50.00
Cora MacKay	Honor of Grand Chapter Committee Members	\$ 50.00
Regent Chapter	Past Matron's Club	\$ 25.00
Anna & Charlie Carr		\$ 25.00
Carl & Norma Thompson		\$ 50.00
Irene Johnson		\$ 20.00
Past Matron of Crystal No. 1	Lieu of gifts to Kathryn Doughaty, Anna Carr, Audrey Farquarson, Jane Wooldridge	\$ 40.00
Past Matron of Crystal No. 1	Past Matron's Club donation	\$ 20.00
John & Carole Newell	Honor of Sis Joyce Malcolm, Mem of Sis Helen Barron	\$ 50.00
Charles Teal	Commissions on OES Product Sales	\$ 200.00

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Eleanor & Cecil Decker	In Hon or WGM, WGP, Wilma Verge, Irma Maxwell, Millie Wagner, Ethel Brown	\$ 350.00
Westville Chapter #24	Apron Project	\$ 100.00
Carol Whitlock	Special Project	\$ 25.00
Ron & Grace Boudreau	In lieu of gifts	\$ 50.00
Crescent Chapter	Breakfast for Learning	\$ 127.30
Agnes & Andrew MacDonald	Installation	\$ 20.00
Mary Lou Higgins	In lieu of gifts	\$ 100.00
Fifty-Fifty draw		\$ 13.80
Ralph & Marilyn Swinamer		\$ 51.50
Ethel Brown		\$ 20.00
Belle & Adrian Pearson		\$ 50.00
Carol & Bill Clark		\$ 50.00
Mary & Kirk MacLennan		\$ 25.00
Marion Buchan		\$ 50.00
Margaret Clarke		\$ 50.00
Irma Maxwell	In lieu of gifts to Grand Family	\$ 50.00
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Grand Family, GCCM		\$ 75.00
Marion Robson	In lieu of gifts at Honor Nights	\$ 100.00
Zeke & Susan Eaton		\$ 50.00
Gail & Lloyd Cook	In lieu of gifts at Honor Nights	\$ 50.00
Maxine Smith		\$ 25.00
Barbara Bowser		\$ 25.00
Larry & Vivian Ingham		\$ 50.00
Marion Conrad		\$ 100.00
Bob & Gloria Turner	In honor of the Grand Family	\$ 50.00
Edith Taylor	donation to Special Project	\$ 50.00
Murray Garney & Margaret Westerby		\$ 50.00
Sharon Adams		\$ 30.00
JoAnn & Whit Giffin	In lieu of gifts at Honor Nights	\$ 50.00
Wilma Verge		\$ 20.00
Rhoda Tupper		\$ 50.00
Millie Wagner	Recycling	\$ 71.40
Sheild MacDonald		\$ 10.00
Carol Yates		\$ 10.00
Marion Conrad	Sale of elephant pins	\$ 500.00
Marion Conrad	Recycling	\$ 350.00
Millie Wagner	Recycling	\$ 350.00
Anna & Charles Carr	Recycling	\$ 350.00
Gail & Peter Kay		\$ 50.00
Barbara Mosher	In of gifts to JoAnne & Whit Giffin,	\$ 20.00
	Don Doucet	
Susan Martin	In Lieu of gifts at Installation	\$ 40.00
Cathy Balcolm	In Lieu of gifts at Installation	\$ 100.00
Jean Beckwith		\$ 25.00
Carol Nielsen		\$ 25.00
Diane Patterson	In Lieu of gifts at Installation	\$ 25.00
Joan Oderdirk & Richard Preeper		\$ 30.00
Murray Gardner		\$ 25.00
Hilda & Bill Allen		\$ 20.00
Larry & Vivian Ingham	In Honor of Grand Officers	\$ 100.00
Frank & Doris Cullen	In lieu of gifts	\$ 100.00
Ken & Betty Smith		\$ 228.38
Eleanor Mitchell		\$ 25.00
Penny Parker	Sold Cards	\$ 55.00
Doreen Edgar	lieu of gifts at honor nights	\$ 25.00
Doris Hillier	lieu of gifts at honor nights	\$ 25.00
Ernie & Donna Richard	LM OF Sr Dora & Bro Chester Turnbull	\$ 100.00

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Debbie aceil, Ciindy D'Aoilla, Fayne acneil, Charlene Brown	\$ 10.00
Bill Thompson	\$ 25.00
Frances Thompson	\$ 25.00
Helen Connors	\$ 50.00
Grand Representatives Association	\$ 100.00

WORTHY GRAND MATRON DETAILED REPORT

10 July 2013 – 13 July 2014

10 July 2013, Truro, NS – WOW what a night! Tonight I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island by Sister Isabel Pearson, PGM. Sister Marian Durling beautifully sang “I Have a Dream”. Members of Harmony Chapter No. 25 and my family formed an arch of elephants as I was escorted to the east. Daniel Campbell was installed as Worthy Grand Patron by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM. Brother Fred Lipskey PGP sang “The Lord’s My Shepherd”.

Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP was the Installing Officer, Sister Carol Clark PGM – Installing Marshal, Sister Sheila MacDonald PGM – Installing Conductress, Brother Ralph Swinamer PGP – Installing Chaplain, Brothers Louis Smith PGP and John Patterson PGP were the Installing Warder and Sentinel. Assisting in the East were PGM’s Margaret Clarke, Marion Buchan, Jane Wooldridge, Marion Miller, and Edith Conrod; as well as PGP’s Brothers Zeke Eaton, Frank Cullen, and Murray Gardner.

Sister Colleen PM and Brother Rev Charles McPherson PP sang to our Grand Organist, Brother Peter Kay. Sister Edith Conrod presented a beautiful addendum to the Star Point Officers while I passed out flowers in their colors prepared by Sister Mary Smith WM. The Starlight Quartet sang “No Matter What” to the Star Point Officers.

Gifts received included: an engraved gavel and sounding block and iron elephant presented by Brother Dan and DiAnne Campbell, a carrying case for my Bible by Harmony Chapter presented by Sister Susan Lorimer GCCM, my Bible was presented to me by Brother Allen WP and a beautiful wooden elephant was presented by Sister Kimberley MacLean along with a very moving tribute on behalf of my family.

One of the highlights of the evening was the fact that all the members of my family were present: my husband Brother Allen WM; son Mike, wife Terri-Lee, children Isaac and Avery from Ottawa; daughter Kimberley, son David MacLean and sons Tyler and Luke; and daughter Sister Candace WM was installed as Grand Adah.

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I was amazed by the number of Sisters and Brothers who stayed and attended our installation. I love and treasure each and every one of you.

12 July 2013 – Received for a Dispensation to change the 9 Aug 2013 meeting at Cedar Chapter No. 3, Wallace to the Wallace Community Hall and move their paraphernalia to said hall. This is to accommodate the W.G.M.'s Official Visit. Granted.

13 July 2013 – Bright and early Brother Dan WGP, Sister Diane Hayman PGM and Grand Secretary, and I headed off to Fredericton for the final day of their Celestial Blessings Grand Session. For the very first time Brother Dan and I were introduced as Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron by Sister Jean Duncan WGM and Brother Donald Williams WGP. Many new friends were made and time spent with old friends. Sister Nancy Keirstead and Brother Laurie Bishop were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and began their "Let's Have a Ceileidh" Session.

Our Sisters and Brothers in New Brunswick were pleased to learn that our Grand Session will be held one week later in 2014. This means they can now stay for the installation of Sister Irma and Brother John.

20 July 2013 – We held the Grand Family School of Instruction at Century Chapter No. 10 in New Glasgow. All members of the Grand Family were present. Balloting was demonstrated and any questions were answered. We then reviewed and demonstrated the Initiation Ceremony. All members did a very good job. All questions were answered. Sister Sheila MacDonald and Brother Murray Gardner were present from the Jurisprudence Committee. Sister Edith Conrod sent her regrets – due to her surgery on Tuesday she did not feel comfortable travelling.

After lunch, the Grand Council met with Brothers Bill Clark and Gary Hope from the Finance Committee. Sister Irma and Brother Kirk were brought up to date on our financial status. Brother Bill went over changes we are making in the hope we can save some money. All members of the Grand Council participated in a lively discussion about concerns and recommendations. Everyone present agreed we must start now and continue on a course of closely watching our finances. We must all work toward making improvement whenever possible.

23 July 2013 – Attended the OES Funeral Service for Sister Margaret Arenburg of Myrtle Chapter No. 21 in Truro. Sister Diane Hayman, Grand Secretary and Sister Candace, Grand Adah accompanied me.

26 July 2013 – Notice from Cedar Chapter No. 3, Wallace, in reply to a resolution passed by Atlantic Chapter No. 65, Tatamagouche they will hold their vote on consolidation at the 9 Aug 2013 meeting.

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29 July 2013 – Met with Sisters Dorothy Powroz, Treasurer Emeritus, Faye Calder, Grand Treasurer, Diane Hayman, Grand Secretary, Brother Daniel Campbell, W.G.P. to sign bank papers to change the signing authority for the New Year. At this time we also applied for a VISA (business plan with a cash pay back) for our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

During the previous week I made the following Committee replacements: Diane Hayman, PGM, Chair of Unfinished Business with Isabelle Pearson, PGM; International Headquarters replaced Kay Boutilier, PM with Violet Fraser, PM; and Faye Calder, Grand Treasurer on Credentials replaced with Peg Lipskey, PM.

9 August 2013 – My first Official Visit was to Cedar Chapter No. 3 in Wallace accompanied by Sisters Candace, Grand Adah, and Lynn, Grand Ruth. Prior to the meeting there was a lovely supper at the United Church in Fox Harbour. I had a wonderful time at the meeting and wasn't very nervous at all, I had the honor of presenting Sister Evelyn Blair with her Life Membership. During the meeting a ballot was taken on the resolution received from Atlantic Chapter in Tatamagouche with a favorable outcome. For an addendum Brother Dan and I were taken on a Safari by the Conductresses which as usual provided lots of entertainment. The chapter gave a lovely donation to our Special project. A great start to our visits.

13 August 2013 – My second Official Visit was to Elm Chapter No. 48 in Upper Stewiacke accompanied by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM and Grand Secretary, Sister Candace, Grand Adah, and Sister Lynn, Grand Ruth. Another great meeting. Mary Lou Higgins was introduced as a Past Grant Matron for the first time. The members elected Rebecca Hunter to become a member of their chapter. Elephants were everywhere in the Chapter room and in the refreshment area. Not only did the Organist, Sister Diane Patterson play our tunes but the opening and closing odes were also our choices. After the meeting Eleanor MacKay, Esther, presented me with a first gift bag of nickels for our Nickels for Nutrition Program. Approximately 54 members were present. A delicious lunch followed. Everyone had a great time.

21 – 24 August 2013 – Danny, Inez Daye, Allen and I left for the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. On Thursday evening we were introduced along with Past Grand Matron Marylyn Swinamer, Patrons Fred Lipskey and Ralph Swinamer, Grand Treasurer Sister Faye Calder. Also attending were Sister Peg Lipskey, GCCM Registration, and Brother Jack Calder PP. We all had an opportunity to speak with many members from various jurisdictions all of whom were very friendly. Dan, Inez, and I had the honour of meeting the Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in New Hampshire Sister Ann Allison. We also had an opportunity to speak

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with Sister Bobbi White, MWGM and Brother John Grobler, MWGP. We attended each session and were present for the Installation of Officers (Sister Judy Lewis, WGM I had previously met at the Can Am held in Ottawa a few years ago). Afterward we attended the reception for the Grand Officers and had a great time. Overall we had a wonderful trip.

26 August 2013 – Went to our Official Visit to Crescent Chapter No. 70 in Lockeport, NS. We were treated to a delicious supper prior to the meeting. Sisters Diane Hayman, PGM and Grand Secretary, Candace Reid, Grand Adah, and Diana Read, Grand Esther accompanied me. They had a Safari Addendum which was fun. Both at the supper and at the meeting our animal friends were present. Brother Hayward Meisner, WP made and gave me a “horseshoe” for good luck and along with Sister Leota, WM gave me a beautiful elephant which I named Avery after my only granddaughter. The chapter gave me nice donations to our special project in memory of Sister Cassie Saunders, in lieu of gifts to the Installing Team, and a chapter donation. We had a full house and a lot of fun.

28 August 2013 – I went with Sisters Christine and Ann from Myrtle Chapter to Starlight Chapter No. 66 in Port Hawkesbury, NS. Brother Allen took Sisters Candace, Grand Adah, Lynn, Grand Ruth, Diana, Grand Esther and Carol Clark, PGM. I was presented with an addendum based on love in which everyone sang “Love Makes the World Go Round” as the Officers circled the room, and shared love messages, and hearts, with money for our Special Project. After the meeting pictures were taken of the members of the Grand Family in attendance. Following the above a lovely lunch was provided. A great meeting filled with music, love, and fun was enjoyed by everyone.

29 August 2013 – Brother Allen and I drove to Kentville and attended the OES Service, Masonic Service, and Funeral Service for Brother George E. Crouch, PGP. There wasn't an empty seat in the funeral home – A great tribute to George's devotion to the Craft, Shriners, and the Eastern Star.

After the services, we drove to Halifax and attended The Daughters of the Nile Banquet honouring their 100th year and a visit from Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk. Queen Mab Cole was a gracious hostess. Sister DiAnne, Brothers Dan and Allen, and I were guests at a lovely meal.

3 September 2013 – Another great meeting at Queen Esther Chapter No. 61, Dartmouth. Worthy Matron Irene Beeler presented me with 22 “Slip Dresses”. They are all so very beautiful. Sister Irene also gave me a “Lots of Love” elephant on behalf of herself and Sister Mary Crouch. His name is George. Prior to the meeting we were treated to a meal at “Pilot's Pub”, and a great evening was had by all.

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4 September 2013 – Prior to the meeting at Armcrest Chapter No. 45, Halifax we were treated to a meal at “Swiss Chalet”. Sister Shirley and Brother Tom had a great meeting and we had our largest number of members to date. The Chapter presented me with a beautiful peacock picture frame. Sister Shirley also presented me with a cheque for our Special Project in lieu of gifts at her installation. Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely lunch and fellowship to end an enjoyable evening.

10 September 2013 – On the road again, this time to Hebron and our official visit to Keystone Chapter No. 5. We were warmly welcomed and treated to a delicious buffet supper. Brother Ward presided over the installation of the last of their officers for 2013 – 2014. The Star Points presented us with an addendum featuring Nickels for Nutrition. Sister Joyce and Brother Ward had a great meeting. Food and fellowship were enjoyed before beginning the return home.

12 September 2013 – A new driver this evening, as we head off to Doctor Gordon MacLeod Chapter No.37 in Wycocogomagh, with Brother John Lorimer at the wheel. The Starlight Quartet sang to me and Sister Jessica sang Psalm 23 in Gaelic to Danny – very impressive. The addendum was based on Five Words and the message was very appropriate. We had a great night and a full chapter room.

13 September 2013 – Off we go to Liverpool as we prepare for the School of Instruction. Candace is in the driver’s seat as we head out to pick up Diane Hayman and Christine McGillivray. We met up with John and Susan Lorimer at our hotel.

14 September 2013 - Back in Lockeport for our first School of Instruction hosted by Crescent Chapter No. 70. I am so very happy they said they would hold the school. We had 41 members in attendance. The School was very well received and just about everyone present either asked questions, had items clarified, or related experiences relative to the topic being discussed. We broke for lunch served at a local restaurant. The school finished a little after 3pm. A fifty-fifty draw realized \$12 for Breakfast for Learning and \$12 for Grand Chapter Expenses.

18 September 2013 – Diane Hayman, Helen Connors, Allen and I went to Sheet Harbour to attend Effie Behie’s birthday party hosted by members of Myrtle Chapter No. 21. We were treated to a very nice lunch, and of course birthday cake. I presented Sister Effie with a certificate from our Grand Chapter in honour of her special 106th birthday and as a 66 year member of the Order. We all had a great visit and enjoyed our trip.

21 September 2013 – Up early for another trip to the city to Kwebec Chapter No. 27 and our second School of Instruction. 114 members

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were present. Members mentioned that they liked the way the school was presented, that they learned more, and had lots of time to ask questions. Most of those present asked questions or made remarks concerning the topic being discussed.

23 September 2013 – Once again we return to Cape Breton for our official visit to Victoria Chapter No. 19 in Baddeck. A very delicious “Pot Luck Supper” was enjoyed by all. Sister Lorna, just a week after having a knee replacement conducted a great meeting. Sister Mildred, PGM and Brother Wayne Renke, from Lethbridge, Alberta, were present. Chaplain, presented me with a lovely addendum and a monetary gift from the Chapter for our Special Project. A great time of fellowship followed.

28 September 2013 – Another trip to Cape Breton as we journey to Port Hastings for the last School of Instruction, hosted by Starlight Chapter No. 66. We had 62 members present - a great crowd. The School was well received and again everyone participated. I think just about everyone learned something – including me.

5 October 2013 – Had the honour of attending Elm Chapter No. 48’s 60th Anniversary Dinner. WM Edna Zinck presented Sister Irene Johnson with a Life Membership, and Sister Mary Lou Higgins received her 25 Year Pin. A huge crowd was in attendance and Sister Mary Lou presented a humorous monologue on the history of Elm Chapter. A delightful event with wonderful fellowship.

7 October 2013 –Off again to Mystic Star No. 40, St. Margaret’s Bay which is Brother Danny’s chapter and tonight they are honoring him. All but four of the Grand Officers attended this meeting! Sister Rebecca Hunter WM and Brother Ray Zinck, WP did a great job. Sister Rebecca presented me with a money corsage – didn’t affect my allergies and all help for our Special Project. The Star Points had an addendum based on Breakfast for Learning which I donated to the program through Brother Danny. Everyone enjoyed their evening and look forward to returning again and again.

8 October 2013 – Our destination this evening was Mayflower Chapter No. 2, Kingston (Brother Kirk’s chapter). What a wonderful meal. We had a great time and Sister Mabel (although in a great deal of pain) did a great job of keeping the meeting moving along. The theme of the evening was Love. Both Brother Dan & I were treated to an addendum of roses with very special bows. Brother Dan lost his voice somewhere along the line this evening and could not speak (or croak) which was good in a way as my message on Elephant Inelegance was a bit longer.

10 October 2013 – Tonight St. Mary’s Chapter No. 35 in Digby was our destination where Brother Allen and I were treated to supper at the Captain’s Cabin. Before the meeting Sister Stella Trask surprised

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me with a suitcase of beautiful “pillow slip” and “t-shirt” dresses. With Sister Irene Beeler’s donation so far we have received approximately 100 dresses. Sister Sandra Denton WM conducted an excellent meeting. The Star Point Officers presented me with a cornucopia addendum which was very appropriate as Thanksgiving is this weekend. The Chapter presented me with a “lighthouse dish” as well as a monetary donation. We had a great evening visiting with old friends and look forward to go back. Brother Dan was sick this evening but hopes to visit the Chapter at a later date.

16 October 2013 – Off we headed again to Cape Breton for our official visit to Munro Chapter No. 26 in North Sydney. Enjoyed a great meeting with Sister Sheila MacDonald and Brother Brian MacKeigan in the East. Prior to the meeting we enjoyed a tasty Pot Luck Supper. The Star Points presented an addendum on “Flowers”. Sister Sheila provided her specialty “Peanut Brittle” – a great treat for those of us who were visiting.

17 October 2013 – Tonight we go just down the road to Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14 in Sydney. Sister Carole turned me around when I entered the hall, and low and behold there was a display of beautiful dresses for Africa made by Sister Yvonne Stevenson. What a wonderful way to start the evening. The Star Point Officers presented an addendum on “Elephants”. Sister Sheila again provided us with “Peanut Brittle”. A good evening was had by all.

21 October 2013 – My first visit to District No. 2 was just minutes away at Westville Chapter No. 24. We were treated to a lovely supper prior to the meeting conducted by Sister Joyce Roode. To my surprise Sisters Doris Cullen and Georgie Foye presented me with twenty-five dresses for Africa. Everyone had a good evening.

27 October 2013 – Today we presented for the first time, the proposed new Consolidation Ceremony as Atlantic Chapter No. 65 and Cedar Chapter No. 3 united as Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3. We had a great attendance this afternoon, with all three of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members present and approximately 14 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Representatives from all three of the Island Chapters witnessed the other two chapters in their district consolidate to form Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3. The Ceremony was very well received. Many comments were received following the Ceremony; the Consolidation Ceremony Committee provided a memorable Ceremony and they are to be congratulated. After the Ceremony, the members of Cedar Atlantic Chapter provided a very impressive lunch for those who stayed to enjoy food and fellowship. I was very impressed with the work done by the Grand Officers.

02 November 2013 Another new month, and we were off to Milton and Arbutus Chapter No. 30 chauffeured by Brother Murray Gardner.

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Sister Dawn Wambolt and Brother Bob Turner, Grand Organist, were in the East. I presented Sister Dorothy Jewers with her 50 Year Pin. The Star Point Officers presented an addendum based on "I Have a Dream". Following the meeting we were all treated to a delicious Ham Supper.

We left Milton and headed to a "Celebration of Life" for Brother Darryl Thurber held at the Masonic Temple in Halifax. The full lodge room witnessed a beautiful Masonic Service presented by members of Keith lodge; followed by a moving Order of the Easter Star Funeral Service, conducted by members of Evening Star Chapter no.28 and Queen Esther Chapter No.61, under the leadership of Sister Wilma Verge. During the social time everyone toasted Brother Daryl and the ladies received a carnation from Sister Lynn on behalf of Brother Darryl.

05 November 2013 – Sisters Helen Connors, Diane Hayman, Christine McGillivray and I headed to Kentville for a visit to Evangeline Chapter No. 15. We left a little early anticipating a short visit with Sister Violet and Brother Alvin Blair. Unfortunately Brother Alvin had been taken to the hospital earlier. We then enjoyed supper with Star members at Rosie's Restaurant. Sister Carol Pettigrew and Brother Jim MacKenzie were in the East. During the evening tributes were given to the Canadian Flag and to Our Servicemen and women. The Star Point Officers presented Danny and I with "Words of Wisdom" all of which are words to live by. Following the meeting a tasty lunch was enjoyed by all. The evening ended on a down note when Sister Emily Bigelow fell down some of the stairs and was taken for medical attention by the paramedics.

14 November 2013 – With Brother John Lorimer in the driver's seat Sisters Diane Hayman, Lynn Simpson, Diana Read, and Christine McGillivray joined me for my visit to Scotia Chapter No. 49 in Musquodoboit Harbour. Prior to the meeting we enjoyed a great dinner prepared by Brother Allan Conrad PGP and chapter members. Sister Darlene Amirault, DDGM and Brother Ken Josey had a wonderful meeting. Before heading home, we once again enjoyed food and fellowship.

Nov 19, 2013 – Sisters Diane Hayman, Candace Reid, and I headed next to Myrtle Chapter No. 21 in Truro. We enjoyed a lovely supper prepared by the Masons. Sister Heather Boyd and Brother Earl Chisholm were in the East. The Officers presented an addendum with the Star Points presenting me with gifts while the other Officers gave inspiring messages based on Love and Harmony. The addendum ended with all the Officers singing their rendition of Ba Ba Black Sheep – lots of fun. A lovely lunch followed the meeting. Believe it or not, but I won one of the prizes for the evening.

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Nov 25, 2013 – We had a great time this evening in Kwebec Chapter where Krista Vining and her father Doug Tidgwell were in the East. They were well prepared and it showed with the meeting being over early. I had the honor of presenting Sister Inez Daye with her 25 Year Pin. Following a great meeting we enjoyed a very tasty salad buffet. Brother Allen was able to be with me which was a treat.

Dec 7, 2013 – We attended a Christmas Supper & Auction Fundraiser at Armcrest Chapter in Halifax. A beautiful turkey and ham meal was served and between the meal and the auction Santa (Kenny Hazeldine) arrived to wish us all a Merry Christmas. After the meal Brother Tommy Barter and Sister Donna Hazeldine auctioned of a number of items. Everyone enjoyed a fun filled evening.

Dec 12, 2013 – A special treat for me was this evening as I made my official visit to Harmony Chapter No. 25 (my home chapter). We were treated to supper at Sam's prior to the meeting. We had a lot of fun, and I appointed our daughter, Sister Kimberley MacLean as the a Grand Representative of Connecticut. After the meeting an array of delicious morsels were served.

Dec 13, 2013 – It may be Friday the 13th for some but for me it was my last official visit in 2013. Sisters Candace and Christine joined me for the last meeting in December as we headed off in snowy conditions to visit Ruth Chapter No. 57 in Dartmouth. Sister Mary Smith, WM was prepared and she conducted a lovely meeting. A banquet of delicious food awaited us next door. Sister Mary gave me a trunk full of gifts instead of an addendum.

11 January 2014 – Off I head to Ottawa for the remainder of the month leaving Sister Edith Conrod in charge should anything arise that required attention. On the last Wednesday Brother Allen, Sisters Diane Hayman, Suzanne Aitken, Irma Maxwell, and Gloria Turner drove up to join me. Thursday was a free day and on Friday we headed to Kingston and the Can-Am for the week-end. Sister Diane is acting as the Secretary and Sister Irma will be the Associate Matron. 31 January we arrived in Kingston and Sisters Irma and Diane went to practice while Suzanne and I registered and looked around the vendors. The Pub Night turned out to be lots of fun. When we returned to our room, Sister Diane discovered that Brother Lou Smith, PGP had passed away earlier that morning after a brief illness. After breakfast we went to the morning session where introductions took place. Brother Ralph and Sister Marylyn Swinamer joined the group at this time. Following lunch a Courtesy Initiation was held. The evening banquet was lovely, and I was seated with Sister Helen Delaney, Worthy Grand Martha and husband, Brother Pat: Sister Marjorie Kuzco, Sister Eleanor, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Connecticut, and Past Grand Matron of Connecticut Sister Joyce. The entertainment for the evening was as

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funny as it was entertaining. After being away it was great to arrive home safe and sound.

03 February 2014 – Brother Allen and I went to Port Hawkesbury for the visitation for Brother Lew Smith, PGP. A group of Past Grands attended the funeral on Tuesday. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, as previously planned, due to a full leg brace.

27 February 2014 – Sister Candace, Brother Allen, and I met Sister Christine, Grand Electa, Sister Belle, PGM and Brother Adrian PGP Pearson in Truro and proceeded to Halifax for the meeting at Evening Star No. 28. We had a lot of fun celebrating Valentine's Day. There were approximately 90 members in attendance from throughout Nova Scotia (including Sister Edna MacVicar from Munro Chapter in North Sydney) to honour Sister Marion Conrad. I had the honour of presenting Sister Marion Conrad PGM with her 60 year pin.

12 March 2014 – Brother Allen chauffeured Sister Candace, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Christine, and me to Elmsdale Chapter No. 55 for my Official Visit. Sister Elizabeth and Brother Craig were well prepared. Sister Ethel Brown, DDGM District No. 4 was honoured by Star Point Officers. The Sister Officers presented me with a lovely and original addendum and WM Elizabeth presented me with unique Peacock related gifts. Following the meeting a tasty lunch was enjoyed by all.

14 March 2014 – Brother Allen and I went to Wallace where I presented Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3 with their new Charter. I also had the honour of presenting Sister Marion Durling, PGM with a Grand Representative appointment of the State of Washington. With initiation planned for next meeting they are starting to grow already.

19 March 2014 – On the road to Lunenburg with Sister Christine and Brother Allen. I was treated to a tasty supper at a local restaurant, and Sister JoAnn and Brother Whit were really on the game tonight. They sailed through the meeting without a hitch. Three petitions for Affiliation were received. The Star Point Officers presented an addendum based on our Special Project – Breakfast for Learning. Both Brother Dan and I received a bag full of goodies to take to Breakfast for Learning.

25 March 2014 – Our official visit to Century Chapter No. 10, in New Glasgow, with Sister Diane Patterson and Brother Murray Gardner in the East. We had a wonderful evening, and during the meeting Sisters Doris Cullen, Georgie Foye, and Phyllis Humphreys presented me with twenty-five little dresses. Sister Lynn Simpson, Grand Ruth, Sister Francis Duncan, Grand Representative and GCCM's were honoured. Following the meeting everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship.

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27 March 2014 –Brother Allen and I ventured on our own into the city, this time for our visit to Evening Star Chapter No. 28, where we were treated to supper at the Swiss Chalet. Here we enjoyed a great time chatting with our Sisters and Brothers. Sister Bev Wentzell on behalf of herself and Brother Vince presented me with a beautiful silver elephant. When we arrived at the Chapter, I was presented with 90 dresses for Africa. As a reminder of the generosity of the members, Dan and I had our picture taken with the Sisters who took their time to make the dresses. This was a great donation to a very worthy cause. Sister Wilma Verge with Brother Mel Antle conducted a wonderful meeting. Sisters Sharon Adams, Carol Whitlock, and Clara Nieforth were honoured. The Past Matrons Club as well as the chapter and other members, gave donations to our Special Project. Sister Wilma noted that Dan and I were the first Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron to visit their Chapter.

5 April 2014 – With Sister Candace at the wheel Sisters Diana Read, Christine McGillivray and I headed for Riverview, NB and the Maine-Maritime Exchange. On the way we picked up Sister Margie Allen, PM and Conductress of Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3 who was the Conductress for the Initiation Ceremony. Everyone enjoyed a great day.

7 April 2014 – Sister Candace, Grand Adah, Sister Lynn, Grand Ruth, and Sister Christine, Grand Electa accompanied me to Mystic Star No. 40 where they were honouring Sister Millie, Grand Martha. During the meeting I had the honour of presenting Janet Menzies with a certificate and roses celebrating her 100th birthday. Sister Rebecca had a great meeting, despite the cold, as they had run out of oil and the delivery would not take place until after the meeting. The building may have been cold, but the welcomes, etc were very warm and full of love.

10 April 2014 – At this meeting the members of Harmony Chapter No. 25 honoured Brother John Lorimer, AGP, Sister Candace, Grand Adah, GCCM's Sisters Belle Pearson, PGP, Susan Lorimer, and Gail Kay.

11 April 2014 – Off to Wallace this evening where Sister Candace was assisting Cedar Atlantic No. 3 by taking part in their first Initiation Ceremony. This evening two new members joined our Order. Sister Lynn, Grand Ruth accompanied us and Brother Allen acted as chauffer. As usual, we had lots of fun.

12 April 2014 – This afternoon Brother Dan and I represented Grand Chapter at their Installation of Officers at Athena Temple. Sister Sharon Layton, Secretary of Armcrest Chapter No. 45 was installed as Queen of Athena Temple. A delicious supper and time of fellowship followed the beautiful ceremony.

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13 April 2014 – Today District No. 2 held its ESTARL Service at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Stellarton where Brother Charles McPherson is Minister. Sister Irma, AGM, Brother John, AGP and I took part in the service. Following the service the members of the District provided lunch for all in attendance for the service. Everyone had a great time.

15 April 2014 – Brother Allen, Sister Christine and I headed to the Annapolis Valley for our official visit to Annaval Chapter No. 31. Prior to the meeting I was treated to a Road Beef Supper. It was delicious – the members of Mayflower Chapter are great cooks. Sister Arlene Riswold had a great meeting. During the meeting I had the honour to pin on Debbie Gregory's 25 Year Pin. We had a fun addendum. Annaval Chapter have 12 dresses which they will pass along soon. Sister Mable Haynes announced that she had 24 dresses downstairs and gave them to me after the meeting. We had a great time. Sister Dianne LeGard provided us with overnight lodging and breakfast. What generosity!

16 April 2014 – After having spent the night in Nictaux we drove up the road to Berwick for our official visit to Laurel Chapter. We were treated to a Ham and Scallop Supper prior to the meeting. After the supper I was presented with 118 dresses for our Project. During the evening their members of the Grand Family, Grand Representatives, and Grand Chapter Committee Members were honoured. We had another fun addendum. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship before heading home.

19 April 2014 – A group of Eastern Star members from Colchester, Pictou, and Cumberland Counties attended a tea at the Garden Suites in New Glasgow to honour Sister Shirley MacEwan and Sister Joan Robertson of Westville Chapter No. 24. I had the privilege of presenting Sister Shirley with her 65 Year Pin and a Life Membership on behalf of her Chapter. Following this I presented Sister Joan with her 50 year pin and Certificate. Sister Helen Connors gave her 50 year Pin to Sister Joan and pinned it on for her. On behalf of Westville Chapter and those assembled, I presented Sister Helen with a hydrangea plant for hosting the tea. It was a very successful afternoon of many pictures, a lovely lunch, and fellowship as the 50 or so Sisters and Brothers, family members, and friends helped our Sisters celebrate their landmark years of service.

20 April 2014 – I attended the Pictou County Royal Arch Club's Easter Service at Western Star Lodge in Westville. It was a beautiful service. The guest speaker was Gary Tonks, whose mother belonged to Century Chapter in New Glasgow. I had not attended the service previously but will make every effort to attend in the future. Following the service each lady present was presented with a red rose prior to enjoying a lovely lunch.

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21 April 2014 – I attended Westville Chapter No. 24 as they honoured Sister Diana Read, Grand Electa; and Sister Susan Martin, Grand Chapter Committee Member on Courtesy. To my great surprise I was presented with an Honorary Membership in Westville Chapter No. 24. It took quite a while for my insides to stop dancing. What an honour! What a night!

22 April 2014 – I attended the April meeting of Century Chapter No. 10 in New Glasgow. During this meeting I presented Sister Margaret MacDonald with a Grand Representative appointment to the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Needless to say she was quite surprised.

24 April 2014 – Our last official visit on the mainland was held this evening at Pearle Chapter No. 71 in Caledonia. Sister Diana Read, Brother Allen and I. Sister Rhonda had a wonderful meeting. During the meeting Brother Howard Ford was honoured. The Chapter gave me 30 dresses for the Little Dresses Project. They had cold plate salad for their lunch followed by birthday cake as April is their birthday.

27 April 2014 – Today we attended a Hostess Chapter meeting at Elm Chapter in Upper Stewiacke at 2:30pm where Doris Cullen and Georgie Foye presented me with another 150 dresses bringing their total to 200. Following the meeting Brother Allen, Sisters Diane Hayman, PGM, Maureen Roddick and I attended the Chapter's ESTARL Church Service at the United Church in Upper Stewiacke.

3 May 2014 – We had a full vehicle today as we headed to Riverview, NB and the Maritime Exchange. Sister Candace was in the driver's seat with the rest of us Sisters Diane Hayman, PGM, Grand Secretary; Lynn Simpson, Grand Ruth; Christine McGillivray, Grand Electa, Maureen Roddick, and I sitting back enjoying the ride. We only got lost for a few minutes and arrived in plenty of time to register, pick up meal tickets, and visit with our Sisters and Brothers. After a successful practice, we returned to the Lion's Center for a delicious Roast Pork Dinner. Winston Churchill Chapter with the assistance of Devon Chapter opened and closed the Exchange. Offices filled by Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand Officers were Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer (pro tem Sister Millie Wagner, Grand Martha), Grand Adah (pro tem Sister Candace as the Grand Adah from New Brunswick was not able to attend), Grand Ruth, Grand Electa, Grand Sentinel. The Grand Officers from both Jurisdictions did a wonderful Initiatory Ceremony when 2 members were initiated. The Good of the Order fund was donated to Sister Irma Maxwell's Granddaughter's Medical Expenses. Sister Irma gave an update on how her Granddaughter was progressing. There were 130 members present plus the 2 new members.

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7 May 2014 – Our first official visit on the Island. Sisters Christine McGillivray, Lynn Simpson, Diane Read, and Brother Allen accompanied me to Regent Chapter No. 52, Central Bedeque. Prior to the meeting we all went to the Two Brothers Restaurant in Summerside for a delicious supper. Sister Norma had a well prepared and very interesting evening. During the meeting Sisters Anna Carr, Melda Johnson, and Jean Profitt were honoured. We all enjoyed lunch and had a great time socializing with our Sisters and Brothers.

8 May 2014 – Shortly after lunch Brothers Danny, Allen, and I went to visit Brother Carl Thompson, Grand Marshal. Brother Carl had what we hope is his final hip surgery on 30 April. We were delighted to find him in such high spirits although he was quite disappointed to have missed visiting the other chapters this year. He is looking to the Homecoming and Grand Chapter.

This evening we are off to the other side of the Island to attend our Official Visit to Montague Chapter No. 59. Prior to the meeting I was treated to supper. Sister Suzanne had cute one-liners for all those introduced. During the evening I had the honour of presenting Sister Alena Buchanan with her 60 year pin. Sister Suzanne honoured Sisters Mindy Johnston, Grand Representative, Jean Annear, and Donna White, Grand Chapter Committee Members. Brother Paul presided while the chapter honoured Sister Suzanne, Grand Conductress. Following the meeting we enjoyed a social time.

9 May 2014 – This evening we visited Crystal Chapter No. 1 in Charlottetown for the last Official Visit of the year. Prior to the meeting Brother Allen and I were treated to be delicious Roast Beef Supper at the Lodge Hall. Sister Erin was well prepared. During the evening Sisters Jane Wooldridge, PGM, Kathryn Doughart (also Grand Representative), Anna Carr, Audrey Farquarson, Susan Eaton, and Chapter Committee Members and Marguerite Keating, Grand Representative. Sister Anna presented me with a basket containing 34 dresses plus panties for our “Little Dresses for Africa” Project. I was also presented with a beautiful peacock pin from Sister Erin. As this was a “special meeting”, we all enjoyed a great time of fellowship following the meeting. A Wonderful Final Meeting for a Wonderful Year!

11 May 2014 – Sister Diane Hayman, Brother Allen and I attended the ESTARL Service for District 1 in Port Hastings. They had a beautiful service with Rev. Andrew MacDonald, AP of Harmony Chapter No. 25 as Minister.

12 May 2014 – Sister Diane Hayman, PGM and Grand Secretary and I attended the OES, Daughters of the Nile, and Funeral Services for Sister Barbara Myles, PM of Evening Star Chapter. Brother Danny

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and I had an opportunity to express our sympathy to Brother George between services.

15 - 20 May 2014 – Brother Allen and I left at 3:30am to attend the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in Lowell and the Grand Chapter of Maine in Augusta. In my absence Sister Irma Maxwell agreed to look after any matter that may require attention before I return. Sister Ellen, WGM and Brother Bob, WGP MacKay had a great session. Prior to the opening I had an opportunity to speak to several members from New Hampshire. Later on that evening I was presented at the Informal Opening along with other members of the Northeastern Misfits. On Saturday we went to Connecticut to visit with family. Sunday we set out for Maine. On Monday morning I had an opportunity to speak to Sister Rebecca, WGM prior to the Ritualistic Competition. That evening I was presented along with the other Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons. We had to leave early on Tuesday as I had an appointment the following morning back here in Nova Scotia.

29 May 2014 –I went to The Mira in Truro where I met Sister Wilma Verge, WM and Sister Doreen Edgar, Secretary of Evening Star Chapter No. 28. Sister Doreen had Sister Rita Hill sign the By-laws of the Chapter and then I had the honour of presenting Sister Rita Hill with her 60 Year Pin and a red rose. Sister Rita's son Eric was present and after taking pictures we enjoyed biscuits and jam which Sister Doreen brought with her and tea, coffee, and juice provided by The Mira. Although Sister Rita's memory is not what it used to be, we had a great time chatting with Eric.

7 June 2014 – Off to Truro again where I had the honour of addressing the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. We had a great time chatting with some of the Brothers prior to entering the Grand Lodge room and also later on at the restaurant where we had lunch. Following is the address I presented.

9 June 2014 – What a day! Up at 4:30am and on the road by 6:15am. Brother Allen took the day off work and drove me to Halifax where I met Brother Danny at the Breakfast For Learning held in the Masonic Hall. Brother Allen and I then went to Pier 22 where we met Sister Wilma Verge and about 20 others. As our Sisters and Brothers from Missouri and other Grand Jurisdictions disembarked, we greeted them to Nova Scotia. After a round of hugs and kisses we loaded up the cars and went to the Chapter Room. We had an opportunity to meet and get to know our visitors from Missouri and of course had a lengthy photo op. Sister Cora MacKay Grand Representative of Missouri had an opportunity to visit with her new reciprocal. Sister Wilma had contacted the local chapters who prepared a variety of goodies. I am not sure of the numbers but every seat in the lunch room was full. It was a great thrill for Brother Allen and I to become

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acquainted with their Worthy Grand Patron and his wife as well as quite a few members of their Grand Family.

After lunch we broke off into different groups and took our visitors on various tours – I think everyone at some point ended up at Peggy's Cove, and the Swiss Air Memorial. Following the tours we returned our guests to Pier 22 in plenty of time before there 5pm departure. I am sure we all are looking for to return visits and also some excursions down south ourselves. Sister Wilma is to be commended on the wonderful job she did of organizing the event and making sure that all the local chapters had an opportunity to participate.

14 June 2014 – I was to have addressed the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island but due to ill health could not go. Brother Ed MacLaren read my message. Thank you Brother Ed.

We held a quick Grand Council meeting prior to our Homecoming.

What a Homecoming!!

We had a full hall and had a very tasty meal.

Then the fun began. We received many wonderful gifts as well as a Life Membership to Harmony Chapter No. 25 and a Honorary Membership to Mystic Star Chapter No. 40. We were also presented with many monetary gifts for our Special Project, Breakfast for Learning.

The evening ended with members of my family, Chapter, and Grand Family singing "Nellie the Elephant". A group of musicians took the stage and played various musical selections. A great time was had by all.

50 Year Jewels Presented

Sister Joan Robertson – Westville Chapter No. 24
Sister Dorothy Jewers – Arbutus Chapter No. 30
Sister Evelyn MacDonald – Victoria Chapter No. 19
Sister Emily Bigelow – Evangeline Chapter No. 15
Sister Gail Fudge – Armcrest Chapter No. 45
Sister Carol Lee Burton – Munro Chapter No. 26
Sister Mary Dwyer – Evening Star Chapter No. 28
Brother R. G. "Zeke" Eaton – Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI

60 Year Jewels Presented

Sister Rita Hill – Evening Star Chapter No. 28
Sister Lois Baillie – Queen Esther Chapter No. 61
Sister Olive Dunbar – Armcrest Chapter No. 45
Sister Alena Buchanan – Montague Chapter No. 69

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Sister Gladys MacKinnon – Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI
 Sister Shirley Jennings – Ruth Chapter No. 57
 Sister Janet Merry – Kwebec Chapter No. 27
 Sister Marion Conrad – Evening Star Chapter No. 28
 Sister Audrey MacDonald – Munro Chapter No. 26
 Sister Evangeline Way – Harmony Chapter No. 25
 Sister Isabelle MacAulay – Victoria Chapter No. 19
 Sister Florence Dunlop – Evening Star No. 28

70 Year Jewels Presented

Sister Jean Foster – Laurel Chapter No. 67

Following is a list of Grand Representatives appointed in 2013 – 2014.

JURISDICTION	NEW REPRESENTATIVE	CHAPTER
Alabama	Lillian MacAskill	Victoria #19
California	Don Selig	Pearle #71
Connecticut	Kimberley MacLean	Harmony #25
Delaware	Alice MacAskill	Starlight #66
DC	Kathryn Doughart	Crystal #1 PEI
Georgia	Sharon Home	Ruth #57
Illinois	Carol Weir	Keystone #5
Louisiana	Dawn Wamboldt	Arbutus #30
Manitoba	Linda MacKenzie	Dr Gordon MacLeod #37
Maryland	Linda Foote	Laurel #67
Michigan	Yvonne Dunbar	Sherbrooke #47
Mississippi	Paula Brigley	Mystic Star #40
Nebraska	Freda Shaffer	Armcrest #45
New Brunswick	Margarite Keating	Crystal #1 PEI
New Hampshire	Jean Profitt	Regent #52
New York	Beverley Wentzell	Kewebec # 27
North Dakota	Nancy MacDonald	Queen Elizabeth #14
Ohio	Marilyn Parker	Queen Esther #61
Oregon	Margaret MacDonald	Century #10
Quebec	DiAnne Campbell	Mystic Star #40
Rhode Island	Helen Eisnor	St. Marys #35
Scotland	Jessica MacLennan	Dr Gordon MacLeod #37
South Carolina	Irma Preeper	Elmsdale #55
South Dakota	Maureen Roddick	Westville #24
Tennessee	Penny Williams	Elmsdale #55
Texas	Myrtle Demmings	Crescent #70
Utah	Reg Tanner	Grace #8
Vermont	Karen Watson	Laurel #67
Washington	Marian Durling	Cedar #3
Wisconsin	Arthur Phinney	Annal #31

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON REPORTS

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District No. 1 was visited by Sister Joyce Malcolm who really enjoyed her appointment. Although not able to witness the initiation of a new member, Sister Joyce was pleased to note that newer members are taking office and are receiving a lot of encouragement from the other members of their chapter. All the Ritualistic Work was very well done by the chapters.

Sister Irma Maxwell, AGM was the District Deputy Grand Matron for District No. 2. She found the Ritualistic Work was done very well. Sister Irma witnessed the Initiation of two new members. One chapter was found to be in need of additional schooling for their work. Sister Irma also deputized Keystone Chapter No. 3 for Sister Brenda Clarke. Not all stations were filled but with four new affiliated members most of the problem should be solved for the near future. Even with three star point officers missing the demonstration of Balloting and Initiation Ceremony were well done.

District Deputy Grand Matron for District No. 3 was Sister Darlene Amirault. During her visits Sister Darlene witnessed the initiation of two new members. Only one chapter had all of their installed officers present. Mention was made that quite a few officers read their lectures and at the very last minute Brother George Moxom stepped in for the Worthy Patron during the Initiation Ceremony and did a beautiful job from memory. Quite a feat, when there was likely not even an opportunity to read over the lecture or review the Secret Work.

Sister Ethel Brown served as District Deputy Grand Matron for District No. 4. She was delighted to witness the Initiation of 7 new members. One chapter was missing one copy of their Secret Work but later the Worthy Matron called to say it had been located. Sister Ethel detected tension between the members in one of the chapters. One chapter did not do the Examination of a Visitor. Sister Ethel found the Ritualistic Work done very well. She was made welcome and enjoyed the meetings.

Sister Suzanne Aitken, GC deputized the chapters in District No. 5. Unfortunately Sister Suzanne was not able to witness the initiation of a new member. Three new members were added to the district during the past year. The Associate Patron in Crescent Chapter did a wonderful job presenting his lecture, not an easy feat especially when you are a new member. Arbutus Chapter has a question as to if an Honorary Member signs the Register as a member and if a Life Member in a closed chapter carries that distinction to a new chapter. These questions were addressed. Three of the chapters required pro tems and the fourth left the office vacant. Sister Suzanne enjoyed all her visits and was well received.

Sister Brenda Clarke was District Deputy Grand Matron for District No 6. During her visits Sister Brenda was pleased to witness the Initiation

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of four new members. Unfortunately this district lost eleven members due to death during the past year. All Ritualistic Work was exemplified by all chapters. It was noted that there were twenty pro tem officers filling offices at her visits.

Sister Wilma Verge, AGC was the District Deputy Grand Matron for District No.7. As Atlantic Chapter No. 65 was consolidating with Cedar Chapter No. 3 in October 2013, she inspected the Secretary's and Treasurer's books and found all to be in order. Sister Wilma was present when a new member was initiated. All chapters did their work well although three of the chapters did not demonstrate the "Examination of a Visitor."

IRREGULARITIES

The following irregularities were noted during the year. The same irregularities seem to be reported every year. Members, no matter their years of service, always learn something from the Schools of Instruction and we should continue to encourage them to attend.

1. Introductions not properly done.
2. Conductresses not entering and leaving their station on the East side.
3. Using "Short Form" opening excessively.
4. Chapters not demonstrating the "Examination of a Visitor" for the DDGM.
5. Marshals allowing the flag to touch the Altar and singing "O Canada".
6. The Conductresses not standing up a visitor if she has not sat in chapter with that individual within the last year.
7. The Associate Conductress not placing the ballot box on the pedestal in the West to be examined.

QUESTIONS

The following questions were asked during the year. After consulting with the Jurisprudence Committee, corresponding answers were sent immediately.

I would like to thank Sister Edith Conrod, Brother Murray Gardner, and Sister Sheila MacDonald (the Jurisprudence Committee) for all their assistance during the year. Their advice was greatly appreciated and their response time was remarkable. You did an outstanding job!

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Question 1. Could you let me know how the Associate Conductress leaves the labyrinth after she has been directed by the Worthy Matron to bear the ballot to the West? Does she back out all the way, or does she take one step back, turns towards Martha and then walks out? I know she always backed out entirely, but with the Conductress and Chaplain being able to take one step back and then turn to walk out, does this apply to the Associate Conductress also. I believe the reasoning was that we are older and it was a matter of being safe from falling.

REPLY: I asked Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM the same question and she said that the motion was for all Altar Ceremonies. The Associate Conductress will also take 1 step back, turn, and walk out after picking up the ballot box.

Question 2. Is it legal to send Chapter Notices, etc by email as they do not have the seal on them, and how did we arrive at a saving of approximately \$340 per chapter per year? Who pays for the paper and ink to print emails sent to the Chapter?

REPLY: The approximate value of \$340 includes the cost of postage, envelope, paper, and printing (staples cost of \$.08 per page) of sending 10 monthly notices to Dan and myself, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have e-mail addresses. I did not try to put a value on time spent by the Secretary addressing envelopes, going to the printer to pick up and drop off the Notices, going to the Post Office to send them, etc.

With the e-mail once you set up your list, you only have to send the e-mail once and it goes to all addressees immediately so they have it for their next meeting. You can request a verification of receipt of the e-mail so you know each person received the information.

The Secretary or person receiving the e-mails could always put in a bill to the chapter each year to cover the costs of the additional printing. I would suggest using the rate per page that Staples or your printer uses. I would be surprised if it is more than \$5 per year which would cover approximately 62 pages.

Please realize that my letter was that Danny and I prefer for notices sent to us via e-mail and is not a directive or order – how each chapter sends us their notices is their choice alone.

PS: Here is what another Secretary her/his September notice.

“Sisters and Brothers, did you know that when we calculate the cost of paper, envelopes, printing supplies and postage, each of these notices that we send out by mail costs the Chapter over \$1.00? It doesn't sound like a lot until we add up the total for the year. Last

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year (Jun 2012 – Jun 2013) the total cost for copies and postage was over \$580.00, and the year before was more than \$600.00.”

A few other chapters have said that for a few years they have been using e-mail for their notices out to their members and others but did not indicate the savings only that they now send out only a few notices by post to those who do not have e-mail.

Question 3. At our last meeting, we received a petition for affiliation from a former member of a chapter now closed. She wants to affiliate so that she can continue as a member of the O.E.S. She is unable to get to Chapter as she has a very sick husband.

At that meeting, Worthy Matron appointed a Committee to investigate the petition for affiliation. They are to bring their report to our November meeting.

At the meeting of the Masonic Lodge Tuesday evening, they read a letter from a Brother requesting a Demit from his Lodge. In the Masonic Order, the rules state that a request for a demit must be tabled for 28 days before it becomes effective.

The question is - does this affect his position on the ad hoc Investigation Committee? When does his membership in the O.E.S. cease to exist? The Red Book of Instruction clearly points out that brothers under "demission" forfeit all rights and privileges.

I am not sure if the Brother fully realizes this. Since his Lodge meeting, he attended a meeting of the South Shore Shrine Club. I am wondering if he is aware that once he demits from his Masonic Lodge, he forfeits all connections with other Masonic concordant bodies, including Eastern Star. It is very possible that no one in the Lodge has taken the time to explain this to him. I must admit that our Brother Masons are rather lax in this regard.

The Worthy Matron will need to know for her meeting if this in any way affects the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee because everyone is prepared to ballot on this affiliation at our meeting next week.

His wife is our Star Point Ruth and she is going to wonder about her own status. It clearly states in our C. L. & R. that when a Brother forfeits his membership in the Masonic Lodge his wife retains her status as a member - it doesn't affect her.

ANSWER: I checked with Jurisprudence and they agree that the Brother will still be a Mason on the date of your next meeting and therefore a member of OES. The Investigating Committee can therefore stand as appointed at your last meeting.

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I hope someone (you would be good) speaks with the Brother and makes sure he understands what he is losing by demitting from the Masons.

Question 4. I have a question about changing the date of a regular stated meeting due to weather or other reason – if the meeting takes place within a two-week period, do we need a dispensation??

Our Chapter Education Committee was asking me about this, and we find the CL&R a bit confusing. I have always thought that if the meeting was held within two weeks, that a dispensation would not be required.

Your clarification on this would be appreciated.

REPLY: Laws & Regulations of Subordinate Chapters Article 7 No. 9 page 7 states that the first 6 Officers may postpone a stated meeting because of inclement and dangerous weather when local authorities advise against travel, and that this meeting be held within 2 weeks of the original date, if at all possible.

According to this a dispensation is not required. Members should be advised of the change of date.

Question 5. Laws and Regulations Sub Chapters article 12 page 12 No. 5 states that a petition for affiliation should be accompanied by a demit or written proof of membership in another chapter. In my opinion that would have to be a current dues card and as the two chapters consolidated to form a new chapter and a demit was not requested prior to the date of consolidation she would have to have a current dues card from the newly formed chapter.

We received a petition for affiliation and it was made out that the affiliate was "late a member of a chapter now consolidated". I read it out in chapter and it was accepted and an investigation committee was set up.

This past weekend I received a call stating that the petition should be filled out saying that the petition should have been made out "late a member of the newly formed chapter" and that her dues should be paid in the newly formed chapter before she affiliates. This information was not given to me by someone in my chapter; it was from another source. I was aware that her dues would have to be paid, however, I did not know if she was on the charter for the newly formed chapter. I also knew that she did not want to join this chapter. It was not made known that if members did not want to join

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the new chapter that they should take their demit from current chapter. Not given the proper information she was automatically made a charter member. Further, she would definitely have to be a member in good standing with her old chapter in order to be on the charter for the new Chapter.

Reply: The member's dues in the new chapter should be paid before the affiliation can take place. There were plenty of opportunities for the member to ask questions, voice concerns, etc and elected not to take advantage of them.

Question 6. Does an Honorary Member sign the Register as a Member?

Does a Life Membership apply only to the chapter which issued it?

Reply: 1. An Honorary Member can sign the Register as a Member (usually indicates that they are an Honorary Member).

2. A Life Membership applies only to the chapter which issued it. A Life Membership does not transfer to a new chapter.

Question 7. A member was disappointed at the last meeting concerning the manner in which some of the Brothers conducted themselves. A member had the floor to speak on a motion, and was interrupted and the Worthy Matron did not use the gavel.

A derogatory comment was made about another member and mention was made that a GIC was cashed but no one knew about it.

Reply: Do nothing until after your next meeting. See if the member settles down with his inappropriate remarks.

1. The other Brother concerned is willing to let the matter drop. I would say if this happens again the Brother likely would not be so generous.

If the Brother does not settle down with his remarks speak with him. Try to find out if medical or other problems may be triggering his behaviour.

Question 8. I have question about members in arrears for Chapter Dues. Do their names need to be brought to a Chapter Meeting before a letter can be sent out to them to make them aware that a suspension will take place if the arrears are not paid, or can I send a letter whenever this issue arises?

Reply: The name should be brought up in chapter.

A member at the meeting usually agrees to contact them personally to see if they are willing to pay the dues. Sometimes members who

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do not attend meetings tend not to read correspondence from their chapter.

Question 9. We need some clarification on a few things.

1. Does the money for 'Nickels for Nutrition' go to Sr. Gail Kay and then get sent back to the Chapter? Does the Chapter make the presentation to you at the Official Visit and then forward the money?

2. A Sister, appointed Grand Representative of New Hampshire effective April 1, 2014 was not at the April meeting. Her husband has health issues and doesn't want her to leave him especially in the evening. If she does come to the meeting, should she be introduced by herself in the proper sequence of introductions, escorted to the East and then back to be introduced again with other Grand Representatives who may be present?

3. Another Sister, newly appointed Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, received her appointment at the April meeting but not at her home Chapter so she has not been introduced in her home Chapter. Does the same format apply to her as to the Sister above? She is a GCCM also so would she be introduced as a GCCM in another chapter and then introduced by herself for first time as Grand Representative in her home Chapter?

4. Am I right in thinking Dispensations are not required as these visits are Special Meetings in regular location and at regular time?

Reply: 1. Nickels for Nutrition can be given to either Danny or me, taken to the Homecoming, or to Grand Chapter. Whatever is easiest for the Chapter.

2. Whether she is presented with the appointment during the Introductions or later on in the meeting is up to the Worthy Matron. If done during the Introductions, I would suggest having her escorted to the East, presented with the appointment, then introduced with the other Grand Representatives.

3. She can be introduced as a Grand Representative at both meetings, or as a GCCM at one and a Grand Representative at another. It is her decision.

4. You are correct, Dispensations are not required for Special Meetings.

2 cont'd. - The Worthy Matron went to the Sister's home and gave her the commission. So are we to assume that she is not introduced separately from other Grand Representatives even though this will be her first meeting in her home Chapter since getting the appointment?

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Reply 2 cont'd: I think she should be introduced with the other Grand Representatives. Congratulations should be extended to her at this time perhaps mentioning that the commission was presented to her at her home (make a fuss over her as this is a special introduction for her).

Question 10. What happens when an individual applies for membership, and is elected to receive the degrees then because the chapter is moving its place of meeting she would rather join a chapter closer to her home?

Reply: Best to initiate her into your Chapter.

a. at the same meeting issue a demit. She could apply to another chapter for affiliation.

b. she could attend meetings anywhere until she found where she would like to affiliate.

Could affiliate to be a Dual Member or take her demit at this time.

Question 11. When the consolidation takes place the members want to hold the meeting at ground level in a particular area but do not know where that might be.

Reply: A Dispensation can be issued for the new chapter to hold meetings in a temporary location until a permanent location is found. A new Dispensation would then be issued to permanently change the location.

DISTRICTS

DISTRICT NO. 1 (5 Chapters)

Queen Elizabeth No. 14

Victoria No. 19

Munro No. 26

Dr. Gordon MacLeod No. 47

Starlight No. 66

DISTRICT NO. 2 (5 Chapters)

Century No. 10

Myrtle No. 21

Westville No. 24

Harmony No. 25

Elm No. 48

DISTRICT NO. 3 (4 Chapters)

Scotia No. 49

Ruth No. 57

Queen Esther No. 61

Kwebec No. 27

DISTRICT NO. 4 (4 Chapters)

Mystic Star No. 40

Eastern Star No. 28

Armcrest No. 45

Elmsdale No. 55

DISTRICT NO. 5 (4 Chapters)

Grace No. 8

Arbutus No. 30

Crescent No. 70

Pearle No. 71

DISTRICT NO. 6 (6 Chapters)

Mayflower No. 2

Keystone No. 5

Evangeline No. 15

Annal No. 31

St. Mary's No. 35

Laurel No. 67

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DISTRICT NO. 7 (5 Chapters)

Cedar No. 3

Crystal No. 1 (PEI)

Regent No. 52

Atlantic No. 65

Montague No. 69

Sister Mary moved the adoption of her report which was seconded by Sister Candace Reid, Grand Adah. **Carried**

WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, protocol having been established: Welcome to our beautiful provinces, I hope you enjoy your stay with us and that you have an opportunity to travel around Nova Scotia and especially our sister Province, the land of Anne, Prince Edward Island. Both provinces have such aesthetically pleasing scenic vistas and are steeped in a rich and varied history which I am certain you will enjoy. While it is against the law to take sand from our beaches, I won't tell if I see you taking a bit of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island home with you as a memento of our fair Provinces and your stay with us. And remember; please come back again to see us any time!

Sisters and Brothers, following our installation in July our fantastic Star Journey, while in the East, commenced with the School of Instruction for our Grand Family held at Century Chapter No. 10 on July 20th. Sister Mary's official visits started with Cedar Chapter No. 3 on August 9th and I am pleased that I had the opportunity to make all but two of her official visits. One due to illness and the other due to my having to attend a Breakfast for Learning Board of Directors meeting in Toronto.

I attended all three Schools of Instruction and commend our Worthy Grand Matron for taking a risk and deviating from the manner in which previous schools were presented. Sister Mary, your interactive schools of instruction were well organized and orchestrated in such a manner that they were practical, interesting, and truly educational for all of the Sisters and Brothers in attendance. A very special 'Thank You' is extended to Century Chapter No. 10, Crescent Chapter No. 70, Kwebec Chapter No. 27, and Starlight Chapter No. 66 for hosting these very important Schools.

Sister Mary! What a pleasure and honour it has been being your Worthy Grand Patron. We have travelled so many kilometers together and shared so many wonderful experiences, creating beautiful memories which I will treasure for the rest of my life. Your friendship means so much to me and to Sister DiAnne! We will cherish the wonderful relationships we have developed with you, Brother Allen, Sister Candace and Sister Kim and her family, for the rest of our lives.

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Our Worthy Grand Matron's official visits were definitely one of the highlights of my year. I can never find appropriate words to express my deep appreciation to all of our Sisters and Brothers for the warm and friendly manner in which I was received in every Chapter, and especially for their wonderful support of our Special Project, Breakfast for Learning, which is a nationally formed charity, operating in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia and helps fund breakfast, lunch and snack programs offered in our public schools. During the official visits, I spoke repetitively about Breakfast for Learning, and if any of our Visitors would like to know more about what Breakfast for Learning is and / or does, please feel free to speak to any of the Sisters and Brothers of our jurisdiction. To demonstrate my appreciation to our Chapters and individual Sisters and Brothers who gave me such wonderful gifts, created and performed such fantastic addendums and especially for the funds donated to our Special Project, rather than sending 'thank you notes' through our most expensive regular Postal service, I made a conscious decision that it was more beneficial to make a donation to our Special Project in your honour! Thanks to your generosity, thousands of children in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will attend school well-nourished and ready to learn. We are still receiving donations to our special project so I am hesitant to provide a final total donated at this time. I will be providing that total in the printed annual proceedings. The cheque for (\$20,000.00) to Bev Mahon, Atlantic Regional Coordinator for Breakfast for Learning will definitely be added to after this Grand Session.

While visiting our Chapters throughout the jurisdiction, I also had the pleasure of relating more than 60 almost true stories and hope that they brought some fun and enjoyment into the lives of all of my Sisters and Brothers who attended those official visits. To those two chapters that I could not attend, I promise that I will make a visit to your chapter within the coming year as the immediate Past Grand Patron.

In July, I accompanied our Worthy Grand Matron to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire in August. It was a pleasure seeing Sister Nancy Keirstead and Brother Laurie Bishop installed as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of New Brunswick. We had such fun at the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. The Red Arrow Diner will never be the same. Sister Mary and I sat in the same booth as Hilary Clinton and of course her once, more famous husband "Bill, Mr. President". I bet Hilary did not know that she would be sharing a booth with the famous WGM of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. At least I did not read that in her new book. We did have a most enjoyable trip.

Joining the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine and New Brunswick for the Maine/Maritime Exchange and for the Maritime Exchange was a marvellous experience. Meeting our counterparts

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from our neighbouring Jurisdictions was so enjoyable. We have developed great friendships which will continue throughout the rest of our lives. During our Maritime Exchange, I had the honour of doing the initiatory work and the pleasure of initiating the Brother and Sister-in-law of the Associate Grand Patron of New Brunswick, Bro. Ray Kraglund, even if a slight error in the ritual brought a few smiles and chuckles from our Sisters and Brothers. Believe me Sisters and Brothers a slip of the tongue happens sometimes and the Sisters and Brothers of our Jurisdiction who were there, are reminded of their obligation!

I had the pleasure of joining our Worthy Grand Matron for her invitations to the installation of the Daughters of the Nile and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia where she presented a most poignant and excellent address to the Brethren of Nova Scotia emphasizing the advantages of becoming a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

One of the duties of the Worthy Grand Patron is to approve By-Law changes presented by our subordinate Chapters. This year I had the pleasure to approve the By-Laws for the following Chapters:

GRACE CHAPTER No. 8	September 30, 2013
PEARLE CHAPTER No.71	October 23, 2013
EVENING STAR No. 28	November 15, 2013
CEDAR ATLANTIC No. 3	April 28, 2014
CENTURY CHAPTER No. 10	May 2, 2014

To our elected Grand Chapter Officers! It has been such a pleasure travelling with you over the past few years. Travelling many kilometers together and getting to know each of you personally has certainly enriched my life. I wish you every success and happiness as you progress along your Star Journey to the Grand East. If I can be of assistance, anytime, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Our appointed Grand Chapter Officers have been so loyal and so supportive throughout the past year. We have enjoyed many, many hours of fun and fellowship, yet our time together as a Grand Family has been so short. Every Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron always says that their Grand Family is the Best. I want all of our Sisters and Brothers to know that our "Grand Family is the Best of the Best". Thank you for sharing yours lives and Star Experiences with me during this wonderful year in the East with our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary! May blessings of our Heavenly Father, good health and prosperity be with you always. Fraternal Love to each and every one of you!

The office of District Deputy Grand Matron is one of the most important offices in our jurisdiction. I want to congratulate all of our District Deputy Grand Matrons for the excellent job they did

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throughout the past year. The time, personal effort, dedication and devotion you gave to our wonderful order is truly commendable. A job well done!

What can I say to our Grand Chapter Committee members? Wow! Thanks to your dedication and devotion to our Order, and all of your hard work over the past year, we are experiencing a truly successful Grand Chapter Session. I had the pleasure of meeting so many of you during our Worthy Grand Matron's Official visits. It was wonderful meeting new friends and re-newing old acquaintances. Thank you for all you have done for your Grand Chapter. It is definitely appreciated by all of your Sisters and Brothers.

Grand Chapter cannot exist as it is without the hard work of our Hostess Chapters. A very special 'Thank You' to all of our Hostess Chapters for your dedication, devotion and hard work over the past four years, as you guided the Grand Chapter Committees in the organization and orchestration of this most successful Garden of Love Session. To the committee members of the Grand Chapter Committees, we could not have done this without your hard, dedication, devotion and hard work. Thank you for all you have done to make our Garden of Love Session a Success.

I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere appreciation to our Grand Secretary, Sister Diane and Grand Treasurer, Sister Faye. This was an inaugural year for both of you in your respective offices. Everyone should commend both you for the excellent job you have done to develop excellent communication with our Sisters and Brothers and to ensure that our Chapter is operating within our budget and in the most frugal manner possible. In reference to managing the finances of our Order, we must express our appreciation to our Finance Committee and Sister Faye for doing such a commendable job. The Finance Team, including our Grand Secretary have worked hard to decrease the operating costs of our Grand Chapter with a great deal of success. Thank You All!

To our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you have been such a support and always ready to offer assistance and advice when asked. No matter whom I approached for assistance, there was never a refusal to offer your wisdom and provide such sage advice. Not many organizations are able to say that in reference to their Past Grands, Presidents or Chairs. What marvellous Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons we have in this Jurisdiction. Your sage advice has been truly appreciated and I am looking forward to joining you at the end of this Garden of Love Session.

On June 14th Harmony Chapter No. 25 and Mystic Star No. 40 held a wonderful Home Coming for Sister Mary and me. It was a very special evening for both of us. I want to thank Harmony Chapter for the wonderful surprise in honouring me with an Honorary Membership in

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there, or I am happy to now say 'our' Chapter. What a marvellous surprise being honoured by my own Chapter when they presented me with a Life Membership. I will cherish and treasure both honours for the rest of my life and I hope to be able to attend my Chapters many times over the coming years. Thank You seems like such a small thing to say, but I am still at a loss for words for these fantastic honours bestowed upon me, so again Sisters and Brothers of Harmony and Mystic Star Chapter, "Thank You"!

It seems like yesterday that Sister Mary and I were installed as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. What a year it has been! I want to thank all of my Sisters and Brothers, once again for electing me to this most honourable position and permitting me to have one of the most memorable and enjoyable journeys of my life, serving you as your Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Danny moved the Worthy Grand Patron's Official Report and seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM Mystic Star No. 40.

Carried.

Sister Irma Maxwell, Associate Grand Matron requested that seats be reserved on each side for families and chapters. She then moved to have an Open Installation, seconded by Brother John Lorimer, Associate Grand Patron. **Carried**

Sister Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Conductress, invited all to Truro at the Glengarry Motel and Convention Centre for Grand Chapter in 2017.

Brother Fred Lipskey, Webmaster, moved that all chapters be notified by e-mail of the new web site address (nspeioes.weebly.com) when established. Seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM.

Carried

Sister Mary MacLennan, PM Mayflower Chapter No. 2 reminded members that Star Trails were still available for \$2 and New to You items was still open.

PROGRAM BOOKLET COMMITTEE REPORT

Sisters Ruby MacKenzie (15) CHAIR, and Carol Whitlock PM and Brothers Bryan Campbell PP (49), Cyril Marsters PP (67), Tabor (Ted) Caulier PGP (27), Shane MacFarlane PP (19), Phil Beeler PP (61) Don Doucet PP (8), David Clarke PP (5), George Doughart PP (1PEI), and Ken Langille PP (10)

Brother James MacKenzie PP (15) on behalf of Sister Ruby MacKenzie PP (15) I would like to thank WGM Mary Reid for the honour of my appointment as Chair of this committee.

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I wish to acknowledge all the hard work of the members of the Committee for 2014, all who have worked very hard, and especially Brother Ken Langille. They were able to collect orders for 83 elephants and 62 lions. We also have 4 full page colour ads, 16 full page black and white ads, 30 half page ads, 6 one-third page ads, 6 one-quarter page ads, 16 business card ads, and 1 one-sixteenth page ads.

A total of \$5700 was raised to fund the program booklets for Grand Chapter. 500 copies were ordered at a quoted cost of \$4000, plus typesetting charges of \$1625.00. This leaves a profit of about \$75.00, less a small amount for the ads which were accidentally omitted from last year's booklet, and were printed this year, at no charge again.

Brother James Mackenzie PP (15) moved the adoption of the report as read. The motion was seconded by Brother Ken Langille PP (10), and the motion was **carried**.

WGM: As it was noted that several chapters and personal ads were not published in the booklet again this year, anyone with issues are asked to contact Sister Irma, Incoming Worthy Grand Matron who will contact her Program Booklet Committee Chair.

Brother Jim (please relate to Sister Ruby) you and your Committee did a fantastic job this year. You had a few problems from the previous year to contend with but handled this very well. I know this is a very hard working Committee and we certainly appreciate all your efforts.

GRAND LIBRARIAN

Sister Janet Johnson PM (24) Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

During the year, I received four requests for addendas or programs, which were forwarded to each one in person, by mail, or delivered, on my behalf. I was very pleased to receive new material from one of our members.

As has been the custom, I am again, asking members to share any of their original material with me, so that I may add it to the files.

When requesting material, please state what type of material you need, the date it is needed, who it is going to, and the address to which it should be sent. If you call and leave a message, please give a phone number where I may call you back.

I can be reached at 902-396-5421 or email grandchapterlibrarian@gmail.com

Thank you, Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Danny,

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Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing me to serve as your Grand Chapter Librarian this past year. I wish you both a very successful "Garden of Love" Grand Chapter Session, which will leave you with lifelong memories. I wish you both good health and lots of happiness in the years ahead.

The report was moved adopted Sister Janet Johnson PM, (24); seconded by Sister Brenda Clarke PM (5); and the motion was carried.

WMG/WGP: Sister Janet, over the past couple of years you have spent a lot of time reorganizing our Library with all its resources. You are to be commended for keeping the Library up-to-date and its contents in good shape. Thank you for all your dedication.

WEBMASTER

Brother Fred Lipskey P.G.P: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers: Some time ago, Brother Bill Bishop and I attempted to turn over the webmaster duties, and found we had great difficulty getting together due to conflicting schedules. Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P. was press ganged into service, and he updated the site with the more pertinent information that it presently offers. It may also be noted that there was a cost for the existing program, and I was made aware of a free site presently in use by other Grand Chapters.

After consultation with Sister Irma, Associate Grand Matron, and a number of other members, it was decided we would pursue implementation of the Weebly site, and take advantage of the no cost savings.

The plan presently is to dismantle the existing site during this Grand Chapter, and post the new one on the completion of this year's meetings when more information becomes available.

I intend to impose on the Grand Secretary, P.G.M. Sister Diane Hayman, to email the members of this jurisdiction when the new site is posted, with the new web address. I invite you all to have a look at the site, and advise any changes, suggestions, or criticisms you may have. There will be a "Webmaster" link that automatically generates an email message format that you can use to send me your response.

Brother Fred P.G.P. moved the adoption of his report, which was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke P.G.M., and the motion was carried.

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WGM/WGP: Brother Fred, being a committee of one is hard. You had a few problems along the way but it seems that we are now on track. The learning curve in such endeavours takes time, a lot of help, dedication, and most importantly patience. Thank you.

It was announced by the Grand Secretary that Crafts and Treasures had realized \$1,142.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal declared the Session from labour to refreshments to resume at 1:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 16, 2015

1:30 pm Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations. Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the session called from refreshments to labour.

A **Partial Report of the Credential Committee** was given as follows:

Members from our Grand Jurisdiction	255
Members from other Grand Jurisdictions	107
Total attendance to date of	362

This report was moved by seconded by Sister Susan Lorimer, PM and Sister Peg Lipskey, PM **Carried.**

Minutes of the Wednesday morning session were read and moved for approval by Sister Diane Hayman, PGM, seconded by Sister Carol Clark, PGM **Carried**

The Grand Secretary reported that \$1,161.65 was realized and given to the Benevolent Fund.

Sister Donna Richard, WGM of Alberta was escorted to the East and presented with a monetary donation by Harmony Chapter No. 25. Sister Donna informed the members that she is using the Bible, Gavel, and Broken Column belonging to her Mother, the late Sister Dora Turnbull, PGM. Her personal project is the Department of Ophthalmology Research for Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR 2015

Take notice that: at the 68th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island,

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To be held in Greenwich, Nova Scotia, on July 6, 7, and 8, 2015, I will move or cause to be moved:

“All the business of this Grand Chapter conducted at Stellarton, Nova Scotia on July 14, 15, and 16, 2014 is hereby ratified and declared to have been conducted constitutionally and in full compliance with the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the dates of that meeting.”

Rationale:

The CL&R permits the Grand Council, in cases of extreme emergency, to change the place of the Annual Meeting, however it is clear and precise in stating the dates of the Annual Meeting. Without the passage of this or a similar motion, all the proceedings of the 2014 Annual meeting would be null and void.

R.G. Zeke Eaton, PGP, Crystal Chapter No. 1, Charlottetown, PEI

REPORTS continued CRAFTS AND TREASURES

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Dan, we your Crafts and Treasures Committee wish to submit the following report.

Each Committee Member made a basket from donations received from members of the Chapters within their District.

We have realized the amount of \$1,142 from the baskets. The following Sisters or Brothers are the lucky winners.

District 1 (Evelyn MacDonald) winner – Michelle Gallant

District 2 (Kathy Balcolm) winner – Vivian Ingham

District 3 (Krista Vining) winner – Annie Brown

District 4 (Donna Hazeldine for Sharon Adams) winner – Eunice
Olgive

District 5 (Patricia Armstrong) winner – Susan Martin

District 6 (Linda Foote) winner – Diane Hayman

District 7 (Susan Eaton) winner – Kathy Balcolm

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for asking us to serve on this committee for you. It has been a pleasure and we hope that we have met your expectations.

Sister Sharon Adams, Chairperson, Sister Evelyn Macdonald, Sister Kathy Balcolm, Sister Krista Vining, Sister Donna Hazeldine, Sister Patricia Armstrong Sister Linda Foote and Sister Susan Eaton.

The adoption of this report was moved by Sister Sharon Adams, PM Eastern Star Chapter No. 28 seconded by Sister Kathy Balcolm, PM Myrtle Chapter No. 21. **Carried.**

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WGM/WGP: Wow! What a job you and your Committee did. Thank you for all your hard work.

At this time Sister Mary MacLennan PM Mayflower Chapter No. 2 reported that she realized \$273 from the sale of New to You items. She also reported that \$48.30 was realized from the sale of Star Trails.

ESTARL REPORT

Sister Marianne MacMillan Chair PM Cedar Atlantic No. 3:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron very Distinguished East Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the ESTARL Committee and as chair of this committee, I, Marianne MacMillan of Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3, Wallace NS present the following report:

The ESTARL Committee received fifteen applications for awards. Fourteen were approved and one was withdrawn by the applicant.

Each approved applicant received an award of \$928.57.

Because of the generous donations made by our Sisters and Brothers, and because of the generous donations made from the sale of items belonging to our late Sister Joan Campbell PGM, at Grand Chapter last July, one award was given in Sister Joan's memory to Alicia Cox attending Atlantic School of Theology who was sponsored by Elm Chapter No. 48. Also in Sister Joan's memory I am wearing one of her dresses which I purchased last Grand Chapter session.

Now I would like to introduce the members of the ESTARL Committee and thank them so much for their interest and support. Sister Shirley Shot, Arbutus Chapter No. 30, Sister Anna Carr, Crystal No. 1, Brother Larry Ingham, Century Chapter No. 10, Brother Joe Fiander, Munro Chapter No. 26.

In closing, I thank very much PGM Sister Stella Trask and PGP Brother Zeke Eaton for appointment me to this committee.

Once again, it was rewarding and comforting to assist those women and men who are going forth in promoting the Word, whether it be in religious education, music, or religious leadership.

I, Marianne MacMillan move the adoption of this report. The report was seconded by Sister Anna Carr. **Carried.**

ESTARL AWARDS Atlantic School of Theology:

Darlene Brewer

Rachel Anne Campbell

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Lisa Clarke
Alicia Cox
Heather E. Ferrier
Darlene Fleet
Anne Hoganson

Lesley Hamilton
Shirley O'Neill
James Mosher
Kristin Petite
Jamie Spires

Acadia Divinity College:
Susan DeMont

New Brunswick Bible Institute:
Jamie Reid

WGM/WGP: Sister Marianne and Committee, thank you very much for all your hard work.

COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Danny, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to present the members of your Garden of Love Courtesy Committee: Brother Ralph Swinamer PGP, Sister Susan Martin, PM; Brother Tony Szucs, PP, and I am Mary Lou Higgins, PGM.

The 2014 Grand Chapter Session was held at the Nova Scotia Community College, Pictou Campus in Stellarton, NS, and all members of our committee were on duty by 8 o'clock on Monday, July 14. The Informal Opening was held that same evening beginning with the ESTARL Church Service at 4:45 in the Chapter room. That was a busy evening for the Courtesy Committee.

We were honoured to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White, and PGM of West Virginia. We also greeted and welcomed many other Distinguished Guests, among which were elected and appointed General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, including our own GGCCM's Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, Brother Zeke Eaton, and Sister Marion Buchan.

Greetings were extended from various Civic, Provincial and Federal officials, along with Masonic and Shrine greetings, Daughters of the Nile, and on behalf of the NSCC Facility.

A cheque was presented by the WGM and WGP to "Breakfast for Learning", which represented the donations made to their Special Project and the generosity of our Jurisdiction.

Pictou County and District No. 2 hospitality was extended to our members and guests in the form of a Hospitality Room, Afternoon Tea, Luncheons and Banquet with entertainment.

We were pleased to welcome many of our members along with

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Distinguished Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

- 01 Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 00 Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 00 Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
- 00 Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
- 01 General Grand Chapter Officer
- 12 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 03 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from
Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 33 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from NS & PEI
- 10 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers from Other Grand
Jurisdictions
- 02 Emeritus Grand Officers
- 19 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in NS &
PEI
- 13 Grand Representatives of NS & PEI in other Grand
Jurisdictions
- 04 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other
Grand Jurisdictions
- 00 General Grand Chapter Special Appointments
- 04 District Deputy Grand Matrons and Visiting District Deputies
and Grand Lecturers
- 32 Grand Chapter Committee Members of NS & PEI
- 00 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Other Grand
Jurisdictions
- 26 2013 – 2014 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of NS &
PEI
- 01 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of other Grand
Jurisdictions.

We would like to thank Sister Susan Lorimer, Chair of Credentials and Registration and her Committee for their help in compiling the list of Distinguished Guests to be introduced.

Special thanks to the members of my own Committee for all their help and hard work.

We also thank all members who were able to attend this Garden of Love Session. May you travel safely as you wend your way homeward, whether home is near or far – and please, remember to come visit us again and again.

Sister Mary Lou moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Brother Ralph Swinamer. **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Sister Mary Lou – you and your Committee did a wonderful job of organizing everything for the Introductions. This really helps things move along, especially for the Informal Opening. You are to be commended. Thank you.

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HISTORIAN

Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3); Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers;

**66th SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
"COUNTRY FRIENDSHIP"
GLENGARRY HOTEL
TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA**

July 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2013

**Worthy Grand Matron
Mary Lou Higgins (48)**

**Worthy Grand Patron
Ralph Swinamer (2)**

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
2012 – 2013**

Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins (48)
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Ralph Swinamer 92
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Mary Reid (25)
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Daniel Campbell (40)
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	Miss Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Irma Maxwell (15)
Associate Grand Conductress	Miss Suzanne Aitken (69)
Grand Chaplain	Mr. Shane MacFarlane (19)
Grand Marshal	Mr. David Hobson (67)
Grand Organist	Mrs. Diane Patterson (10)
Grand Adah	Mrs. Sharon Adams (28)
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Carol Atkinson (21)
Grand Esther	Mrs. Frances B. Jackson (48)
Grand Martha	Mrs. Cheryl Ann Dempsey (2)
Grand Electa	Mrs. Mary MacLennan (2)
Grand Warder	Mrs. Vivian Ingham (10)
Grand Sentinel	Mr. John Lorimer (25)

EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Treasurer Emeritus Mr. Cecil Decker (55)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District No. 1	Mrs. Mary Reid (25) Associate Grand Matron
District No. 2	Mrs. Edna Zinck (48)
District No. 3	Mrs. Carol Nielsen (61)
District No. 4	Mrs. Irma Maxwell (15) Grand Conductress
District No. 5	Mrs. Anna Ford (71)

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District No. 6	Miss Suzanne Aitken (69) Associate Grand Conductress
District No. 7	Mrs. Mary MacDonald (69)

“DEDICATION”

This year the Grand Chapter is lovingly dedicated:

To our Families: Love and thanks to Ross, Marylyn and our families for their love, support and understanding.

To our Chapters: Elm No. 48, Mayflower No. 2, and Annaval No. 31

In Memory of Sister Annie Patterson, the first Worthy Grand Matron of our Grand Jurisdiction, who was a member of Mayflower Chapter No. 2

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)

Scriptures: WGM: Proverbs 17: Verse 17 Ecclesiastes 3: Verse 1
WGP: Psalm 118: Verse 24

Watchwords: Kindness: to yourself, to family and friends and to strangers

Friendship: Make a new friend wherever you go.

Content: If I am content with what I have, I can live simply and enjoy 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.

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 and all colors 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 Granddaughter, 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)

Musical Selections:

WGM
Precious Memories

WGP
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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Morning has Broken
Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Stand in the Need of Prayer
Put Your Hand in the Hand
Go Now In Peace

Climb Every Mountain

Dimes for Diabetes: roll and save dimes to be collect on the nights of the 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.

The Country Friendship Session ESTARL Church Service:

“The Country Friendship Session ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room on Monday, July 8th, 2013 and was conducted by Rev. Charles McPherson. It was well attended and the offering amounted to \$1,196.45 and was given to the ESTARL program.

Emblem Ceremony:

An impressive emblem ceremony, narrated by Sister Edith Conrad, PGM took place with several sisters placing the emblems.

The Informal Opening was called to order by Sister Edith Conrad, PGM and Brother Ted Caulier, PGP, The formations were narrated by Sister Carol Clark, PGM.

The Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Chaplains and the Esthers formed flowers for the garden. The Worthy Matrons formed the leaves. Worthy Patrons formed the stem and the Grand Representatives encircled all, strengthening our ties of fraternal love and friendship.

The invocation was given by Brother Shane MacFarlane, Grand Chaplain.

The presentation of flags was under the direction of Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP

The presentation of Distinguished Guests followed:

- 10 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 31 Presentation of 50 and 60 year Members

Provincial: Stephanie MacNeil, Constituency Assistant to MLA Lenora Zann

Civic Greetings: Mayor Bill Mills, Truro

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Masonic Greetings: Most Worshipful Grand Master in Nova Scotia,
Most Worshipful Brother George Grant.

Most Worshipful Grand Master in Prince Edward Island, Most
Worshipful Brother William Heffel.

Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Potentate Wendell Dawson

Daughters of the Nile: Queen of Athena Temple, No. 149, Queen
Mab Cole-Smith

Host Facility: Rose DeCoste, General Manager, Glengarry Hotel

Presentation to Canadian Diabetes Research: \$32,150

Other Presentations:

- 8 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of
Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 37 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova
Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
- 24 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other
Grand Jurisdictions
- 10 Elected and appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand
Jurisdictions
- 18 Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Nova
Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 16 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince
Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 9 Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other
Jurisdictions
- 10 District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island and Other Visiting District
Deputy Grand Matrons.
- 36 Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 2 Other Grand Jurisdiction Committee Members
- 47 2012 – 2013 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 28 Hostess Chapters and Committees

Formal Opening

The formal Opening was held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2013. Emblems
were placed and formations were held.

Robert's Rules of Order

The reading of Robert's Rules or Order was read by Brother Bill
Clark, Past Grand Patron

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Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron gave their reports.

Notices of Motion

The Notices of Motion were presented to Grand Chapter and can be found in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Secretaries

17 plus 2 Visitors – presentation of Subordinate Chapter Secretaries took place followed by the report of the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan.

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Treasurers

13 - presentation of Subordinate Chapter Treasurers took place followed by the report of the Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy Powroz.

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Esthers and Chaplains

23 This was followed by the introduction of the Subordinate Chapter Esthers and Chaplains.

Our Tuesday Afternoon remarks were heard from the following General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sister Annie Mae Waterbury – Alzheimers
Brother Zeke Eaton – Heart
Sister Marion Buchan – Shrine Charities

Honorary Memberships

Honorary Memberships were presented to 6 members:

5 New York
1 New Hampshire

Grand Secretary Emeritus

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan was given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus by unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter.

Grand Treasurer Emeritus

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Sister Dorothy Powroz was given the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus by unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter.

Memorial Service

A loving tribute was held to the departed Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Grand Secretary Emeritus, and the Sisters and Brothers of our Subordinate Chapters.

There were 68 names read from the scroll of departed members after which a ceremony by the Grand Chaplain and Star Points was held.

Reports were presented by the following: Finance Membership, Jurisprudence, ESTARL, Unfinished business Committee, Fred's Crew, Arrangement for GCC for 2015, Benevolent, Historian, International Headquarters, Librarian, Eastern Star Journal, Committee to Plan 65 Anniversary, Committee on Consolidation, Credentials, Committee to find locations, Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project, Publicity, Consolidation Ceremony, Fraternal Correspondence, Courtesy, Program Booklet, Crafts and Treasures.

Reception of Grand Choir

Acknowledgement was given to the Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, and Grand Choir.

Farewells

Farewells were given by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Lou Higgins and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ralph Swinamer and the Recessional of Grand Officers, 2012 - 2013 followed. Sister Marylyn Swinamer was the narrator for the Retiring of Badges Ceremony.

Walking Project Winners Announced

Monies turned in: Quilt Sales	\$2,160.00
Stepping Stones	168.00
Sale of tickets for baskets	1,756.00
Joan Campbell Table	927.00
Mab Cole Jewellery	100.00
Charlie Teal (frogs) (approx.)	500.00
TOTAL	\$3,711.00

Installation of Grand Officers for 2013 – 2014

The installation of Grand Officers for 2013 – 2014 followed. Brother Adrian Person acted as Installing Grand Officer, assisted by several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

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Sister Mary Reid and Brother Daniel Campbell were installed as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the year, 2013 – 2014.

Closing Notes

Sister Mary Lou and Brother Ralph: your year in the Grand East passed very swiftly. Leadership is a challenge to do one's best and you both excelled beyond measure. God has been with you throughout the year giving you health and strength to complete your tasks. Your country Friendship Session motto, "Think Gently on the Past; Look to the Future: but be content with the Present" was always evident in your presence around the jurisdiction. Once again thank you for a wonderful year.

Sister Margie Allen moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Sister Annie Brown, WM, Cedar Atlantic No. 3 **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Sister Margie, what can we say. You have presented another beautifully written report. Whatever you do, you do very, very well. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. Our Committee on International Headquarters is pleased to submit the following report.

The Committee Members are Sister Gail Fudge, PM, Armcrest Chapter No. 45, Sister Violet Fraser, PM, Florence Fraser Chapter No. 47, and I, Sister Goldie Chisholm, PM, Myrtle Chapter No. 21, 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 Diane, for mailing this letter to each Chapter.

I move the adoption of this report.

Sister Goldie moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Gail Fudge. Regrets were received from Sister Vi Fraser **Carried**

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FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee consisted of Sister Irma Maxwell, AGM; Sister Suzanne Aitken, Grand Conductress; and Sister Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Conductress.

The summer months of 2013 were spent travelling from one jurisdiction of our wonderful Order of the Eastern Star to another. Our travelling did not require any plane tickets, gas for our cars, packing of suitcases or any expense of any kind-for as the directory ads tell us to do - we let our fingers do the walking. We perused many proceedings from all over the Eastern Star world, and we scrolled down through dozens of CDs- an exercise which is very hard on the eyes, not to mention the back, as we sit at our computers. Between the three of us, we "visited" forty-three Jurisdictions. Four of the CDs were defective so we had to skip those Sessions. I am not going to report on each Jurisdiction, but will summarize some special points we gleaned from all our reading.

All the Jurisdictions in our Order follow the same Ritual, but we find there are subtle differences between each one. All are very concerned about the loss of membership in our Order. We are not replacing ourselves, and as we are now an aging organization, there is a large loss of members every year. Hopefully, that trend will soon start to reverse, and the many ideas to attract new members will begin to show results. Many Chapters are finding it necessary to close their doors or join with another Chapter so the number of Subordinate Chapters is also decreasing. We find that the Jurisdiction with the largest number of Chapters in North America is Texas, with Rhode Island and Quebec having the smallest number.

Every Grand Chapter raises large amounts of funds which are distributed to many deserving charities. Our ESTARL bursary fund is carried out in each, as well as many other great causes such as Diabetes, Cancer, Autism, Scottish Rite Learning Centres, etc. Some Jurisdictions operate Eastern Star Homes for Seniors.

We found some interesting items in our travels to the different Sessions. For instance, Pennsylvania has an Encouragement and Motivation Committee which supplies speakers to Chapters wishing them. Montana has a Travel Club to encourage travel and visiting among the Chapters. Utah as well as many of the Jurisdictions do not have District Deputy Grand Matrons but has a Grand Lecturer who instructs the Subordinate Chapters. The Grand Secretary in Alabama is paid a salary and is covered by a medical insurance. In Georgia, the Worthy Grand Matron has a personal secretary. Wisconsin has their informal night on the second night of their Grand Chapter Session, after the Formal Opening. They then present their Grand Family, and guests from the concordant bodies. The gifts to various charities and the scholarships are also presented at this time,

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and that is followed by entertainment. In North Dakota Ritual competitions are held and prizes are given out at Grand Chapter.

It is evident that our membership enjoys longevity when we see the number of 50 year and more pins presented. In Ohio 648 - 50 year pins, 9 - 75 year pins, and 1 - 80 year pin were all presented in one year. Also in Oklahoma an 88 - year membership pin was presented to a 110 year old member.

In summary, we all agree that while reading all these proceedings may be of some help in giving some ideas to the Officers on line, it is really a waste of time. Our members, judging from the response to acquiring a copy of the report, don't find it worthwhile. I feel that I could have used the time spent on this to accomplish more meaningful preparations for the next year.

However, Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the honour bestowed upon us as we present this report.

Sister Irma moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Suzanne Aitken, AGM, Montague No. 69.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S & WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT

The Committee Members were:

Gail Kay, PM Chairman, Harmony No. 25, District No. 2
Dianne Campbell, Co-chair, Mystic Star No. 40, District No. 4
Maxine Smith, PM, Starlight No. 66, District No. 1
Helen Szucs, PM, Scotia No. 49 District No. 3
Barbara Mosher, PM, Grace No. 8, District No. 5
Mildred Aker, PM, Laurel No. 67, District No. 6
Melda Johnson, PM, Regent No. 52, District No. 7
Evie Jean Lazenby, PM, Atlantic No. 65, District No. 7a

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: We the committee on your Special Project "Breakfast for Learning" wish to make the following report.

A total of \$4,727.60 was received from the sale of Elephant, Lion and Flag Pins and planners and has been remitted to Sister Mary Reid Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Danny Campbell, Worthy Grand Patron. \$700 was realized in the sale of Flag Pins so will be given to Grand Chapter by Sister Mary, WGM as was her request.

At this time we, your Committee, would like to express our sincere thanks to all members of the Subordinate Chapters who assisted with the sale of our Pins and Planners, also to all who purchased them.

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Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Danny, we wish to thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon us and our respective chapters in appointing us to serve on this very worthwhile Committee.

Sister Gail Kay moved the adoption of her report which was seconded by Sister DiAnne, Campbell. **Carried**

WGM/WGP: Sister Gail, once again you did a fantastic job. You along with Sister DiAnne and the rest of your Committee certainly exceeded my expectations. All your hard work and diligence is greatly appreciated.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

(Sisters Heather Matthews (3) Chair, Georgie Foye (10), Mary MacLennan (2), Jean Annear (69), Olga Beno PM (57), Clara Nieforth (28), Beverley Cooper (26) and the late Edna Smith (30))

Sister Heather Mathews PM (3): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: We, your Publicity Committee, wish to give the following report.

In October 2013, a letter was sent to all Subordinate Chapters asking for photos and newspaper articles of highlights of their year; and we had a huge response from most chapters by mail and e-mail.

We were very sad when our fellow Committee member, Sister Edna Smith, PM of Arbutus Chapter No. 30 passed away in October; and our sympathy goes to her chapter, and all Sisters and Brothers who knew her.

On June 1st, several of our Committee Members were able to meet and begin the process of organizing our collection of photos. It was a very interesting project on which to work, because through organizing these photos and articles, it was as though we travelled the journey with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We would like to thank Sister Mary and Brother Danny for selecting each of us to serve on this committee; and we hope that each of you will find enjoyment reliving your journey, as you look at each photo and article in your album.

The report was moved for adoption by Sister Heather Matthews PM(3) Chair, seconded by Sister Mary MacLennan(10), and **Carried**.

WGM/WGP: Sister Heather, you and your Committee have been very busy. We will enjoy going through these books for many years to come remembering this memorable year.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members of this Grand Jurisdiction, this is the report of your Membership Committee.

Letters and e-mails were sent to Chapter Secretaries and the Membership Committee during the year. None of our Committee was invited to speak on Membership in their Chapters. One of our Chapters invited the Masonic Order to a meeting and asked one of the Membership Committee to speak; however this was cancelled due to lack of interest. However, she was also pleased to be asked to present 2 Rob Morris Jewels and 1 Family Heritage Certificate.

During the year the following applications were received:

- 2 Fraternal Family Heritage Certificates
- 2 Rob Morris Jewels
- 1 to replace the loss of a Rob Morris Jewel and 2 bars
- 1 bar for 2012 – 2015

Four new members were received into Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3 – congratulations. Keep up the good work.

Recommendation: When Secretaries complete the application form for Family Heritage Certificates or Rob Morris Jewels/Bars, the Membership Committee requests that the application be sent to our own Grand Chapter Membership Chairperson – the name and address is usually noted in the bottom left corner of the application. The Chairperson will look after obtaining the items requested. This is the only way we have of keeping an accurate record of who has applied for and received these awards.

I extend many thanks to the Members of this Committee for their suggestions. Also, best wishes to the new members joining this Committee this coming year.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of asking us to serve on this Committee and our very best wishes to you both for a harmonious and memorable Grand Chapter Session.

Respectfully submitted

JoAnne Giffin Chairperson and the Members of the Membership Committee:

Carol Atkinson	Michelle Boutilier
Kathryn Doughart	Marilyn Farrow
Viola Horton	Roy MacKinnon
Yvonne Stephenson	

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Sister JoAnne moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Carol Atkinson, PM, Myrtle Chapter No. 21 **Carried.**

WGM/WGP: I appreciate the members of this Committee going to the various Chapters and spreading the word about Membership. This is an ongoing battle. Thank you for all your hard work.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from :

the Canadian Diabetes Association thanking the Grand Chapter for the gift of more than \$32,000. This amount will be put directly into the Charles H. Best Research Fund and used to support the research funding commitments of the coming year.

Sister Karen Marshall-King, Grand Secretary of New York, bringing greetings and expressing thanks on behalf of their members who were given Honorary Memberships in our Grand Chapter.

Regrets were received from:

Sister Marion Miller, PGM

Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, RWAGM

Sister Maxine Justice, PMWGM

Sister Marianne Shenefelt, RWGC

Brother John Grobler, MWGP and his wife Sister Barbara

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL REPORT

Report for Grand Chapter 2013 – 2014 re the Eastern Star Journal Committee consisting of Sisters Doreen Edgar, Ann Ross, Joyce Roode, Marjorie Davis-Snow, Sharon Layton, Hattie Hagen, Arlene Riswold and Audrey Farquharson.

Number of Submissions	Comm.	Member	other
Summer Journal 2013	3	3	0

When the Summer Journal finally arrived three months late in December 2013, we discovered one story did not get printed. When I inquired, I was told it would be in the Fall Issue. In the meantime nine stories had been submitted for the Fall Issue which was due to arrive in December. I was informed by the Temple that we would receive both the Fall and Winter in April. Therefore, I submitted the four I had received for the Winter Issue. The dead line for the Spring Issue is March 15th so believing that things were back to normal I submitted the four I had for the Spring Issue. This is when communications broke down and I was no longer receiving answers to meet my questions from anyone. So I called on our WGM to send me an E-mail requesting me to find the problem. "Be kind" I said "but direct". Her advice was heeded and within five days we got the answer to our

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questions.

I was aware that the assistant Editor Charles Hall had graduated from University last May and would now be seeking employment. Since he did 90% of the work, I thought perhaps we would have a month's delay in receiving the Summer 2013 issue. However we were informed that his parents had medical issues and there would not be any Fall 2013 or Winter 2014 but a Spring Issue was in the works and they sent me a copy on the WEB Site. The story missing from last Summer's issue will also have to be resent.

In showing my sympathies to the Editor Jerold and Assistant Editor Charles, I was informed that they were back on track however there was no mention of the stories that had been previously sent.

To finish the story, the MWGM, Sister Bobbie White was informed by the GGCCM on the Journal, and we now have a new Editor, Sister Kathy Miller of Illinois. I was personally called by her husband, Brother Gary, who informed me to resend the eight stories for the Summer Journal. After doing so, I was e-mailed and asked to send the three Spring ones again and then the four Winter ones. They have all been received and placed. We will wait until the Spring one arrives to check on which ones were missed. I am feeling confident that we are now back on track so I ask you to please renew your Journal. If you are not sure when or how to subscribe, come and see me. I have applications and will tell you which Journal you will receive first and how to obtain this Spring one and the upcoming Summer one.

As we are all aware "lack of Communication" can mean the demise of any project or organization so, please bear with us, we hope the best is yet to come. Hopefully a letter in the Fall will be very positive.

Sister Doreen moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Sister Audrey Farquharson. **Carried**

At this time congratulations were extended to Sister Doreen Edgar for all her hard work and dedication to this committee.

WGM/WGP: Sister Doreen and the Eastern Star Journal Committee what can we say. You guys do a fabulous job of trying to ensure all noteworthy events are sent on to the Editor. The number of articles in the Journal over the past few years is a testament to your dedication. Thank you

At this time the Grand Choir sang "English Country Garden".

RECEPTION OF GRAND ORGANIST AND GRAND CHOIR

WGP – We will now have the reception of the Grand Choir.

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WGM – Sisters and Brothers I love music. Each of you has a very special talent that I am so thankful you share with us. You see, I can't carry a tune in a bucket and I envy you. Thank you for sharing your talent with us and making this Session special.

WGP – Sisters and Brothers music is such an important part of our beautiful order helping to create Harmony and Joy within our Chapters and this Grand Session. All of you are so talented and we have been the benefactors of those talents throughout our Garden of Love Session. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us by singing so beautifully over the past couple of days.

Brother Robert Turner, Grand Organist: Worthy Grand Matron Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Dan, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons , Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for allowing me to respond to your gracious welcome to the Grand Choir. I would like to say thank you to my Assistant Grand Organist, Brother Whit Giffin, P.G.P. for the help he has given me during and prior to this session. A hearty thank you to Sister Kay and Brother Ray for bringing the Choir together, creating the music books and providing direction in producing a first class Choir. Thank you also to the Sisters and Brothers who compose the Grand Choir. Without your melodious voices it would be a dull session.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for having the confidence to appoint me as your Grand Organist for this Garden of Love Session .

WGM: Brother Ray, Sister Kay, and all Choir Members, your music has been an inspiration to all of us. Our Garden of Love Session would be very boring without your music. Thank you.

WGM: Believe it or not Sisters and Brothers we are at an end of our agenda.

Is there anything else anyone would like to say at this time?

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session from labour to refreshments to reconvene at 6:30pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
July 16, 2014

6:30pm - Opening of the Session by Sister Mary Lou Higgins PGM, and Brother Ralph Swinamer, PGP.

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Sister Mary Lou, PGM: Good evening Sisters and Brothers and welcome to this final session of the 66th Garden of Love Grand Chapter Session.

Our thanks go to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the honour and privilege of opening this session and also for allowing me to share the Grand West so soon again with my Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Ralph, I have missed you this year – and you know what? Not once have I had enough gravy on my ‘taters at meals. Good to have you by my side.

We have been honoured to have with us our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White as well as other General Grand Chapter officers and committee, including our own Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, Brother Zeke Eaton, and Sister Marion Buchan. We hope you enjoyed your stay with us in Pictou County and invite you to return soon to enjoy other parts of our province and maybe have the opportunity to slip across the water to Prince Edward Island as well.

In a very short time, we will be entering into a new Grand Chapter year and I would like to extend personal best wishes for a wonderful year ahead to Sister Irma, Brother John, and their Grand Family.

Brother Ralph, PGP: Sister Mary Lou, it is a real treat to share the East with you again. I have certainly missed you this past year, as I had nobody to look up to. My thanks to Sister Mary, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Danny, Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of opening this, the closing of their Garden of Love Session. The Junior Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron rarely have this opportunity. This evening, the administration of our Grand Chapter changes hands, and we wish the incoming Grand Family, a successful year. To those who are visiting from other Grand Jurisdictions, we wish you a safe journey home, and please come again.

Sister Mary Lou, PGM: Grand Marshal you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Chapter Room.

The Starlight Quartet sang “No Matter What”.

Sister Mary Lou, PGM: Sister Mary, WGM and Brother Danny, WGP:

Thank you for permitting us to share in this evening and for the honour of welcoming you to your final session. You have had a busy and ambitious year and I’m sure your hearts are full of bitter-sweet feelings tonight. But as you think about your year and the calmer days, which I assure you are about to begin, we hope you will feel satisfaction and much pride in the results of your work. You will have many memories to plant in your Garden of Love and we know you will

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be able to walk among them, enjoying them over and over. It will be especially nice to welcome you both to the Past Grands Club – because then Brother Ralph and I will no longer be the new kids on the block.

Sister Mary, It seems such a short time since we stood together at the Altar and were installed as the Conductresses. Since that time, I have learned to appreciate your talents, your friendship and your family. You overcame some serious stumbling blocks with your health along the way, but we still managed to travel together a fair amount – and if I recall correctly, I only led you astray one rainy night in Dartmouth. For a little time now, put your feet and relax and always remember that you are exactly where God intends you to be.

Brother Danny, You have given a year of faithful service to our Order and have travelled along with the WGM all the way. It was a pleasure having you in our Grand Family last year and I certainly will not forget how you carried all my “croaky creatures: and other stuff from the car to chapter rooms then back out again. Thank you for that kindness. You too deserve a good rest – enjoy your new-found freedom and peace be with you.

Brother Ralph, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Danny, it must be a wonderful feeling to be introduced at the closing of your Grand Chapter Session, knowing that you have done your very best. And you have done your very best. Sister Mary you have had wonderful support from your family, Chapter, District, and Grand Chapter, and you have had a very rewarding year. There is no further requirement for me to question you on your physical well-being any longer. Brother Danny you have been involved in the leadership role throughout your entire life. First in the education field, then Grand Lodge, and now with our beloved Order. Well done. We both will welcome both of you to the Past Grands, so we will not be referred as Junior any more. Being called Junior does not really look well on a 79 year old brother.

Sister Mary Lou, PGM: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our WGM and WGP to the East.

Sister Mary and Brother Danny were accorded the Grand Honours.

Sister Mary Lou, PGM: Sister Mary, I present to you your gavel – it has been used wisely the last three days and I know it will also be for the next few minutes.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter session called

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from refreshments to labour.

WGM – Sister Mary Lou and Brother Ralph how very fitting to have you open this final session of The Garden of Love. Just a year ago you were in the same position as Brother Danny and I are now.

Sister Mary Lou thank you for presenting me with my gavel for the last time as Worthy Grand Matron.

WGP – Sister Mary Lou and Brother Ralph, it seems like only yesterday that Sister Mary and I were members of your Grand Family. We are so pleased that you were able to open the final session of our Garden of Love Session. During our travels over the past number of years we have come to love both of you as wonderful Star members and dear friends. Both of you will be in our hearts for ever.

INTRODUCTIONS OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

not previously introduced

Grand Representatives: Sister Mary Crouch Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Mary was presented, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Minutes of the Wednesday afternoon session were read and approved.

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FINAL REPORT

Sister Susan Lorimer, PM Harmony Chapter No. 25, Chairperson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure, as chairperson of the Credentials and Registration Committee to submit the final report for the 2013 – 2014 “Garden of Love” Session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members this Grand Jurisdictions	260
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions	107
GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	367

It is with pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the Credentials and Registration Committee, namely, Sister Peg Lipskey, PM (67), Sister Donna White, (PM)(69) and myself, Sister Susan Lorimer. I wish to extend our thanks to Sister Mary Reid, WGM and Brother Daniel Campbell, WGP 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.

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I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who volunteered their services to assist us on this Committee. Our task would have been more difficult, if not impossible, without their assistance.

Once Again, THANK YOU for allowing us to be part of our Most Successful Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Susan moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Peg Lipskey. Carried

WGM – Thank you for your report. Sister Susan, Sister Peggy, and Sister Donna thank you for all your time and efforts in setting up and registering the attendees at this Grand Chapter.

WGP – Sister Susan you can now relax and assume your new duties for Sister Irma and Brother John. I bet you will see far more of their session than you saw of this session. All the best to Sister Peggy and Sister Donna as you plan and organize this very important Committee for Sister Irma and Sister Suzanne.

CHAPTER REGISTRATION TOTALS

CHAPTER	MEMBERS	CHAPTER	MEMBERS
Mayflower No. 2	10	Harmony No. 25	24
Cedar Atlantic No. 3	12	Munro No. 26	4
Keystone No. 5	2	Kwebec No. 27	10
Grace No. 8	8	Evening Star No. 28	22
Century No. 10	14	Arbutus No. 30	2
Queen Elizabeth No. 14	4	Annaval No. 31	2
Evangeline No. 15	11	St. Mary's No. 35	7
Victoria No. 19	4	Dr. Gordon MacLeod No. 37	2
Myrtle No. 21	14	Mystic Star No. 40	6
Crystal No. 1 PEI	8	Armcrest No. 45	3
Westville No. 24	18	Elm No. 48	3
Scotia No. 49	8	Starlight No. 66	8
Regent No. 52	6	Laurel No. 67	10
Elmsdale No. 55	10	Montague No. 69	5
Ruth No. 57	1	Crescent No. 70	0
Queen Esther No. 61	61	Pearle No. 71	9

WGM – At this time there are a few of members we would like to acknowledge:

Sister Belle and Brother Adrian Pearson – During this Session you have seen to the needs of our members and guests. Thank you for performing this duty and relieving me of worrying about anything but the Session.

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Brother Bill and Sister Carol Clark – You took care of what I called the floor so Sister Belle could concentrate on overall matters. Everything flowed as well as anyone could expect and we all thank you for keeping delays to a minimum. You knew what I wanted and saw that it happened. Words cannot begin to express my gratitude.

Sister Janice McLaughlin – You took care of most of our meals. In a small area such as ours this is a big deal and we appreciate everything you did to help make the Garden of Love a success.

I spent my 60th birthday at Sister Marion and Brother John's official visit to Pearle Chapter No. 71 in Caledonia. I appreciate that you are celebrating your 60th here with us today yet you spent most of it helping me by preparing and serving my Grand Officer Breakfast and our All Membership Luncheon. Thank you for everything.

Sister Marion Durling, without your pestering and nagging me I most likely would not have been standing at this podium this week. Thanks to you I have had what is one of the most amazing journeys of my life. Love Ya!

WGM – Well Brother Danny I think we are officially done. The Notices of Motion were handled, the reports from the various committees heard and accepted, and remarks heard from our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members as well as our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

WGP - Grand Family – Thank you so very much for your love and support during the year. At the exchanges you did us proud. You will always be the best of the best Grand Family ever.

WGM – District Deputy Grand Matrons – I certainly appreciated you deputizing the chapters in your assigned districts. This meant that I could spend more time at my Official Visits socializing with my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you as this is the fun part of any meeting night.

WGP – Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons – thank you for being role models for us. Following in your footsteps is a huge challenge and without your guidance close to impossible. Thank you for always being there ready to assist when asked.

WGM – Grand Chapter Committee Members – without you there would be no Grand Chapter. We thank each of you for all your work, love, and devotion to our beautiful order.

WGP – Sisters and Brothers of our own chapters, Mystic Star No. 40 & **WGM** – Harmony Chapter No. 25 and Century Chapter No. 10 We learned and honed our Eastern Star abilities in your midst. Your officers and members encouraged us, showed us the proper way we should do our duties, and put up with our mistakes.

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WGM - Through all this you never discouraged our dreams and ambitions. Thank you.

WGP – Sisters and Brothers of District 2. Once again you demonstrated that preparing for and hosting a Grand Chapter looks easy. Thank you for your time and hard work over the past few years.

WGM – When I mentioned I was going to put my name in for Associate Grand Conductress, the response was “well we will just do the same as before, no Problem”. You always do an awesome job and I can never thank you enough for helping to make my dream come true. I love you all.

WGP – Would the members of our families please stand.

Sister Mary and I have had a magnificent and exciting journey along the Star trail this year and it could not have been accomplished without the devotion, support and love of our families. Ten years ago a marvellous, kind, loving, wonderful person came back into my life, after 42 years absence, when my life was at its lowest ebb. She brought me back to loving life and her and without Sister DiAnne’s continued support and love, I probably would not have been here sharing one of the most fantastic experiences of my life, with all of you. Thank You Sister DiAnne for loving me! I Love you so deeply and dearly!

I want to thank Brother Allen, Sisters Candace and Kim for all of the support they gave me throughout the year. We had a lot of fun travelling together throughout the year and have developed a very special relationship and amazing friendship which I will cherish for ever.

WGM – Without your love, help, understanding, forgiveness, patience (as best you could as I know “I can stress out the Lord”) I would never have achieved what I have done in my life. You always kept me grounded and tried your very best to make me see that there is only so much a person can do.

Sister Candace, without your nursing, chauffeuring, bossing, cooking, keeping track of meds and appointments I don’t know how I would have survived the last two years. I know I haven’t said it enough but thank you.

Sister Kim you and your family pitched in whenever and wherever possible even to the point when the boys Nana sat while you and Candace were busy elsewhere.

Brother Allen, Sisters and Brothers he is my life. Without him I know I could not go on. I love you all and do appreciate all you do for me.

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Sister DiAnne thank you for your love and support and of course for loaning Brother Danny to me. In a very short time he will be yours alone once again.

WGP – To the 2014 – 2015 Grand Family, all the best for a wonderful year. Sister Irma and Brother John may all your dreams come true. Have a safe and healthy time as you travel about representing the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

WGM - We are all very proud of your accomplishments thus far and look forward to your session.

WGP – Sisters and Brothers, this is perhaps the most difficult part of this most astonishing Star journey. One which I will never forget! Thank you for the many, many evenings of enjoyment and bringing so much happiness in my life. Visiting your Chapters has been so enjoyable and provided a wonderful opportunity to make so many new friends and become acquainted with many, many old ones.

Thanks to you I have had the exceptional opportunity to walk beside and support this lovely lady standing beside me and what a fantastic year we had together. The love and support you have shown me, throughout the year, has enriched my life and remember that 'Farewell' only means so long for now. I look forward to seeing you many times in the future as Sister DiAnne and I continue to travel throughout this wonderful jurisdiction. " Sisters and Brothers a fond Farewell"!

WGM – Sisters and Brothers 2013 – 2014 will always be a year for me to remember. I have had a wonderful time travelling throughout our jurisdiction on my Official Visits as well as representing our Grand Jurisdiction at exchanges and at other Grand Chapters.

The road may have been rocky but the arrival and subsequent journeys certainly worth the perseverance and determination. Your love and support have meant the world to me. Thank you my Sisters and Brothers for a wonderful year.

To sum things up, from St. Mary's Chapter monthly notice:

The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said,
And now, with purpose full and clear,
Let's turn to greet another year.

All the best Sister Irma and Brother John

I love ya all and look forward to meeting you again on the star trail.
Farewell

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WGM – I now turn the gavel over to Brother Fred Lipskey who will be our Installing Officer this evening. Brother Fred I invite you to preside.

The musical selection “Peace” was performed by the Sisters of Laurel Chapter No. 67.

The Grand Officers gathered around the Altar and Sister Margaret Clarke P.G.M. conducted a lovely ceremony to retire the badges as follows:

CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and Sister Margaret, PGM 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
It's 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.

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The Crossed Keys within the Star, an emblem of Security.

The Crossed Pens within the Star, an emblem of Intelligence.

The Star within the Star an emblem of Divine Guidance.

The Effulgent Sun within the Star, an emblem of Light.

The Square and Compass within the Star, an emblem of his relationship to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Gavel within the Star, an emblem of Authority.

From the Altar they received them. On the Altar they now leave them.

The Bible which has led them aright has been closed as they say Good Night.

The 2013-2014 Grand Officers retired; and a recess was called for the preparation of the Installation of the 2014-2015 Grand Officers.

INSTALLATION OF 2014 - 2015 GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLATION CEREMONY GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Installing Grand Officer: Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP (67)
Installing Grand Marshal: Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM (67)
Installing Grand Chaplain: Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP (70)
Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Inez Daye, PGM (27) (3)
Installing Grand Organist: Brother Ray Horton, PP (66)
Installing Grand Warder: Brother Peter Kay, PP (25)
Installing Grand Sentinel: Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP (1 PEI)
Soloists: Sister Gail Cook, PGM (67), Lee Bezanson

Assisting in the East:

Sister Marion Conrad, PGM (28) (40)
Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP (25)
Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (1 PEI)
Brother Ralph Swinamer, PGP ((2)
Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP (67)

Sister Stella Trask, PGM (35)

Brother Murray Gardner, PGP (10)

Brother Whitman Giffin, PGP (8)
Sister Marion Buchan, PGM, (67)
Brother Frank Cullen, PGP (24)

Installing

Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Associate Grand Matron
Associate Grand Patron
Grand Secretary & Grand
Treasurer
Grand Conductress &
Assoc. Grand Conductress
Grand Chaplain & Grand
Marshal
Grand Organist
Grand Star Points
Grand Warder & Grand
Sentinel

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Sister Irma, WGM, thanked the Installing Team and presented them with special cards made by a Sister in her Chapter and she announced that a donation would be given to the Special Project in honour of those who took part in the Installation.

Introduction of 2014-2015 District Deputy Grand Matrons

The following District Deputy Grand Matrons were introduced, and escorted to the East where they were presented with their District Deputy Grand Matron pins.

District No. 1 – Sister Caryl Yates (26)
District No. 2 – Sister Susan Martin (24)
District No. 5 – Sister Heather Lynch (71)
District No. 7 – Sister Helen Nicholson (1 PEI)

The other districts will be deputized by the following Elected Officers:

District No. 3 – Sister Suzanne Aitken AGM (69)
District No. 4 – Sister Christine McGillivray AGC (21)
District No. 6 – Sister Wilma Verge GC (28)

A School of Instruction for the Grand Officers was announced for Thursday, July 17, 2014 at Westville Chapter No. 24 at 10am.

Sister Irma thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of New Brunswick and the Associate Grand Matron of New Hampshire for attending this Installation.

Her gavel and sounding block were gifts from Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, her friend and travelling companion.

Brother John, WGP then presented Sister Irma, WGM with a bouquet of pink carnations. At this time he expressed his thanks to the Installing Team, especially to Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP for installing him.

INTRODUCTION OF 2014-2015 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

16 Worthy Matrons and 9 Worthy Patrons were introduced.

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Sister Annie Brown
Century No. 10 – Sister Diane Patterson
Evangeline No. 15 – Sister Nora Teal
Victoria No. 19 – Sister Ann Ross
Crystal No. 1 PEI – Sister Susan Eaton
Westville No. 24 – Sister Susan Martin
Harmony No. 25 – Sister Agnes MacDonald.
Munro No. 26 – Sister Sheila Macdonald
Kwebec No. 27 – Sister Margaret Burhoe

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Mystic Star No. 40 – Sister DiAnne Campbell
Regent No. 55 – Sister Nadine Savoury
Queen Esther No. 61 – Sister Irene Beeler
Laurel No. 67 – Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey
Montague No. 69 – Sister Donna White
Pearle No. 71 – Sister Patricia Canning-Selig

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Brother Lloyd Brown
Grace No. 8 – Brother Robert Turner, GS
Century No. 10 – Brother Murray Gardner, PGP
Crystal No. 1 PEI – Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP
Westville No. 24 – Brother Frank Cullen, PGP
Harmony No. 25 – Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald
Mystic Star No. 40 – Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP
Elmsdale No. 55 – Brother Craig Savoury
Pearle No. 71 – Brother Donald Selig

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends: Well, Brother John, here we are! I am very glad to have you at my side. When I was elected as Associate Grand Conductress three years ago, I thought the office of Worthy Grand Matron was eons away. I never dreamed three years would go so fast. Now my prayer is that I will have the health and strength to carry out my duties, the courage to face the problems the year may bring and the wisdom to make wise decisions when those are needed.

We have had a lovely installation. It was very impressive and I will remember it for a long time. My special thanks to Brother Fred Lipskey who has been a special friend since he and Sister Peg relocated here from Saskatchewan, and also to all the Installing Officers, all of whom are special to Brother John and me. Sister Margaret, you have been my guide and mentor throughout my Eastern Star life and it is only fitting that you escort me to the Altar to be installed in this position. Sister Marion Conrad, you were Worthy Grand Matron when I joined this lovely Order and I thought it only fitting that you should install me into this highest office. Sister Gail, thank you so much for your lovely rendition of one of my favourite hymns. I couldn't think of anyone I would rather have sing for me. I was Treasurer of your Hostess Chapters and travelled to most of your official visits with you when you were WGM.

To the members of our Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it is a great honour to be installed as Worthy Grand Matron of our beautiful Order in the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I thank you for trusting me to lead this beautiful Order through another year. Thank you for all the encouragement, love, and friendship, you have shown me and I know you will continue to do so. I may not be able to do everything each of you would like me to do,

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but I will do the best I possible can during this next year with your help and the help of our Heavenly Father.

When I put my name forward for election to the line, I realized that even though I didn't feel I was worthy of such an honour, it was time I accepted some responsibility. I had been coasting along for too many years with the attitude of expecting someone else to do it. So here I am! They last three years have flown by. There have been some bumps in the road – the biggest one being the loss of my husband during my year as Grand Conductress. He had been my biggest supporter and it was difficult to carry on without him behind me, but I'm sure he is looking down and saying "You made it." I am going to need the support of every member to make this a wonder year for our Order and one we will be able to look back upon with pride. Our Jurisdiction may be getting small – it apparently is a sign of the times – but with perseverance we will make it mighty.

I am very pleased to be sharing the East with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Lorimer. Over the past two years we have worked together and have become friends which I know will be a long lasting relationship. John's lovely wife, Sister Susan, who is our Grand Esther is a wonderful help to us, and her advice is invaluable. Thank you Susan, for sharing John with me this year.

To the Elected Grand officers – I congratulate you on your election. Sister Diane and Sister Faye, we have a year together under our belts and know we can work well together. A special welcome to our newly Elected Officers, Associate Grand Conductress Sister Christine McGillvray and Grand Sentinel, Brother Bob Turner.

To the Appointed Grand Officers – Every one of you is special to us and I value your friendship. I hope you will be able to travel with us as we visit the different Chapters. Enjoy your year as a Grand Officer, but remember, your family comes first. We will be putting on three Schools of Instruction in September and will be hosting the Maritime Exchange the 25th of April 2015 in Kentville, so we will have plenty of opportunity to work together.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons – you were all chosen with special thought. I know you will do a very good job when you visit the Chapters in your Districts, and I will look forward to receiving your reports. Enjoy your year as part of our Grand Family. We will have a short meeting tomorrow morning of all the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons at the Westville Lodge Hall at 10am to go over a few points for the year. Hopefully, it won't take too long as I know everyone will be anxious to get on the road for home.

To our Grand Chapter Members – thank you all for accepting your appointments. You will have lots of work to do, but I hope you will enjoy your year, and I know you all will do a wonderful job. You were

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all picked with great care. Sisters Carolyn Galley Card and Christine McGillvray are Co-Chairs of our Special Project and they will have packets to be taken back to each Chapter. Please see them before you leave for home.

To our immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Mary and our immediate Past Grand Patron, Brother Danny, you are a tough act to follow. I have enjoyed your friendship for the past three years, and hope that will continue. Now, I hope you will be able to enjoy some R&R, but I hope we will see you among the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons on some of our Official visits.

To the members of my Chapters – Evangeline No. 15 and Laurel No. 67. Thank you for your ever ending love and support over the years. You are all very dear to me, and I appreciate all you have done for me. Would the members of Evangeline and Laurel, please stand. Thank you. It's wonderful to see so many of you here.

To the members of our Hostess Chapters – you are all doing a wonderful job planning our Session for 2015. I hope you know much I appreciate your willingness to take on this job, as well as the wonderful work you are doing. Brother John and I don't have to worry about a thing. It's all taken care of. Would the members of the Hostess Chapters please stand. Thank you.

Now I would like to introduce the members of my family who were able to attend our installation ceremony. Would you please stand so everyone can see what a great looking family I have. And please remain standing until everyone has been introduced. My daughter, Sherry Jennison. She lives in the Annapolis Valley, not far from my home, so she is able to keep me on the straight and narrow (sometimes). My only sibling, my brother, Dr. Ed Rafuse, and my soul mate, my sister-in-law, Barbara Rafuse. My other daughter, Dawn Coleman, with whom I shared my life for 43 years, and her husband, Keith. I am very proud of all of them, and so pleased that they could be with me tonight.

Our Special Project this year is the Scottish Rite Center for Learning in Dartmouth. This Center does wonderful work with students who have learning disabilities, especially dyslexia. I have been to a graduation ceremony and the testimony given by these students are overwhelming. Everyone deserves a good education and most of these students go on to higher educational heights, something they would not be able to do without the special one on one tutoring which they receive at the Scottish Rite Learning Center. We do ask for your usual generous support for this project. Also, hopefully, we will not forget to support our on-going project, ESTARL – the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. Every year through this project financial help is given to those students who will be our future Church leaders in ministry, counselling, music, etc.

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The Bible, along with its case, which I am using during our year, was presented to Brother George Crouch by Evangeline Chapter No. 15 when he was installed as Worthy Grand Patron in 2002. It was presented to me by Sister Mary Crouch and I am very proud to have it. Brother George was a very good friend, and I was Grand Electa for him and Sister June MacDonald through their year in the Grand East.

Our Motto this year is LENT – standing for Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking, and let us all work diligently to continue to make our beautiful Order the very best organization for both women and men in our modern world. Also our AIM is to BOMB – bring our members back.

There will be a receiving line immediately following our retirement, and a reception and some light refreshments in the lobby areas of this building.

Worthy Grand Patron, I would invite you to address the Sisters Brothers and our guests who are gathered here.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brother, Family and Friends: I thank the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the great honour of being elected to and installed in the Office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year. I will serve and represent this Grand Jurisdiction to the best of my ability.

Sister Irma, Worthy Grand Matron, let me be the first to congratulate you on your installation and I am honoured to be working with you.

To the Installation Team, our sincere gratitude for the exemplary work performed this evening and especially to Brother Adrian, Past Grand Patron, for installing me in this high office and for his advice and knowledge conveyed to me over the last ten years.

To the Elected Officers, I offer my congratulations and know that our future is in capable hands.

To the Appointed Officers, thank you for accepting the positions, Sister Irma and I offered you. We know they will be filled to the highest standards possible.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, our many thanks for accepting your positions, we know that the bulk of your work is done before year-end. Good Luck in your travels.

To all the Grand Chapter Committee Members, the worker bees of

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our Grand Chapter, you don't know how relieved we were when each of you accepted the assignments we offer you. A thousand thanks.

I would like to thank my Home Chapter, Harmony No. 25, for its love and support. All members of Harmony please stand. Also members of District 2 chapters, please stand and be acknowledged for the support you give to this beautiful Order.

My guests tonight, please stand when I mention you, are my twin brother, Keith and his partner June Urquhart, my sister, Marie Power and her daughter Sarah along with her husband and daughter, Stephen and Lauren. Then there is what I consider our extended family of Gillian and Guy Aucoin, our Grand Electa's daughter, and their children Pierre and Katey. Very good friends, Herb and Jo-Lynn Murray. And Lee Bezanson and Amanda MacIntosh who did a superlative job on my installation song. I cannot end this without mentioning Peter and Gail Kay who were instrumental in getting us into the Order. I hope I haven't missed anyone.

Then there is my one and only, Star Point Esther, my Queen, Susan, who has put up with me and my antics for nearly forty-two years. She is the love of my life and I can't imagine life without her. Love you, Sue.

As you already know, our charity this year is the Scottish Rite Charitable Learning Centres of Children in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. There will be more on this Foundation at our Official Visits. Thank You, one and all.

Remember: Run when you can, walk when you have to, and crawl if you must, just never give up. Dean Karnazes.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MATRON AND PAST GRAND PATRON JEWELS

Brother Allen Reid, PP, presented and pinned Sister Mary with her Past Grand Matron's jewel which was presented for the first time to Sister Sarah Doty, PGM, in 1973.

Brother Lawrin Armstrong, PGP, presented Brother Dan with his Past Grand Patron's jewel which was composed of his uncle Brother John Campbell's Past Patron's jewel within a new pentagon.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Mary then presented Sister Irma, WGM, with her Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel and wished her safe travels.

Brother Dan presented the William MacLellan Travelling Jewel to Brother John, WGP and wished him all the best and safe travels.

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PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sister Inez Daye, PGM: Brother John, Worthy Grand Patron, it is with great pleasure that I present you with your Masonic Bible. This Bible belonged to the Late Brother Lewis Holmes, a member of Keith Lodge No. 17 in Halifax.

It is most appropriate that you receive the Bible as Brother Lewis was from Pictou County in the vicinity of Eureka. The Star connection is his wife Sister Josephine Holmes, a member of Ruth Chapter No. 57.

I am told that your Masonic Bible is the Rule and Guide of Faith and Life of the Masonic Fraternity and we are so fortunate to have you as the Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Warmest Fraternal Wishes
Inez A. Daye, PGM.

On behalf of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Sister Agnes MacDonald, WM, presented Brother John, WGP, with a carrying case for his Bible made by Brother Charles Dewey of Century Chapter No. 10. The wood used for this case came from the property of Brother David Waterbury, PGP.

The grandchildren of Sister Gail and Brother Peter Kay presented the Worthy Grand Patron with a Bible Marker made by his wife Sister Susan Lorimer, Grand Esther, and personal gifts from themselves, Pierre, and Katey Aucoin.

Sister Nora Teal, Worthy Matron of Evangeline Chapter No. 15 presented Worthy Grand Matron Sister Irma with a crystal vase on behalf of the Chapter.

Sister Irma was also presented with a Royal Doulton Doll carrying an umbrella by Sister Peg Lipskey, PM, on behalf of the members of Laurel Chapter No. 67.

Sister Jean Millet, Grand Ruth, also presented Sister Irma with a Bible Marker, a gift from the Past Matron's Club of Evangeline Chapter No. 15.

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted the Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron to the Altar where they signed the Bible.

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER 2014

At 10pm the Grand Conductress closed the Bible informally and the

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Grand Marshal proclaimed the session closed to reconvene in Greenwich, N.S. on July 6, 2015.

The Grand Officers were escorted out to the receiving line in the next room.

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DECORATIONS 2013 – 2014

Description of decorations in the Grand Chapter Room – Garden of
Love Session – 2014.

The decorations were tastefully prepared again this year by Brother
John Lorimer, AGP, and we thank him sincerely.

As you entered the gymnasium of the Nova Scotia Community
College in Stellarton a beautiful garden lay before you once again
reflecting the effort in planning and execution invested by Brother
John.

The labyrinth was encircled by our white pillars connected by the
white rope and interrupted on both sides of the Associate Grand
Matron and Associate Grand Patron in the West by our double white

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picket gates. These were invitingly swung wide open and officers, members and guests were met there by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress when they entered and were escorted to the Altar or West of Esther's station for introduction, and the Grand Officers entered and exited at the opening and closing of each session.

Each pillar was graced with an elegant satiny runner made in two earthy tones, each bearing a crest-like medallion with a tassel at each pointed end. Atop each runner was a small statue of an elephant (Sister Mary's fun symbol) with raised trunk – a symbol of good luck. Each of the Grand Chapter Officers received one of these elephants at the close of Grand Chapter – a gift from Brother John.

To the north of the north gates, outside the labyrinth, were – from left to right: a huge arrangement of purple and white silk orchids. To the right of that was a wreath about 18 inches across made of peacock feathers. To the right again was an antique-looking urn filled with a bouquet of flowers. The large ones looked like alliums at a distance (pompoms up close) but they might have been brightly coloured chrysanthemums – yellow, orange, purple, pink, green, and white. The smaller flowers looked like large blooms of German status. Between the urn and the gate was a tree about three feet tall, also crafted of peacock feathers. There was a similar arrangement to the south of the south gates which mirrored those on the north side.

In the West, behind the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron's chairs, two patchwork banners greeted everyone. Both were drawn off in nine squares. The center square of each banner held a heart-shaped wreath made of roses – pink on the left banner and red on the right one. The other eight squares on both banners had pictures of beautiful flowers: lilies sunflowers, roses, zinnias, daisies and dahlias to name but a few. The banner on the left said, "Welcome Mary & Dan" in shiny blue letters and the one on the right said, "Garden of Love" in the same blue lettering.

Between the "Welcome" banner and the southern gate of the northern pair was a three-legged marble top table on which stood another bouquet in an urn. To the left of that was another banner of three panels showing a poinsettia, amaryllis and exotic red blossom I cannot name. A similar flower arrangement on a marble-top table stood between the "Garden of Love" banner and the northern gate of the southern pair and the banner of three panels showed a purple Johnny-jump-up (violet family), a pink water lily and several blue flags (irises).

Looking straight across the labyrinth to the East were three life-size peacocks. It was enough to take your breath away. On either side of the podium was an albino peacock standing on a field of daisies, facing the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Each had

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its tail closed and partially draped over the edge of the stage. The coloured peacock, standing in front of the podium on a bed of white flat-faced mums, had its magnificent tail spread wide for all to view and admire. Across the front of the stage in both the north and south were three white planters about two feet long, each containing a large arrangement of flowers of all descriptions, tall ones, short ones and everything in between – like those in the song about the English Country Garden.

Between the white peacock and the first flower box on the north side was a leathery grey elephant about knee-high with trunk raised. Lois and a few of her traveling companions stood at the base of the podium. Lois was the wooden elephant closest to the podium. The red elephant on the outside was George, a gift from Mary Crouch and Irene Beeler. Between these two was Helen, the rocking elephant made of metal. All had their trunks raised. On the south side, between the white peacock and the first flower box sat a coy plush lion cub, also about knee-high, with his head tilted to the right. At the base of the podium on the south side was Simba from the movie *Lion King*, come to pay us a wee visit.

North and south of the stage on the main floor was a table and each held two more planters with lovely arrangements of mixed flowers. The charter stood on an easel on the table in the northeast.

The real beauty of all those silk flowers was that you could imagine you were in a real flower garden but nobody had an allergic reaction and we didn't see a single bee.

Under the emblems on the pedestals at the Star Point Officers' stations was a star-shaped doily with a white border, each crocheted in the five colours of our emblematic star. Hanging from each of the pedestals was a wreath made of peacock feathers similar to those in the West. A banner hung from the back of each of their chairs, each banner bearing one of our Worthy Grand Matron's watchwords. The banner on Adah's chair was bedecked with jewels and blue glitter and said "Faith" in mirror letters. Similar banners on the other Star Point officers' chairs were: Ruth – Charity; Esther – Harmony; Martha – Hope; and Electa – Love.

The entire south wall of the gymnasium was covered with two rows of the most adorable pillow case dresses imaginable – both east and west of the doors through which we all entered the gym. These little dresses were in a wide range of sizes and a multitude of colours and were lovingly made by caring members of our jurisdiction for little girls in orphanages in Africa. These little girls have nothing and it is hoped that a new dress will bring a little joy into their lives. When Grand Chapter opened Monday evening the total had reached nine hundred and ninety-one (991), a staggering number that totally flabbergasted our Worthy Grand Matron who originally hoped the project would

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generate at least 50 dresses. A few pairs of pants and shorts were also made for little boys by these kind members. My words don't do them justice – a coloured photo would hardly do them justice – you had to be there to truly appreciate them. Our sincere thanks to the devoted members of our chapters who created these small gifts of love. There will be many happy children somewhere.

The above report was prepared by Sister Clara M. Nieforth, PM, Evening Star Chapter No. 28, Halifax.

SOCIAL EVENTS 2014

Monday, 14 July, 2014

11:00am Past Grands Meeting
11:30am Grand Representatives Meeting
12:30pm Past Grands Luncheon
1:30 – 3:30pm Tea

4:00pm ESTARL Church Service, NSCC

Tuesday, 15, July 2014

7:00am P.A.G.O.'s Breakfast
12:30pm Grand Representatives Luncheon
12:30pm All Members Luncheon, Honouring Worthy
Matrons and Worthy Patrons
7:00pm Main Banquet - Entertainment to follow

Wednesday, 16 July 2014

7:00am Grand Family Breakfast
12:30pm All Members Luncheon, Honouring Secretaries and
Treasurers

GARDEN OF LOVE SESSION

Nova Scotia Community College, Pictou Campus
Stellarton, N.S.
July 14, 15, 16, 2014

DEDICATION: To our Families for their love and support, to our Chapters: Harmony No. 24, Century No. 10, and Mystic Star No. 40. In memory of Brother Bob & Sister Norma McLaughlin (WGM parents), Sisters Leta Snair Ella Murray (Aunts of WGM), & Brother Jack Campbell (Aunt & Uncle of WGP). In Honour of Past Grands Sisters Helen Connors, Violet Blair, and Brother Lawrin Armstrong; and especially you **Our Sisters and Brothers**

THEME: Learn from the past as we plan for the future

MOTTO: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

AIM: Spread Love, Peace & Harmony to all those we touch.

HONOR STATION: Adah (WGM first star point & in honour her daughters),

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Esther (in memory of Ella Murray long time Esther & Aunt of the WGM),

Chaplain (station to which Sister Belle appointed our WGP)

EMBLEMS: Sword & Veil, Crown & Sceptre, Open Bible

SCRIPTURES: WGM: Matthew 12:7

WGP: Psalms 23 & 133.

WATCHWORDS: Faith, Hope, Charity, Harmony, Love

COLORS: Shades of Blue, Green, Purple

FLOWERS: WGM – all flowers

WGP - Day Lilies

BIRDS: WGM – Peacock

WGP – Eagle

SPECIAL PROJECT: Breakfast for Learning

Nickels for Nutrition (chapter members only)

GRAND CHAPTER: Flag Pins

PILLOW SLIP DRESSES: For 3rd World children

FUN SYMBOLS: WGM: Elephant

WGP: Lion

MUSIC: WGM: WGP

Halleluiah

Lord of the Dance

Faith, Hope & Charity

Wind Beneath My Wings

No Matter What

The Lion Sleeps Tonight

I Have a Dream

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Let There Be Love

Baby Elephant Walk

APPRECIATIONS: Appreciations, the main reason I stand before you today as your Worthy Grand Matron is a result of my relationships with my Sisters and Brothers such as the following:

Violet Blair – You were my first Worthy Grand Matron. My first duties at a Grand Chapter were at your Session. Your continued love, encouragement, and friendship is valued.

Helen Connors – From the day I joined OES you have always listened to, directed and mentored me. Especially in my younger years I must have driven you, Sister Diane, Sister Dora, and Brother Adrian crazy with questions, etc. Yet you all patiently listened and helped me arrive at a conclusion.

Sister Dora, PGM & Brother Chester, PGP Turnbull: If it wasn't for them we would not be members today. They were the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron when we joined and that night Sister Diane Hayman was D.D.G.M. What a night that was when 5 members of my family became Eastern Star members.

Marion Durling, PGM: You and Brother Bill included me as one of your D.D.G.M.'s. I learned a lot that year. If it wasn't for your encouragement and persistence, I likely wouldn't be standing here today.

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Sister Belle, PGM & Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP: Your friendship, experience and through you exposure to the chapters and Grand Chapter is a great part of why we love to travel and meet our Sisters and Brothers. Through the years we have attended a great many meetings together (although not always on time).

Fran Harding: Your offer to make the gifts for our honour station Adah blew me away by your generosity. What a weight lifted – I will never be able to thank you enough!
Stella Trask, PGM: Your offer to assist by making the bibs for the Grand Family sure made getting ready for today a lot easier as did your words of wisdom. Words cannot express my appreciation.

Diane Hayman, PGM: Your friendship, knowledge, and just being you as you are always there for those of us who need help in any way is greatly appreciated.

Harmony Chapter: Here is where I learned how to perform my duties in the various offices. Thank you for providing me with a place to develop and for putting up with me all these year. I love you all.

Sister Susan and Brother John, AGP: Since you joined OES you have always been enthusiastic, and very hard workers. When it came to start naming members to Grand Committees, Susan, your name popped out at once. Only someone as organized and level headed as you would do for the Registration Committee. Brother John, your talent and love of decorating is greatly appreciated as I look around the room this evening and I know the Garden of Harmony and Love will be just a beautiful. While both of you deserve to be in the Grand Family, I selfishly needed you in your present positions. Thanks you for all you do.

Sister Gail & Brother Peter: What can I say? You are both great Eastern Star members and I thank you for all you do for me, for Harmony, and for the Grand Chapter. Sister Gail you were a natural choice to head up my Special Project Committee. I know you will do your usual fantastic job during the next year. Brother Peter, you are a natural for Grand Chaplain.

Sister Georgie Dewey: It seems that I have known you forever. Your very, very generous offer to print up a booklet for the Grand Family and to take care of the tickets for the banquets, and luncheons is so much appreciated. God gave you a special talent and we are grateful that you choose to share it with us! .

Sister Marion, PGM & Bro Frank, PGP: You were the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron when I started this great journey. Your friendship and kindness will always be remembered. Thanks to Brother Frank, I was able to attend many of your meetings.

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Sister Jane, PGM & Brother Fred, PGP: Your hospitality is second to none. Thanks for giving me a place to crash between meetings



HONOURARY MEMBERS

* Mr. Donald R. Stewart, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	June 1948
* Mrs. Jean Stewart, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	June 1948
* Mrs. Abbie Hanson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	June 1950
* Mr. Franklyn W.L. Miles, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	June 1951
* Mrs. Mamie Lander, P.M.W.G.M. & Grand Secretary	June 1951
* Mrs. Ruth A. Jones, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	June 1954
* Mr. John Batson, Past Grand Patron of District of Columbia	June 1954
* Mrs. Carrie B. Batson, Gr Rep of N.S. & P.E.I. (47-49)	July 1958
* Mrs. Florence A. Plummer, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1958
* Mr. Lloyd K. MacRae, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1958
* Mr. Hugh J. Tamisiea, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1961
* Mrs. Mabel Aldrich, Past Grand Matron of Rhode Island	July 1962
* Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1967
* Mr. Avery Day, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1967
* Mrs. Esther West, P.G.M. & Grand Secretary of Quebec	July 1968
* Mrs. Sayda E. Patterson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1969
* Mrs. Mae E. Mickleson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1971
* Mrs. Marguerite Kennerdell, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1974
* Mr. LaVerne Courtney, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1975
* Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1977
* Mr. William E. George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1978
* Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1980
* Mr. Everett Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1980
* Mr. David J. Miller, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1983
* Mrs. Carol Strizek, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1984
Mrs. Helen D Roquemore Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1987
* Mr. Ray McRoberts, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1988
* Mrs. Lois J. Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1990
Mr. Edward F. McDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1990
* Sarah Foster, PGM & 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, Gr Rep 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

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Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Gr Rep of NS & PEI(88-90)New Brunswick	July 1992
*Mr. Joseph Potter, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1992
Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Gr 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 NB	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	July 1993
*Mr. Alexander MacCallum, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
*Mrs. Flora Whalen, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
Mrs. Vera Heffel, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mr. James Heffel, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mrs Geraldine A Nowe, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts	July 1995
Mr. Healy A. (Skip) Nowe, Past Patron of Massachusetts	July 1995
Mrs. Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1996
*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. Ilsa 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, Gr Rep of NS& PEI (96-97) Florida	July 1999
Mrs Natalie Graham, Gr Rep of NS&PEI(93-94)New Brunswick	July 2000
*Mr. Carr Graham, Past Grand Patron, New Brunswick	July 2000
Mrs. Betty J. Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary	July 2000
Mr. William Briggs, Past Patron, Iowa	July 2000
Mr. Bruce Wedlock, Gr Rep of NS&PEI (98-00) New Hampshire	July 2000
*Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron (00-03)	July 2001
Mr. Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 2001
Mrs. Jeanette Vreeland, Gr Rep of NS& PEI (97-98) New Jersey	July 2001
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, RWAGC., Past Grand Matron, Texas	July 2002
Mrs. Estelle Creech, Past Matron, Louisiana	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 & Gr Rep of NS/PEI(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, MWGM (2003-2006)	July 2005
Mr. Gary Rasmusson, Past Patron, Minnesota	July 2005
Mr. Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron (03-06)	July 2005
Mrs. Joan Stark, Past Matron, California	July 2005
Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron, Texas	July 2006

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Mrs. Betty Martin, Past Matron, Texas	July 2006
*Mr Lawrence Chichester, PP, New York, Gr Rep 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, GGCCM and PGM, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jean Lowell, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Nancy Ryder, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Margery Zurko, Past Matron, Connecticut	July 2007
Mrs. Betty St. Onge, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Ontario	July 2007
Mrs. Glenda Meeks, Worthy Grand Matron, South Dakota	July 2007
Mr. Craig Wallace, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2007
Mrs. Loretta Dow, PM, Composite Chapter No. 305, Orlando, Fl	July 2008
Mr George Dow, PP, Composite Chapter No. 305, Orlando, Fl	July 2008
Mr Donald F Pierce, GGCCM and Past Grand Patron of Maine	July 2008
Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas	July 2008
Mrs Opal Martin, PM, Edwin J Kiest Chapter No. 959, Dallas, Tex	July 2008
Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas	July 2008
Mrs. Juanita Gregory, PM, Travis Chapter No. 472, Austin, Texas	July 2008
Mr. Vlade Ampeff, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 2008
Mrs. Sharon Ampeff, PM, Satellite Chapter No. 318, Brampton, ON	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, GGCCM and PGP of New Brunswick	July 2008
Mrs. Lynda Swan, PM, Victoria Chapter No. 1, Woodstock, NB	July 2008
Mr. Thomas Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mrs. Barbara Benton, MWGM and PGM of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mr William Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron & PGP 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, PM, Golden Oak Chapter No. 128, Los Gatos, Ca	July 2009
Mrs. Gladys Pierce, Past Grand Matron, British Columbia & Yukon	July 2009
Mr Everett Pierce, Past Grand Patron, British Columbia and Yukon	July 2009
Mrs. Pamela Brooks, PM, Virginia, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (05-06)	July 2009
Mrs. Valerie Layman, Past Matron of Virginia	July 2009
*Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux, WGCh and PGM, of Vermont	July 2010
Mrs. Mary Lochridge, Worthy Grand Marshal & PGM of Michigan	July 2010
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and PGM of Tx	July 2010
Mrs. Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah & PGM of Missouri	July 2010
Mrs. Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth & PGM of Ontario	July 2010
Mrs. Diane Peters, Worthy Grand Martha and PGM of Arkansas	July 2010
Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and PGM of a	July 2010
Mrs. Vivian Chrisopolos, Worthy Grand Warder & PGM 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, Gr Rep 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, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (08-10) New Hampshire	July 2011
Mrs. Margaret Hourston, PGM, GGCCM & Grand Treasurer, QC	July 2011
Mrs. Betty Robertson, P.G.M., G.G.C.C.M. New Mexico	July 2011
Mr. Charles "Sarge" Biggs, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (07-09), New Mexico	July 2011

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Mrs. Gloria "Sue" Biggs, New Mexico	July 2011
Mrs. Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron, Saskatchewan	July 2012
Mrs. Diane M. Jones, Grand Rep of NS/PEI (12-13), Ca	July 2012
Ms Virginia Mitchell, Past Grand Matron, New Hampshire	July 2013
Miss Kerri Rheburger, Most Worthy Grand Matron of New York	July 2013
Mrs Jodelle Fletcher, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of New York	July 2013
Mrs Karen Marshall-King PMWGM & Grand Secretary of NY	July 2013
Mr. Clifford Gross, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of New York	July 2013
Mr. Bruce King Grand Historian of New York	July 2013
Mrs. Bobbi White, MWGM, Past Grand Matron of West Virginia	July 2014
Mr. John E. Grobler, MWGP, Past Grand Patron of Washington	July 2014
Mrs. Sandy Caunt, PM, New Jersey	July 2014
Mr. Fraser Caunt, PP, New Jersey	July 2014
Sister Jane H. Sims, PGM, New Hampshire	July 2014
Mr. E. William Rohr, PGP, New Hampshire	July 2014
Mr. Michael Meeks, PP, South Dakota	July 2014
Mr. Philip Hubbard, PGP, Maine	July 2014
Mrs. Jean Hubbard, PM	July 2014

PAST GRAND MATRONS ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 24, 1947

*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, B3P 2S9	1975-76
Mrs. Helen Connors, PO Box 850, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0	1976-77
*Mrs. Alice Cole	1977-78
Mrs Eleanor J Mitchell, 15118 Royal Ave, White Rock, BC 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 No. 1 Caledonia, Queens Co, NS, BOT 1B0	1985-
86	
Mrs Diane Hayman, 1900 Drummond Rd, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	1986-87

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Mrs. Barbara Bowser, 20 Brigadoon Ave., Dartmouth, NS B2W 2B5	1987-88
Mrs Violet E. Blair, 67 Woodman Rd, Wolfville, NS 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, Summerset Manor, Summerside, P.E.I., C1N 2L9	1993-94
* Mrs. Irene Liggins	1994-95
Mrs Margaret A Clarke, 21 Hidden Meadows Pl, Coldbrook, NS B4R 0A3	1995-96
Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, 12 Oland Ave., Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1996-97
Mrs Marian Durling, 127 Golden Sands Dr, Malagash Mines, N.S., B0K 1E0	1997-98
Mrs. Cheryl A. Denton, Little River, Digby Co., N.S., B0V 1C0	1998-99
*Mrs. Joan Campbell	1999-00
Mrs. Carol D. Clark, 41 Settler's Point, RR2, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0	2000-01
Mrs. Isabelle M. Pearson, P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2001-02
Mrs. June M. Macdonald, 1909 Coldwell Rd, Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1M4	2002-03
Mrs. Inez Daye, 161 Clark's Road, R.R.No. 3, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	2003-04
Mrs. Marylyn C. Swinamer, 16 Harvey Ln, Wilmot, RR No. 2, Kingston, N. 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, 15 School Street, Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0	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, 6273 Hwy 1, Cambridge, NS., B0P 1G0	2010-11
Mrs Jane Wooldridge, 1031 Brackley Pt Rd, Rte 15, Harrington, PEI C1A 11R1	2011-12
Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins, 11 Cutten Lane, Central Onslow, NS B6L 5B7	2012-13
Mrs. Mary Reid, 313 Mark Road, RR No. 1, Stellarton, NS B0K 1S0	2013-14

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	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	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, Pubic, Yarmouth Co., N.S., BOW 2W0	1982-83

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Mr. Lawrin Armstrong, RR No. 4 Shubenacadie, N.S., B0N 1H0	1983-84
*Mr. Neil Archibald	1984-85
Mr. Keith Pettigrew, 155 Fox Hill Avenue, Kentville, NS B4N 5B4	1985-86
*Mr. Cecil S. Dean	1986-87
Mr. Frederick W. Clarke	1987-88
Mr. G. Reginald MacRae, 704 Water St.E., Summerside, P.E.I., C1N 4J1	1988-89
*Mr. Vincent Ellis	1989-90
Mr. William F. Clark, 41 Settler's Point, RR2, Pictou, NS 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	1994-95
*Mr. J. Howard MacInnis	1995-96
Mr. David JC Waterbury, 15 School St., Mahone Bay, N.S., B0J 2E0	1996-97
Mr. William M. Thompson,	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. George E. Crouch	2002-03
Mr. C Allen Denton, 5127 Rte. 217, Little River, N.S., Digby Co., B0V 1C0	2003-04
Mr. Allan R. Conrad, 300 Royale Blvd, Apt 310, Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 0R7	2004-05
Rev. John Patterson, P.O. Box 1697, Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X2	2005-06
Mr. Ronald Boudreau, PO Box 342, Shelburne, NS B0T 1W0	2006-07
Mr. Whitman J. Giffin, PO Box 494, Chester, NS B0J 1J0	2007-08
Mr. Tabor J Caulier, 40 Chelton Woods Ln, No. 105, Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	2008-09
Mr. R. Zeke Eaton, 18804 Malpeque Rd., RR4, North Wiltshire, PEI, C0A 1Y0	2009-10
Mr. Frank Cullen, 251 Washington St, New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 3L9	2010-11
Mr. Fred Lipskey, 89 Nichols Avenue, Kentville, N.S., B4N 2G9	2011-12
Mr Ralph Swinamer, 16 Harvey Ln, Wilmot, RR No. 2, Kingston, N.S., B0P 1R0	2012-13
Mr. Daniel Campbell, 169 Summit Cr., Upper Tantallon, NS B3Z 1P9	2013-14

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	1998-13
Mrs. Diane R. Hayman	2013-

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	2003-13
Mrs. Faye Calder	2013-

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

*Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1977-82
* Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1994-13
*Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1998-01
Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan	2013-

GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1988
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Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-
Ms Dorothy Powroz	2013-

**GRAND CHAPTER 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
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CONNECTICUT -	Apr. -	Mrs. Marilyn Mattoon, PGM, Box 143, Plymouth, CT, 06782
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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Lillian MacAskill (19)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2015
Marilyn Swinamer (2)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2014
Beverley Brown (48)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2015
Doug Tidgwell (27)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2015
Harold Farrow (65)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2014
Joyce Cunningham (5)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2015
Leda Graham (61))	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2014
Don Selig (71)	California	Dec. 31, 2015
Carson Jackson (45)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2014
Kimberley MacLean (25)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2015
Alice MacAskill (66)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2016
Kathryn Doughart (1 PEI)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2016
Annie Brown (3)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2014
Sharon Horne (57)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2015
Mary Jane Page (70)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2014
Ann Wight (21)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2014
Sydney Williams (58)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2014
Mindy White (69)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2015
Rebecca Hunter (50)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2014
William Frittenburg (8)	Kentucky	Dec 31, 2014
Dawn Wamboldt (30)	Louisiana	July 01, 2016
Mark Hankinson (31)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2015
Linda MacKenzie (37)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2015
Charles Graves (1PEI)	Maryland	June 15, 2014
Louise Logan (48)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2014
Yvonne Dunbar (47)	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2015
Donald Brooking (57)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2014
Paula Brigley (40)	Mississippi	Dec 31, 2015
Cora MacKay (48)	Missouri	June 16, 2015
Jean Fiander (26)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2015
Freda Shaffer (45)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2015
Margaret Best (2)	Nevada	Dec 31, 2014
Marguerite Keating (1 PEI)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2015
Jean Profitt (52)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2016
Marleen Clyke (28)	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2014
Beth Brogan (61)	New Mexico	Dec. 31, 2014
Beverley Wentzell (28)	New York	April 30, 2016
Arnold Hatfield (21)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2015
Nancy MacDonald (14)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2015
Marilyn Parker (61)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2015
Larry Horton (47)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2015
Charles Dewey (10)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2014
Margaret MacDonald (10)	Oregon	May 01, 2016
Mary Crouch (67))	Pennsylvania	Mar. 01, 2015
Marie Parks (15)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2015
DiAnne Campbell (40)	Quebec	July 01, 2016
Helen Eisner (35)	Rhode Island	Dec 31, 2015
Marilyn Lisk (52)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2015
Heather Boyd (21)	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2015
Jessica MacLennan (37)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2015
Irma Preeper (55)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2016
Maureen Roddick (24)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2015
Penny Williams (55)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2015

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Myrtle DeMings (70)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2016
Reg Tanner (8)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2014
Karen Watson (67)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2015
Richard Muise (25)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2014
Marion Durling (3)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2016
Terry Read (24)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2016
Arthur Phinney (31)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2015
Elizabeth Moxom-Sherring (55)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2014

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Kennethy Milligan	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2014
Rhea McMane	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2015
Janette Williams	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2014
Wanda Melton	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2015
Merille (Mel) Hall	Australia	Dec. 31, 2014
Isobel Neufeld	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2015
Patricia Whitehill	California	Dec. 31, 2015
Rita Bucholtz	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2014
Eleanor Carbonaro	Connecticut	Dec 31, 2014
Susan McLaughlin	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2015
Nell O'Rear	District of Columbia	June 30, 2014
Shyre Jordan	Florida	Dec. 31, 2015
Susan Hauglie	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2015
Nick Nealis	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2014
William Beltz	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2014
Elma Brown	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2015
Marilyn Feulner	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2015
Anna M. Chalmers	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2014
Shelby Speakman	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2014
Louella Marz	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2014
John Noyes	Maine	May 31, 2016
Patricia Taylor	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2014
Catherine Ann Neff	Maryland	June 01, 2015
Janice G. Collins	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2015
Dorothy E. Sutherland	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2015
Dexter Pehle	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2014
Deborah St. Andrie	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2015
Gary Ezell	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2016
Jeff Holland	Montana	Dec. 31, 2015
Kathleen Hutchenson	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2015
Ginger Houston	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2014
Cameron Moffatt	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2014
Ann B. Allison	New Hampshire	Sept 30, 2014
Betty Robinson	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2014
Larry Holmes	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2015
Genevieve Denton	New York	Dec. 31, 2015
Annette Little Helms	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2015
Bev Witeman	North Dakota	July 31, 2015
Pam Moore	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2014
Earl Barnes	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2015
Sandra Hern	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2015
Larry B. Vermillion	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2015
Merle A. Whitebread	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2014
Vionette Lopez	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2015

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George H. Dempsey, P.G.P.	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2014
David Ogilvie	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2015
	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2015
Elizabeth Kilmister	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2014
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2015
Sandra Storey	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2014
Glenda Meeks	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2015
Leah Watkins	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2014
Vicki Smith	Texas	Nov. 18, 2014
Josie Woodhead	Utah	Dec. 31, 2014
Joseph Sampson	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2014
Millie Willis	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2014
Linda Hays	Washington	Dec. 31, 2015
Rayna O'Dell	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2014
Lorene Bloomer	Wisconsin	May 01, 2015
Tammy Ross	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2014

SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS 2013-2014

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Cedar No. 3 2 nd Friday	Wallace	Mrs. Marian Durling, P.G.M. 127 Golden Sands Drive Malagash Mine, N.S., B0K 1E0
Keystone No. 5 2 nd Tuesday	Hebron	Mrs. Brenda Clarke 41 Huntington Street Yarmouth, NS V5A 2S2
Grace No. 8 3 rd Wednesday	Lunenburg	Mrs. Kimberly Shauffenburg 504 Back Centre Rd. Site 5, Comp 5 RR No. 2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0
Century No. 10 4 th Tuesday	New Glasgow	Mrs. Georgie Dewey Box 625. Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X0
Queen Elizabeth No. 14 3 rd Thursday	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1
Evangeline No. 15 1 st Tuesday	Kentville	Mrs. LaVerne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Road Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7
Victoria No. 19 4 th Monday	Baddeck	Mrs. Evelyn MacDonald P.O. Box 855, Baddeck
Myrtle No. 21 3 rd Tuesday	Truro	Mrs. Ann Wight 26 Saywood Drive, Truro, N.S., B6L 4G7
Crystal No. 1 PEI 3 rd Friday	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent

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Harmony No. 25 2 nd Thursday	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0
Munro No. 26 1 st Thursday	North Sydney	Mrs. Caryl Yates 2 Stacey Avenue North Sydney, N.S., B2A 3P4
Kwebec No. 27 4 th Monday	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2
Evening Star No. 28 4 th Thursday	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Cres., Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1C9
Arbutus No. 30 1 st Thursday	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277, Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0
Annaval No. 31 3 rd Tuesday	Middleton	Ms Kathleen Murray RR3, Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0
St. Mary's No. 35 2 nd Thursday	Digby	Mrs. Amelia Whalley Box 746, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0
Dr. Gordon MacLeod No. 37 2 nd Thursday	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162, Whycocomagh, NS, B0E 3M0
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Armcrest No. 45 1 st Wednesday	Halifax	Mrs. Sharon Layton 80 Chipstone Close No. 115 Halifax, N.S., B3M 4L4
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Elm No. 48 2 nd Tuesday	Upper Stewiacke	Mrs. Cora MacKay No. 3, 16 Cassandra Ct, Truro, N.S., B2N 7H5
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Elmsdale No. 55 2 nd Wednesday	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom 8565 Hwy 14

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Atlantic No. 65 4 th Wednesday	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Cooper Road, Fr. River RR2 Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0
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Montague No. 69 2 nd Monday	Montague, P.E.I	Mrs. Alena Buchanan R.R.No. 3, Montague P.E.I., C0A 1R0
Crescent No. 70 2 nd Monday	Lockeport	Mrs. Grace Boudreau PO Box 342, Shelburne, NS, B0T 1W0
Pearle No. 71 4 th Thursday	Caledonia	Mrs.Velda Forrest 2190 Kempt RR2, Caledonia, N.S., B0T 1B0

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