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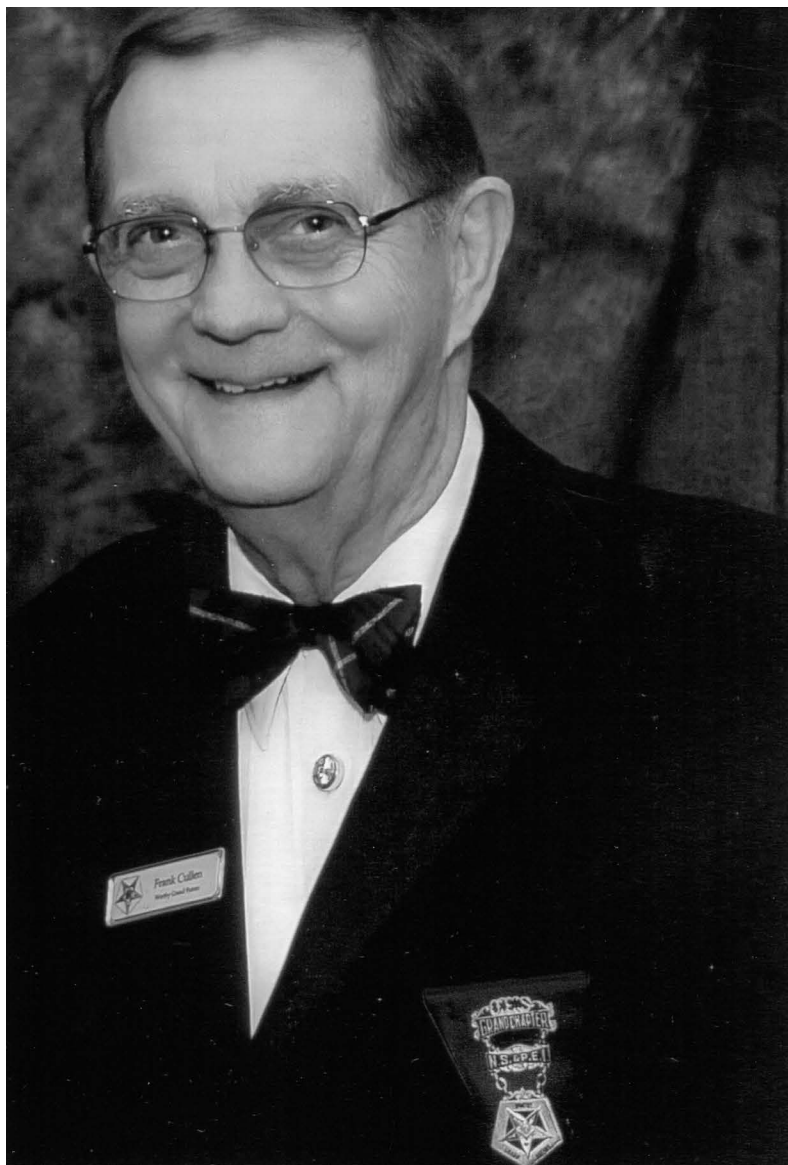
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DIVINE SERVICE Monday, July 4, 2016

The "Three Rivers of Hope" ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at Holland College, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Monday, July 4, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. and was well attended.

Scriptures were read by, Brother Kirk MacLennan, WGP, and Sister Suzanne Aitken, WGM. Chad Bolton, ESTARL Recipient, was the guest speaker. His message was "Keep the Light Burning". The Grand Chapter Choir sang the anthem, "Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining". Congregational hymns were "At the Dawning of Salvation" and "I the Lord of Sea and Sky".

The service concluded with The Commissioning and The Benediction.

The offering from this service amounted to \$883.30 and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) Programme.

INFORMAL OPENING MONDAY EVENING, July 4, 2016

6:00 p.m. Musical prelude.
6:15 p.m. Entrance of Distinguished Guests
6:20 p.m. Emblem Placing
6:30 p.m. Introduction of the Grand Family
Processional

EMBLEM AND BIBLE PRESENTATION CEREMONY 2016

Sister Marian Durling, PGM narrated the Emblem and Bible Ceremony: For Centuries the Lighthouses of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have helped protect seafaring visitors and our hard working people who look to the sea for their living. They have been welcoming Lights to show the way and have been standing proudly against the elements. They embody our Provinces Maritime history and spirit. Their Beacons of Light have saved many from disaster and brought ships past the shoals and safely into port. Like the Lighthouses, the Starpoints of our beloved Order are the Beacons of Life and embody five important virtues: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love.

Our first Starpoint, Adah, represents the Blue of the sky and is the Beacon of Fidelity to family, and Adah is surely one of the most faithful of daughters. She so loved her father that she was willing to give up her life to protect his honour. The Emblem, the Sword and Veil, is presented by Sister Lillian Stewart, Past Matron of Montague Chapter No. 69, Prince Edward Island.

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Ruth is our second Starpoint and represents the Gold of the sun and the color of the Dandelion, both of which symbolize Constancy. The Story of Ruth is one of the most beautiful books of the Bible and represents the Widows of our Order. The Sheath is presented by Sister Judy Graves, Past Matron of Crystal Chapter No. 1, Prince Edward Island.

The White Ray of Esther reflects the beautiful white sands of our beaches and represents loyalty to Kindred and Friends. This third Ray of our Star is the Wife station as Queen Esther Saved her Hebrew Race by appealing to her husband. This Crown and Sceptre is presented by Sister CherylAnn Dempsey, Past Matron of Mayflower No. 2, Nova Scotia.

The Green Ray of Martha reflects the Green of our Northumberland Strait which separates our two beautiful provinces. It represents our faith and belief of Everlasting Life as found in the Gospel of John, when Jesus says, "I am the Resurrection and the Life and whoever believes in me, shall have everlasting life". Martha was a loving sister and the Broken Column is presented by Sister Norma Wall, Past Matron, Regent No. 52, Prince Edward Island.

Electa, the Mother Station is the Red Ray of Love and reminds us of the beautiful sunsets which are reflected over our beautiful waters. This station teaches us to give generous aid to our Sisters and Brothers and to always be loyal to Truth. The Cup is presented by Sister Christine Eidt, Past Matron of Scotia Chapter No. 49, Nova Scotia.

All these Lessons are to be found in the Holy Bible which must be reverently opened at all our Chapter meetings. It is the Word of God and the all encompassing Light of our Lives. Our Lives should be charted and guided by the Word of God. A very familiar hymn starts with the words "God Whose Almighty Word" chaos and darkness heard and took their flight, and ends with the words "Let there be light". May the words of the Holy Bible always be first and foremost in our lives and in our Order.

Our Holy Bible is lovingly presented by Sister Marjorie Aitken, Past Matron of Montague Chapter No. 69 and more importantly the mother of our Worthy Grand Matron and is assisted by her son, Brother Paul Aitken, our Grand Marshal.

Sister Carol Clark, PGM then did the Introduction of the 2015 – 2016 Grand Family and Escorts.

INTRODUCTION OF 2015-2016 GRAND FAMILY and ESCORTS

Sister Carol Clark, PGM:

Good evening Sisters, Brothers and Friends. Welcome to the Introduction of these Sisters and Brothers who have guided us through this last Grand Chapter year.

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Sister Norma Thompson is District Deputy Grand Matron for District # 7. She has been a member of Regent Chapter # 52 for over forty-four years. She has served as Worthy Matron many times, was an Appointed Grand Chapter Officer, and served on various Grand Chapter committees. As well as her love for the Order of Eastern Star, Sister Norma loves to travel and has visited about thirty countries so far. What wonderful memories you must have!

Sister Norma is escorted this evening by her husband of fifty-one years, Brother Carl Thompson. He is also a member of Regent Chapter # 52 and has served as Worthy Patron many times, was an Appointed Grand Chapter Officer and has served on various Grand Chapter committees. Brother Carl is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island and is also a Shriner.

Sister Carol Pettigrew is District Deputy Grand Matron for District # 6. She has been a member of Evangeline Chapter # 15 for twenty years. She has served as Worthy Matron twice as well as other offices in her chapter, and was Grand Representative of Utah in 2004-2005.

Sister Carol is escorted this evening by Brother Richard Preeper, a member of Elmsdale Chapter # 55 and Myrtle Chapter # 21. He was initiated into our Order ten years ago and has served as Worthy Patron in both of these chapters.

Sister Dorothy Powroz is District Deputy Grand Matron for District # 4. She is a member of Evening Star Chapter # 28, and has just celebrated her fortieth year in Eastern Star. She has been Worthy Matron three times, was an appointed Grand Officer, Grand Representative, Grand Chapter Committee Member and holds the distinction of Grand Treasurer Emeritus in our jurisdiction. Sister Dorothy loves to travel and celebrated her "big" birthday with a trip to Italy.

Sister Dorothy is escorted this evening by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, a member of Mystic Star Chapter #40 and has been a member of our Order for over fifty years. She has been Worthy Matron, is Secretary of her Chapter, an office she has held for many years, and is currently the Grand Representative of Australia where she travelled to attend their Grand Chapter last year. One of her proudest moments was when her husband, Brian, joined our Order last November.

Sister Beth Lois Brett is District Deputy Grand Matron for District #1. She hails from the "Republic of Cape Breton" as our late Past Grand Patron, Brother Vince Ells, used to say of this beautiful island. She is a member of Celtic Star # 19, and has been a member for almost twenty-five years. As we all know, Sister Beth loves to sing and we see her every year in our Grand Chapter choir and she often takes part in a duet or quartet for the special music that we hear each year.

Sister Beth is escorted this evening by her sister, Sister Ann Ross, a member of Celtic Star #19, and has been a dedicated member of our order for almost twenty-five years. She has just served as Worthy Matron for this year and also held many

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offices in her chapter in the past and was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron for 2010-2011.

Our Grand Sentinel is Brother Arnold Dempsey of Mayflower #2 and Laurel #67 where he served as Worthy Patron for both chapters. He has been an appointed Grand Chapter Officer, Grand Chapter Committee member and last year he got elected to assume a step toward one of our highest offices in our Order of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Brother Arnold is very active in his Masonic Lodge where he has been a member for twenty-two years as well as belonging to Royal Arch Masons and is a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Brother Arnold is escorted by his wife of 50 years, Sister CherylAnn Dempsey, a Past Matron of Mayflower # 2 and Laurel # 67. Sister CherylAnn has been an appointed Grand Chapter Officer, Grand Chapter Committee Member and is currently the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan. Sister CherylAnn is also very active in Daughters of the Nile where she just completed a year as Queen of Athena Temple #149.

Our Grand Warder, Pro-tem, is Brother Lloyd Brown, a member of our Order for nearly fifty years and a very active member in Cedar-Atlantic Chapter #3. He has been Worthy Patron nine times and I'm sure there will be another time when he will be needed in that office again. Brother Lloyd has been a Mason for fifty-eight years and a dedicated member in both of these Orders.

Brother Lloyd is escorted tonight by Sister Margie Allen, Past Matron, a member of our Order for fifty-eight years and also a member of Cedar-Atlantic Chapter #3. She has been a District Deputy Grand Matron, has served on various committees, and is currently Historian for our Grand Chapter.

Our Grand Electa is Sister Nora Teal, member of Evangeline Chapter #15 for twenty-six years. Sister Nora has been Worthy Matron four times, a Grand Representative, District Deputy Grand Matron, and has been on various Grand Chapter Committees. She has been enjoying her year as an appointed Grand Chapter Officer and will cherish the memories.

Sister Nora is accompanied tonight by her friend, Sister LaVerne Porter, Past Matron, and a forty-five year member of Evangeline Chapter #15, where has been secretary for the last 30 years except when she became Worthy Matron for the second time.

Our Grand Martha is Sister Mindy Johnston, of Montague Chapter #69. Sister Mindy has been a member for twelve years and is one of the much younger members of our Order. Since she was initiated into her Chapter she has served as Star Point Martha four times until she went on the line to becoming Worthy Matron.

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Good luck in August! Maybe in the future we will have another Eastern Star family member coming into our Order.

Sister Mindy's escort this evening is her Mom, Sister Donna White of Montague Chapter # 69. She has served as Worthy Matron three times, was appointed to various Grand Chapter Committees and was a District Deputy Grand Matron. I'm sure Sister Donna is very proud of her daughter, Mindy, tonight.

Our Grand Esther is Sister Annie Brown of Cedar-Atlantic Chapter #3 and a member of our Order for eight years. She has been Worthy Matron twice and was the Grand Representative of Florida in 2013-2014, which was a great appointment for her to receive especially as she and Brother Lloyd reside there during the winter months. This year, Sister Annie and Brother Lloyd have affiliated with a chapter in New Port Richey, Florida. Sister Annie also is very excited to receive her appointment as a Grand Officer this year and said she has loved every minute of it.

Sister Annie is escorted tonight by Brother Bill Smith also a member of Cedar-Atlantic Chapter #3. Brother Bill joined the Order of Eastern Star in 2009 and since then has served as Worthy Patron three times. He is very active in his Masonic Lodge and is also a Shriner. He is currently the Grand Representative of Nebraska.

Our Grand Ruth is Sister Jessica MacLennan of Celtic Star Chapter #19. She has served as Worthy Matron, as well as other Chapter offices, was a Grand Representative, and had been appointed as a Grand Chapter Committee Member. Sister Jessica is very involved in her church and several community organizations. She loves to sing and teaches classes in Gaelic songs and hymns.

Sister Jessica is escorted this evening by her sister, Sister Elinor Clark, Past Matron and a member of Celtic Star #19. She has served in several chapter offices as well as a Grand Chapter Committee Member, a Grand Representative and a District Deputy Grand Matron. Sister Elinor is a school principal in Northern Manitoba, in a Cree Nation community, and enjoys her summers here at home.

Our Grand Adah is Sister Patricia Armstrong of Pearle Chapter #71, and received her 25 year jewel just last month. She has been Worthy Matron three times Worthy Matron again this year, was a Grand Chapter Committee Member several times, and a Grand Representative of Oklahoma.

Sister Patricia's escort tonight is Brother Howard Ford, Past Patron of Pearle Chapter #71 and St. Mary's Chapter #35 and a thirty-nine year member of our Order. He has been Worthy Patron nine times, had two Appointed Grand Chapter Offices, and also was a Grand Representative. Brother Howard is a very big asset to both of his chapters.

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Our Grand Organist is Brother Ed MacLaren of Crystal Chapter # 1 and Montague Chapter #69. He has served as organist and also several times as Worthy Patron in both chapters. Known for his talent as a wonderful musician, Brother Ed has held the appointment as Grand Organist a number of times. Being very involved with his Masonic Lodge, he is presently The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island. He was just installed into that high office in June. Congratulations, Ed.

Brother Ed is escorted tonight by his lovely wife, Irene Renaud. She is not a member of our Order but she supports Brother Ed in all his endeavours.

Our Grand Marshal is Brother Paul Aitken of Montague Chapter #69. Although only a member for five years he has been Worthy Patron twice. He is very ambitious and that is what we need in Eastern Star. He is currently a member of the Grand Lodge of PEI, Royal Arch Masons of PEI & NS, as well as the Royal Island Conclave of PEI. He is a volunteer for the Relay for Life Campaign for his area and Driver Coordinator for cancer patients on PEI. As you can see he likes to be busy.

Brother Paul's escort this evening is his mother, Sister Marjorie Aitken, Past Matron of Montague Chapter #69, and a member of our Order for forty-seven years and is currently Chaplain for the chapter. She has been an appointed Grand Chapter Officer and has been very active with other activities in her chapter. After retirement as a Registered Nurse, Sister Marjorie has enjoyed painting over the years and now enjoys quiet times at home and working on crossword puzzles.

Our Grand Chaplain is Sister Mary MacLennan, a member of Mayflower Chapter #2, Evangeline Chapter #15, and Laurel Chapter #67, and the wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk. She is a thirty-three year member of our Order and has served as Worthy Matron in Mayflower Chapter 3 times as well as offices in her other two chapters. She had numerous Grand Chapter Committee Member appointments, and also was an Appointed Grand Chapter Officer.

Sister Mary's escort this evening is Sister Judy Graves, Past Matron of Crystal Chapter # 1. Sister Judy is very active in her chapter serving in various offices and committees, was a Grand Chapter Committee Member, a District Deputy Grand Matron and a Grand Representative.

Our Associate Grand Conductress Is Sister Darlene Amirault, of Scotia Chapter #49. She has been a member for thirty years and a third generation member of our Order. Darlene has been a Worthy Matron four times, Appointed Grand Chapter Officer, and a District Deputy Grand Matron. She looks forward to the next step of her journey to the East in our Grand Chapter.

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Sister Darlene's escort this evening is Brother Gerald Norman of Scotia Chapter #49. Gerald is relatively new to our Order having just joined in 2014. He has been an active member in his Masonic lodge and we look forward to seeing him taking part a great deal more in our Order of the Eastern Star.

Our Grand Conductress is Sister Christine McGillivray of Myrtle Chapter #21 and also a member of Evening Star Chapter #28. She has been a member of our Order for thirty-five years. Sister Christine has served as Worthy Matron three times, has been a Grand Chapter Committee member, an appointed Grand Chapter Officer as well as District Deputy Grand Matron. Sister Christine loves to work outside and the beautiful gardens around her home are very impressive of her skill.

Sister Christine's escort this evening is Brother Bill Clark, PGP, a member of our order for thirty-nine years. He is a Charter member of Ceilidh Chapter #10, a member of Harmony Chapter #25, and also a member of Satellite Chapter #318, Brampton, Ontario. He has served as Worthy Patron five times, has been appointed to numerous Grand Chapter committees and was a General Grand Chapter Committee Member from 2003-2006.

Our Grand Treasurer is Sister Faye Calder of Evangeline Chapter #15 and Laurel Chapter #67. She has been a member of our Order for thirty-five years. Sister Faye served as Worthy Matron four times, held numerous Grand Chapter Committee appointments, Grand Representative, and District Deputy Grand Matron. She was elected to the office of Grand Treasurer in 2013.

Sister Faye's escort tonight is her husband of fifty-four years, Brother Jack Calder of Laurel Chapter #67. He has been a member of the Order for over forty years. He has served as Worthy Patron, Grand Representative, Grand Chapter Committee member and was an appointed Grand Chapter Officer in 2011-2012.

Our Grand Secretary is Sister Diane Hayman, Charter Member of Ceilidh Chapter #10, a member of Castleview Chapter #21, Cowley, Alberta and a fifty-five year member of our Order. She served as Worthy Matron twice, as well as held the office of Chapter Secretary for many years, Grand Representative, Grand Chapter Committee Member, was elected to the office of Worthy Grand Matron in 1986-1987, General Grand Chapter Committee Member 1991-1994 and was elected Grand Secretary in 2013.

Sister Diane's escort this evening is Brother William Thompson, Charter Member of Ceilidh Chapter #10, currently re-elected as Worthy Patron, a thirty-nine year member of our Order, served on Grand Chapter Committees, was a Grand Representative, elected to the office of Worthy Grand Patron in 2001-2002 and a General Grand Chapter Committee Member from 2006-2012.

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Our Associate Grand Patron is Brother Bob Turner of Arbutus Chapter #30 and Grace Chapter #8 and Honourary Member of Crescent Chapter #70. He has been a member of our Order for eighteen years. He has served as Grand Organist in 2012-2013 and also pro-tems as Organist in many subordinate chapters. Brother Bob is very active in his Masonic Lodge, as well as being a member of all eight bodies of the York Rite and is a member of Philae Shriners.

Brother Bob's escort tonight is his wife, Sister Gloria Turner who is a member of Grace Chapter # 8, Arbutus Chapter # 30 and Crescent Chapter #70. She has been a member of our Order for forty-four years and has been an Appointed Grand Chapter Officer and a Grand Chapter Committee Member.

Our Associate Grand Matron is Sister Wilma Verge, a Charter Member of Evening Star # 28 and a member of our Order for twenty years. She has served as Worthy Matron five times, served on several Grand Chapter Committees, was a Grand Representative and a District Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Wilma's escort this evening is Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier of Kwebec Chapter #27 and a Charter Member of Evening Star #28. He has been a member of our Order for twenty-eight years, was Worthy Grand Patron in 2008-2009 and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.

Our Worthy Grand Patron is Brother Kirk MacLennan of Mayflower #2 and Laurel #67 and a member of our Order for ten years. He has served as Worthy Patron three times as well as other Chapter offices, has been a Grand Chapter Committee Member and a Grand Representative. Brother Kirk has been very active in his Masonic Lodge for thirty-four years, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and is also very involved in different organizations in his community.

Brother Kirk's escort this evening is Sister Marylyn Swinamer of Mayflower Chapter #2, a member of our order for over thirty years. She was an Appointed Grand Chapter Officer, a Grand Chapter Committee Member, Grand Representative, elected to serve as our Worthy Grand Matron in 2004, and was a General Grand Chapter Committee Member 2009-2012.

Our Worthy Grand Matron is Sister Suzanne Aitken, of Montague Chapter #69 and also Lord Beaverbrook Chapter #33 in Hampton, NB. Sister Suzanne has been a member for forty-three years, has served as Worthy Matron a few times, been on several Grand Chapter Committees, was a District Deputy Grand Matron in 2003-2004 and was a Grand Representative twice. Once for the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and once for the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick.

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Sister Suzanne's escort this evening is her brother, John Aitken, whom I am told is her YOUNGER brother.

John is not a member of our Order but I am sure with his Mother, Sister and Brother all close by he hears a lot about how great our Eastern Star family is.

This my Sisters, Brothers and Guests are the Grand Family of 2015-2016. Please join me in extending them a hearty welcome.

Members of Lord Beaverbrook Chapter No. 33, Hampton, New Brunswick performed the "Fatal March".

Sister Marion Miller, PGM: Good evening. What a great pleasure this evening to call to order this Informal opening. Also a very special pleasure as I share the East with my "Buddy" so far... our Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Clark.

To each of you I extend a sincere Welcome to this "Three Rivers of Hope" Session, the Sixty-Ninth Session of Grand Chapter. We are pleased that each of you has joined us in Charlottetown on beautiful Prince Edward Island. We hope you will find some time to visit and enjoy the many beautiful and outstanding places of interest in the City and Province.

We are honoured to have with us Provincial, Civic, and Fraternal Leaders, as well as Members from our General Grand Chapter, and a representative from Children's Wish Foundation, all of whom will be formally introduced and you will meet later.

To our Distinguished Guests we bid you Welcome and hope your visit to our beautiful Island leaves a warm and lasting memories, and encourages you to return again and again. Those of you who are privileged to live here, please show our hospitality to those who are not so fortunate! We welcome all CFAs, those are Come From Away people, and we Welcome you back and invite you to move at any time to our beautiful, peaceful and safe Island.

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

Brother Bill, please address our Members and Visitors.

Brother William Clark, PGP: It is my pleasure to assist Sister Marion, PGM in welcoming you all this "Three Rivers of Hope" Grand Chapter. As I am filling in at the last minute and really don't have anything prepared at this time, I will just wish everyone a great session and please enjoy your visit to this beautiful province.

Sister Marion: I now call to Order the Informal Opening of this "Three Rivers of Hope".

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Mister Marion: Grand Marshal, you will invite our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Officers to enter the Chapter Room.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our WGM and WGP, for proper introduction.

Sister Suzanne what a pleasure for me to open your Session, and it was ten years ago that Brother John and I stood in your place on this beautiful Island. Since Brother John, my WGP, passed away which I assure you I had nothing to do with, next to me was to be Brother Reg. PGP. He was unable to come as he's on oxygen, I must have taken his breath away, and in your programme it says, Brother Allen Denton, who also can't make it because of hip surgery. I guess he just can't keep up to me, so I have Brother Bill Clark, assisting me and Sister Carol has increased his insurance to allow him to be here with me...soon they will call me the Black Widow, I'm sure!

You have had a wonderful and productive year in serving our Grand Chapter. I hope this, your Session, will be all you wish for and will remain as one of your fondest memories in your journey through life as a Past Grand Matron.

Brother Kirk, I know you have had a wonderful year and traveled with your WGM extensively. Now is the time to sit back and enjoy your Session, it will pass in the blink of an eye, but know this, Grand Chapter appreciates all you have done and will do as you become a Past Grand Patron.

Brother Bill: Sister Suzanne, Worthy Grand Matron thanks for making our members feel welcome and for your dedication to our Order.

Brother Kirk, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your knowledge of our Constitution. I believe it was your bedside reading.

Sister Beth Brett and Brother Shane MacFarlane sang "Hallelujah".

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our WGM and WGP to the East.

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

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

WGM: Sister Conductress you will attend at the Altar informally.

Invocation: Sister Mary MacLennan, Grand Chaplain

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Father God, please Bless us as Thy children here assembled for our "Three Rivers of Hope" Grand Chapter. We are drawn here as the Wise Men followed the great light in the East to Bethlehem. So do we follow the teachings of the Holy Bible, as we gather for our Annual Meeting in this beautiful province of Prince Edward Island. We ask your blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk, as they preside at this wonderful time, to fulfill their hard work of the past three years. May our deliberations reflect our love of you Father, of our fellow Sisters and Brothers either here today, or at home unable to attend for whatever reason, and for our Order! May the deliberations be from our hearts, and into your hands we place our spirit. All we ask in your Holy Name, Father God. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

The Cavalcade of Flags was presented, under the direction of Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P, (70):

The Canadian Flag was presented by Brother Fred Lipskey Past Grand Patron, Laurel Chapter No. 67 followed by the singing of "O Canada". The flag was then placed in the East, and the tribute was given by Brother John Newell, Past Grand Patron, Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14.

Brother John Newell, PGP: Tonight it is my pleasure and privilege to pay tribute to the Canadian Flag which shows a red Maple Leaf with eleven points on a white background flanked by a red border down each side. The red and white colours used in our National Flag were proclaimed as Canada's official colours by King George V in 1921.

Although several differently designed flags flew over our land, it was not until 1964 that Prime Minister Lester Pearson informed the House of Commons that his government wanted to adopt a distinctive national flag to promote national unity and to have it in time for the 1967 centennial celebration of Confederation. The design finally chosen was the one submitted by Dr. George Stanley: it is the one we now know with the red maple leaf in a white center bordered by red panels.

The ceremony marking the official inauguration of the new Canadian Flag was held in Ottawa on February 15th, 1965. The Speaker of the House uttered these words: **The flag is a symbol of the nation's unity, for it, without any doubt, represents all citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief, or opinion.**

May our flag always serve as a symbol of peace, love, freedom, and justice throughout our great land and throughout the world.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of paying tribute to our flag.

The Union Jack was presented by Sister Lisa Baird, Past Matron of Crystal Chapter No. 1PEI followed by the singing of "God Save the Queen". The flag was placed in the East.

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The flag of the United States of America was presented by Brother Dale Hanington, Past Grand Patron of Maine, followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner". The flag was then placed in the East, and the tribute was given by **Sister Julie McMillen, GGCCM and Past Grand Matron, Illinois.**

The Nova Scotia flag was presented by Sister Helen Szcus , Past Matron, Scotia Chapter No. 49 and the Prince Edward Island flag was presented by Brother Charles Graves, Past Patron, Crystal Chapter No.1PEI together at the Altar, and then placed in the East.

The Christian flag was presented by Brother Zeke Eaton, Past Grand Patron, Crystal Chapter No.1PEI and the Eastern Star flag was presented by Brother Allison MacDonald, Past Patron, Crystal Chapter No.1PEI together at the Altar and placed in the East.

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WGM: : Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests and Friends;

I extend a very warm welcome to all who have come from far and wide to attend the Informal Opening of the 69th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I would ask everyone to please stand. This past year and this Session is Dedicated to YOU. Without you Sisters and Brothers and even our non-members (you contribute in your own special ways) we would not have this wonderful Order. Thank you very much. All of my welcomes are short expressions of Hope.

Brother Kirk, WGP: Welcome, all of you, Sisters, Brothers, friends and family, to our Three Rivers of Hope Grand Chapter Session. I do want to thank the members of Lord Beaverbrook Chapter for the beautiful FATAL March. And, of course, Sister Beth and Brother Shane, thank you for the wonderful song. "Hallelujah" is one of our favourite pieces of music. The WGM and I have tried to keep our messages short this year, and this session will follow that lead. Thank you all for being here. All of my welcomes will be simple welcomes, I'll leave the expressions of hope to the Worthy Grand Matron, as I am pretty much hopeless.

Sister Suzanne, WGM announced the appointment of Brother Whitman Giffin, PGP, as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Scottish Rite Charities to replace the late Brother Ralph Swinamer, GGCCM.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

WGM: Sister Grand Conductress, before you introduce the GGCCM, I have an announcement to make. As you all know we have a Brother who should be standing there with you. We lost Brother Ralph in March. But we have someone that was appointed to fill that position. Would that person please stand. Sister Grand Conductress, would you please present Brother Whitman Giffin to be introduced with his counterparts.

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Sister Suzanne, WGM- Sister Grand Conductress and Associate you will present:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CANCER: Sister Stella Trask, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

CHARTERS: Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM, New Brunswick

CREDENTIALS: Sister Donna Sanders, PGM, Saskatchewan

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Brother Allan Gillis, PGP, New Brunswick

ESTARL: Sister Mildred Homer, PGM, New Brunswick

PROJECTS (chair): Sister Julie McMillen, PGM, Illinois

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Brother John Murray, PGP, New Brunswick

REGISTRATION: Sister Phyllis N. Dyck, PGM, Manitoba

SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES: Brother Whitman Giffin, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

SERVICE DOGS: Brother Dick McInnis, PGP, Minnesota

SHRINERS CHARITIES: Brother Frank Cullen, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS: Sister Irma Maxwell, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

YOUTH: Brother Craig Wepprecht, PGP, Wisconsin

DEPUTY TO MWGM TO ITALY: Brother Clifford Brightman, PGP, Massachusetts

WGM: A very warm welcome to you all, especially our own GGCCMs, Sisters Stella, Irma and Brothers Frank and Whit. Your Hope is: To be without Hope is like being without goals, What are you working towards?

WGP: Welcome and thank you for taking on your appointments. Special welcome to Sister Irma, Sister Stella and Brother Frank. Brother Whitman Giffin, GGCCM, congratulations on your very recent appointment.

The response was given by Sister Irma Maxwell, GGCCM, Support Our First Responders.

Sister Irma Maxwell, GGCCM: It is an honour and privilege to respond to your warm welcome on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members attending this Session. We thank you for the all the courtesies extended to us. We are all happy to be here in beautiful Prince Edward Island, known as the Garden of the Gulf. Our wish for you, Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, is for a very successful and memorable Three Rivers of Hope Session as your year of service comes to a close. Thank you.

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

Sister Irma, please stay in the East. Sister Irma, last year you had for your Special Project the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Children in Halifax, NS. This past May Brother Kirk and I had the distinct pleasure to be invited to their Graduation

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Ceremony. They presented the Eastern Star with a Certificate of Appreciation, which I accepted on behalf of you and Brother John. It is now on the Secretary's desk

PRESENTATION OF 50 PLUS AND 60 PLUS MEMBERS

Grand Conductress would you escort Sister Evie Jean Lazanby to the Grand East.

Sister Evie Jean joined this great organization June 1966 in Minerva Chapter #138, Belleville, Ontario. It gives me great pleasure to pin your 50 Year Pin on you. Sister Grand Conductress, you will present our newest 50 Year Member at the Altar for proper introduction.

Fifty-two Fifty and Fifty Plus members and Sixty Plus members introduced themselves.

WGM: What a glorious sight to see so many Sisters and Brothers. Your Hope is: Hope is a renewable option: If you run of it at the end of the day, you get to start over in the morning.

WGP: It is wonderful to see so many of our 50 and 60 year members. You all must have joined when you were mere babies.

The members were then escorted to the East and presented with a wooden starpoint coloured rose while a special musical selection was sung.

WGM: We will now proceed to receive greetings from our Invited Guests. Your Hope is: What is Hope? Hope is wishing for a thing to come true; Faith is believing that it will come true.

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

WGM: It is my honour and privilege to welcome the Honourable Bush Dumville to our informal opening this evening.

Hon Bush Bumville MLA: It is a pleasure to be here today to bring greetings on behalf of Premier MacLauchlan and the Government of Prince Edward Island.

The Premier wanted to be here today and he extends his sincere regrets for being unable to attend.

This meeting provides a great opportunity to meet new people, renew friendships, and discuss topics that are important to your organization.

It is also a time to reflect and to recognize some of the accomplishments of the Order of the Eastern Star over the past year.

The Order of the Eastern Star has provided religious leadership training awards and undertaken various community service projects since its inception in 1947.

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Most recently, as a 2015 – 2016 initiative you supported the Children's Wish Foundation – a very worthwhile cause.

Your service, in our communities, especially to our youth and the elderly of this province is greatly appreciated.

All Islanders gratefully acknowledge your endeavours and may you continue to improve the quality of life for Islanders all across our beautiful province.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to contribute to the public life of the province by applying to serve on one of the many government agencies boards, and commissions.

Your wisdom, experience, and skills contribute immeasurably to our social fabric and our communities ... and your input is important to effective public policy. Please visit the Engage PEI website at: www.gov.pe.ca/engagepei to learn more.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the work your organization does across the Island.

Our communities benefit greatly from your hard work and dedication and on behalf of the province, I wish you all a very productive and enjoyable meeting. Thank you.

CIVIC GREETINGS

WGM: Introduced the Mayor of Charlottetown, Clifford Lee,

Mayor Lee: Welcomed all to Charlottetown, the birthplace on Confederation in 1864.

He thanked the organizers of this Grand Chapter for choosing Charlottetown and the city was honoured to host the event. He brought greetings on behalf of his colleagues on City Council and the Citizens of the city.

Mayor Lee then gave a short history of Confederation.

He congratulated the Order on their support of many charities and noted that it was important that all organizations assist in helping others. Mayor Lee encouraged all present to get out and take a look around the city and enjoy.

The response to these greetings was given by **Brother Arnold Dempsey, Grand Sentinel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors;

Brother Arnold Dempsey, Grand Sentinel: As Grand Sentinel I find it an honour and privilege to respond to the welcome of Hon. Bush Dumville, representing the Province of Prince Edward Island and Charlottetown Mayor, Clifford Lee.

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You have taken the time to address this “Three Rivers of Hope” Grand Chapter Session and , the officers and members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, extend to you our sincere appreciation for being at our Informal Opening.

We are so pleased to be here on your beautiful island and look forward to our stay with you.

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

MASONIC GREETINGS

WGP: We are honoured to have Brother George O’Leary, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to bring greetings on behalf of the Masons in Nova Scotia.

Brother George O’Leary: It is with great pleasure that I bring warm Fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.

It is my hope that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron had a great year and he wished the same for the incoming officers. It is important to Grand Lodge that we all work together. “Retention” of new members is very important.

He thanked all for the hospitalities extended and said he looked forward to seeing many on the Star Trail.

Brother Kirk then introduced Brother Ed McLaren, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island.

Brother Ed, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island: As Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, I bring you greetings from the membership of our Grand Lodge for a wonderful and successful session, “Three Rivers of Hope”.

What an appropriate title as Sister Suzanne and myself both grew up on the Montague River, me on the bank of the river in Montague and Suzanne in Lower Montague overlooking the mouths of both the Montague and Brundenell Rivers.

In 1803 my descendants arrived on Brundenell Island in late October and they settled that land between the Brudenell and the Cardigan River. Those on the Cardigan River became ship builders.

Granted credit must be given to Jean Pierre Roma who established the first fishing and trading settlement at Roma Point in the area of Three Rivers, then Trois Rivieres.

Rumor has it that they are again looking at amalgamating the towns in the area under the name of Three Rivers.

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Again a warm Island welcome to PEI and we are looking forward to a session with lots of food, fun, and fellowship.

I would like to end with this quote by Mural Itdan: "Every time we see a river flowing forward with courage, deep in our hearts we know that we must do the same".

PHILAE TEMPLE

WGP: Our next guest speaker is Brother Shane Buchan, Oriental Guide, on behalf of Philae Temple.

Brother Shane expressed his pleasure to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for being able to bring greetings on behalf the Potentate of Philae Temple, Illustrious Sir Harold Farrow, Potentate of Philae Temple.

He brought the regrets from Potentate Harold and his Lady Marilyn who were out of the province on Shrine business. He also brought regrets from his mother, Sister Marion Buchan, PGM, who was attending a family reunion.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Brother Kirk then introduced Daughters of the Nile, Athena Temple #149, Past Queen CherylAnn Dempsey.

Sister CherylAnn Dempsey, Past Queen of the Nile: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors:

Queen Debbie MacKenzie, Athena Temple No. 149, Daughters of the Nile was unable to attend tonight's Informal Opening of the Three Rivers of Hope Session and has asked to represent her. My name is CherylAnn Dempsey, Junior Past Queen of Athena Temple No. 149.

The Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women eighteen 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 or without Shrine or Masonic relationship, at a Shriners Hospital for Children.

In recognition of monetary contributions by Daughters of the Nile, there are gold plaques, each representing \$1 million, or engraved donor name recognition on the philanthropic walls of all twenty-two hospitals. Many hospitals have two gold plaques, several hospitals have three, and the Canadian hospital has four. Each year the members of Daughters of the Nile give generously of their time and talents to the hospitals by providing more than 150,000 volunteer hours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In addition, they sew clothing and make quilts, and provide toys, books, games, and other educational and recreational items for the children's use, with an annual value of donated items in excess of \$1,000,000.

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We have THE most unique organization in the world for women and it is up to each one of us to see to it that it continues to grow and flourish. We accomplish this by being committed and dedicated to all of the principles of our Order.

Our Supreme Queen, Sharon K. St. John chose the following as her slogan for her year as Supreme Queen.

“Daughters of the Nile
Sharing the love in our Temples for “the Children” –
From one century to the next”

On August 24, 2015, Mykola and his brother Danyo, were playing with two other friends in a field. The boys came across an undetonated grenade and became curious... the blast immediately killed Danyo, and left Mykola as a triple amputee: both legs and his right hand were blown off. He sustained severe injuries to his face, teeth, eyes, and other parts of his body.

Mykola’s facial injuries were treated by Canadian doctors at the Ukrainian Military Hospital in Kiev as part of a Canada-Ukraine Foundation Medical Mission in November 2015.

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation has arranged for Mykola’s further treatment in Canada. Shriners Children’s Hospital in Montreal has generously agreed to assess Mykola and treat his prosthetic needs.

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation is arranging for Mykola and his mother to travel to Canada and stay in Montreal for 3 – 5 months. There are significant costs associated not only with Mykola’s trip to and stay in Canada, but also with his ongoing care after he has returned to the Ukraine.

Would all Members of the Daughters of the Nile please stand. Ladies of the Household, thank you for standing to be recognized. Ladies, precious lives have been placed in our hands to care for. Let us always remember that everything we do is for the children. Please be seated.

I have discovered that a Shriners’ webpage has a poetry section. One poem really touched my heart and is entitled “IF”. Listen to the following:

If just one step along life’s way we’d help a child to bear,
Or by giving of our time and love, show him that we care.
If just one tear be tuned away and a smile take its place,
Would be reward enough to see sunshine upon that face.

If we shall pass this way but once, let our message read,
They did not neglect the chance, to help a child in need.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this opportunity and I wish you and Worthy Grand Patron a wonderful Grand Session.

WGM: The response will be given by Brother Robert Turner, AGP.

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Brother Robert Turner, AGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all.. On behalf of this, the Three Rivers of Hope Session, I would like to bring thanks to our concordant bodies for their greetings.

To Most Worshipful Brother George O'Leary, Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Most Worshipful Brother Ed MacLaren, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, both of whom are our Eastern Star Brothers, we would like to thank you for taking the time to address our Grand Chapter. We wish you well on your upcoming Masonic year, and congratulations on your recent elections.

To Sister CherylAnn Dempsey, Junior Past Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, thank you for addressing our Session on behalf of Queen Debbie MacKenzie. We wish you all well in your endeavours.

To Brother Shane Buchan, Oriental Guide of Philae Shriners, thank you for bringing greetings on behalf of Noble Harold Farrow, another Eastern Star Brother. We congratulate your organization on all the fine work they do for the many children who use the help of the doctors and the facility of the Children's Hospital in Montreal.

We appreciate all of you taking the time from your busy schedule to encourage and be with us tonight.

WGP: It is my pleasure to introduce Justin Hughes, who is representing our host facility, Holland College; and I thank Justin for all he has done for us. Sister Suzanne expressed her thanks as well.

HOST FACILITY GREETINGS

Justin Hughes: I wish to thank the Order of the Eastern Star, on a professional level, for choosing Holland College for your Sessions this year. It has been an amazing four years working with your team, and we looked forward to this time. On a personal level, I congratulate you on your commitment to community in many ways, and especially to the Children's Wish Foundation this year; and wish you a very successful convention.

WGM: Justin, I would like to add my thanks. You did so much for us and every time I called with one of my many requests, it was handled right away. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

WGP: Holland College Charlottetown Campus, Justin Hughes. Thank you so much for this facility and for all your work in making it right for us.

PRESENTATION TO CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION

Before we make our presentation to the Children's Wish Foundation, all our members have worked very hard and we thank them all, but I have to recognize a few people who have worked especially hard for our Special Project. First is a group of individuals who, from collecting bottles, recycling, Wake-a-thon and making our

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hummingbird pins. They are Sisters Marion Conrad, Millie Wagner and Clara Nieforth (who unfortunately is not here) and Brother Charlie Carr. They presented us with a check for \$2500.00. Also Sister Joyce Roode, who organized a fund raiser that realized \$2014.00. To these members we are very grateful.

WGM: It is now my great pleasure to present Beth Corney Gauthier, Director and Darryl Warren, Development Coordinator, who are with the Children's Wish Foundation here in Charlottetown. Brother Kirk and I thought long and hard as to what our Special Project would be. We wanted something that would make a difference. And as I listened to the stories Brother Kirk told at our Official Visits I know we made the right choice.

WGP: There are so many worthwhile and deserving organizations, but both Sister Suzanne and I agreed that we wanted to support something that would benefit children. Children's Wish Foundation was the first choice for us both.

WGM: When the members heard what our Project was, they responded with great enthusiasm. I am very pleased to present you with a check for \$ 18,541.00. We hope to have more by the end of our Session. We will hear from you now.

Ms. Gauthier, who said she was a grand-daughter of a Mason, told about granting nine wishes, and working on sixteen more. She spoke of the different illnesses of the children who received them- eg. cancer, heart problems. Tomorrow's wish will be made to a little girl on Western PEI with cancer, to whom they will be delivering a camper so that the family may create memories!

She again expressed thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing Children's Wish Foundation as their Special Project, on behalf of both Chapters, and concluded by saying that these ill children can live a certain length of time without food, water and air, but they cannot live without hope.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk announced that he had donated a book of poems by Rob Morris, on which tickets were being sold, and the funds raised from this project would also go to the Children's Wish Foundation.

WELCOME BY THE HOSTESS CHAPTERS 2016

Sister Jean Annear PM (Chair): Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you for the privilege of extending the welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters, Crystal No. 1, Mayflower No. 2, Regent No. 52, Laurel No. 67, and Montague No. 69.

We wish for you, Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, a successful and harmonious "Three Rivers of Hope" Grand Chapter Session.

A sincere welcome is extended to all our guests and visitors from this and other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you will enjoy this wonderful venue here at Holland

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College Charlottetown Campus, in this historic city of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, "The Cradle of Confederation".

The response was given by **Sister Christine McGillvray, Grand Conductress.**

Sister Christine McGillvray, GC: Worthy Grand Matron Sister Suzanne, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends. It is my honour to respond to the welcome by the Hostess Chapters 2016.

Sister Jean Annear, thank you for your welcome It is a pleasure for me to respond to your gracious welcome extended to all on behalf of this year's Hostess Chapters. It is a long journey to a Grand Chapter with planning and fund raising, to ensure that the Session will be a success. I am sure that the 69th Session of this Grand Chapter, the "Three Rivers of Hope" Session will be a memorable one for all.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me the privilege of responding to this welcome for the last Hostess Chapter Greetings. I am sure that your years of travelling have brought you many happy memories.

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Two Worthy Grand Matrons, Sisters: Jullieanne Irving of Maine; Lynda Swan of New Brunswick; and three Worthy Grand Patrons, Brothers: James A. Owens of Maine; David Lister of New Brunswick; and Gary Bayes of Ontario were presented at the Altar and welcomed.

WGM: It is so good to see all my counterparts. Your Hope is: Hope is a beautiful thing. It gives us peace and strength, and keeps us going when all seems lost. Accepting what you cannot change doesn't mean you have given up on hope. It just means you have to focus your hope on more humanely tangible and attainable goals.

WGP: Welcome to you all. Thank you for being here to share this time with us. Some of you are just starting on your journey in the Grand East, and some are almost finished and will soon be holding your own Grand Chapter Sessions. Best wishes to all of you.

The response was given by **Sister Lynda Swan, WGM. New Brunswick:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sister and Brothers all.

It is an honour and privilege to have the opportunity to respond to the warm welcome. We thank you for all the courtesies extended to the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons.

We hope that the next three days will be all that you have hoped for and dreamed of, and that all will go well for your members and visitors. It has been great getting to know you both, and hope to continue our friendship for many years to come. Our wish for you is that your "Three Rivers of Hope" Session will be a highlight of your

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year. As you know, our Grand Chapter is later in this week in New Brunswick, so I know just how you are feeling right now.

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, thank you for the honour that you have bestowed on me, and the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

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

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

Seventeen Past Grand Matrons and eleven Past Grand Patrons were presented at the Altar:

Sisters: Eleanor Mitchell; Eleanor Freeman; Diane Hayman, Grand Secretary; Barbara Bowser; Marion Conrad; Margaret Clarke; Sheila MacDonald; Marian Durling; Cheryl Denton; Carol Clark; Isabelle Pearson; Marylyn Swinamer; Marion Miller; Annie Mae Waterbury; Jane Wooldridge; Mary Lou Higgins; Mary Reid; and Brothers: Bill Clark; Adrian Pearson; David Waterbury; John Newell; William A. Thompson; Ronald Boudreau; Tabor "Ted" Caulier; Zeke Eaton; Fred Lipskey; Daniel Campbell; and John Lorimer.

WGM: It is so good to see all of you. You are the corner stones of this great organization and I thank you for all your support. Your Hope is: Hope can be seen out in the garden in a plant that grows from a tiny seed. At first it struggles through the soil, but it persists and continues to go on until it becomes an imposing tree, and then it starts bearing fruit.

WGP: Thank you all for your help and support. I look forward to joining your ranks in a few days.

The response was given by **Sister Mary Reid, PGM.**

Sister Mary: Worthy Grand Matron Sister Suzanne, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk: on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I have the honour of replying to your kind words of welcome. We are all delighted to be here on our beautiful Prince Edward Island attending your "Three Rivers of Hope" Session.

You have had a superb year travelling throughout our Grand Jurisdiction visiting with your Sisters and brothers. Everyone looked forward to your ever present smiles and your visits with members no longer able to attend our meetings were greatly appreciated, not only by those you visited, but also by their chapters.

We extend to you all the best, and hope all your dreams for your Grand Session are realized. Both of you will be most welcomed additions to the ranks of Past Grands on Wednesday.

Thanks you for this great privilege. Love you both!

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The 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

Twenty-three Past Grand Matrons and eight Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were presented at the Altar.

Sisters: Kathleen MacDonald, of California; Maureen LaPlante of Connecticut; Marjorie Goodwin of Maine; Margaret Dwyer of Maine; Gretchen Brissette of Maine; Rebecca Bibber, Grand Treasurer, of Maine; Janet Finlayson of Manitoba; Carole McElheran of Manitoba; Nancy Ford of Maryland; Bonnie Studley of Massachusetts; Sister Margaret McCully of New Brunswick; Betty Danks of New Brunswick; Audrey Sypher of New Brunswick; Ann Morton of New Brunswick; Donna MacEwan of New Brunswick; Lynn Hutchin of New Brunswick; Shelley Gullett of New Hampshire; Susan Ferguson of New Hampshire; Peggy Pilson of North Carolina; Peggy South of Ontario; Judith Brightman of Rhode Island; Kristen Schoville of Wisconsin; Christie Peterson of South Dakota; Glenda Meeks of South Dakota; Brothers Ronald "Pete" Forrest of Maine; Claude Brissette of Maine; John Coombs of Maine; Dale Hanington of Maine; Jim Finlayson of Manitoba; Randolph Geck of Maryland; Doug Swan, Grand Secretary of New Brunswick; Larry Gullett of New Hampshire.

WGM: Thank you so much for coming. Enjoy our Island hospitality. Your Hope is: Hope is the most exciting thing in life and if you honestly believe that love is out there, it will come. And even if it doesn't come straight away there is still that chance all through your life that it will.

WGP: Welcome, and thank you all for being here.

The response was given by Sister Shelley M. Gullett PGM of New Hampshire.

Sister Shelley: Thank you for the distinct honour you have bestowed upon me and the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, to bring you the response on behalf of the past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. I am sure that the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island appreciate all the fraternal love, cheer and joy, You all have done your utmost to "Strengthen our Star", which you and your Grand Family have accomplished through this beautiful jurisdiction this past year. Speaking on a personal note, every time I have had the pleasure of your company, I have felt love, cheer and joy.

We the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons wish that the "Three Rivers of Hope" 69th annual session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand Chapter is most successful and all that you dreamed it would be. We commend you on your special project this year, the Children's Wish Foundation, a very worthwhile project, so a job well done good and faithful servants!

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

Eleven Elected or Appointed Grand Officers were introduced.

Sisters: Associate Grand Matrons Lucille Nanos, of Maine, Greta Smith, of New Hampshire, Grand Conductresses Anne Keline of Connecticut, Joyce McInnes of New Brunswick, Peggy Scott of New Hampshire, Associate Grand Conductress Janet Patch of Quebec, Grand Martha Lois Taylor in New Hampshire (and Grand Representative of Quebec in New Hampshire).

Brother: Robert McInnes, Associate Grand Patron of New Brunswick, Grand Sentinels Brothers Arthur Carbonaro, of Connecticut, Ross MacLeod of New Brunswick, Grand Chaplain Roderick McWilliam in Quebec.

WGM: Thank you for coming tonight. Your Hope is: Anticipate good things will happen, keep your mind positive, never lose hope, and it will amaze you.

WGP: It is nice to see so many of you here this evening. Thank you for being with us.

The response was given by **Brother Robert McInnes**, Associate Grand Patron of New Brunswick.

Brother Robert: On behalf of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand jurisdictions, I wish to express our sincere thanks for your warm welcome. We wish you a very successful Three Rivers of Hope Grand Chapter Session.

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

GRAND OFFICER EMERITUS

The Grand Officer Emeritus was then introduced.

Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Sister Dorothy Prowroz of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

WGM: It is so nice to see you here, and a special welcome to you Sister Dorothy. Your hope is: Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark.

WGP: Welcome, and thank you for the many years of hard work you gave to our Grand Chapter.

She was escorted to the East and accorded a hearty welcome.

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

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Eighteen Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented.

Sisters: Betty Ann Loughnan of Australia, Donna Himmelman of California, Carol Atkinson of Colorado, Velda Forrest of Delaware, Margaret Burhoe of Idaho, Doris Cullen of Indiana, Edna MacVicar of Illinois, Gail Hemlow of Iowa, Charlotte Matheson of Maryland, Helen Szucs of Montana, Lillian Stuart of New Hampshire, Ella Henshaw of New Jersey, Fran Harding of Ohio, Joan Oderkirk of Pennsylvania, DiAnne Campbell of Quebec, CherylAnn Dempsey of Saskatchewan, Amelia Whalley of South Dakota, Jean Millett of Texas, Millie Aker of Vermont,

WGM: Your Hope is: Never let go of hope- dream, take action, and get that transfer to live the life you wish.

The welcome was given by Sister Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Matron.

Sister Wilma: It is my pleasure to welcome you this evening. You are indeed the ties that bind our jurisdictions together.

We hope you enjoy our Grand Chapter, and will go home with many fond memories, and new friends. We wish you good health and safe travels.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for giving me this honour.

The response was given by Sister Lillian Stuart who thanked the Worthy Grand Matron on behalf of the Grand Representatives in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the honour bestowed upon them.

Our Grand Representatives were then escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

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

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

Sisters Vivian Driver in Alberta, Regina Snow in Arkansas, Michelle Rowan in Colorado, Karen Ingles in Indiana, Carol Geck in Maryland, Bonnis McInnis in Minnesota, Janet Thompson in New Hampshire, Jennifer Schiffrin in New Jersey, Janice Cooper in New York, Elizabeth Ungar in North Carolina, Linda Larson in Pennsylvania, Brothers Stewart Studley in Massachusetts (General Grand Chapter Special Appointment), Ken Guiler in Ontario.

WGM: Your hope is: God makes a promise. Faith believes His promise. Hope anticipates its fulfillment. Patience quietly waits.

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The response was given by Sister Karen Ingles: It is an honour to respond to the welcome by Associate Grand Matron Sister Wilma Verge to the Grand Representatives from Other Jurisdictions.

On behalf of all of the Sisters and Brother Grand Representatives, we thank you for this welcome.

It is indeed our pleasure to visit your jurisdiction and attend your Grand Chapter.

We look forward to sharing ideas and making new and lasting friendships.

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

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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

Sisters, Martha Bono of Pennsylvania in Florida, Gayle Sprague of Wyoming in Maine, Anne Murray of Scotland in New Brunswick, Jeannette A. Vreeland of Australia in New Jersey, Diana Miller of New Brunswick in New Jersey, June Lee of Wyoming in New York, Brother Avail Snow of Delaware in Arkansas.

WGM: Your hope is: Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope...These ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

These Grand Representatives were also 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

Five District Deputy Grand Matrons were introduced.

Sisters, Beth Brett, District No. 1, Dorothy Powroz District No. 3, Carol Pettigrew District No. 6, Norma Thompson District No. 7 and Linda Frost of California.

WGM: Thank you so very much for coming. Your Hope is: Once you choose hope, anything's possible.

WGP: Thank you to our Deputies for accepting your positions this year and for carrying out your duties so well: and welcome to our visiting Deputy Grand Matron.

The response was given by Sister Dorothy Powroz , DDGM, District No. 3

Sister Dorothy: We thank you for your kind words and friendship whenever and wherever we met during this year and for the honour you have given each of us in

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representing you in each of our Districts this year. We all enjoyed our tasks and were warmly welcomed in every Chapter we deputized and visited as we journeyed through this jurisdiction and represented this Grand Chapter in other jurisdictions, renewing acquaintances and forming lasting friendships. Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk may you have a harmonious and memorable Grand Chapter session.

We'd like to leave you with some advice we got from a hummingbird:

Sip the sweet memories
Let your true colour glow
Be a nectar collector
Don't get your feathers ruffled over little things
Some days are just a humdinger
Just wing it
Good things come in small packages
And Lastly:
Keep it short and sweet!

They were then escorted to the East.

PRESENTATION OF 2015-2016 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for 2015 – 2016 were introduced and welcomed.

WGM: I have truly enjoyed each and every visit. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. Your hope is: Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark.

WGP: At every visit, we were greeted with warmth and friendship, and made to feel welcome. Thank you all very much.

The response was given by Sister Jean Annear, PM Montague Chapter No. 69, the home chapter of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a wonderful year and we wish you all the best for your Grand Session – The “Three Rivers of Hope.”

They were then escorted to the East and given a warm welcome.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal called the Chapter from labour to rest to reconvene at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

FORMAL OPENING Tuesday Morning, July 5, 2016

The Session began at 8:45 am with the Emblem Ceremony narrated by Sister

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Marian Durling PGM. Sister Lisa Baird Worthy Matron of Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI presented the Bible this morning.

9:00am the Formal Opening was called to order by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM and Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP.

Sister Jane, PGM: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the Formal Opening of the Three Rivers of Hope Sessions. I trust you have had a good night's rest, and are ready to tackle the business of the day. A warm Prince Edward Island WELCOME to all members of this jurisdiction, and to our visitors. Thank you to WGM Sister Suzanne and WGP Brother Kirk for inviting me to open this Session with MY WGP Brother Fred. One of their symbols this year is the Lighthouse. My friends, each one of us is the keeper of the light, in our homes, in our Chapters, and in our Order.

Brother Fred PGP: I also would thank the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Suzanne and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Kirk for the honour of joining my WGM Sister Jane in calling this Three Rivers of Hope Session to order, and I echo Sister Jane in welcoming our members and visitors. I do hope you will enjoy your time on the Island. There is no place like it.

Sister Jane PGM: I now Call or Order the Formal Opening of the 69th Annual Session of "Three Rivers of Hope" Grand Chapter Session, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Brother Fred, PGP: Brother Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sister Jane PGM: Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne Aitken, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk MacLennan at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, you have had a busy year of service to this Grand Chapter, travelling to and fro across the Strait, but now the real work begins as you preside over our deliberations, and guide our members through the business of Grand Chapter.

Brother Fred, PGP: Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, in addition to your attendance at the Official Visits of the Chapters, you have also made a special effort to connect with those of our members who, for various reasons, are unable to attend their Chapters and you are to be commended for the extra efforts you have extended.

Sister Beth Brett and Brother Shane MacFarlane sang "Beautiful Dreamer".

Sister Jane, PGM: Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East for Grand Honours.

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Sister Jane, PGM: Sister Suzanne, what a pleasure it is to present you with your gavel. I know you will use it wisely.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Officers took their respective stations and prepared for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

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

The Opening Ode "Ode to Joy" was sung.

The flag of Canada was presented by Brother Paul Aitken, Grand Marshal, "O Canada" was sung, and the flag was placed in the East.

WGM: Sister Jane, thank you so very much for presiding over our Formal Opening. You have been my go to person for a lot (and I mean a lot!) of information and advice. Thank you again. Brother Fred, I got to know you when I traveled in Sister Jane's year. And as Web Master, I have bugged you a great deal. Thank you.

Your Hope is: Hope is a walk through a flowering meadow. One does not require that it lead anywhere.

WGP: Sister Jane, it seemed like every time I turned around this year, there you were with advice and help. Thank you for opening our Session today, and especially thank you for everything throughout the year.

Brother Fred, we belong to the same chapter, so we have known each other for some time. You have done a great job as webmaster. Thank you for presiding at this Formal Opening.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (not previously introduced)

Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Sister Kim Tidgwell was presented, escorted to the East, and accorded Grand Honours.

WELCOME to HOSTESS CHAPTERS

WGM: Thank you for all you have done to make this a Great Grand Session, you have worked long and hard and I am very grateful. Your hope is: The one thing we should never give up is having hope in oneself to be able to deal with whatever we have to face in this world.

The response was given by Sister Mary MacDonald (69) Chair of the Hostess Chapters

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Sister Mary: Thank you Sister Suzanne, WGM for your warm words of welcome. We give a heartfelt thanks to the Hostess Chapters for the time, hard work, and dedication given to make this a special time for all those attending "The Three Rivers of Hope" Session. We hope the experiences here will leave a lasting impression and everyone will visit us again. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk, may your session be a memorable conclusion to a wonderful year. Thank you for giving me the privilege of responding to the welcome for the Hostess Chapters.

Robert's Rules of Order

Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your "Three Rivers of Hope" Session.

Sisters and Brothers, as we commence with the Business of this Grand Chapter, may we exhibit the principles of respect and consideration for the views of others. This will ensure that our discussions can be thorough and productive.

Robert's Rules of Order were read by Parliamentarian Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP.

Officially, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply on all matters.

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 2015 MINUTES

The 2015 Minutes were approved as printed and distributed.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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Sister Suzanne: Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers all:

Our Installation held July 8th, 2015 at the Old Orchid Inn in Greenwich with Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM as Installing Officer and Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM as Installing Marshal. After a beautiful ceremony we had a reception with cake and ice cream being served.

Brother Kirk and I thought long and hard on our Grand Family, Grand Representative Appointments and our Grand Chapter Committee Members and are very pleased with the choices we made. We announced these Officers at my Tea held at Montague Chapter on May 9th, 2015 and were able to introduce the majority of them.

Our year is dedicated to the Sisters and Brothers of our great Jurisdiction, without you we would not have this great organization.

Appointed Grand Officers

Grand Chaplain	Sister Mary MacLennan (2)
Grand Marshal	Brother Paul Aitken (69)
Grand Organist	Brother Ed MacLaren (1 PEI)
Grand Adah	Sister Patricia Armstrong (71)
Grand Ruth	Sister Jessica MacLennan (19)
Grand Esther	Sister Annie Brown (3)
Grand Martha	Sister Mindy Johnston (69)
Grand Electa	Sister Nora Teal (15)
Grand Warder	Brother Cordell Levy (2)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District No. 1	Mrs. Beth Brett (19) P O Box 81, RR#3, Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0
District No. 4	Miss Dorothy Powroz (28), 26 Redbank Road, Bedford, NS B4A 2V2
District No. 5	Ms. Darlene Amirault (49), 555 Hwy 207, Head Chezzetcook, NS B0J 1N0
District No. 6	Mrs. Carol Pettigrew (67) 63 Camro Place, No. 6, Cambridge, NS B0P 1G0
District No. 7	Mrs. Norma Thompson (52) 12517 Margate Rd, RR6, Kensington, PE C0V 1M0

Districts

I did not change the districts this year.

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Reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons

District # 1

Sister Beth Brett was well received in all 3 Chapters. The Secretary and Treasurer's books were reviewed and found to be in order. All Rituals and CL&R's were updated. There were 9 deaths and no Initiations. Celtic Star Chapter # 19, who had 6 meetings, was formed with the Consolidation of Victoria Chapter # 19, Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter # 37 and Starlight Chapter # 66 and she did not have figures for Initiations and Deaths.

District # 2

Sister Christine McGillvray, GC, was well received in all Chapters. She examined the books of Century Chapter # 10 and Westville Chapter # 24, then saw the Ritualistic work of Ceilidh Chapter # 10, due to the Consolidation of the two Chapters. There was one (1) new member and a loss of two (2) members. The Secretary and Treasurer's books were reviewed and all Rituals and CL&Rs were updated and in order.

District # 3

Sister Wilma Verge, AGM, visited three (3) Chapters and enjoyed the meetings. She found more than four (4) short form openings were done and in a couple of Chapters only three (3) Secret Work were presented. They had eleven (11) Initiations and five (5) deaths were reported. Secretary and Treasurer's books were in order Rituals and CL&Rs were updated and in order.

District # 4

Sister Dorothy Powroz visited four (4) Chapters and was well received. A couple of Secret Work were not presented due to officers not there due to illness. There were no Initiations, but there were three (3) Affiliations. Four (4) deaths were reported. In all Chapters but one (1) the Secretary and Treasurer's books were in order. Ritual and CL&Rs were updated and in order except one (1) Chapter.

District # 5

Sister Darlene Amirault, AGM, visited five (5) Chapters and was warmly received. She found Rituals were not updated. The Secretary and Treasurer's books were in order. They had three (3) Initiations and three (3) deaths. A question was asked and she included a photocopy of the response she sent. In one (1) Chapter the Seal was not on the minutes and in another the Star Points were not doing their sign during their lecture.

District # 6

Sister Carol Pettigrew visited five (5) Chapters and enjoyed the meetings. All Secretary and Treasurer's books were in order and Ritual and CL&Rs were up to date. They had five (5) Initiations, two (2) Affiliations and eight (8) deaths to report. A lot of new member officers and they did an excellent job.

District # 7

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Sister Norma Thompson visited three (3) Chapters and was nervous but enjoyed her meetings. All books were examined and were found to be in order and updated. She had two (2) Initiations and seven (7) deaths.

Irregularities

Year after year the same irregularities are reported:

1. More than four (4) short form openings used.
2. Warder answering door before being instructed to.
3. Worthy Matron not giving raps at proper time.
4. Rituals and CL&R's not being updated.

I had a request by a Chapter's member to have an audit done on the Secretary's books. This I passed to our Chairman of the Finance Committee. With the assistance of another member, they examined the books (as many as were presented) and to the satisfaction to the Chair and myself (in consultation with the WGP) we agreed that there were errors made but not to the detriment of the Chapter. The Chapter was given figures to continue on. It is Very important that the Secretary and Treasurers books be audited yearly by three members before they are passed to the next Officers.

Schools of Instructions

On July 9th we held a short School of Instruction for the Grand Officers with additional Schools being held September 12th, hosted by St. Mary's Chapter # 35 in Digby; September 19th, hosted by Myrtle Chapter # 21 and September 26th, hosted by Kwebec Chapter # 27. We were honoured to have the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons demonstrate the Ritualistic work. The Initiation Ceremony was beautifully done. We wish to thank each Chapter for hosting the Schools and for preparing such wonderful lunches.

During the year we sent out letters to the Chapters (Thanksgiving, Christmas) as well as Welcoming and Farewell.

Additional committees were appointed: Arrangements Brother Bill Clark, PGP (24) (Chair); Sister Carol Clark, PGM (24); Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM (67) and Sister Edith Conrod, PGM (61). Review of CL&R Committee: Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM (Chair) (1 PEI); Brother Murray Gardiner PGP (10); and Sister Edith Conrod PGM (61).

Sister Edith Conrod PGM resigned from Unfinished Business in July 2015 and I appointed Sister Mary Reid PGM (25).

Sister Stella Trask PGM resigned from Unfinished Business in May 2016 and as I had received a report from Sister Mary Reid PGM Chairman, I felt no need to fill the position.

Sister Audrey Farquharson PM resigned from Courtesy in January 2016 and I appointed Sister Linda Foote PM.

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DISPENSATIONS

During the year 18 Dispensations were granted for the various reasons.

August 5th, 2015 to Arbutus Chapter # 30 to move their meeting place to Zetland Lodge in Liverpool. This dispensation will cover until their By-Laws are changed to make it permanent.

August 7th, 2015 to Armcrest Chapter # 45 to change date of meeting from September 2nd to September 9th, 2015 to allow 30 days for a Notice of Motion.

August 13th, 2015 to Armcrest Chapter # 45 to hold an Election of Officers at their September meeting and to hold Installation of Officers at their October meeting.

August 14, 2015 to Cedar-Atlantic Chapter # 3 to move their meeting from the Chapter room to the Wallace Community Center.

August 14th, 2015 to St. Mary's Chapter # 35 to change time of meeting on September 10th, 2015 from 7:30 pm to 7:00 for the visit of the DDGM..

August 17th, 2015 to Myrtle Chapter # 21 to change Stated meetings to the 3rd Saturday at 2:00 pm for the months of January and February, 2016.

September 9th, 2015 to Celtic Star # 19 to change date of meeting from October 22nd to October 29th as meeting place was booked. This was later returned as the meeting place became available.

September, 2015 to Keystone #5 to change time of October 13th meeting from 7:30 to 7:00 for the visit of the DDGM.

October 14th, 2015 to Munro # 26 to change date of meeting from October 2nd to October 14th for the visit of WGM and WGP.

October 15th, 2015 to Munro # 26 to change date of meeting from November 5th to November 12th for visit of DDGM.

November 2nd, 2015 to Armcrest # 45 to hold Election and Installation of Treasurer on meeting night of November 4th.

November 26th, 2015 to Crescent # 70 to change meeting night from December 28th to December 14th at the request of the Lodge.

December 2nd, 2015 to Evangeline Chapter # 15 to change meeting from January 2nd, 2016 at 2:00pm to January 9th, 2016 as it was too close to New Year's Day.

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January 2nd, 2016 to Pearle Chapter # 71 to change time and day from Thursday to Saturday at 2:00pm for the months of January, February and March.

February 27th, 2016 to Evening Star Chapter # 28 to change date of meeting from Thursday, March 24th, 2016 to Thursday, March 31st, 2016 at the request of the Scottish Rite.

May 2016, Keystone Chapter # 5 to change the time of meeting from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm for the purpose of Installation of Officers.

June 13, 2016, Kwebec Chapter # 27 to hold Election of Officers at stated meeting June 27th, 2016.

June, 2016 Laurel Chapter #67 to change the time of meeting from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm as chapter was holding Annual Reports, Installation of Officers and Chapter Birthday.

50, 60 and 70 year members

Throughout the year I had the pleasure, or had one of the Grand Family to act in my stead, to present 50, 60 and even a 70 year pin. They are as follows:

50 Year Members

NAME	CHAPTER
Sister Elizabeth MacGregor	Mayflower No. 2
Sister Olive Luddington	Mayflower No. 2
Brother Kenneth Luddington	Mayflower No. 2
Sister Grace Clark	Mayflower No. 2
Sister Dorothy Beals	Mayflower No. 2
Sister Evie Jean Lazenby	Cedar Atlantic No. 3
Sister Sheila Findlay	Grace No. 8
Sister Phyllis Jarvis	Evangeline No. 15
Sister Catherine Crawford	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Phyllis Roberts	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Florence MacInnis	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Rachel MacInnis	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Jessie MacKenzie	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Eileen Matheson	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Sadie Beeson	Celtic Star No. 19
Brother Gerald Gillis	Celtic Star No. 19
Sister Leone Bagnall	Crystal # 1 PEI
Sister Joan Brooks	Munro No. 26
Sister Doreen Edgar	Evening Star No. 28
Sister Elizabeth Morash	Mystic Star No. 40
Sister Julia Baker	Armcrest No. 45
Sister Isabel Leard	Montague No. 69

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Brother Robert Leard	Montague No. 69
Sister Jean Llewellyn	Montague No. 69
Sister Marion MacLeod	Montague No. 69 (Deceased)
Sister Janet Knox	Montague No. 69
Sister Almira MacLure	Montague No. 69
Sister Kaye Saunders	Montague No. 69
Sister Lillian MacDonald	Montague No. 69
Sister Barbara Miller	Montague No. 69

60 Year Members

Sister Mary Van Buskirk	Mayflower No. 2
Sister Marilyn Leaman	Mayflower No. 2
Sister Ada Turner	Queen Elizabeth No. 14
Sister Freda Ells	Queen Elizabeth No. 14
Sister Mary Matheson	Queen Elizabeth No. 14
Sister Sally Jackson	Queen Elizabeth No. 14
Sister Catherine Pettigrew	Regent No. 52
Sister Helen MacEwen	Regent No. 52
Sister Velma Snelgrove	Regent No. 52
Sister Marjorie Somers	Regent No. 52
Sister Evelyn Rudolph	Regent No. 52
Sister Edythe Woodside	Regent No. 52

70 Year Member

Sister Doris Veinot	Evangeline # 15
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Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward in other Grand Jurisdictions

Alabama	Dianne Levy (8)
California	Donna Himmelman (5)
Connecticut	Virginia Judson (1 PEI)
Delaware	Velda Forrest (71)
District of Columbia	Diann Campbell-Kinney (19)
Georgia	Leota Meisener (70)
Illinois	Edna MacVicar (14)
Louisiana	Irene Johnson (48)
Maryland	Charlotte Matheson (10)
Michigan	Howard Ford (35)
Mississippi	Margaret Muise (25)
Nebraska	William Smith (3)
New Brunswick	Barbara Paterson (55)
New Hampshire	Lillian Stuart (69)
New York	Shirley Conrad (49)
North Dakota	Minnie Roberts (26)
Ohio	Fran Harding (52)
Oregon	Rhonda Tupper (40)

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Rhode Island	Earl Chisholm (21)
Scotland	Allen Lathem (2)
South Carolina	Dale Wolfe (30)
South Dakota	Amelia Whally (35)
Tennessee	Caroline Phinney (2)
Texas	Jean Millet (15)
Vermont	Mildred Aker (67)
Washington	Joan Jackson (45)
Wisconsin	Linda McKay (61)

These were presented by myself, Brother Kirk or members of the Grand Family.

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

Alberta	Vivian Driver
Arkansas	Regina Snow
British Columbia and Yukon	Margaret Kerridge
California	Albert Turek
Delaware	Jessica Cooper
District of Columbia	Eleanor Merrick PGM
Florida	Martin T. Gulbrand
Georgia	Bonnie Mullun
Indiana	Karen Ingles
Iowa	Debra Renner
Maine	Amanda Carr
Massachusetts	Stuart Studley
Michigan	Maria Sturm
Missouri	Dale Cutbirth
Montana	Gary Pfaff
Nebraska	Tena Morgensen
New York	Janice Cooper
North Dakota	Cheryl Arndt
Oklahoma	Gayla Luna
Ontario	Kenneth Guiler
Oregon	Catherine Kent
Rhode Island	Shirley Ayers
South Dakota	Judy Evans
Washington	Sandra Ruff

We held four (4) Grand Council meetings. The first was September 19th, 2015 in Truro, NS; the second September 26th, 2015 in Bedford, NS; the third April 25th, 2016 in Bedford, NS and the last May 21st, 2016 in Montague, PEI.

Both the WGP and I were able to visit all twenty-seven (27) Chapters with two (2) changes and two (2) Special meetings.

The meetings were held:
Cedar-Atlantic # 3 Wallace

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Grace # 8 Lunenburg	September 16th, 2015
Crescent # 70 Lockport	September 28th, 2015
Arbutus # 30 Liverpool	October 3rd, 2015
Mystic Star # 40 St. Margaret's Bay	October 5th, 2015
Queen Esther # 61 Dartmouth	October 6th, 2015
St. Mary's # 35 Digby	October 8th, 2015
Elm # 48 Upper Stewiacke	October 13th, 2015
Munro # 26 North Sydney	October 14th, 2015 (Change)
Queen Elizabeth # 14 Sydney	October 15th, 2015
Myrtle # 21 Truro	October 20th, 2015
Laurel # 67 Berwick	October 21st, 2015
Pearle # 71 Caledonia	October 22, 2015
Keystone # 5 Hebron	November 10th, 2015
Scotia # 49 Musquodoboit	November 12th, 2015
Mayflower # 2 Middleton	November 17th, 2015
Evangeline # 15 Kentville	December 1st, 2015
Armcrest # 45 Halifax	December 2nd, 2015
Elmsdale # 55 Elmsdale	December 9th, 2015
Harmony # 25 Stellarton	December 10th, 2015
Kwebec # 27 Bedford	April 25th, 2016
Ceilidh # 10 New Glasgow	April 26th, 2016
Celtic Star # 19 River Denys	April 27th, 2016 (Change)
Evening Star # 28 Halifax	April 28th, 2016
Regent # 52 Central Bedeque	May 19th, 2016 (Special)
Crystal # 1PEI Charlottetown	May 20th, 2016
Montague # 69 Montague	May 21st, 2016 (Special)

Before these meetings Brother Kirk and I visited a member (sometimes 2) at their home, in a hospital or nursing home. It was an idea I had, feeling these members were left out. They are still members and I wanted them to feel involved. We gave a report at each meeting. Brother Kirk agreed and it was well received.

Special Events were:

July 9th to 11th, 2015 Grand Chapter of New Brunswick held in Fredericton, where we were introduced for the first time as WGM and WGP.

August 29th to 31st, 2015 the Grand Chapter of Ontario

October 24th, 2015 attended Montague Chapter's 50th Birthday

January 9th, 2016 attended the Philae Shrine Installation of Officers

February 5th to 6th, 2016 attended Can-Am in Farmington CT

April 9th, 2016 attended the Daughters of the Nile Installation of Officers

April 23rd, 2016 attended Elmsdale Chapter's 60th Birthday

May 7th, 2016 attended Maritime Exchange in Harvey Station, NB

May 14th, 2016 attended WGP's Homecoming in Kingston

May 21st, 2016 attended my Homecoming in Montague

June 3rd and 4th, 2016 attended Grand Lodge of NS and spoke to the members

June 11th, 2016 attended Grand Lodge of PEI and spoke to the members

June 13th, 2016 was Installing Officer for Montague Chapter

June 18th, 2016 was Installing Marshal for Crystal Chapter

June 25th, 2016 was Installing Chaplain for Regent Chapter

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On a sad note I attended funeral services for Brothers Keith Pettigrew PGP and Ralph Swinamer PGP, but was not able to attend the funeral of Brother Ken Smith PGP.

I was very honoured to receive Honourary Memberships to Mayflower Chapter, Laurel Chapter, Regent Chapter and Crystal Chapter and a Life Membership to my Chapter, Montague Chapter.

At the beginning of the year I had sent my instructions to the Grand Officers, DDGM and to the Chapters to the Jurisprudence Committee and they were approved. I was in contact with the Committee by phone and e mails and all inquiries were approved, some with changes. I want to thank the Committee for all their advice and wisdom. Thank You.

Consolidation

I want to thank Sister Irma for doing all the initial work. I was very pleased to preside over the Installation of Officers for Ceilidh Chapter # 10 and the Consolidation of Century Chapter # 10 and Westville Chapter # 24. A huge crowd filled the Chapter room.

Special Project

Brother Kirk and I thought long and hard as to what we wanted our Special Project to be. We finally decided on "The Children's Wish Foundation". The members and Chapters were more than generous with their donations. We presented a substantial check at our Informal Opening with more money coming in during the session. A Great Big Thank You to Everyone. Footnote: I presented the Children's Wish Foundation with a cheque for \$22,400.00.

Homecoming

Because of the distance between Brother Kirk and I we decided to hold two (2) Homecomings. The first was for Brother Kirk on May 7th, 2015 at the Kingston Legion. Brother Kirk had a large number of family were present, including his two Great Grandchildren, who danced for Kirk.

My Homecoming was held after our Official Visit on May 21st, 2015 at the Montague Curling Club. Both Homecomings had delicious meals and great fellowship and entertainment.

Appreciation

Brother Kirk and Sister Mary, I want to thank both of you for all the hospitality given to me over the past four (4) years. We are Brother and Sisters in the order, but now we are family. I especially want to give a big thank you to the members of Montague Chapter # 69, without your help and support I could not have done this. Also thank you to my other Island Chapters, Crystal # 1 PEI and Regent # 52, I could not have done this without your support also. To the members of Mayflower # 2 and Laurel # 67, your help and support is also appreciated. And a special thanks to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction. This is a great organization and we should work hard to keep it going.

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General Grand Chapter Committee Members

You are in the middle of your tenure and I hope so far you are enjoying your Committees. You have been great leaders and we look to you for advice.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

You all are hard acts to follow. All the advice asked for and offered has been appreciated. I hope I didn't pester you too much, although I can't say that for everyone. A special thanks for demonstrating the Initiation Degree for us at the School of Instruction. It was beautifully done.

Sister Wilma, AGM and Brother Bob, AGP.

It has been a pleasure to have you as part of our Grand Family. My hope for you is to have a great and harmonious year. You have worked long and hard to plan your year.

Grand Secretary

Sister Diane, you kept me in line as to deadlines and such, and I hope I didn't bug you too much. I wish for you good luck as you continue on as Grand Secretary.

Grand Treasurer

Sister Faye, you have kept us up to date on all finances and to you also good luck as you continue on as Grand Treasurer.

Elected Grand Officers

Sister Christine and Brother Arnold. I wish for you a great year planning for your Grand Session. May you have good health and great traveling as you continue up the Star ladder. To Sister Darlene, to you also, have a great time as you continue on your journey.

Appointed Officers

To Sister Mary, Brother Paul, Brother Ed, Sister Patricia, Sister Jessica, Sister Annie, Sister Mindy, Sister Nora and Brother Cordell. You were all carefully chosen and I am not disappointed. You all have done a wonderful job and have travelled as much as possible with us and for that I am truly grateful. I am very proud to call you my Grand Officers.

District Deputy Grand Matrons

Sisters Beth, Dorothy, Carol and Norma. You also were especially chosen and you did not disappoint me. But I knew you wouldn't. You visited the Chapters and carried out my instructions. You also I am very proud to call my Grand Family.

Grand Representatives

Brother Kirk and I thought long and hard about your appointments. You were not picked to travel to all you Grand Jurisdictions, but were picked to correspond with your reciprocals. Phone calls and e mails are ways to promote good will and Star Love.

Grand Chapter Committee Members

Thank you all for accepting your appointments. You have done a great job and have made me very proud.

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Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

You have made myself and Brother Kirk very welcome as we visited your Chapters and for that I thank you very much. For all the hospitality, fellowship and contributions to our Special Project. Fore warned. I will be back.

Grand Organist

Grand Organist, Brother Ed, Assistant Sister Connie and vocals Brother Whit. What can I say. I could sit and listen to you all day. The music was lively and the singing angelic. Thank you.

Hostess Chapters 2015-2016

Without you this Grand Chapter would not have functioned. You have worked long and hard for four years and I am truly humbled and grateful. Anything asked of you it was done.

In conclusion

To this great Organization. Thank you for having the confidence in electing me to the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Sometimes I thought I needed my head examined, but with the love and support of, firstly my Chapter, secondly, my Island Chapters and lastly the Jurisdiction I had all the love and support I needed to get through. I had good health and great traveling weather (except to CAN-AM) and did not have to postpone a meeting. I thoroughly enjoyed all the meetings I attended, and meeting so many very nice people. But that is what our Organization is about. Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. Thank you Star Love Sister Suzanne. I move the adoption of this report.

2012 - 2013

Pearle Chapter # 71	In honour of DDGM
Evangeline Chapter # 15	In honour of DDGM
Mayflower Chapter # 2	In honour of DDGM
Mary Lou Higgins	My Honour night
Anna and Charlie Carr	My Honour night
Montague Chapter # 69	My Honour night
Mary Reid	WGM & WGP Homecoming
Marylyn & Ralph Swinimer	WGM & WGP Homecoming
Ken & Betty Smith	WGM & WGP Homecoming

2013 – 2014

Jean Profitt
Anna and Charlie Carr
Ralph and Marylyn Swinimer
Ken and Betty Smith

2014 – 2015

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NAME

Jean Profitt	
Ralph and Marylyn Swinimer	
Dawn Wamboldt	In lieu of gifts to Installing Officers
Ken and Betty Smith	
Gail Cook	Honour Tea
Lillian Stuart	Honour Tea
Cora MacKay	Honour Tea
Mary Lou Higgins	Honour Tea
Zeke and Susan Eaton	Honour Tea
Ben and Grace Boyd	Honour Tea
John and Susan Lorimer	Honour Tea
Edith Conrod	Honour Tea
Jean Annear	Honour Tea
Marion Miller	Honour Tea
Mab Cole-Smith	Honour Tea
Fran Harding	Honour Tea
Fred and Peg Lipskey	Honour Tea
Montague Chapter # 69	Honour Tea
Norman and Carolyn Galley-Card	Honour Tea
Jane Wooldridge	Honour Tea
Gordon and Mary MacDonald	Honour Tea
Margaret Clarke	Honour Tea
Irma Maxwell	Honour Tea
Wilma Verge	Honour Tea
Chuck and Barbara Paterson	Honour Tea

2015 – 2016

Lord Beaverbrook Chapter #33	
Suzanne Aitken	Lieu Gifts to Installing Team
Anna and Charlie Carr	
Cedar-Atlantic Chapter # 3	Official Visit
Jean Profitt	
Grace Chapter # 8	Official Visit
Anna and Howard Ford	Memory of Mrs Edison Corkum
Crescent Chapter # 70	Official Visit

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Crescent Chapter # 70	Lieu of gifts for Installing Team
Arbutus Chapter # 30	Official Visit
Mystic Star Chapter # 40	Official Visit
Queen Esther Chapter # 61	Official Visit
Mary Smith	
Patty Whitehill	Gr. Rep of NS & PEI in California
St. Mary's Chapter # 35	Official Visit
Allen and Cheryl Denton	
Queen Elizabeth Chapter # 14	
John and Carole Newell	
Irene Johnson	
Munro Chapter #	Flower and Fruit Collection
Cora MacKay	
Rosemary Hayter	Lieu of gifts for Installing Team
Munro Chapter #	
Myrtle Chapter # 21	
Laurel Chapter # 67	
Elm Chapter # 48	
Grace and Ben Boyd	
Laurel Chapter # 67	Silver Drill
Keystone Chapter # 5	
Ward and Joyce Cunningham	Lieu of gifts for Installing Team
Scotia Chapter # 49	
Wynn Baker	
Cheryl Johnston	Lieu of gifts to WGM & WGP
Anna and Howard Ford	Memory of Keith Pettigrew
Amelia and Jack Whaley	Honour of Rhonda Fader
Evangeline Chapter # 15	
Evangeline Chapter # 15	Silver Drill
Mary Emily Bigelow	
Phyllis Jarvis	
Armcrest Chapter # 45	
Mary Smith	
Ethel Brown	
Sylvia McCleave	
Elmsdale Chapter # 55	

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Harmony Chapter # 25	
Penny Williams	
Barbara Paterson	Honour of Irma Preeper, Penny Williams
Christine McGillivray	Honour DDGM Elm and Harmony Chapters
Suzanne Aitken	Lieu of Christmas Gifts
Diane Hayman	Lieu of Christmas Gifts
Carol Nielsen	Honour Night for Gr Rep in Elmsdale
Queen Elizabeth Chapter # 14	Honour Beth Brett DDGM
Celtic Star Chapter # 10	Honour Beth Brett DDGM
Munro Chapter #	Honour Beth Brett DDGM
Arbutus Chapter # 30	Honour Darlene Amirault DDGM
Joanne Giffin	Lieu of Gift
Dawn Wamboldt	Lieu of Gift
Kathy Holmes	Lieu of Gift
Patricia Wamboldt	Lieu of Gift
Carol and John Newell	Memory of Keith Pettigrew, Ken Smith
Carol and John Newell	Memory of Marguerite Ferguson
St. Mary's Chapter # 35	Memory of Kirk and June Whitman
Maureen Roddick	Lieu of Gift
Mayflower Chapter # 2	
Cora MacKay	Memory of Ralph Swinamer
Ward and Joyce Cunningham	Memory of Keith, Ken and Ralph
Clara Nieforth	Honour Night Evening Star
Charles Teal	Profit from Pin sales
Darlene Amirault	Lieu of Gifts for Cordell and Mary
Gail Rafuse	Honour for Bob and Evening Star
Past Matrons Kwebec Chapter # 27	
Sharon Adams	Honour of Doreen, Millie, Clara, Sharon & Janet
Kwebec Chapter # 27	
Grace and Ben Boyd	Lieu of Gifts for GCCM
Adrian and Belle Pearson	Memory of Ken Smith
Maggie Burhoe	
Celtic Star Chapter # 19	
Marion Conrad	
Evening Star Chapter # 28	
Betty Ann Loughnan	Lieu of Gifts for Special Friends

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Lynda Swan WGM NB	
Howard Ford	Memory of Diane Sweet of Michigan
Anna Ford	Honour Night Gifts
Mary Crouch	
Betty Thompson	
Doris and Frank Cullen	
John and Susan Lorimer	
Jean Beckwith	
Gail and Lloyd Cook	Honour of Grand Family, GCCM, Gr Rep.
Marylyn Swinamer	Memory of Ralph Swinamer
Eleanor Decker	
John and Carole Newell	Memory of Ralph Swinamer
Carol Nielsen	
Marilyn Lisk	
Bill and Carol Clark	
Regent Chapter # 52	Official Visit
Carol Pettigrew	Lieu of Homecoming Gifts
Carol Pettigrew	Honour of Gr Officers & DDGM
Connie MacDonald	
Crystal Chapter # 1 PEI	
Past Matrons Crystal # 1 PEI	
Crystal Chapter # 1 PEI	Lieu of Gifts to Gr Rep & GCCM
Ed MacLaren	
Marion Conrad	Pins, Recycling, Wake-a-Thon
Millie Wagner	Recycling, Pop Cans, Papers
Charlie Carr	Recycling, Pop Cans, Papers
Marion Conrad	
Mary Smith	
Marion Buchan	Honour Gr Family, DDGM, GCCM
Annie and Lloyd Brown	
Irma Maxwell	
Mary Lou Higgins	
Cora MacKay	
Fran Harding	
Regent Chapter # 52	
Zeke and Susan Eaton	

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Sheila MacDonald	Memory of Effie MacDonald
Sheila MacDonald	Honour of Homecoming
Christine McGillivray	Honour of Gr Family
Barbara Bowser	
Carol Nielsen	
Adrian and Belle Pearson	
Mary and Allen Reid	
Millie Wagner	Bottles, GCCM, Lieu Gifts to Mystic Star
Munro Chapter #	Silver Drill
Celtic Star Chapter # 10	
Irma Maxwell	Honour Gr Officers & GCCM Laurel # 67
Marion Robinson	Lieu Gifts to Honoured Members
Carl and Norma Thompson	
Crescent Chapter # 70	Memory of Alfred Newell
Jean Annear	
Montague Chapter # 69	
Dorothy Powroz	Honour of Gr Family and Cards
Ceilidh Chapter #10	
Larry and Vivian Ingham	
Betty Ann Loughnan	Lieu favours PM Club District 3 & 4
Eleanor Freeman	
Armcrest Chapter # 35	Memory of Marves Mansfield
Mary MacDonald	Lieu Gifts to Installing Team
Pearle Chapter # 71	Lieu of Bar for WP
Wilma Verge	
Jane Wooldridge	
Charles Teal	Profit from Pin sales
Janice Cooper	
PAGOs	
Grand Representatives Association	
Pat Armstrong	
Velda Forrest	
Past Matrons Kwebec Chapter # 27	
Grand Family, DDGM, GCCM	
Grand Pages	
Shirley & Allan Conrod	

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Patricia Wamboldt	Lieu Gifts on Honour Night
Betty Smith	
Penny Parker	
Nora Teal	Lieu Gifts to Grand Officers
Mab Cole Smith	
Diane Hayman	In memory of Family Members & Close
Janet Johnson	Friends
Suzanne Aitken	Thank you to Lil Stuart
Joyce Cunningham	Lieu Gifts to Outgoing Officers
Stella & Murray Trask	
Lynn Thurber	
Kathy MacLean	
WGM Suzanne & WGP Kirk	In honour of Brother Howard Ford

Sister Suzanne, WGM moved the adoption of her report, which was seconded by Sister Jean Annear PM, and **Carried**

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished guests, Sisters and Brothers: Wow! It seems like just last week we were at the Old O being installed. It's hard to believe that a year has gone by. And what a fantastic year it has been. I have had a great time, and I hope that I have fulfilled my duties as Worthy Grand Patron in a satisfactory manner. We began our year in the Grand East on the morning after installation with a short school for the Grand Officers.

I attended all three Schools of Instruction. I wish to commend the Worthy Grand Matron for the manner of conducting the schools. Many of the members that were in attendance at the schools complemented us and mentioned how much more interesting and educational they had found these schools. It is for the benefit of the members, after all, that we put on these schools. The C, L & R describes the suggested method of presenting the schools. "This will be done in the style of a practice session, so there will be more time for discussion and explanations, so the members receive satisfactory answers to their questions. Time should be spent on demonstrating signs and passes. In the Initiation Ceremony, only the sections dealing with gestures need to be given and explained". By conducting the schools in this manner, the members felt more a part of the experience, rather than merely sitting on the sidelines and watching yet another demonstration of a complete initiation ceremony. Presentations and explanations of specific items, and being able to ask questions as we went along, instead of holding their questions until the end, if anyone could still remember what they wanted to ask by then, led to much better understanding and retention of the work.

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The Worthy Grand Matron and I made Official Visits to all of the chapters in our jurisdiction, and we were welcomed warmly each time. We renewed ties with old friends (and some younger ones, too), and made many new friends. You listened to my Children's Wish stories, and donated generously to our project, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You also listened me talk of dandelions and crows. I didn't know there was so much crow stuff out there. And you laughed at my Mark Twain quotes. Credit for those all goes to him, I'm not that clever. Thanks to you all for making us feel so welcome and at home. I said earlier that I would leave the hopes to Sister Suzanne, but I do have one hope to pass on, so I guess I'm not completely hopeless after all. My hope is that you all enjoyed our visits as much as we did.

Before each visit, we requested the chapters to arrange a visit with a member who was unable to attend meetings. I think that these visits were appreciated by the members we visited, and I know that Sister Suzanne and I really enjoyed them. In many cases, we would have loved to stay and visit longer, if we hadn't had a meeting to go to.

We also travelled to other jurisdictions. Following our Installation, we attended the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick in July, the Grand Chapter of Ontario in August, Can Am Weekend in Connecticut in February, in what has become something of a tradition for me, the annual Can Am snowstorm trip, and Maritime Exchange in New Brunswick in May.

In March, the Grand Officers presided at the Consolidation Ceremony for Westville Chapter and Century Chapter to become Ceilidh Chapter No. 10.

I attended the annual Communications of both the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island in June.

I had the honour of attending the installation of the Illustrious Potentate of Philae Shrine Temple in January.

I also attended the visit of the Supreme Queen of Daughters of the Nile, at Athena Temple in August 2015, as well as the Installation of the new Queen, Debbie MacKenzie, and her Officers in April 2016.

I was pleased and honoured to be able to "unofficially" visit many chapters throughout the year, to present Grand Representative Commissions, 50 and 60 year jewels, or sometimes, just to attend their meetings. I was also fortunate to be able to attend a number of chapter birthday or anniversary celebrations, and many honour teas for our Grand Officers.

One of the duties of the Worthy Grand Patron is the review and approval of changes to the By-Laws of chapters. I was pleased to be able to approve new By-Law for Celtic Star, Mayflower, and Ceilidh chapters.

On May 14, 2016, a homecoming was held in my honour at the Kingston Legion. I was overwhelmed by the number in attendance, more than 145 members, friends

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and family. I was honoured to be presented with life memberships by my two chapters, Mayflower #2 and Laurel #67, and an Honourary Membership by Evangeline #15. I don't take these honours for granted, and I thank them sincerely for these.

During our Official Visits to Prince Edward Island, I was proud to receive Honourary memberships from my "new" chapters, Regent, Crystal, and Montague. I thank you for these gifts and will support you to the best of my ability.

I also attended the Worthy Grand Matron's Homecoming in Montague, and what a party that was, complete with a fashion show of the newest styles for summer.

I had the honour to be asked to take part in the Installation of Officers at St Mary's Chapter, Evangeline Chapter and Laurel Chapter, and I was very pleased and proud to be able to do that.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons – thank you for your help and support for the past three years. Thank you for your confidence in me, and for the encouragement to put my name forward. Hopefully, I have lived up to your expectations. Particular remembrance of three special Past Grand Patrons, and friends. Brother George Crouch, who encouraged me to take this journey and was able to see me elected as Grand Sentinel, and Brothers Keith Pettigrew and Ralph Swinamer, who were my mentors in this and many other concordant bodies. We lost both of them this year, and they are sorely missed.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne, this has been a great year as we travelled throughout our jurisdiction and beyond. We have become good friends in the past four years, and Sister Mary and I are proud to have you as part of our family. I had an advantage over Sister Suzanne, because when I put my name forward, I already knew who my partner would be, should I be elected. When she was elected the year before, she had no idea who she would get stuck with. But it worked out for both of us, I think. Thank you, Suzanne.

To our Elected Grand Officers, it has been a real pleasure serving with you the past three years. I wish you all the best in the coming years as you continue your journey.

To our Appointed Grand Officers and DDGMs, thank you for accepting your offices this year, and for carrying out your duties in an exemplary manner. Thank you for your support at our visits. It was great travelling around the jurisdiction with you. Each year, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron say that theirs is the best Grand Family, and they have always been right – it was the best, up until then. But this is another year, and our Grand Family has surpassed all those previous groups. Thank you all.

To the members of this Grand Chapter, special thanks for the confidence you've shown in me by allowing me to serve as your Worth Grand Patron.

And finally, one last quote from Mark Twain:
"When in doubt - tell the truth"

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Thank you, Sisters and Brothers

Donations

Adrian & Belle Pearson
Barbara Bowser
Ben & Grace Boyd
Betty Thompson
Bill & Carol Clark
Bob & Gloria Turner
Carl & Norma Thompson
Carol Atkinson
Carol Nielsen
Carol Pettigrew
Carolyn & Norman Card
Cheryl & Allen Denton
Christine McGillivray
Cora MacKay
David & Annie Mae Waterbury
Earl & Elinor Sanford
Edith Taylor
Eleanor Freeman
Frank & Doris Cullen
Fred & Peg Lipskey
Gail & Lloyd Cook
Howard & Anna Ford
Irene Johnson
Irma Maxwell
Jean Beckwith
Jeanette Rawding
John & Carole Newell
John & Susan Lorimer
Larry & Vivian Ingham
Margaret Clarke
Marion Buchan
Marion Conrad
Mary Crouch

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Mary Lou & Ross Higgins
Mary Smith
Marylyn Swinamer
Midge Medcraft
Millie Aker
Morley & Marion Robinson
Sharon Adams
Sheila MacDonald
Wilma Verge
Zeke & Susan Eaton

CHAPTERS

Celtic Star # 10
Queen Elizabeth # 14
Evangeline # 15
Crystal # 1 PEI
Myrtle # 21
Harmony # 25
Munro # 26
Kwebec # 27
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Elm # 48
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The acceptance of the report was made by the Worthy Grand Patron, seconded by Sister Cheryl Johnston, WM of Mayflower Chapter No. 2. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

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Sister Susan Lorimer, PM for Sister Mary Reid, PGM, chair: We have perused the outstanding proceedings and found that the Chair of the Program Booklet Committee as a result of her experience presented Best Practices for this Committee. I am not sure if it is to automatically assume that future committees will be given a copy of these Practices or if a motion should be passed to accept these Best Practices and ensure that they receive a copy.

All other business conducted appears to be completed.

I wish to thank my Committee for their contribution.

Mary Reid, chair, PGM, Harmony Chapter No. 25

Marion Conrad, PGM, Mystic Star No. 40

Stella Trask, GGCCM, St. Mary's No. 35.

Sister Susan moved the adoption of this report seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM.

Sister Susan on Sister Mary's behalf moved that the Unfinished Business Committee be given a copy of the proceedings they are to review.

RATIONALE: Not all members are entitled to complimentary copies or purchase copies of the proceedings.

Sister Susan Moved the adoption of the motion seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, PGP. Motion carried.

Sister Susan: In Truro in July 2013 it was passed that the Grand Officers Guidelines be updated and made available to those who are Grand Officers and Committee Members or who may inspire to be. We felt it was time this was done.

Sisters Marion and Mary have covered the old guidelines page by page from cover to cover. We have set our version up slightly different than our processors.

We separated the guidelines into two sections: Grand Officers and Grand Chapter Committee Members, so anyone thinking of running for or accepting a grand office or a position on a committee goes to that section.

Each section starts with information that applies to all Grand Officers or Committee Members. Following this is guidelines for Elected Grand officers, then the Appointed Grand Officers. The Committees are then listed with their duties, etc as per the CL&R using the current information (I did not have my updates when this report was done last winter). Each item is reference to the CL&R and in cases where the same information applies to more than one office or committee reference is made to the original information.

When reviewing the Committees we found a number that were not referenced in the CL&R. In these cases we tried to write some information as a starting point. Those following in our footsteps will be able to embellish on this information and present motions so they will be included in future CL&Rs.

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We decided to reference our information to the current CL&R for easier reference to the motion that will be presented. We have made a copy of our version of the Grand officer Guidelines for the Web Master and suggest that this information be made available on line so members can review it and make recommendations. Anyone without a computer will have to ask for a hard copy but due to its length, it will have to be decided as to who will pay for the printing.

We are not making a motion on the Grand Officer Guidelines as there are changes being made to the CL&R, motions passed last year and this year will have to be included, and the members will have to decide if they want to include references to the CL&R (might be a good idea as not everyone owns a CL&R). When the Guidelines are completed we recommend that they be made available on our Web Site and updated as required.

The report was moved Sister Susan Lorimer PM Harmony Chapter No. 25 and seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM. On the question Brother Bill Clark, PGP spoke regarding the expense to Grand Chapter on the printing of the Guidelines. The report was **carried**.

CL&R REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM: The Review Committee was appointed by WGM Suzanne Aitken immediately following Grand Chapter 2015. The members appointed were Edith Conrod, PGM, Murray Gardiner, PGP, and Jane Wooldridge, PGM.

Our mandate was to review the current C.L. & R. in an effort to find conflicts or errors and to make this important part of our directives more user friendly, and to report to this session.

The Committee did review the C.L. & R. and have presented 8 Notices of Motion to correct errors to to make the instructions more user friendly. There is still much work to be done. We believe that the entire book should be renumbered from one to the end continuously, but did not feel we had the authority to do this. The Index needs a lot of work, but this was not done, because if the book if renumbered, it would all change again.

This Committee recommends:

That the same members be approached to serve on the Committee until the work is completed for continuity.

The Committee be given the authority to renumber the book, and update the Index.

The Committee will then prepare the necessary notices of motion to make changes to each section in the C.L. & R.

Respectfully submitted: C.L. & R. Review Committee: Edith Conrod, PGM
Murray Gardiner, PGP
Jane Wooldridge, PGM chair

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Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP.
Carried

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE on NOTICES of MOTION

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

The Jurisprudence Committee reports that motions 1 through 13 and 15 through 19 are in order.

Number 14 is a duplicate of No. 12, and number 20 will be presented as a Notice of Motion under New Business.

Respectfully submitted by Brother Murray Gardner PGP (Chair), Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM and Sister Cheryl Denton PGM.

Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM moved acceptance of this report, seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM and **carried**.

NOTICES OF MOTION 2016

1. I move: Page 54, Article 27, Book of Instruction Sub. Chapter:

Last paragraph **remove** the following words, “and **Special Presentations**”

Add “any other pictures are to be taken before or after the meeting”

Rationale : Several times during the past number of years, Chapter meetings have been interrupted and delayed while pictures are being taken. We strive to shorten our meeting and this has become a problem.

Marian E. Durling, Past Matron, Cedar Atlantic No. 3 seconded by Sister Mary Smith, PM Queen Esther Chapter No. 61. Motion defeated.

2. I move: Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters be amended as follows Article 17 page 16 b- Demits Section 1 delete the following “with the exception of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron”

Section 1 would then read- Any member of a Chapter in good standing who is not indebted to the Chapter and against whom no charges are pending, may be granted a demit upon written application therefore at any stated meeting. Sections 2 and 3 will remain as is.

Rationale: the four officers indicated in this section are discriminated against as they are the only four people in a chapter who cannot take a demit, when they are holding that office while all other members can demit whenever they chose. As well

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, if the chapter to which these four officers , votes to consolidate they are forced to join the new consolidated even if they do not want to join that chapter.

William F Clark, P.P. Ceilidh Chapter # 10 Harmony Chapter #25. Motion Withdrawn

3 _ I move: Laws & Regulations, Subordinate Chapters Article 10, Vacancies in office Section 2- Delete the current first sentence and replace with the following:

“After their installation, vacancies in the office of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron can occur for the following reasons: death, elections to another office, demit granted by the chapter, failure to fill their respective offices for six months consecutively, removal from Chapter jurisdiction when such removal prevents the performance of their official duties, or by final judgment of suspension or expulsion.”

The balance of the paragraph to remain as is.

Section 3: Delete the following from the first sentence” except Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron” the balance of the sentence and paragraph remains as is.

Rationale: The four officers indicated in this section are discriminated against as they are the only four people in a chapter who cannot take a demit when they are holding that office while all other members can demit whenever they chose. As well if the chapter(s) to which these four officers belong votes to consolidate they are forced to join the new consolidated chapter and do not have the ability not to join.

William Clark PGP, PP Harmony Chapter # 25, Ceilidh Chapter # 10.

Motion Withdrawn.

4 . I move: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, LAWS & REGULATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER, ARTICLE 2; Pg. 3 s.s.9

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 9a) hold a School of Instruction for the Grand Officers & DDGMs within 2 weeks of Installation, at which all ritual work will be exemplified by the Grand Officers.

b) hold Three Schools of Instruction at which all ritual work will be exemplified by the Grand Officers.

These Schools of Instruction to be held in 3 Central Locations in the Jurisdiction in September.

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c) the General Instructions of the WGM to be in the hands of the Worthy Matrons and Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters at least 2 weeks prior to the 1st School of Instruction.

Existing S.S. 9 to be deleted.

Rationale We all learn by example. When the Grand Officers demonstrate proficiency in their respective stations, the members will follow suit. Generally, Officers - both elected and appointed know what is expected of them, months in advance of their Installation. This level of performance, therefore is not an unreasonable expectation.

Moved by seconded by Zeke Eaton PGP Vice President Stella E Trask GGCCM President Past Grands.

An amendment was made by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM seconded by Sister Marion Miller, PGM to hold 2 Schools of Instruction rather than 3. **Carried**

Sister Wilma Verge, AGM moved that a question and answer period be held following the Schools of Instruction. Seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP. **Carried.**

The amended motion was then carried.

5. I move: Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter Article 2, page 3, #9(b), delete current paragraph and replace with: (b) hold two Schools of Instruction at which all Ritual Work will be exemplified by the Grand Officers. Question and Answer session to follow.

These Schools of Instruction to be held in accessible locations; one central to the Chapters in the Lower Mainland of Nova Scotia, and one central to the Chapters in the Upper mainland, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island.

Rationale: With the gradual reduction of the number of Chapters in this jurisdiction, two Schools are adequate, and would reduce the travel and expense for Grand Officers and Committee Members required to attend these events.

Marion Miller, PGM, Crystal Chapter No.1 **Motion Withdrawn**

6. I move: Laws and regulations of Grand Chapter Article 2- page 3- Number 9- last paragraph:

“The General Instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron to the Subordinate Chapters, shall be in the hands of each Worthy Matron and Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter at least two (2) weeks prior to the School of Instruction.”

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Change to: “The Grand Secretary shall send by e-mail, the Instructions of the new Worthy Grand Matron, within ten days of the close of the last Grand Chapter Session, to the Secretary or Contact Person in each Chapter. He/she will provide a copy to the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and Secretary, upon receipt of the Instructions from the Grand Secretary.”

Rationale: Now that the Worthy Grand Matron makes Official Visits to Chapters in August, these Chapters may not have received the Instructions of the new Worthy Grand Matron, prior to the first School of Instruction. If the Instructions were sent out soon after the beginning of the new Grand Chapter Year, these Chapters would be able to implement any changes, if necessary, prior to their Official Visits.

Moved by Diane R. Hayman PGM Grand Secretary, seconded by Margaret Clarke PGM. **Motion Carried**

7. I move: CL&R Laws & Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 3, Grand Chapter Committees and Their Duties, Finance, page 28, Item # 7 – **Delete**

Rationale: Under the present insurance policy what was formerly referenced as “Bonding” is now covered under the policy’s Crime or Fidelity coverage, “Employee and Volunteer Dishonesty...” The current coverage is broader and the term “Bonding” is now obsolete and out dated and the requirements and procedures associated with Bonding of the Officers is no longer required.

Item # 9 – Delete

Rationale: As every subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is required to obtain liability insurance under the umbrella of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Chapter names and locations are provided by the Grand Secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the necessity of providing receipt of payment no longer exists.

Change the numbering of items numbered 8, 10 and 11 to 7, 8 and 9.

Moved by Carol Nielsen, PM. Queen Esther Chapter No. 61, chair Finance, seconded by Sister Marion Miller, PGM, PM, Crystal Chapter # 1. **Motion Carried**

8. I will move: CL&R, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 12, Bonds, page 40, Article 12, Bonds - **Delete**

Rationale: Same as rationale for deletion of Item # 7, Article 3, page 28.

Change the numbering of subsequent Articles and delete Item BONDS in the index section of the CL&R

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Moved by Sister Marion Miller, PGM, PM, Crystal Chapter # 1, PEI, seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP, PP Ceilidh Chapter No. 10 and Harmony Chapter No. 25.

Motion Carried.

9. I move: CL&R, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 3, Grand Chapter Committees And Their Duties, ESTARL, page 30, second paragraph, insert after item 2, “3. The interest from Mae and Emerald Chapters donations and the Parks bequest.”

And **change** item # 3 to # 4, **delete** the period and **add**

“excluding those intended for addition to permanent and restricted funds.”

Rationale: To update and identify the funds to be held on a permanent basis from which the interest earned is to be distributed through the ESTARL Awards and to help to clarify or bring attention to the potential receipt of any future special or specific donations or bequests.

Moved by Brother William Clark, PGP, PP, Ceilidh Chapter # 10, Harmony Chapter # 25, seconded by Sister Marion Miller, PGM, PM Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI.

Motion Carried.

10. I move: Laws and regulations of Grand Chapter Article 13, Salaries, Page 40 **Delete “Salaries”**, Article name **Replace** with **“Honourariums”**.

Rationale: To be clear that the honourariums are not mistaken for employment and salaries.

Change the Item name and location from SALARIES to HONOURARIUMS in the Index section of the CL&R.

Moved by Sister Carol Nielsen, PM, Queen Esther Chapter # 61, Chair, Finance and seconded by Sister Marion Miller. PGM, PM, Crystal Chapter # 1, PEI.

An amendment was made by Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP, Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI and seconded that “Honourariums” be changed to “Honouraria”. **Amendment Carried**

The Amended Motion was Carried.

11 I move: Laws and Regulations of Subordinate chapters Article 31 A as follows:

1. **Delete** the section beginning with “This Ceremony has been made possibleetc.”

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Rationale; Not part of the consolidation ceremony

2. **Add to** paragraph listed as Instruction the following- Chapter A or B may be multiple chapters

Rationale- more than two chapters may consolidate

3. Page 32- W.G.M- **Delete** “Do you agree that Honourary and Life members of _ (A) Chapter NO_ retain this honour by this union”

Rationale: This is redundant as the CL&R Laws & Regulations of Subordinate Chapters Article 31 page 28 Section e- Meetings & Other Matters-“ All members of the newly consolidated Chapters shall continue to have the same rank and standing, such as Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Life Members and Honourary Members, as they held in their previous Chapters.”

Moved by Brother William Clark, PGP, PP Harmony Chapter #25, Ceilidh Chapter # 10 seconded by Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP, PP Mystic Star #40. **Motion Carried.**

12. I move: Article 2 page 25 Grand Council section 5 delete “assure that the appropriate annual allowance is provided to the Hostess Chapters and require reports and financial reports following each Grand Chapter session.”

The balance of the section will remain as is.

Rationale: As Grand Chapter is now responsible for the finance of the Grand Chapter session there is no requirement to send funds to Hostess Chapters.

Moved by Brother William Clark, PGP, PP Harmony Chapter # 25, Ceilidh Chapter # 10 seconded by Sister Carol Nielson, PM, Queen Esther Chapter # 61. **Motion Carried.**

13. I move: Laws and Regulations- Grand Chapter- Article 11 Expenses officers, committees and Courtesies

Section 7: delete the entire section **and replace** with the following:

Courtesies from Grand Chapter

(a)- Main Banquet- the following shall be provided with complimentary tickets:

- Grand Officers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- Grand Officers Emeritus of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward island
- Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron once in a triennium

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- General Grand Chapter Committee members from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island once in a triennium
 - The Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Masons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- (b)-Luncheons- the following shall be provided with complimentary tickets:
- Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
 - Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron once in a triennium
 - Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to one of the luncheons at Grand Chapter
 - Grand Officers Emeritus of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to one of the luncheons at Grand Chapter

This motion is to be effective for Grand Chapter Session 2017.

Rationale: As the Grand Chapter will no longer be giving money to Hostess chapters the Grand Chapter will be responsible for these courtesies.

Moved by Brother William F. Clark, PGP, PP Harmony Chapter # 25; Ceilidh Chapter # 10 and seconded by Sister Carol Nielsen, PM Queen Esther Chapter #61.

On the question: Sister Jane Wooldridge asked for a full reading of those entitled to complimentary tickets. Sister Eleanor Mitchell, PGM questioned that visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons will no longer receive Complimentary Tickets

Motion Carried.

14. Duplicate of Motion No. 12.

15. I move: Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 3, page 25, items 1 – 4 remain the same.

Number 5, at the end of paragraph ADD information from next section “Program Booklet” the beginning of the sentence which now reads “The Program Booklet Committee” be replaced with: The Standing Committee on Program Booklet, and continue as is already written.

The remainder of this section to be reorganized to list the duties of the committees with the six Standing Committees listed first, in the order they are listed in the Constitution, and the other committees listed after them in alphabetical order. (i.e. Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, Credentials and Registration, Program Booklet, Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee; then Benevolent with their

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Terms of Reference, Commissioner of Trials, ESTARL with their Terms of Reference, Grievances, Historian of the Grand Chapter, and Unfinished Business.

The index will be updated to reflect these changes.

Rationale: The whole of Section 3 deals with the membership requirements and duties of the Standing Committees and other committees. This would be much easier to follow, and find specific information if it were reorganized.

Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM.

Motion Carried.

16. I move: 1. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31, Consolidation of Chapters # 1, page 26, which now reads: consisting of three Past Grand Matrons and three Past Grand Patrons, **CHANGE TO READ:** consisting of three Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons or a combination of both,

2. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31, Procedure for Consolidation, # 2. Page 26, which now reads: notify every member of the Chapter by: 10 email whenever possible, **CHANGE TO READ:** notify every member of the Chapter by: 1) email whenever possible,

3. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31, Procedure for Consolidation, # 9c, Charter and By-Laws which now reads: photocopies shall be kept or use in the Chapter Room. **CHANGE TO READ:** photocopies shall be kept for use in the Chapter Room.

4. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, page 28: Should have a year footnote at the end of Article 31. (AM 2016)

5. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31A, A Consolidation Ceremony, page 29, third paragraph: Please note: should be printed ***Please note:** and the reference to page 2, should **read page 31.**(this page number will change again if the book is re-numbered.)

6. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31A, Consolidation Ceremony page 31: paragraph in bracket with instructions for open ceremony should be printed in **BOLD PRINT**, and should have a closing bracket.

7. Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31A, Consolidation Ceremony, page 35, should have a **year footnote** at the end of the Ceremony. (AM 2016)

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8. Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 8, Dispensations, page 11, B, Dispensations are not required: (2) To change date of meeting as per Laws and Regulations, Article 7, # 4. ADD: & # 9.

Rationale: These motions all refer to printing errors in the current C, L, and R.

Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM.

Motion Carried.

17. I move:

1. Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 2, # 5, page 3, which now reads: for a term of two years **be changed to read:** for the required term.

2. Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 2, # 8, page 3, which now reads: review her instructions for District Deputy Grand Matrons with the Jurisprudence Committee before issuing to the District Deputy Grand Matrons; **be changed to read:** Issue her instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons, as approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Rationale: # 1, some Grand Representative Commissions are for more than two years.

2, these instructions were reviewed with Jurisprudence when she was Associate Grand Matron, and are now ready to be issued.

Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM.

Motion Carried.

18. I move: Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 28, #3, page 24 which now reads: A dual member who is suspended from either chapter of which she/he is a member automatically loses membership in both chapters. This also applies to life members who may hold membership in two chapters.

BE CHANGED TO READ: A plural member who is suspended from a chapter of which she/he is a member, automatically loses membership in all chapters. This also applies to life members who may hold membership in more than one chapter.

Rationale: Article 16, page 16, has been changed to allow plural membership instead of dual Membership. The Index will have to be changed from Dual to Plural. C, L, & R Review Committee,

Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM.

Motion Carried.

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19. I move: Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 31A, Consolidation Ceremony, page 30, which now reads: G.W. Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in the Ceremony of Consolidating.....

CHANGED TO READ: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in the Opening Ceremony for the purpose of Consolidating (A)(name) Chapter No. ____ and (B)(name) Chapter No. ____, O.E.S., and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Rationale: It is for the Opening Ceremony that there are to be no interruptions.

Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM., seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM.

Motion Carried.

20. Moved to New Business.

21. I move: Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Duties of Officers, Associate Grand Matron, page 12, add new numbers 10, 11, 12 and renumber current numbers 10 to 13, to be 13 - 16.

10. In conjunction with the Associate Grand Patron, begin to choose and approach members to be the appointed Grand Officers.

11. Send letters to Subordinate Chapters, mailed in March, to be received for their April meeting, requesting the date for her Official Visit.

12. Prepare Instructions for District Deputy Grand Matrons and Instructions for Subordinate Chapters, and review with Jurisprudence Committee by June 15.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Duties of Officers, Associate Grand Patron, page 12, add new number 6 and renumber current numbers 6 to 12, to be 7 - 13.

6. Assist the Associate Grand Matron to choose and approach members to be the appointed Grand Officers.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Duties of Officers, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, page 21, add new number 9 and 10, and renumber current number 9.

9. Begin preparations for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, mentally assessing the qualifications of members for the positions she may appoint, but being aware that no Members can be approached until she has been installed as Associate Grand Matron.

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10. The Associate Grand Conductress, on election has the right to notify those Sisters ahead of her the name of one Member she wishes to have “saved” for her year.

Rationale: These duties and the time line have never been written, but passed down from one WGM to the next. This word of mouth method has gotten out of hand in recent years.

Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM.

On the question Sister Wilma Verge, AGM, made an amendment that No. 11 of Duties of the Associate Grand Matron to **add “be mailed in March”**, to be received for their April meeting. **The amendment was Carried.**

It was agreed to remove the work “mentally” from No. 9 Duties of Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. **The amended motion was Carried.**

22. I move: Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 11, Opening Ceremony, page 16, second paragraph, which now reads: Hats and gloves are not worn in the Chapter Room during meetings or open installation. **ADD Exception:** When visitors representing other fraternal organizations are in attendance, they may wear hats, gloves or wraps that are part of their official attire, others may wear them for Medical Reasons.

AND

Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 28, page 56, last paragraph, which now reads: In an open Installation non-members are escorted into the Chapter Room before the Chapter is opened for the Installation of Officers and they must be instructed to remove hats and gloves. **ADD Exception:** When visitors representing other fraternal organizations are in attendance, they may wear hats, gloves or wraps that are part of their official attire, others may wear them for Medical Reasons.

AND

Book of Instruction, Subordinate Chapters, Article 16, Introductions, page 30, middle of last paragraph, which now reads: Upon introduction or presentation the additional titles may be given by the presiding officer.

CHANGE TO Upon introduction or presentation the additional titles may be given by the Conductress.

Rationale: These changes were made by Resolution at the last General Grand Chapter Assembly, and immediately come in effect in our Grand Jurisdiction.

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Moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, and seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

The following **seventeen** Subordinate Chapter Secretaries for 2015-2016 were presented: Sister Arlene Riswold, Mayflower #2; Sister Marian Durling, Cedar Atlantic #3; Sister Brenda Clarke, Keystone #5; Sister Edna MacVicar, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Laverne Porter, Evangeline #15, Sister Ann Wight, Myrtle #21, Sister Anna Carr, Crystal #1PEI; Sister Isabelle Pearson, Harmony #25; Sister Caryl Yates, Munro #26; Sister Beverly Caulier, Kwebec #27; Sister Doreen Edgar, Evening Star #28, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Mystic Star #40; Sister Fran Harding, Regent #52; Sister Betty Thompson, Laurel #67; Sister Alena Buchanan, Montague #69; Sister Grace Boudreau, Crescent #70; and Sister Velda Forrest, Pearle #71.

Welcome to Subordinate Chapter Secretaries by Grand Secretary

Sister Diane, PGM, Grand Secretary: It is my great pleasure to once again welcome the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is always nice to see many of the folks with whom I have the pleasure to work throughout the year, at our Grand Chapter Session.

Thanks to each of you for your service to this Grand Chapter and your own Chapters. Being a Chapter Secretary is not an easy job, and anyone who has filled this station, can vouch for that. Several of you have served for MANY years, and I thank you sincerely for your long service.

“As a businessman has an office girl,
And a housewife, a deep freeze.
So a Grand Secretary has Secretaries
To do her work with ease.

From all parts of Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island too-Dark, fair, short, or tall.
Come our marvellous Subordinate Secretaries
Sure enough, **I love you all.**

The response was given by Sister Anna Carr , Secretary of Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI

Sister Anna: Sister Suzanne through you to our Grand Secretary, may I extend our thanks to her for her welcome to us, the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction. We, as Secretaries, are well aware of the challenges we each face in record keeping, correspondence, receiving all moneys belonging to our Chapter and numerous other duties expected of us. We might well imagine how those duties are compounded for a Grand Secretary and for that we are thankful. We know you have had other things to deal with this year but you have always been there for us when we telephoned or emailed with an issue requiring attention. This thank you is an insignificant word when we really do appreciate your dedication and patience.

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WGM Sister Suzanne and WGP Brother Kirk: Thank you for the honour given to me and to Crystal Chapter No. 1 for allowing me to give this response.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk; Sisters and Brothers all:

Again, I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Chapter Secretaries for their promptness in forwarding reports and other items throughout the year. Your continual support, and most of all, your friendship, is very much appreciated.

I am sorry to learn that several Secretaries are not re-offering this year, and I thank each of you for your dedication to your position- several after MANY years of service. I will miss you all, but I do look forward to working with your successors.

The 2015 proceedings were completed and distributed to the Chapters and those who are entitled to a copy, as well as Sisters and Brothers who purchase copies. Again, many thanks to Sister Mary Reid PGM, who helps me out while I am doing the proceedings; as well as Sister Irma Maxwell PGM and Brother John Lorimer, who proofread their proceedings also. Their assistance was very much appreciated.

This last Chapter year we were saddened with the deaths of four Past Grand Patrons: Brother Reverend John Patterson on May 25, 2015(whose tribute was given at Grand Chapter 2015); Brother Keith Pettigrew on November 15, 2015, Brother Kenneth Smith on December 9, 2015, and Brother Ralph Swinamer on March 26, 2016.

We were also saddened by the death of our Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus on March 6, 2016.

With sincere fraternal sympathy, I also recorded the deaths of Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, Brother Ray G. Osborne and Brother Lennart Johnson; Sister Hilda Shaffer PGM of New Brunswick and Brother Healy "Skip" Nowe PGP of Massachusetts, all Honourary members of our Grand Jurisdiction. I was saddened to also learn of the death recently of our newly appointed Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Michigan, Sister Dianne Sweet, who was the reciprocal of Brother Howard Ford.

During the last Chapter year, two Consolidation Ceremonies were held.

The first, as previously reported last year, was held on June 20, 2015 when Mayflower Chapter No. 2 and Annaval Chapter No. 31 combined, and kept the name and number of Mayflower Chapter No. 2.

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On October 17, 2015, the members of Century Chapter No. 10 and Westville Chapter No. 24, consolidated to form Ceilidh Chapter No. 10, in which I was pleased to take part, as well as become a member of this new Chapter. Both new Chapters are wished continued success. Our number of Subordinate Chapters now totals 27.

**STATISTICS: MEMBERSHIP
01 June 2013 to 31 May 2014**

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2014 – 1,621

No. of Members Initiated:	23
No. of Members Affiliated:	30
No. of Members Re-instated	2
Sub-total	55
TOTAL:	1,676
No. of Members Died	54
No. of Members Demitted	81
No. of Members Suspended	29
No. of Members Deleted due to Locate or Presumed Dead	1
Dual Membership in Consolidated Chapters	0
Sub-total	165
NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 31 MAY 2015	29
1,511o. of Chartered Chapters	
No. of Members paying full Per Capita	1,511
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation	24
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership	16

ESTARL DONATIONS 2015- 2016

Mayflower Chapter No. 2

Chapter Donation	\$50.00
Chapter In memory of Past Grand Patrons, Ralph Swinamer, Keith Pettigrew and Ken Smith	\$75.00
Chapter In memory of Sister Pauline Diadick and Brother Keith Pettigrew PGP	\$50.00
Chapter In memory of Sister Gloria MacPhee	\$25.00
In memory of Brother Ralph Swinamer from Sister Marylyn & family, & Jimmy Tarbox	\$100.00

Cedar Atlantic No. 3

Chapter In lieu of gift to Sister Annie Brown, Grand Esther	\$25.00
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter in honour of Sister Marian Durling PGM, Grand Representative of Washington	\$25.00

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Sister Marianne MacMillan, in honour of Sister Annie Brown,
Grand Electa \$10.00

Sister Marianne MacMillan, in honour of Installing Team \$20.00

Evangeline Chapter No. 15

Phyllis Jarvis \$25.00

Phyllis Jarvis in memory of Brother Keith Pettigrew PGP \$50.00

Chapter In Memory of Sisters Lynette Layton and Kathleen
Hyson PM \$100.00

Chapter in memory of Brother Ralph Swinamer PGP \$50.00

Phyllis Jarvis in memory of Brother Ralph Swinamer PGP \$25.00

Doris Veinot in memory of Brother Keith Pettigrew \$25.00

Celtic Star Chapter No. 19

Chapter Donation \$150.00

Sister Ann Ross in honour of Installing Officers \$25.00

Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI

Chapter Donation \$1000.00

Gift from Sister Frances Williams \$50.00

Chapter in honour of Regent Chapter's 60th Anniversary \$100.00

In honour of Sister Norma and Brother Carl Thompson's 50th
Anniversary \$25.00

Harmony Chapter No. 25

Chapter Donation \$ 200.00

Chapter Donation \$95.00

Bro. Adrian and Sis. Isabelle Pearson in memory of Brother Rev.
John Patterson \$10.00

Sister Agnes PM and Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald PP and \$ 100.00

Sister Chrissie MacMillan: In memory of Brother Rev John
Patterson PGP, Sisters Jessie Allen, and Heather Ferguson PM
and Shirley Walls; In honour of Brother Peter and Sister Gail
Kay's 50th Anniversary

Brother Peter PP and Sister Gail PM Kay's 00

In memory of Brother Rev. John Patterson PGP \$25.00

In memory of Brother Keith Pettigrew PGP, Sister Evelyn Blair
and Charles Wight \$ 30.00

Munro Chapter No. 26

Chapter Donation \$ 100.00

Chapter in memory of Sister Sybil Anderson PM & Brother
Chesley Carter PP \$ 100.00

Kwebec Chapter No. 27

Chapter Donation \$ 200.00

Worthy Matron's Project \$171.00

Evening Star Chapter No. 28

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Chapter Donation	\$200.00
Chapter In memory of Sister Jean Foster PM	\$25.00
 St. Mary's Chapter No. 35	
Chapter Donation	\$25.00
 Mystic Star Chapter No. 40	
Chapter Donation In memory of departed members	\$100.00
 Armcrest Chapter No. 45	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
 Elm Chapter No. 48	
Chapter Donation	\$300.00
Sister Mary Lou Higgins PGM in memory of Bro. Ralph Swinamer PGP	\$25.00
 Scotia Chapter No. 49	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
 Regent Chapter No. 52	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Worthy Matron's Project	\$239.00
Chapter Past Matrons Club	\$50.00
Chapter In Honour of Montague Chapter's 50th Anniversary	\$50.00
Sister Fran Harding donation	\$20.00
Sister Norma and Brother Carl Thompson In Honour of Montague's 50th Anniversary	\$25.00
Donation sent through Davison Funeral Home, Kensington	\$10.00
 Elmsdale Chapter No. 55	
Chapter Donation	\$400.00
Chapter In memory of Brothers Garnet Gilby and Cecil Decker PP GTE	\$40.00
Sister Barb PM and Brother Chuck Paterson PP In memory of Sister Helen PM and Brother Fred Barron PP for an award to a student studying for ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada	\$1000.00
Sister Joan Oderkirk and Brother Richard Preeper In memory of : Walter Miller and Jack Hussey	\$40.00
In memory of Brother Ken Smith PGP	\$20.00
In memory of Sister Ardith Downey's husband, Graham	\$20.00
 Queen Esther Chapter No. 61	
Chapter Donation	\$200.00
Chapter In memory of Sister Marion Tizzard's brother and Sister Tatiana Rossolino's mother	\$30.00
In memory of Ron O'Reilly, partner of Sister Corinne Neil	\$15.00
In memory of John Campbell & Ken Bowser, brothers of Sister	\$30.00

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Alberta Campbell	
Sister Carol Nielsen In memory of Brother Ralph Swinamer GGCCM	\$25.00
Brother Ken Conrod & Sister Debbie Ryan In honour of Sister Darlene Amirault	\$25.00

Laurel Chapter No. 67

Chapter In Memory of Sister Kay Hyson PM	\$50.00
In memory of Brother Clyde Illsley PP	\$50.00
In memory of Sister Jean Foster PM	\$50.00
In memory of Richard Kirk	\$25.00
in Memory of Our Veterans	\$50.00
Donation Fred Lipskey PGP	\$30.00
Chapter Donation	\$ 200.00

Montague Chapter No. 69

Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter In honour of Regent Chapter's 60th Anniversary	\$60.00

Crescent Chapter No. 70

Chapter Donation	\$50.00
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Pearle Chapter No. 71

Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter Donation	\$150.00

District ESTARL Church Services

District No. 1 (Sister Beth Brett)	\$364.00
District No.2 (Sister Christine McGillvray)	\$328.00
District No.3 (Sister Wilma Verge)	\$261.25
District No. 4 (Sister Dorothy Powroz)	\$130.00
District No. 5 (Sister Darlene Amirault)	\$180.00
District No. 6 (Sister Carol Pettigrew)	\$235.00
District No. 7 (Sister Norma Thompson)	\$439.00

Refunds of Advances for Church Service

Sister Wilma Verge	75.00
Sister Norma Thompson	\$75.00
ESTARL Church Service at Grand Chapter 2016	\$889.57

Past Grands Club

In Memory of Brother Ralph Swinamer GGCM	\$25.00
In Memory of Brothers Keith Pettigrew and Ken Smith PGPs	\$50.00
In Honour of 65th Anniversary of Bro. Reg PGP and Sis. Gladys MacRae	\$25.00
In Honour of 55th Anniversary of Sis. Marian PGM and Russell Durling	\$25.00

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In Honour of 55th Anniversary of Sis. Mary Lou PGM and Ross Higgins	\$25.00
Grand Representatives Association Donation	\$100.00

BENOVELENT DONATIONS 2015 - 2016

Keystone Chapter No. 5	\$ 50.00
Kwebec Chapter No. 27	\$ 258.85
Armcrest Chapter No. 45	\$ 50.00
Scotia Chapter No. 49	\$ 25.00
Elmsdale Chapter No. 55	\$ 173.20
Laurel Chapter No. 67	\$ 606.00
Sister Barbara and Brother Chuck Paterson	\$ 500.00
Sister Lynn Thurber	\$ 75.00
Sister Lynn Thurber In memory of Brother Darrell PP	\$ 20.00
Grand Representatives Association	\$ 100.00
Monies from Silent Auction July 2016	\$1265.00

CRAFTS and TREASURES

Proceeds Baskets at Grand Chapter 2016	\$1168.92
Proceeds Clothing Sales at Grand Chapter 2016	\$ 146.25
Laurel Chapter in lieu of donations to basket	\$ 100.00

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY (GGCCM Annie Mae Waterbury 2012-2015)

Grace Chapter No.8	\$ 373.00
St. Mary's Chapter No. 35	\$ 165.00
Pearle Chapter No. 71	\$ 150.00

SHRINE CHARITIES (GGCCM Marion Buchan 2012-2015)

Sale of Pins to members	\$2500.00
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Appreciation:

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

It is hard to believe that this is my third report as Grand Secretary, and I trust I have performed my duties to the satisfaction of all.

Sister Faye: We have completed another year working together, and I thank you again for all your help and a listening ear when needed. We work so well together that many times when I think I must give you a call, the phone rings, and it is you on

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the other end!!! I am again looking forward to working together for another year; and most of all, Thank You, for being my friend!

Sister Suzanne, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Kirk, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you both for your friendship, during this past year. It has been a joy working with you both, and I will miss the frequent calls to and from Prince Edward Island. Brother Kirk, you have assumed a Chapter Secretary's duties once again, so we will still keep in touch.

May this Three Rivers of Hope Grand Chapter Year be all you have hoped for, leaving you both with wonderful memories, and a heart full of thanks to all who helped you make many children's wishes come true!

Sister Diane moved the adoption of her report and seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter WM, Ceilidh Chapter No. 10. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Eight Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were introduced, and welcomed by the Grand Treasurer: Sister Heather Matthews, Cedar Atlantic #3; Sister Phyllis Jarvis, Evangeline #15, Sister Maureen Weeks, Crystal #1 PEI, Sister Donna Ball, Kwebec Chapter #27; Sister Norma Wall, Regent #52, Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Queen Esther #61; Brother Ron Boudreau, Crescent #70; Sister Eleanor Freeman, Pearle #71.

Welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers

Sister Faye, Grand Treasurer: It is my pleasure to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers. The Office of Treasurer is one of Trust and Responsibility, therefore you are valuable Officers in our Subordinate Chapters.

Once again we are pleased that you have accepted this opportunity and have served your Chapters so competently.

I have enjoyed my year as Grand Treasurer and meeting many of you at the Official visits.

I congratulate you on your record of service and I am very proud to welcome all of you to this Grand Chapter Session.

The response to the welcome was given by Sister Maureen Weeks, PM, Treasurer of Crystal Chapter No.1PEI.

Sister Maureen: On behalf of the Treasurers of the Subordinate Chapters, I would like to thank you, Grand Treasurer, for the gracious welcome extended to us.

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A very special thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne Aitken, for the honour given to Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI and to me in responding to this WELCOME.

We wish you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all your Grand Family a successful and memorable – THREE RIVERS OF HOPE Session.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Sister Faye: Another year has gone by as Grand Treasurer so quickly and working with Sister Diane, our Grand Secretary has gone very smoothly. We have had a good year and I have made some minor changes to the account list, charges for supplies from Grand Chapter will have a separate account so we can see the amounts including shipping and duty costs. Budgets have been set-up for 2016 and 2017 by the Finance Committee in conjunction with Sister Diane and me. The audit has been completed and you will have received Financial Reports when you registered.

The budget for this year will be presented by the Finance Committee.

In Appreciation: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for all the courtesies you have extended to me. I have enjoyed working with you and all of your Grand Family. Thanks to Grand Council and Finance Committee for their support.

Grand Treasurer Closing Comments: In closing I would like to thank the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the Privilege of serving as your Grand Treasurer for the past three years and look forward, if elected, to serving another year.

Sister Faye moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Sister Anna Ford, PM Pearle Chapter No. 71. **Report Carried.**



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Notice To Reader

Statement Of Financial Position

Statement Of Operations And Net Assets

Maynard Bent & Fagan

Chartered Professional Accountants

454 Main Street
P. O. Box 202
Kentville, N. S.
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NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by the organization's management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Grand Chapter Order Of Eastern Star Of Nova Scotia And Prince Edward Island as at December 31, 2015 and the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended. We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Maynard Bent & Fagan

Kentville, Nova Scotia
May 17, 2016

Chartered Professional Accountants

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)

<u>ASSETS</u>					
	<u>ESTARL Fund</u>	<u>Benevolent Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current Assets					
Cash			\$ 48,055	\$ 48,055	\$ 20,184
Marketable securities					20,059
Accounts receivable			617	617	653
Inventory			2,500	2,500	7,406
Accrued interest	\$ 1,122	\$ 446	2,030	3,598	2,918
	<u>1,122</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>53,202</u>	<u>54,770</u>	<u>51,220</u>
Other Assets					
Investments, GICs	53,639	57,992	90,078	201,709	206,789
Due from other funds		7,208	20,293	27,501	32,499
	<u>53,639</u>	<u>65,200</u>	<u>110,371</u>	<u>229,210</u>	<u>239,288</u>
	<u>\$ 54,761</u>	<u>\$ 65,646</u>	<u>\$ 163,573</u>	<u>\$ 283,980</u>	<u>\$ 290,508</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities					\$ 13,163
Due to general fund	\$ 27,501			\$ 27,501	32,499
	<u>27,501</u>			<u>27,501</u>	<u>45,662</u>

EQUITY

Unrestricted net assets	(4,040)		\$ 133,573	129,533	152,735
Restricted net assets	31,300	\$ 65,646	30,000	126,946	92,111
	<u>27,260</u>	<u>65,646</u>	<u>163,573</u>	<u>256,479</u>	<u>244,846</u>
	<u>\$ 54,761</u>	<u>\$ 65,646</u>	<u>\$ 163,573</u>	<u>\$ 283,980</u>	<u>\$ 290,508</u>

Approved On Behalf Of The Grand Chapter Officers:


Worthy Grand Matron


Worthy Grand Patron

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>ESTARL Fund</u>	<u>Benevolent Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Income					
Membership assessments			\$ 13,608	\$ 13,608	\$ 15,900
Registration fees			8,048	8,048	7,700
Sale of supplies			5,226	5,226	4,103
Donations	\$ 17,006	\$ 3,351	5,499	25,856	57,651
Other			8,597	8,597	25,276
Interest income	<u>1,014</u>	<u>1,234</u>	<u>2,072</u>	<u>4,320</u>	<u>3,481</u>
	<u>18,020</u>	<u>4,585</u>	<u>43,050</u>	<u>65,655</u>	<u>114,111</u>
Expenses					
Honoraria			9,300	9,300	9,300
Office expenses			9,560	9,560	8,177
Office rent			1,500	1,500	1,500
ESTARL bursaries	15,000			15,000	12,000
Benevolent grants		(250)		(250)	5,300
Church services			411	411	751
Grand officer expenses			118	118	1,274
Jewel expense			1,156	1,156	1,251
Program booklet			3,613	3,613	6,769
Hostess Chapters			2,500	2,500	2,500
Per capital to General Grand Chapter			2,088	2,088	1,873
Annual proceedings			1,297	1,297	5,000
Cost of supplies sold			4,906	4,906	2,617
Donations and gifts			610	610	650
Professional fees			1,035	1,035	
Insurance			664	664	646
Bank and visa charges			514	514	389
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>39,272</u>	<u>54,022</u>	<u>59,997</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>3,020</u>	<u>4,835</u>	<u>3,778</u>	<u>11,633</u>	<u>54,114</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	24,240	60,811	159,795	244,846	208,335
Correction to net asset accounts					(17,603)
	<u>24,240</u>	<u>60,811</u>	<u>159,795</u>	<u>244,846</u>	<u>190,732</u>
Net Assets At End Of Year	<u>\$ 27,260</u>	<u>\$ 65,646</u>	<u>\$ 163,573</u>	<u>\$ 256,479</u>	<u>\$ 244,846</u>

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The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 1:30pm.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 5, 2016

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar at 1:30 PM and the Tuesday afternoon session was called to order.

The Minutes of the Tuesday morning session were read and moved for acceptance by Sister Diane Hayman PGM, Grand Secretary, seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter WM, and **carried**.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The partial report of the Credential Committee was presented as follows:

Voting members 210
Visitors 122
Total registered 332

This report was moved for acceptance by Sister Donna White PM (69), Chair, and seconded by Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28). **Motion was carried**.

WGM: Sister Donna, would you please stay in the Chapter room for a minute.

WGM: Sister Grand Conductress, would you please escort Sister Mindy, Grand Martha, to the East.

WGM: Sister Mindy, it has been a long, long time since we had a Grand Officer pregnant, and the Grand Officers thought we would get you a little something.

Sister Mindy, Grand Martha, thanked the Grand Officers, and was escorted back to her station.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MARTHAS

The following Subordinate Chapter Marthas were introduced: Sisters Charlotte Matheson (10), Jeanette Rawding (71), and Heather Boyd (21).

WELCOME TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MARTHAS BY GRAND MARTHA, SISTER MINDY JOHNSON

Sister Mindy, Grand Martha: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

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

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As Martha, you share the story of a trustful Faith, and the hope of immortal life. I commend you on all the duties you have performed while in your station. You have been great representatives for your chapters, and I encourage you to live by Faith-one day at a time.

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, thank you for allowing me the honour of being your Grand Martha in your Grand Family; and for understanding when my family needed to come first. Thank you for your openness to have Bob attend the Schools of Instruction, banquets, and such, so that I was able to attend more.

I hope your "Three Rivers of Hope" Session is everything you had hoped it would be, and more.

Response by **Sister Jeanette Rawding**, PM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk:

On behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Marthas, we would like to thank you for having the very meaningful station of Martha as your Honour Station for this year.

We hope we have portrayed, in some small way, Martha's hope and trustful faith. The colour green of the Star Points, which symbolizes nature's life and beauty, is so very well illustrated by your "Island in the Gulf". Thank you, and we hope your "Three Rivers of Hope" Session that is all you desire it to be.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SENTINELS

The following Subordinate Chapter Sentinels were introduced: Sister Kay Dobson (69), Brothers Charles Teal (30) and Norman Card (67)

The welcome was given by Brother Arnold Dempsey, Grand Sentinel.

Brother Arnold, Grand Sentinel: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors.

As Grand Sentinel I appreciate the opportunity to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Sentinels to this "Three Rivers of Hope", Grand Chapter Session.

The badge of your office being the crossed-swords within the star, signifying protection and under your care you secure the Chapter from untimely interruptions. Essentially, being the outer guard of your Chapter, you allow no one to enter or leave the Chapter without the permission of the presiding officer.

Your Chapter duties you have fulfilled by a prompt and faithful performance of your responsibilities. Thank you for attendance at this Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Sentinels

The response was given by Brother Charles Teal PP

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Brother Charles Teal: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers All.

On behalf of the Sentinels of Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Session I thank you Brother Arnold, Grand Sentinel for your kind words and remarks.

While it is true that this office is a lonely station, we are often invited to observe the meetings through the open door. In my chapter this has its "perks" especially during the good of the order as the members make sure I receive my "goodies" such as: candy, etc.

It is gratifying at this session to be recognized and honoured and for this we thank you.

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

REMARKS FROM SISTER STELLA TRASK GGCCM ON CANCER

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

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for giving me this opportunity to speak. I would also like to thank the Sisters and Brothers for the courtesies extended to me. I am pleased to bring you greetings from Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron. I am honoured to have been chosen to work on this committee and I am representing the following jurisdictions. Nova Scotia\Prince Edward Island; Quebec; New Brunswick; and Maine.

During the last Trienium a total of \$1,035,679.00 was raised by the Subordinate Chapters and Grand Chapters under the umbrella of the General Grand Chapter. These numbers represent the dedication and support of folks just like you. The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community based organization of volunteers whose mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of those living with cancer. Their mission is achieved through research, education and patient services with a vision to create a world where no person fears cancer..

It is a well - known fact that the majority of families are affected by cancer. Not only the patient but the entire family is affected by the complications be it loss of income, transportation difficulties, cost of medications and the list goes on. Many patients are reluctant to involve family and friends as they feel it is their journey however for the well - being of the entire family it is most important to keep those loved ones part of that journey. I recently heard of a young cancer patient who tried out for the American Ninja Turtle championships during his chemotherapy treatments. The courage this person personifies indicates a winner in my eyes. It is true we cannot move mountains but we can support those needs around us. Cancer is affecting

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more and more younger folks and one of the main concerns I have heard about is lack of direction in coordinating patient services.

From the University of California it has been discovered that higher levels of vitamin D correspond to lower cancer risk. The National Cancer Institute through the Food and Drug Administration approved a new drug for the treatment of patients with urothelial carcinoma. This drug strengthens the body's immune response against cancer, the first new treatment approved for bladder cancer in two decades. Advances are being made in the treatment of many types of cancer enhancing the quality of life for the patient. I am proud to report the Princess Margaret Foundation in Toronto is one of the top five Cancer Research Centres in the world.

If you see me and you would like to support the ongoing funding I do have Daffodil pins available and I have started the production of a quilt ,tickets will be available and your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this time and Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your attention.

REMARKS FROM BROTHER FRANK CULLEN ON SHRINERS CHARITIES

Brother Frank Cullen GGCCM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honour to serve as a member of the General Grand Chapter Committee on Shriners Charities. As many of you know, I am a Shriner, and have been a supporter of the Shriners Children's Hospitals for many years. I currently serve on the Philae Temple Hospital Committee.

The past few years have been active ones for the Shriners Management, with the planning and construction of the new hospital in Montreal. The program is now complete. The new hospital is finished, on time, on budget, and was opened last summer. The capital fund raising program was successful, the old hospital has been sold, and the bills are paid.

The new hospital is a part of the new McGill Medical Center, and is attached to the new Montreal Children's Hospital. The services of each hospital are available to each other, through connecting doorways, rather than with taxis and ambulances, as was the case before. The décor in the rooms is very imaginative, with various floors decorated with scenes from different areas of Canada.

I want to share a couple of details that were of interest to me during our visit. The exercise room in the rehabilitation area does not have any machines in it. It has a half dozen computer monitors set up with Wii games. The little ones play the games, and don't realize they are exercising.

The surgery operating rooms are arranged with a small, connected sterile room. The parents of the patients going to surgery are brought in for the administration of the anesthetic, and are there during the patient's recovery from the anesthetic. This means the last thing the child sees, and the first thing they see after awakening, are their parents.

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Philae Temple assists parents of patients at the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax, as well as those going to the Montreal Hospital. Currently the transportation budget runs about \$200,000 per year. We must keep our fund raising going.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this opportunity to speak.

REMARKS FROM SISTER IRMA MAXWELL GGCCM ON SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Sister Irma Maxwell GGCCM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I feel very honoured and privileged to have been given a General Grand Chapter Committee Appointment of the Support Our First Responders Committee. This is a new committee which has been formed this triennium by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. The goal of this committee is (1) to let our First responders know we appreciate their efforts, (2) a Positive community awareness of the Order of the Eastern Star, and (3) a Potential pool of New Members who share our ideals.

Who are First responders? First Responders are a nation's first line of defenses. They accept the challenges that go along with their chosen field; performing their duties without second thought or personal regard, and serve and protect others in their time of need.

A First responder is any individual who runs toward an event rather than away.

We are emphasizing the importance of our Law Enforcement and Fire department personnel, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Hazardous Material response teams. However, many others may be considered First responders- the Red Cross, Salvation Army, St. John's Ambulance, as well as many community groups who lend aid wherever it is needed. Several donations have been sent to the Red Cross and Salvation Army in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to aid those directly affected by the Fort McMurray fires.

So, I hope our Chapters will make themselves known to the First Responders in their area, and try to lend a hand where it is needed. I am sure whatever we could do would be appreciated. The First Responders are worthy of our support. They each firmly believe in the scripture passage, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Stella Trask, President, of the Past Grands Club, recommended for Honourary Memberships, the following:
Sister Peggy South PGM and Brother Robert South PP, members of Spanish River Chapter No. 237, Little Current, Ontario; and

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Sister Pam Coombs PM and Brother John Coombs PGP, members of Grace Chapter No. 93, Thomastown, Maine

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne Aitken then moved that these four members receive Honourary Memberships in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This was seconded by Brother Bill Clark PGP, and **carried**.

Sister Peggy and Brother Robert South were then escorted to the East and presented with their certificates. Sister Peggy thanked the members of our Grand Chapter for these gifts of Honourary Memberships to her and Brother Robert, and then addressed the members.

Sister Peggy South, PGM of Ontario: It is my pleasure to join you this afternoon, and to bring greetings from your Sisters and Brothers in Ontario and Florida, as I recently became a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 in Florida.

Our Grand Chapter Session of Ontario is fast approaching, as we will meet in Toronto at the end of August. Believe me, preparations are under way, and excitement is in the air; especially for the newly elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers, as they will be introduced to the delegation, and get to model their new apparel.

In Ontario, officers are identified by the dresses for the ladies, and the vests and ties for the gentlemen.

Now – doesn't that just make me think of Jennifer!!

Jennifer's wedding was getting closer, and nothing could make the excited bride lose momentum, not even her parents' recent divorce. Jennifer's mom had found the perfect dress, and would look like a beautiful mother-of –the- bride on her daughter's big day. But, just one week later, Jennifer discovered that her father's new twenty-five year old wife, had bought the exact same dress as her mom. She asked her stepmom to return it, but the young wife refused "No way! I look amazing in this dress, and I am wearing it" she replied.

Jennifer broke the bad news to her mother, who took it surprisingly well. "Don't worry, darling. I'll just find another dress It's your special day, and this won't get in the way." A few days later they went shopping, and found another beautiful dress. When they got home, Jennifer asked, "When will you return the other dress? You don't really have another reason to wear it anytime soon." "Of course I do," came the reply. "I'm going to wear it to the rehearsal dinner the night before your wedding!"

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your hospitality and friendship. Both are greatly appreciated.

Sister Rosemary Hayter, Worthy Matron, and Brother William A. Thompson PGP, Worthy Patron of Ceilidh Chapter No. 10, then presented Honourary Memberships to Worthy Grand Matron Sister Suzanne, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk,

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for their part in the Consolidation Ceremony of their new chapter. Both recipients expressed their sincere thanks for this honour.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee for the year 2015-2016 is pleased to submit the following report. The members of this committee consist of Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM, Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, and Brother Murray Gardiner, PGP, who stayed as Chair for a second year with the resignation of Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM.

Duties of this committee may be found on page 27, Article 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

The committee was represented at the Grand Officers School of Instruction, and at all three Schools of Instruction held in September. The usual questions arise at each School of Instruction. These were answered by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, with some input from the Jurisprudence Committee. All questions that were asked generated more discussion from the members present. Many Conductresses who came specifically to see the introductions were disappointed when they were not demonstrated.

Questions involving the Constitution, Laws and Regulations were, as is required, referred to the Worthy Grand Matron, and she only refers the question to the Jurisprudence Committee when she feels she requires assistance. It is important to note that the Jurisprudence Committee does not always agree with the decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron, but that it is not the enemy, and should be called on to assist this Jurisdiction.

Notices of Motion were received on time from the Grand Secretary and each was reviewed by the committee to see if it was in order, and if it was in proper form. These Notices of Motion are reported separately on the agenda of this Grand Chapter.

We received from the Associate Grand Matron her proposed instructions for the Subordinate Chapters, and the District Deputy Grand Matrons, and these were approved with corrections.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were received and later approved. We concur with the irregularities reported by the Worthy Grand Matron, and the By-law amendments reported by the Worthy Grand Patron. We thank them for their service and the dedication they have given to this Jurisdiction and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

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GRAND CHAPTER GENERAL ACCOUNT	Budget
INCOME	2017
Per Capita Assessment	\$ 12,000.00
Sale of Supplies	\$5,000.00
Fines	\$60.00
Interest Income General	\$2,000.00
Visa Card Income	\$300.00
Ticket Sales 70 th Anniversary	\$1,500.00
Total Income General	\$ 20,860.00
EXPENSES	
Web Site Costs/Upgrades	\$500.00
Cost of Supplies	\$4,200.00
Audit	\$1,200.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$680.00
Postage	\$1,200.00
Visa Card Expense	\$80.00
Bank Charges	\$400.00
Office supplies & Sundry Expenses	\$2,500.00
Printing & Supplies	\$1,000.00
WGM -Honourarium	\$2,000.00
WGP-Honourarium	\$1,000.00
GS-Honourarium	\$4,000.00
GT-Honourarium	\$2,000.00
DDGM	\$250.00
DDGM-District Church Services	\$500.00
Office Rent	\$1,500.00
Phone & Internet	\$1,350.00
WGM &WGP Jewell	\$1,000.00
Grand Officers Badges	\$200.00
Per Capita General Grand Chapter	\$3,550.00

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Triennium Honourarium	\$50.00
70th Anniversary	\$1,500.00
Memorial Donations	\$100.00
Total Expense	\$30,760.00
Net Income General	(\$9,900.00)

Income –Expenses	
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION: Income	
Registration	\$8,500.00
Program Booklet	\$3,000.00
Main Banquet Ticket Sales	\$8,400.00
Luncheon Ticket Sales	\$2,250.00
Craft Sale	\$1,000.00
Donation	\$4,800.00
Proceedings Sales	\$900.00
Total	\$28,850.00

EXPENSES	
Program Booklet Production	\$2,000.00
Tribute to 50 + year members	\$200.00
Accommodations(M.W.G.M. & M.W.G.P.)	\$300.00
Minister & Church	\$150.00
Printing & Supplies	\$1,200.00
Proceedings	\$2,900.00
Assistant for Grand Secretary	\$300.00
Main Banquet Expenses	\$6,750.00
Luncheon Expenses	\$1,900.00
Favour for Main Banquet	\$1,695.00
Hospitality Room	\$300.00
Courtesy	\$250.00
Entertainment for Main Banquet	\$400.00
Transportation	\$200.00

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Total	\$18,545.00
Net Income for Grand Chapter Session	\$10,305.00

Income - Expenses	
ESTARL: Income	
Donations from members	\$12,000.00
Interest from JW McLellan Bursary (\$3300.00)	\$40.00
Interest from Permanent Fund (\$5000.00)	\$100.00
Interest Emerald Chapter (\$2000.00)	\$40.00
Interest Mae Chapter (\$3300.00)	\$70.00
Interest Park Donation (\$18,147.37)	\$360.00
Interest from Other Investments	\$450.00
Total Interest	\$1,060.00
Total Income ESTARL	\$13,060.00
Awards	\$13,060.00

BENEVOLENT: Income	
Interest Short Term Fund	\$65.00
Interest from Long Term Fund	\$810.00
Donations from Chapters, members & Other	\$2,500.00
Interest Benevolent (as per GL)	\$1,125.00
Interest Donation from Fred's Crew	\$250.00
Total	\$3,625.00
Benevolent Assistance	\$3,625.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

This Committee has met twice in this past year in May and again in July. I met with the Grand Treasurer in January and we met with Grand Council in April and May of this year. This Committee's primary means of communication has been through e-mail and some telephone calls as, frequently, distance has been great between us. We have attempted to adhere to the guidelines as set out in the CL&R and to stay the course, so to speak.

Considering the fact that both chapters and membership are decreasing and yet

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some costs continue to increase, this committee is recommending that the honorariums be decreased by a total of 20%, phasing this in with a 5% decrease in the year 2017 and continuing with an equal decrease in the following three years.

It was moved by Sister Carol Nielsen PM that the honorariums be decreased by a total of 20% over the next four years, beginning in 2017 with a 5% decrease and by equal amounts over the following three years. It was seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP. Motion was carried.

I would like to thank Sister Mary Reid, PGM, and Brother Danny Campbell, PGP, for the appointment to this Committee. It has been an enlightening and interesting experience. Much thanks and appreciation to Sister Marion and Brother Bill for their patience with me, and for their great knowledge, and many years of experience in the Order of the Eastern Star. Their perspective has been invaluable. Sister Marion, I wish you much satisfaction and success as you take over Chair of this Committee. Once again Sisters Diane and Faye, thank you for your service and commitment to your offices.

The adoption of the report was moved by Sister Carol Nielsen, PM.

It was seconded by Brother William Clark, PGP. **Motion was carried.**

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Brother Bill Clark PGP (Chair): Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers the following is the report of the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee.

Let me introduce the committee:

Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM-Chair of social events including all luncheons and the main banquet

Sister Carol Clark, PGM Chair of Set Up and Decorations

Sister Edith Conrod, PGM who could not be with us today due to recent knee surgery is Chair of Housing.

I am Bill Clark, PGP, over all Chairperson.

A contract has been signed with Glengarry Best Western Hotel and Conventions Centre in Truro NS for the Grand Chapter sessions for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The hotel rates for these three years are \$109.99 per night plus tax with up to 4 in a room.

The hall and three suites are complimentary. We are committed to all 107 rooms in the hotel. There is no smoking in the hotel rooms but there are smoking rooms available in the drive up motel section.

We have already met with the hotel Sales and General Manager as well as the front office manager to lay out all the activities for 2017.

I advised the General Manager that Eastern Stars tend to all want to check in at the same time. She and the Front Desk supervisor have confirmed that there will be

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sufficient check in staff available to handle the check in process at the hotel. She has also confirmed that the full restaurant will be open and fully staffed from Sunday until Thursday.

All activities will be held in the hotel. You may arrive on Sunday and park your car and not have to move it until you leave on Thursday.

The main banquet and all the luncheons including the all members, Past Grands, Grand Representatives and PAGOS will be held in the hotel.

Locations have been determined for the following:

- Registration and Credentials committee
- Courtesy committee
- Hospitality room
- Crafts and Treasures
- Benevolent
- Vendors- (a location that can be locked)
- Past Grands, Grand Representatives, PAGOS meetings
- A secure room to store the Credentials and Registration committee and Grand Secretary's documents at night.

Hotel Registration

Sister Edith Conrod will be handling all the hotel registration. All rooms will be booked through her. As mentioned previously we are committed to all 107 rooms. The hotel will not accept registrations directly from members. Registrations forms for 2017 will be available tomorrow night as well the forms will be on the Grand Chapter web page shortly. For those not wanting to divulge your credit card information on the registration form, a process is shown as to how you will be able to give your card to the hotel after we have received your registration form. We will have both the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron at our session in 2017. We recommend that you register for hotel rooms early.

A list of additional hotels and camp grounds will be provided tomorrow night and will also be available on the Grand Chapter web site.

Tickets

Tickets for all meals will be handled by Sister Margaret Clarke. This includes the main banquet, all members luncheon, Grand Representative's Luncheon and the PAGOS event which we understand will be reverting back to a breakfast meeting. Further information including the menus and costs will be provided to each group and will then be available on the Grand Chapter web site and correspondence will be sent by the Grand Secretary in a timely manner.

Grand Chapter set up and decorations

Sister Carol Clark will be responsible for the Grand Chapter set up and decorations. We have already met and discussed the set up with the hotel management. They will be providing sufficient staff to assist in the set- up of the Grand Chapter room. It will not be necessary to take down the Grand Chapter room to hold the main

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banquet. The incoming WGM will be providing names of individuals to assist with the decorations.

Sound System

The sound system will be provided by Clarity Sound Solutions Ltd.

Thank you Sister and Brothers

Brother Bill Clark PGP moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke PGM. **Motion was carried.**

REPORT OF ESTARL COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk:

We, the members of the ESTARL Committee, are pleased to present our report for the year 2015-2016. The members of the Committee are: Brothers Larry Ingham PP (10) and Joe Fiander PP (26); and Sisters Linda Foote PM (67), Pat Canning- Selig PM (71) and me, Anna Carr PM (1 PEI). I say Thank You to each of them for their assistance, suggestions and guidance during this year. I bring regrets from Brother Larry and Sister Pat.

Personally, I want to thank PGM Sister Jane Wooldridge for appointing me in 2011. It has been an interesting and worthwhile experience to serve on a committee which may very well been influential in the decisions as to whether or not, students continued in fields of study in religious ministry, leadership, education, or church music. Through the generous donations by Chapters, and indeed by the public at the District ESTARL Church Services (\$1990.25 at the services in April 2016), and the interest generated from the permanent investments, funds are available so that our Jurisdiction is able to make monetary awards on an annual basis to deserving students in these important fields of study.

The Committee corresponded by email prior to the meeting of three of us in Truro on November 13, 2015, when all applications were reviewed in detail. The funds available to us totaled \$16,000. We had 25 applications and approved 14 in the amount of \$1000 each, and 2 in the amount of \$500 each. Unfortunately, we had to deny seven because their home addresses were without the Jurisdiction; one applicant had received two previous awards; and one other because we were unanimous in believing the financial need was not there. Six students have now received the second ESTARL Award. The names of students who received ESTARL Awards are attached and will form a part of this report.

We are pleased to see the Notice of Motion #9 in which the Rationale is "to update and identify the funds to be held on a permanent basis from which the interest earned is to be distributed through the ESTARL Awards and to help to clarify or bring attention to the potential receipt of any future special or specific donations or bequests." This may be an indication that the Finance Committee has concerns about the long-term implications of not setting aside a portion of the amount available each year for Awards for those times when available funds will be so small

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as to make Awards almost insignificant. When this Committee reached the decisions in November 2015 re the Awards, an amount of \$1,000 remained in the fund. This Committee would like to recommend that that amount of \$1,000 be added to the category of "other investments" in the ESTARL account, and only interest generated from it be used for future awards.

On the Altar in every Chapter, there is the open Holy Bible which commands us in Matthew 29:19 to go out into the world and teach all nations. Few of us are able to do that, and so, it is expedient upon us, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, to assist those who can.

I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving us the opportunity to present our report, and I would move its adoption. This was seconded by Brother Joe Fiander PP, and **carried**.

It was then moved by Sister Anna Carr, Chair of the ESTARL Committee, that the money left in the ESTARL account after the awards were given, be added to the other invested ESTARL funds, and only the interest be used. This was seconded by Brother Joe Fiander.

On the question, several members spoke against the motion; the vote was then taken, and the motion was **Defeated**.

ESTARL AWARDS 2015

For the amount of \$1,000 each, the successful applicants were:

1.	Peter Anthony	AST	United	Second
2.	Taunya Jean Dawson	AST	Anglican	First
3.	Katie Flynn	AST	Anglican	First - Cedar Atlantic 3
4.	Jennifer Jordan	AST	United	First - Eve. Star 28
5.	Wm. John MacIntyre	AST	Lutheran	Second
6.	Shannon MacLean	AST	United	First- -Cedar Atlantic 3
7.	Colin Nicolle	AST	Anglican	Second
8.	Caitlin Ratcliffe	AST	Anglican	First - Eve. Star 28
9.	Stephen Baker	Acadia	Baptist	First
10.	Matthew Thomas	Acadia	Baptist	Second - Eve. Star 28
11.	Sharon White	Acadia	Baptist	Second- St. Mary's 35
12.	Dena Williams	Acadia	Baptist	First
13.	Chad Bolton	McGill	Presbyterian	Second - Crystal 1PEI
14.	Jessie Campbell	Crandall	Baptist	First - Evangeline 15

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In the amount of \$500 each the successful applicants were:

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| 1. Samuel Bado Auler | Acadia Baptist | First |
| 2. Joanne Mawhinney | Institute for Christian Studies | First |

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sister Carol Atkinson PM (21)(Chair):Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Your Grand Chapter Membership Committee has been pleased to accept new responsibilities and has continued to work for the Good of the Order.

We are Sisters Carol Atkinson (Chair), Joan Oderkirk, Marion Robinson, Michelle Boutilier, Rhonda Fader, Susan Wroe, Judy Graves, Brothers Donald Medicraft, Roy MacKinnon and we have accepted the responsibility of reminding our Sisters and Brothers that it is up to all of us to retain the members we already have by spreading fraternal love, cheer and joy where ever we travel.

This Grand Chapter has certificates available for Initiations, 100+ birthday parties and the Grand Chapter Fraternal Heritage Recognition Project which recognizes three generations of family membership. I am very pleased to announce we are making a Fraternal Heritage presentation today. Laurel Chapter #67 member, Barbara Bent, will be escorted to the East at this time.

The Rob Morris Awards Program will continue into the next Triennium and I encourage Subordinate Chapter Secretaries to keep an accurate tally and submit applications to your Grand Chapter Membership Chair for qualifying members. It is a duty of this Membership Committee to present these awards on behalf of General Grand Chapter. I have spoken with our General Grand Chapter Canadian Membership Chair, Sister Stacey Jordan-Knox and I know my successor will be delighted to work with her. At this time, it pleases me to present Sister Joan Oderkirk, Worthy Matron of Elmsdale #55 and Grand Chapter CommitteeMember on Membership as she receives a "Bar" for her Rob Morris Jewel.

Robert A. Lundy, GGCCM Chairman of Membership and PGP of Florida listed seven key elements for organizing your Chapter's membership efforts in the Spring 2016 issue of the Eastern Star Journal. There is one element that he repeated twice, because of its extreme importance. It is FUN! "If members are not having FUN, the Chapter's approach should be reconsidered." I thought about why I frequent some Chapters more than others as I do certain stores when I shop. I will pay more to shop at stores when the staff are courteous, appreciate my business and I walk away happy with my purchase. Are your members leaving your Chapter happy? If not, membership recruitment and retention will decline.

I have 10 key elements to Strengthen Our Star:

1. Be heard! We have been encouraging Chapter Officers to use microphones as many members have reported they are unable to hear what is being said and therefore, do not attend Chapter as often as they

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would like. We are delighted to report more Chapters are using microphones. Even though you don't think you need a microphone to speak, and, that you have a voice that everyone can hear, please, believe me when I say, NO, our members can't hear you. Some meeting halls have had an audio loop sound system installed and members with hearing aid devices can hear ONLY if you speak into the microphone system. I am happy to report that by attending a masonic building committee meeting for my own Chapter we were able to have this system installed. Our Masonic brothers mentioned how happy they were with the system and that it actually brought back some of their hearing impaired members to Lodge.

2. Celebrate your members! – oldest, youngest, acknowledge their achievements / milestone. Take pictures, submit to your local paper and the Eastern Star Journal. Perhaps the pending postal strike is a good thing. Cards are nice, but I have heard many times from the elderly that they would like someone to just sit with them and have a chat. They don't want gifts, just a visit. Are we that busy?
3. Make your Chapter known in your community! It is a fact that Chapters initiating many new members are working / donating / helping within their community.
4. Let there be Music! Don't have an organist? Be prepared and create a CD of your music selections that can be played on a CD player. I'm told this is done frequently in Italy!
5. Keep it safe! Steps can be very tricky for our challenged members. You do not have to be elderly or noticeably challenged. Vertigo (dizziness) affects many of us. Do not overlook safety features, such as handrails in the East.
6. Make your Chapter known to your Masonic Lodges! Exchange ideas within our Order and to any Masonic Lodges where there are shared values within the Masonic family. We cannot wait for an invitation; be proactive and ask to be invited to speak. Appoint a liaison to work with your Masonic Lodges and offer OES Welcoming Packages to their new members. Co-host an event together.
7. Share ideas! with other Chapters and Committees. I was recently presented with a New Member Guidebook given to a member when joining a Chapter in another Jurisdiction. This Guidebook is impressive and I hope it will be approved for distribution within our jurisdiction.
8. Communication is of the utmost importance to keeping our members informed and actively participating in Chapter activities. A closed-group Face Book page for OES members has been created, and I see many members following as I post events, dates, contact phone numbers and most importantly pictures of member activities and presentations during the member's special moment. It's a Kodak moment that can't be captured before or after a meeting and I hope members will be able to continue to celebrate their Chapter activities. These pictures mean a great deal to the member, the Chapter, and for submission to the Eastern Star Journal. Member feedback has been very positive.
9. Stay Involved! The biggest concern for any organization should be when their most passionate members become quiet. Make it easier for Committee members to meet! There are a number of free internet

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“meeting rooms” and since our jurisdiction covers two Provinces I would like to suggest that Grand Chapter investigate sites such as Google Hangout, Uberconference, Zoom.us to assist Chairs of GC Committees. All committee members can participate in meetings from their own home, regardless of the weather and bad roads. Our WGM/WGP could also attend GC Committee meetings with ease, as well as other invited guests.

10. Be Prepared! Know who is eligible to join and carry a petition with you. Speak positively about our beautiful order and host events for members to bring a friend.

This is my final duty as Chair of Membership for Grand Chapter. It has been a challenging and rewarding 3 year term. I would like to remind you, it is not solely the duty of this or any other Membership Committee to attract new members or to retain current ones. This is a responsibility we all share, and one I hope to continue as an active member of this Order.

I have hope for the future because of you. That many of you have travelled long distances to attend this Three Rivers of Hope, Grand Chapter session, serves to remind us all, just how important our work is. This Grand Session is surrounded by the ocean, a symbol of power, strength, life, mystery, hope and truth. A squall comes out of nowhere and our hopes and dreams crash on the rocks. Be a lighthouse, a guiding light to others. Share experiences and receive advice from one another. We have a membership voyage, and it's how we adjust our sails which decides our destination.

Sister Carol Atkinson PM moved the adoption of this report. The report was seconded by Joan Oderkirk WM, (55) **Report was carried.**

Sister Carol Atkinson then asked that Sister Barbara Bent (67) be escorted to the East to receive a Heritage Certificate. Sister Barbara thanked the members of Laurel Chapter (67) for her membership with them, and the Grand Chapter for her Heritage Certificate.

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Suzanne then presented Sister Joan Oderkirk PM with her Rob Morris Bar. Sister Joan expressed her thanks for the bar, and to Sister Peggy South PGM for being an inspiration for membership.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Sister Mary MacLennan, PM, Grand Chaplain: It has been a wonderful year as Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

One of my duties was to send condolences to any chapter in our Jurisdiction who had lost a member. It was an honour to send cards to all Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and United States, on the deaths of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and Grand Officers. It is truly amazing how many Jurisdictions lost Past Grand Matrons and Patrons; one state alone, lost three in one month. These are tragic losses for their Grand Chapters, and the Order as a whole. While we pray for these members we remember their families and all who grieve for them.

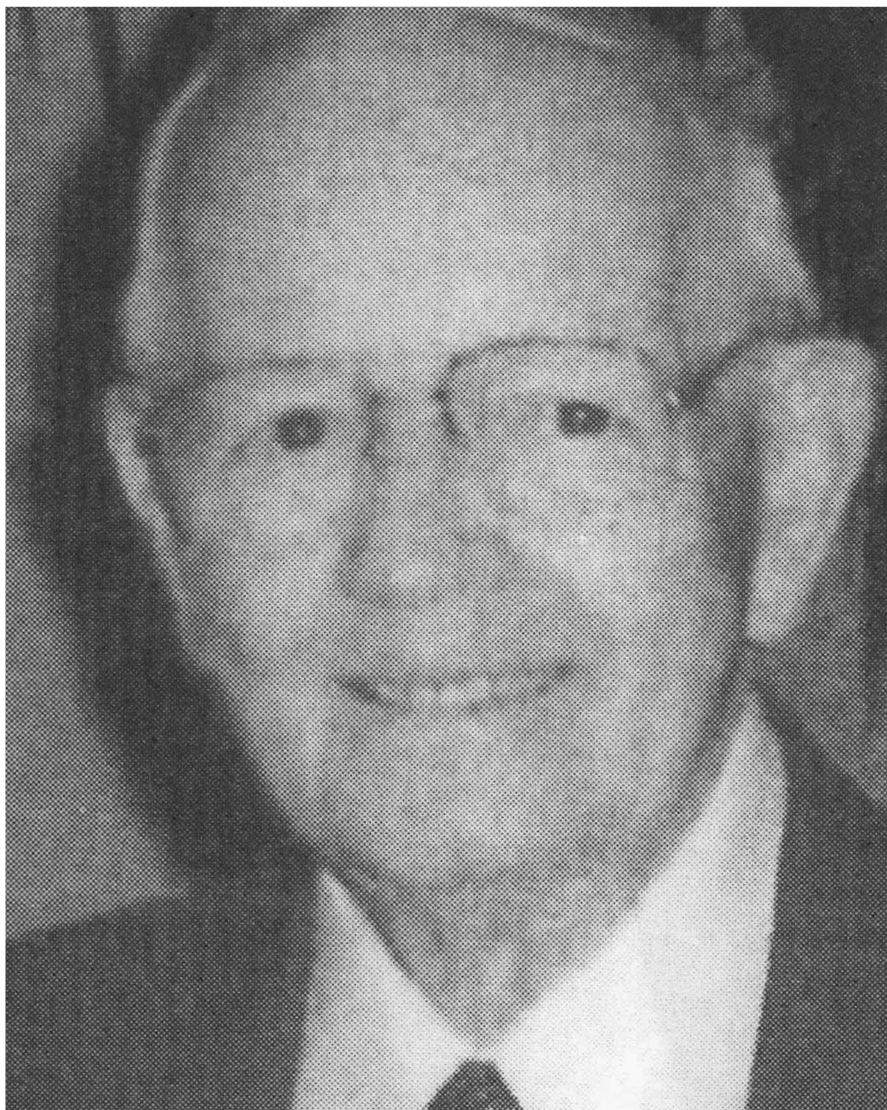
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I sent out fifty Cards of Sympathy from our Grand Chapter to chapters for our own deceased members; as well as seventy-one messages of condolences on the deaths of members in Grand Chapters in Canada and seventy-eight in the United States of America.

In Star friendship I submit this report.

The report was moved by Sister Mary MacLennan, Grand Chaplain, seconded and **Carried**.





BROTHER RAY OSBORNE
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1991 - 1994

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Brother Ray Gregg Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron 1991-1994

**Given by
Sister Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron**

Brother Ray Gregg Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, was born July 9, 1920 in Jonesboro, Tennessee, and passed away on August 18, 2015, at the grand age of 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Sister Louise, his parents, and brother, James .

He is survived by his daughter, Elly and son-in-law John B. Jr. Joplin, a niece and a nephew, one great niece and one great-great niece.

Brother Ray was a World War II Veteran having served in the U.S. Army in both North Africa and Italy; and he was a charter member of Criewood Baptist Church, serving the church actively for 61 years.

He was a member of many fraternal organizations and had achieved the 32nd Degree Free and Accepted Mason with Lodge #47; was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in all for over 50 years.

He was a 50 plus year member of Franklin Chapter 449 (50+ year member) Order of the Eastern Star, and served as Worthy Grand Patron of Tennessee from 1964-65, as well as Grand Treasurer from 1976-89.

In 1991 Brother Ray was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and in 1994, presided over the 41st Triennial Assembly, in Memphis Tennessee, with Sister Virginia Painter, Most Worthy Grand Matron at his side. Our late Brother Fred Clarke and I were pleased to serve as General Grand Chapter Committee Members on Fraternal Relations and the Rose Award, for Brother Ray and Sister Virginia.

Brother Ray earned a Bachelor's Degree from East Tennessee State University and a Master's Degree in History from Vanderbilt University; and taught American History and Government at North High School and West End High School. He also served as Assistant Principal of Central and John Overton High Schools. His last employment was as Director of Zoning and Real Property for Metro Schools, from which he retired in 1983.

Brother Ray and Sister Louise were always welcome visitors, and he was given Honourary Member in our Grand Chapter in 1993. When he first visited us in 1984 as Right Worthy Grand Trustee, I remember asking him during the New Brunswick Grand Chapter Session following ours, "Ray, how do you get the Most Worthy

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Grand Matron to come to your Grand Chapter Session?" His answer was this, "You write and invite her, Diane." And then, he made me a promise that he would be there also. Brother Ray, and Sister **Louise** were there in Westville, with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, where we celebrated his 67th birthday; and, four years later, I was privileged to be asked to serve as one of his General Grand Chapter Committee Members. How the world turns!

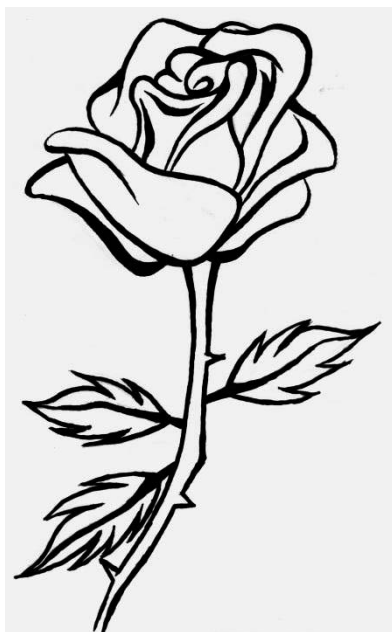
Visitation and funeral service for Brother Ray, were held at Crievewood Baptist Church on Saturday, August 22, 2015, with a Private interment at Middle Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery.

There are Stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silvery light shineth on

There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone

There are hearts full of lightness and sweetness
When no longer their life current flows

Still, their goodness lives with the living,
Like the soul of the Star and the Rose.





LENNART JOHNSON
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1997 - 2000

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Tribute to
Brother Lennart Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron
By
Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM

Brother Lennart Johnson Past Most Worthy Grand Patron passed away in Elmhurst, Illinois, on November 6, 2015 at the age of 82.

Brother Lennart was a Past Patron of Elmhurst Chapter No. 699, and served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Illinois in 1977-78. At General Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida, November 1997, he was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron for 1997-2000; and in November 2000, he assisted Sister Florence Adair Most Worthy Grand Matron preside over the forty-third Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Lennart was also a member of M.I.B Blue Lodge, Elmhurst, Illinois, as well as a member of Medinah Black Horse Troop (Shriners).

He is survived by his loving wife, Sister Lois, and family, David (Donna), Carol (Sam) Cianelli, Eric (Rosemary), and Lennart (Missy). He was a dear Grandfather of nine, and Brother of Lambert, Harold, and Lillie.

His funeral was held on November 9, 2015 at Cuneo-Columbia Funeral Home, Franklin Park, Illinois, with Internment at Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations were requested for the Shriners Hospital.

“There is a road called Remembrance
Where thoughts and wishes meet
We take that road in thought today
To the one we cannot greet”



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BROTHER KENNETH SMITH
PAST GRAND PATRON
1981 - 1982

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Tribute to
Brother Kenneth Smith Past Grand Patron
Given by
Sister Barbara Bowser, Past Grand Matron

Brother Ken was initiated in Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford on November 26, 1973. He served his Chapter as Worthy Patron eleven times. He served as Worthy Grand Patron 1981 – 1982 with the late Sister Dorothy Oliver at their “Guiding Light Session”. He served as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member in 2000 – 2003. I was fortunate to have Brother Ken as my Escort when I was a General Grand Chapter Committee Member in 1994 – 1997.

Over the years he served our Grand Chapter on many committees. I was privileged to be on more than one committee with Brother Ken. I always found him to be thorough with his work and very considerate of the other Committee Members and their thoughts. On a committee for three years in the 1990s re our Constitution, Laws and Regulations, the four of us, all Past Grands, often joked about the fact that none of us had ever been a Grand Representative. Well Brother Ken finally achieved that honour in 2012 – 2013 when he served as Grand Representative of Ohio in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Brother Ken was ever ready to serve Kwebec Chapter at all times, whether at a meeting, a fundraiser, a catering, etc.

We could always count on him to be up to date with the health situations of all members, always a visitor when any member was ill, in hospital, or any time a cheerful greeter was needed.

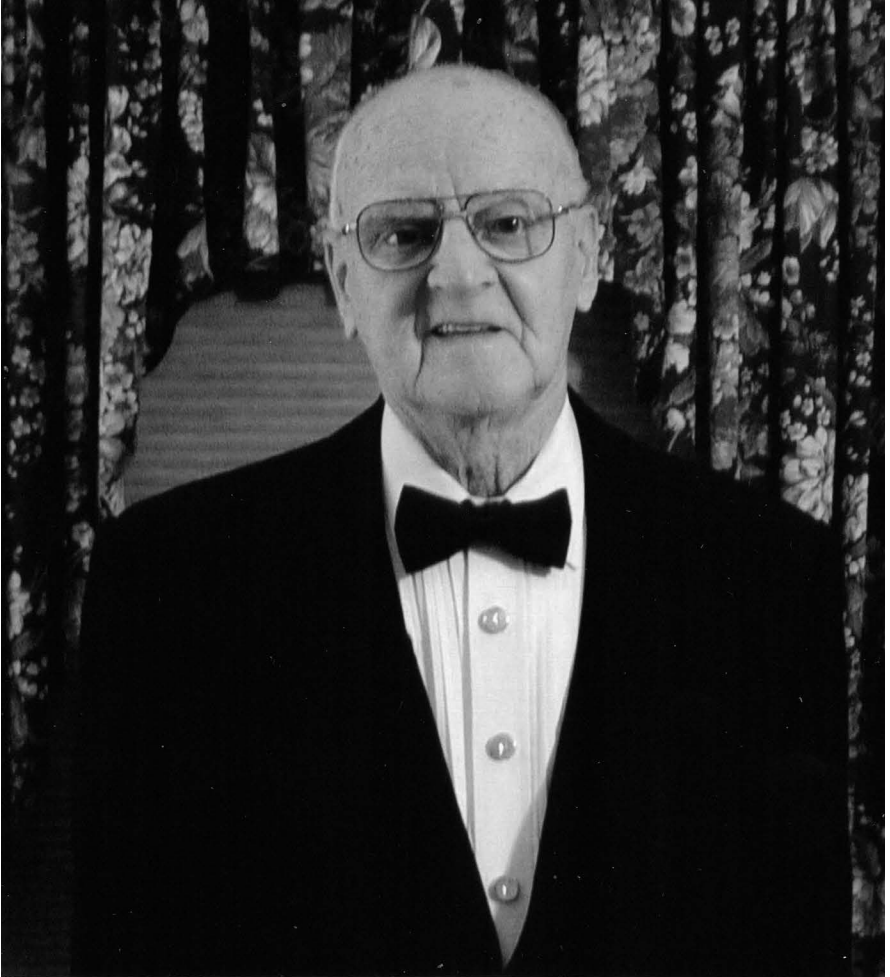
For many years we found Ken with Brother Neil Archibald PGP. Both always ready to torment, especially trying to mess up the hair of our sisters. Many times I was able to travel to chapter meetings with Brother Ken, Sister Betty, Brother Neil, and Sister Dorothy. It was always a privilege to be in their company.

I am sure that both Brothers are watching down on us today, making sure that we are doing what is right for our chapters.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Ken’s wife, Sister Betty, son Joe and wife Janet and their family, daughter Sister Kim, her husband Brother Doug and their family, including Sister Krista.

Brother Ken is missed by many, but we know he is a guiding light in Heaven, always caring for everyone.





BROTHER KEITH PETTIGREW
PAST GRAND PATRON
1985 - 1986

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Tribute to
Brother Keith Pettigrew, Past Grand Patron
Given by
Sister Eleanor Freeman, Past Grand Matron

Today, as we pause in quiet remembrance, it is with much sadness and a feeling of deep personal loss that I pay tribute to my friend and Worthy Grand Patron, Keith Basil Pettigrew.

*“After the darkness, the sunlight comes through
After the shower, the rainbow’s in view.
After life’s heartache, there comes from above
The peace and assurance of God’s healing love.”*

Brother Keith, the eldest son of Basil and Ruby (Graham) Pettigrew, was born on July 26, 1928 in Newville, Cumberland County and passed away on November 15, 2016.

In the midst of the sadness of this moment I cannot help but recall how much Keith enjoyed bragging about his Cumberland County roots, must to the delight of the Cumberland County Chapters during our Official Visits.

Keith was a dedicated member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star. To him the teachings of the Ritual were not mere words, but were principles he exemplified in his daily life.

He was an active member of Masonic Lodge No. 58, Kentville, a member of Philae Temple, Halifax, and a Scottish Rite Mason.

He was a Life Member of Evangeline Chapter No. 15, Kentville, and an Honourary Member of Mayflower Chapter No. 2, Sunrise Chapter No. 50, Laurel Chapter No. 67 and my Chapter, Pearle Chapter No. 71.

In this Grand Chapter Keith proudly served as Grand Representative of Florida, Grand Chapter Committee Members, and General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Scottish Rite Charities 2012 – 2015.

Our Eastern Star journey together began in 1984 when Keith was elected Associate Grand Patron. In July 1985 following our installation as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we began our travels on the “rainbow trail”.

In spite of the many commitments to his business, PMed Supplies Ltd., Keith accompanied me to 57 of our 61 Official Visits, Grand Chapter Sessions in New Brunswick, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly in Seattle, Washington, as well as special events throughout the year.

In July 1986 our “rainbow” travels brought us to Bridgewater, Nova Scotia for our “Covenant of Joy” Grand Chapter Session. When attendance at this Grand Chapter

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Session exceeded one thousand for only the second time in this history of this Grand Chapter, Keith and I felt we had indeed found our “pot of gold” at the end of the rainbow.

Through the years I have come to appreciate the close bonds that exist between those who share the many tasks and privileges of the leadership of our Grand Chapter and the many special qualities my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Keith, possessed in the many and varied aspects of his personality.

My life has indeed been enriched by the close friendship Brother Keith and I shared, and I shall treasure always the precious memories of that friendship.

***“Some times the heart cannot give forth
All that it fain would say.
Words seem but empty things,
Like mists that fade away.
And so today my heart is full
Of things I cannot say.”***

Deepest heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife, Sister Carol, all family members, and the Sisters and Brothers of Evangeline Chapter No. 15, Kentville.





RALPH KEDDY SWINAMER
GGCCM SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES 2015 - 2016
PAST GRAND PATRON 2012 - 2013

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Tribute to
Brother Ralph Keddy Swinamer, Past Grand Patron 2012 – 2013
By
Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Past Grand Matron

Brother Ralph was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Mayflower Chapter #2 on November 9, 1982. Between then and 2016 he was a dedicated and faithful member of our Order, serving in many offices, including among others, Grand Chaplain, several Grand Chapter committees, Grand Representative, my Worthy Grand Patron and at the time of his passing General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Scottish Rite Charities. He was also a Past Master of Argus Lodge #133, AF&AM, Kingston.

Ralph always spoke fondly, and occasionally a bit lengthy, of his service of 37 years in the Royal Canadian and Canadian Air Force, from which he retired as Flight Engineer. It was clear from his stories that he greatly enjoyed, not only his time in the Air Force, but his bantering with friends who had served in other branches of the Military. He was also a Life Member and Past President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Kingston Branch.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Marylyn, PGM, his children Meta Anne, Donna and Terry and his grandchildren and great grandchildren. To our Country Friendship Grand Family, think of him often, and picture him smiling in his Air Force Tartan vest and tie.

Four years ago most of these facts about Ralph were unknown to me— actually, apart from knowing him as a PGM husband, I barely knew who Ralph Swinamer was. Then one hot day in July on the last day of Grand Chapter he came into my life, suddenly and unexpectedly, floating gently down as though he was in one of his beloved airplanes.

And my thoughts were -- who is this man with whom I will be sharing my next three Eastern Star years. I don't even know him – how will we ever get along. However, these feelings didn't last long, for at the end of the day he gave me a big hug and said – Don't worry dear, everything will be fine. And you know what, it was!

We laughed together, talked, planned, talked and planned, laughed some more and finally got our year together – without one disagreement or argument. He was gentle and kind and his vast knowledge of Eastern Star kept me on track. And bless his heart, he always let me have my own way.

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However, because absolutely no-one is perfect, he did have one on-going, all-year complaint with me, and that was when I wore high heels, and he would accuse me of wearing them so he would have to look up to me!

The very last time we spoke when Ralph was in hospital, he warned me about having to give this tribute for him at Grand Chapter. My response was "Oh Ralph" -- and he said, quite sternly, "Come on now, you do a good job and be sure to put some humour in it." Not an easy job, Ralph, but I did my best. You will be missed by all but I especially, am missing your frequent cheerful calls. You were a good friend and the very best Worthy Grand Patron that could have been given me.

Rest in peace, my friend, fly high and keep telling your airplane stories to all the angels you hang out with. See ya later.



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The Altar was then draped in loving memory of many departed members by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

A memorial tribute was then given for Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.





CECIL ELVIN DECKER
GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS 2003 - 2016
GRAND TREASURER, 1992 - 2003

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Tribute to
Brother Cecil Elvin Decker
Grand Treasurer Emeritus, 2003 – 2016
Grand Treasurer, 1992 - 2003
By
Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary Emeritus

Today we pause to pay tribute to Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Brother Cecil passed away peacefully on March 5, 2016 in Halifax, Nova Scotia at the age of 92 with his wife, Sister Eleanor, at his side.

Just one year after Brother Cecil began his Masonic journey, being raised in C.W. Saunder's Lodge, No. 215 in Elmsdale in 1957, he embarked on his Eastern Star travels, becoming a member of Elmsdale Chapter, No. 55 in Elmsdale on February 12, 1968. There he remained a dedicated member and served as Worthy Patron for three years and held the offices of Chaplain, Treasurer, and Warder for a number of years.

He served Grand Chapter on the Committees of Finance and ESTARL, and was appointed the Grand Representative of Idaho in 1991 – 1992. In July, 1992, Brother Cecil was elected Grand Treasurer, a position he held for 10 years and was instrumental in bringing Grand Chapter into the computer age. In 2003, the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus was bestowed on him and he was able to enjoy this honour until his passing in 2016.

Besides his active service in both his Blue Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star, he became a member of all concordant bodies in the Masonic fraternity. In each of these he held the highest offices. He was a true ritualist and was proud of his memory work in all offices he held over his 59 years in masonry.

Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife, Sister Eleanor, his brother Henry and other members of his family and to the members of Elmsdale Chapter, No. 55.

*He was a friend whose heart was good,
He walked with us and understood.
He was a smile we loved to see,
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done.
And now that he has journeyed on,
His is a life that never ends –
He leaves behind uncounted friends.*

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honour of paying tribute to my dear friend, Brother Cecil Elvin Decker.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Grand Choir sang, "In the Garden".

Grand Chaplain Sister Mary MacLennan: My Sisters and Brothers, we have gathered here to honour our loved ones who have gone before us. The theme of our Memorial Service is "Eternal Light" and it is dedicated to those who mourn a departed one, in the hope that it may lighten the burden that sometimes must befall all of us, and cause the sunlight of HOPE to shine through the dark clouds of sorrow.

If life is sacred, it should not be allowed to perish. True, the body will return to the dust from whence it came, but the remembrance of the life should continue. We are not gone until we are forgotten.

We have found this scripture a comfort and a promise of reunion with our loved ones. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live: and who so ever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am ye may also be. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

This afternoon we pay tribute in this simple service to those loved ones who have answered the last call. We light the rays to signify the light that shines in our memories of these, our Sisters and Brothers, who are no longer with us.

The Grand Secretary read the scroll of all departed members in our Grand Jurisdiction, and beams from the lighthouse were added as each name was called.

The Grand Marshal placed the scroll on the Altar.



Grand Chaplain: At home in God's beautiful garden, in the valley of rest so fair, someday, some time, when our task is done, with joy we shall meet them there.

We light these rays in memory of our loved ones who have passed on:
There is no time we could set for parting
We who must remain
Are never ready for such pain
Even our prayer would be. NOT YET! NOT YET! Dear God another day
With us let our beloved stay
We must believe when falls the blow,
That wisely God has willed it so.
Therefore lift your heart to the heavens
There is a loving and King Father there

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Who offers release and comfort and peace,
In the silent communication of prayer.

Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, may the light of Thy love shine upon the hearts of all those who are saddened by the loss of a loved one, and bring peace and contentment to them. We pray Thee to bless our great Order and give us the strength to carry out our obligations. Bless this service and bless each person present and each home that is represented. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ who dies on the cross that we might walk in the eternal light. Amen.

En Voyage

There is a ship sailing on to a harbour,
To a haven on comfort and rest:
It's a ship of God's fashion and making,
And its voyage by Him will be blest.
It departed with silence and beauty
With the Master, Himself, in command;
As with dignity truly majestic it sailed out of sight of all land ...
You have watched it sail onward and outward,
With a tear of regret in your eye,
For a loved one was sailing upon it,
And there's grief when you're saying goodbye.

But your tears would be tears of rejoicing
And your heart would be happy and free,
If you could look for only a moment
On that ship that is sailing to sea.
For the one you have loved is at leisure,
With no worry, or trouble, or care;
There's a contentment beyond understanding,
In the way God's passengers fare.

And you'd know from your own observation
That the sailing was joyful - - not grim.
For it means a new life and new living,
And as sweet, closer contact with Him.
Oh, the solace there is in the knowledge,
Life is Life and it always will be,
And it's simply a change of direction,
When we sail on His ship out to sea.





DEATHS
July 7, 2015 – July 5, 2016

MAYFLOWER #2
Sis Gloria MacPhee
Sis Pauline Diadick
Bro Ralph Swinamer, PGP

CEDAR ATLANTIC #3
Sis. Evenly Blair PM
Sis. Alice Hudson PM

GRACE #8
Bro Glynne Lloyd, PP
Bro Harald Weiland

CEILIDH #10
Sis Muriel MacLean PM
Sis Margaret Fraser
Bro Alden Beck

QUEEN ELIZABETH #14
Sis Marguerite Fergusson PM
Sis Isabel MacInnis

EVANGELINE #15
Sis Lynette Layton
Sis Kathleen Hyson PM
Bro Keith Pettigrew PGP
Bro William Sullivan PP

CELTIC STAR #19
Bro Donald MacDonald
Bro Atheling Elms
Sis Isabel MacAulay PM

MYRTLE #21
Sis Dorothy Weatherbee PM
Sis Jean O'Hara
Sis Reba Jenkins

CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)
Bro Donald Judson PP
Sis Irene Dover
Bro John (Jack) Smallwood
Sis Patricia Watts
Sis Eunice Wanacott

HARMONY #25
Sis Jessie Allen
Sis Heather Ferguson PM
Sis Marian Meikle

MUNRO #26
Sis Vida Stevenson PM
Sis Flora MacDonald
Bro Chesley Carter
Sis Sybil Anderson PM

KWEBEC #27
Bro Kenneth Smith PGP

EVENING STAR #28
Bro Cecil Decker PP, GTE
Sis Jean Foster PM
Sis Pearl Lockhead

ARBUTUS #30
Sis Agnes Manthorne
Sis Sylvia Legge

ST. MARY=S #35
Bro. Kirk Whitman PP
Bro Leroy Brooks PP
Sis June Whitman PM

MYSTIC STAR #40
Bro Glynne Lloyd PP

ARMCREST #45
Sis. Marves Mansfield PM
Bro Ronald Powell PP

ELM #48
Sis Grace Campbell
Sis Irene Scott PM

SCOTIA #49
Sis Vilda Nieforth
Sis Irene Baker PM

ELMSDALE #55
Bro. Walter Tingley PP
Bro Cecil Decker PP, GTE

QUEEN ESTHER #61
Sis June Kathleen Butters

LAUREL #67
Bro Clyde Illsley PP
Sis Kathleen Hyson PM
Sis Jean Foster PM

MONTAGUE #69
Sis Marion MacLeod PM

CRESCENT #70
Bro Alfred Newell PP

PEARLE #71
Sis Ernestine Boutlier



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The Grand Conductress then attended at the Altar, and the Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from labour to rest, to reconvene at 9 AM on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

9:00 AM Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Stella Trask GGCCM and Brother Zeke Eaton PGP.

Sister Stella Trask GGCCM: It is indeed an honour and a privilege to have been invited by the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne Aitken, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk MacLennan, to open this final day of deliberations of this “Three Rivers of Hope” Session. It is an added honour to share the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Zeke Eaton. It has been five years since our “Romancing the Sea” session was held in Digby. My, how time flies when you are having fun. It is an added pleasure for me to attend this Grand Chapter on Anne’s Island where I can renew many treasured friendships and make some new ones. For me, the experience of attending Grand Chapter keeps alive the great spirit of love that our Order teaches and instils, the importance of upholding the significant principles of our beautiful Order. This morning a new slate of officers will be elected to lead us into the future and we extend to them our very best wishes. They will determine the path to be taken by this Grand Jurisdiction, to continue and expand the good works that we are dedicated to promote.

Brother Zeke, this is your opportunity to share with us your words of wisdom, or perhaps words of inspiration, may be humour or even a little on the serious side. We look forward to hearing from you.

Brother Zeke Eaton PGP: It is both an honour and a pleasure to assist in opening this Wednesday morning session of our Grand Chapter. I am delighted to accompany my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Stella, to welcome everyone here today.

This is one of the most important sessions in a Grand Chapter’s annual meeting --- it is election time. Shortly we will be electing people to serve us over the next several years. Their zeal and dedication to our Order is essential to its prosperity, but equally well. They will need the support and assistance of all of us.

Again, Welcome everyone, and thank you for this honour. Enjoy your day.

Sister Stella GGCCM: I now call this Wednesday morning session of “Three Rivers of Hope” to order.

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The Grand Marshal was instructed to invite the Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter Room. The Grand Conductresses presented Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

Sister Stella GGCCM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Kirk: Welcome to your final day of your Three Rivers of Hope Session. Thank you both for the honour you have given to Brother Zeke and me. Your year has passed quickly and you have served our Jurisdiction well. Both of you have gone beyond the call of duty, sharing your compassion and love for your Sisters and Brothers. Sister Suzanne, we first became friends in 2004 when we both served as District Deputy Grand Matrons during the Golden Harvest Session. Since then you have made your way serving our beautiful Order to where you stand today. I am very proud of you and pleased to call you my friend.

Brother Kirk we became friends through your many visits to St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby. You were always willing to fulfill any station, always with a smile and a word of encouragement. You were always willing to listen to others concerns and you were probably not aware how spirits were lifted by your presence. Don't forget to come back and visit us often. This evening you will be joining the ranks of the Past Grands. There is an initiation ceremony you know, but we are confident you will successfully qualify. May God's richest blessing be with you both now and always.

Brother Zeke PGP: Sister Suzanne, WGM and Brother Kirk, WGP, Thank you both for affording me the opportunity to again share the Grand East with Sister Stella, MY OWN Worthy Grand Matron. As we open this final day of your Grand Chapter session, let us all reflect on a year which was a credit to our Order. Well done, both of you!

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were then escorted to the East, and extended Grand Honours.

Grand Organist, Brother Ed MacLaren, then sang "The Rose" to them.

Sister Stella GGCCM: Sister Suzanne, WGM. It is with a great deal of pride that I present to you your gavel with the blessings of all those gathered here today.

Sister Suzanne WGM: Sister Stella I am so pleased you accepted to open our morning Session. We served as DDGMs for Sister Inez and Brother Allen and through my travels got to know you better. Brother Zeke, you have visited and filled in offices in Montague a lot of years and also you made my Broken Column at Martha's Station. Thank you. Your hope is: There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect something for nothing – but we all do and call it Hope.

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Brother Kirk WGP: I also wish to thank you for participating in opening the session today.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from rest to labour.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
(not previously introduced)

Brother Bill Smith, Grand Representative of Nebraska in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented at the Altar, escorted to the east, and accorded Grand Honours.

The minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session were read, moved for acceptance, seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, WM (#10), **and carried.**

**PARTIAL REPORT OF
CREDENTIAL & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Sister Donna White, Chair gave the following report.

Voting from our Grand Jurisdiction –	217
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions –	120
Total Attendance to date	337

Sister Donna White moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Sister Doreen Edgar. Motion Carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers, and appointed the tellers.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Group A Brother Frank Cullen PGP (10)
Chairman: Group B Brother John Newell PGP (14)

Group A	Group B
Brother Carl Thompson PP (52)	Brother Phillip Roode PM (10)
Sister Mildred Wagner (40)	Brother Charles Graves PP (#1 PEI)
Sister Mary Crouch (67)	Sister Alena Buchanan PM (69)
Sister Carol Atkinson PM (21)	Sister Millie Aker (67)
Sister Anna Carr PM (1 PEI)	Sister Helen Szucs PM (49)

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

The following were elected by acclamation:

Worthy Grand Matron – Sister Wilma Verge (28)

Worthy Grand Patron – Brother Robert turner (30)

Associate Grand Matron – Sister Christine McGilivray (21)

Associate Grand patron – Brother Arnold Dempsey (67)

Grand Secretary – Sister Diane Hayman (24)

Grand Treasurer – Sister Faye Calder (67)

Grand Conductress – Sister Darlene Amirault (49)

The following were nominated for the position of Associate Grand Conductress:

Sister Beth Brett PM (19)

Sister Helen Nicholson PM (1PEI)

Brother Kenneth Conrod (61) was elected Grand Sentinel by acclamation.

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE REPORT JULY 2016

I would like to begin by introducing the Benevolent Committee, Barbara Bowser, PGM, Marion Buchan, PGM, and myself Margaret Clarke, PGM

This is the report of your Benevolent Committee: A letter was sent to each chapter in November 2015, expressing our thanks and requesting your continued support.

We would like to say a sincere “Thank-you” to those chapters and individuals who have contributed to the Benevolent Committee this year. As the silent auction was successful, we are holding it again this year – at your request.

We were pleased to provide assistance to requests received. We remind the membership to let us know of any need where we can be of help to our Sisters and Brothers.

The financial statement will be found in the Treasurer’s Report. We would like to express our “Thanks” to the Grand Treasurer, Sister Faye Calder for her prompt assistance.

Wishing the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne Aitken and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk MacLennan a successful “Three Rivers of Hope” Grand Chapter.

The report was moved by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, (Chair) and seconded by Sister Barbara B. Bowser, PGM. Motion was carried.

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Sister Margaret announced that \$1,400 + was raised from this year's silent auction and the membership agreed to do an auction again in 2017.

Sister Margaret reminded all that the success of these auctions depended on the involvement of the members in donating and bidding.

LIBRARIAN REPORT

I wish to submit the following report: During the year, 2015 – 2016, I received three requests for addendas or other programs, and as has been the custom, I forwarded them by mail or in person.

I had computer problems during the year, so I wish to apologize if I was late getting back to anyone with a request.

I may not always be able to provide the exact theme you would like, but I will forward something appropriate to the group or Officer being honoured.

Thanks to the two members who donated new material for the Library. These additions are much appreciated.

As I ask each year, when requiring material, please tell me the date needed, name, and mailing address, if necessary for sending.

If you telephone, please leave your name and phone number, so I may return your call. I may be reached at 902-396-5421 or email at grandchapterlibrarian@gmail.com.

Thank you Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk for asking me to serve again this past year as Grand Chapter Librarian. I wish for you both great memories, good health, and lots of happiness in the years ahead.

Sister Janet Johnson PM moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, WM (#10). Report carried.

WEB MASTER REPORT

In order to gain further insight as to the use of the website, Weebly provides tracking capabilities for the number of times the site is visited over a thirty day period. From May 1 to May 30 this year there were 1,422 contacts. If that can be accepted as an average we have potentially over 17, 000 viewers in the course of one year.

It's also of interest that General Grand Chapter's website carried a link to almost all

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Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, of which we are included. Our neighbouring Grand Chapter of New Brunswick has also taken our Grand Chapter forms for meals, accommodation and tentative program as part of their website.

There has been some discussion about having a “Members Only” capability and the pros and cons of that addition are being evaluated.

Hopefully the next and subsequent websites will further expand our capability to include upcoming events of the Chapters and a photo gallery.

Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP Laurel #67 moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Sister Faye Calder, PM Laurel #67. Report Carried.

During the presentation of the Web Master Report the Tellers announced that **Sister Helen Nicholson PM Crystal No. 1 PEI was elected Associate Grand Conductress with a clear majority.**

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

The International Headquarters Committee members were Brother Everald Armstrong, PP Armcrest #45, Sister Gladys MacRae PM Regent #52, and John Newell, PGP Queen Elizabeth #14 and chairman of the committee.

Two letters were sent to all chapters reminding them to remit \$7.50 for all new or affiliated members. We are grateful to our Grand Secretary, Sister Diane, for sending these letters.

We thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk, for the privilege of serving on this Grand Chapter Committee.

Brother John Newell PGP (14) moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Brother Phillip Roode PP (10). The report was carried.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

During the past year, Sister Christine McGillivray, Grand Conductress, Sister Darlene Amirault, Associate Grand Conductress and myself, were given the opportunity to travel to other jurisdictions around the world with our Travel Agent, also known as Sister Diane Hayman, our Grand Secretary, providing us with proceedings and our itinerary. We travelled the United States and Canada in the comfort of our homes.

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Each session was interesting. We found the open Bible on all the Altars.

As we travelled more negative and regretful similarities were the decline in Membership with Chapters closing, along with the deaths of many Sisters and Brothers of all ages. The decrease of Membership and in the number of Chapters was evident. Some Chapters closed, other have consolidated. Membership is a concern in all jurisdictions.

Even though jurisdictions are faced with these factors our dedicated Sisters and Brother are very positive and enthusiastic.

The number of 50 year + Member pins is on the rise.

Our Grand Representatives and other Members from our jurisdiction were found in attendance in other Grand Chapters around the world.

The ESTARL Award Program is supported around the world. The Shrine Hospital, Service Dogs, Cancer Research and many other charities also receive support from our Sisters and Brothers. Many jurisdictions donated to Homeless Shelters and Children in distress.

Thank you, Sister Christine and Sister Darlene in helping me provide our Members with information concerning other jurisdictions. Thank you, Sister Diane for the lovely travel agenda.

Sis Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Matron, Evening Star #28 moved the adoption of the report. Sister Christine McGillivray, Grand Conductress, Myrtle #21 seconded the report. The report was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary, Sister Diane Hayman, PGM read correspondence which included: Thanks for hospitality and friendship received at "Under Loves Umbrella" session from Brother John, MWGP and Sister Barb (escort) Grobler.

Thank you for financial support on behalf of the Scottish Rite Learning Center.

Thanks for Honourary Membership received from Sister Clara Hamilton, Worthy Grand Electa 2012 – 2015 and PGM of Alabama.

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Regrets for this Session from Sister Eleanor T. Merrick, PGM, and Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in District of Colombia; Sister Lorraine M. Café, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Wisconsin.

Thanks for ESTARL awards received from eight recipients.

Thanks from Sister Eleanor Decker for the donation to the ESTARL Fund in memory of Brother Cecil, GTE.

Letter of resignation as Grand Representative of Quebec from Sister DiAnne Campbell PM Mystic Star #40, as she will be installed as Grand Ruth for 2016 – 2017.

PROGRAM BOOKLET COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the report from the Program Booklet Committee for 2015 – 2016. I would like to introduce my committee: Brother Ken Conrod – District #3; Craig Savoury – District #3; Julia MacKinnon – District #1; Susan Lorimer – District #2; Christine Eidt – District #3; Clara Nieforth – District #4; Anna Ford – District #5; Rick Haynes – District #6; Willard Nicholson – District #7; and I am Alena Buchanan Chair from District #7. I would like to thank all my committee for a job well done in collecting ads for the Booklet. A huge thank you goes to Brother Paul Aitken, who without his hard work this booklet would not have been possible.

We had the booklets published in two (2) sizes this year. The booklet with the ads is the regular size and we had 300 printed at a cost of \$965.53. This is 8 pages of color and the cover and black and white inside pages. It was suggested the two ad booklets were not needed for a family. The program for Grand Chapter, we made smaller. Some people wanted to be able to put it easily in their pocket. This booklet we had 325 printed at a cost of \$612.70. Taxes in, it is a cost of \$1,799.18. Grand Chapter, at time of doing this report, took in \$4,345.00, for a profit of \$2,545.82.

We hope there are not too many mistakes or omissions in the booklet. We apologize now for poor quality in some pictures and business card ads. These had to be scanned into the report and in doing this the quality is poor. Any errors or omissions please see me and we will see that your issue gets addressed.

As suggested in last year's report we set the cut-off date the end of March, knowing there would be late comers. This is a very labour intensive undertaking and requires

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a VERY computer savvy person. The hours Brother Paul put into this project has not been tabulated and again I thank him. Due to his efforts, the printers could print the booklets without any input from them. And also with last year's report, if the Chapters could get their ads to the committee the first of March, things might be a little easier on the head. We started an e-mail address that can be used for future use and we will pass on the password that they can change for their use.

Worthy Grand Matron I thank you (I think) for the opportunity to work on this project and we hope this meets with your approval.

Sister Alena Buchanan, (69) moved the adoption of this report which was seconded by Sister Suzanne Aitken, WGM (69). The report was carried.

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Members: Joyce Roode, chair; Peter Kay, Julia Llewellyn, Janet Hue, Michelle Gallant, Gail Rafuse, Heathers Matthews, Yvonne Fox.

	# of Submissions	Committee Members	Other
Summer 2015	9	1	8 (3DE)
Fall Issue 2015	2		2 (DE)
Winter Issue 2015	6	3	3
Spring Issue	0		

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron; I appreciate the work and time involved receiving, editing, and sending stories of our members to the Eastern Star Journal. We were able to see 17 stories printed this year, 2015 – 2016.

Sister Kathy Miller has been a wonderful Editor with whom to work, and I enjoyed her e-mails.

The letter we sent out to new committee members really should go to everyone since we have a lot of self-edited, misspelled stories going direct to the Journal. This letter includes suggestions such as having a camera person to take pictures of special events, take the time to make sure everyone involved can be seen in the picture, and proof-read your article to make sure all the facts are correct - **then** send them to your committee chair so they can be numbered and monitored re publication so we know what to look for in future editions. Thank you Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk for asking me to chair this committee, I wish Sister Doreen and her committee all the best next year.

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Sister Joyce Roode, Chair (10) moved the adoption of this report which was seconded by Sister Gail Rafuse (28).

COMMITTEE on WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S and WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT

On behalf of the members of your committee on your Special Project, Children's Wish Foundation, I present the following report.

First, the committee members are:

Agnes MacFarlane, PM, Celtic Star #19, District No. 1
Edna Zinck, PM, Elm #48, District No. 2
Carrie Dawn Moxsom, Elmsdale #55, District No. 3
Sylvia McCleave, PM, Kwebec #27, District No. 4
Margaret Fearon, Keystone #5, District No. 6
Charlene Davis, PM, St. Mary's #35, District No. 6
Susan Eaton, PM (Chair), Crystal #1 PEI, District No. 7

We were charged with the sale of the pins and calendar books. The amount received from the sale of pins and calendar booklets was \$3,595.00; we also received \$150 in donations. The total amount received was \$3,745.00. The cost of the pins and calendar books was \$2,127.50. The final amount turned in to the Worthy Grand Matron was \$1,617.50.

We extend sincere thanks to all members of this jurisdiction for their support of this project.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk, for the honour bestowed on us and on our respective chapters, in appointing us to your Special Project Committee.

Sister Susan Eaton (Chair) PM Crystal #1PEI moved the adoption of the report and Sister Sylvia McCleave PM (27) seconded it. The report carried.

GRAND HISTORIAN REPORT
68th SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER
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"UNDER LOVE'S UMBRELLA"
OLD ORCHARD INN, WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA

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July 6th, 7th, 8th, 2015

Worthy Grand Matron
Irma Maxwell (15)

Worthy Grand Patron
John Lorimer (25)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

I am Margie Allen, Past Matron, Cedar Atlantic Chapter #3 and I am pleased to give the following report. Thank you for the honour you have given me and my Chapter by appointing me as Grand Historian.

In respect to time restraints I have highlighted Sister Irma's and Brother John's, "Under Love's Umbrella" Session and the full report will be found in the proceedings.

The year began with a School of Instruction for Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons on July 17th, 2014 at Westville Chapter #24. On Saturday, September 13th a School of Instruction was held at Annaval Chapter #31 in Middleton for all members. The second School of Instruction for members was held at Arbutus Chapter #30 in Milton. The last School of Instruction was held on Saturday, September 27th, 2014 at Evening Star Chapter #28 in Halifax.

The Jurisprudence Committee attended all School of Instruction Meetings.

We were honoured to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother John Grobler in attendance at our session along with 2 elected General Grand Chapter Officers and 7 General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

31 Grand Representatives were recommended and 31 were appointed.

The Worthy Grand Matron made 29 Official Visits during the year and the Worthy Grand Patron attended all meetings.

Some special events are as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron attended International Weekend at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire .

Conducted Consolidation Ceremony for Celtic Star Chapter #19, Whycomagh. Attended several Grand Chapters, including the First Grand Chapter in Italy, attended by Sister Irma. Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Margaret Clark, Past Grand Matron.

Attended Can Am at Boxborough, Mass, Maritime Exchange

Presented several 50 and 60 year pins

Attended several honour nights

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A highlight for the Worthy Grand Matron was when her own Daughter joined Evangeline Chapter #15.

The total donation to the Scottish Rite Learning Centre was \$26,500. This was the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project.

Attended the Daughters of the Nile Installation and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Family circle remained unbroken but we mourned the passing of 2 of our own Past Grant Patrons, Brother Royce Hefler and Rev. Brother John Patterson and also Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Edward MacDonald.

Total attendance at "Under Love's Umbrella" was 381.

Sister Irma and Brother John, you both have had a wonderful year filled with kindness, friendship and perseverance. You both always showed kindness and friendship everywhere you travelled and you persevered in maintaining your purpose to increase our membership. Sister Irma and Brother John, congratulations and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Sister Margie Allen PM Cedar Atlantic #3 moved the acceptance of this report. Seconded by Sister Krista Cullymore Crystal #1PEI. Report carried.

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Worthy Grand Matron
Irma Maxwell, (15)

Worthy Grand Patron
John Lorimer (25)

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS - 2014 – 2015

Worthy Grand Matron	-	Irma Maxwell (15)
Worthy Grand Patron	-	John Lorimer (25)
Associate Grand Matron	-	Suzanne Aitken (69)
Associate Grand Patron	-	Kirk MacLennan (2)
Grand Secretary	-	Diane Hayman (24)
Grand Treasurer	-	Faye Calder (67)
Grand Conductress	-	Wilma Verge (28)
Associate Grand Conductress	-	Christine McGillivray (21)

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Grand Chaplain	-	Charles Paterson (55)
Grand Marshal	-	Arnold Dempsey (2)
Grand Organist	-	Gail Cook, PGM (67)
Grand Adah	-	Brenda Clarke (5)
Grand Ruth	-	Jean Millet (15)
Grand Esther	-	Susan Lorimer (25)
Grand Martha	-	Millie Aker (67)
Grand Electa	-	Gail Kay (25)
Grand Warder	-	Philip Roode (24)
Grand Sentinel	-	Robert Turner (8)

EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Secretary Emeritus	-	Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer Emeritus	-	Cecil Decker (55)
Grand Treasurer Emeritus	-	Dorothy Powroz (28)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1	-	Caryl Yates (26)
District #2	-	Susan Martin (24)
District #3	-	Suzanne Aiken, Assoc. Grand Matron (69)
District #4	-	Christine McGillivray, Assoc. Grand Conductress (21)
District #5	-	Heather Lynch (71)
District #6	-	Wilma Verge, Grand Conductress (28)
District #7	-	Helen Nicholson (1 PEI)

“UNDER LOVE’S UMBRELLA”

Dedication: To the memory of my Husband, Brother Vincent Maxwell who passed away during my year as Grand Conductress. His love and support have been sadly missed but I know he is still with me in spirit and looking down with pride, and to Sister Susan, wife of my Worthy Grand Patron and who is our Grand Esther, one of our honour stations

this year.

Aim: To persevere in increasing our membership, to show kindness to everyone we meet, and to share our friendship with everyone.

Let us: B.O.M.B. – Bring Our Members Back.

Motto: LENT – Let’s Eliminate Negative Thinking.

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Honour Stations: Esther and Marshal

Scriptures: WGM: *Matthew 5 – 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy*

WGP: *Isaiah 6-8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send Me!"*

Watchwords: Perseverance, Kindness, Friendship

Colors: All shades of blue and rose.

Flowers: WGM: Pansies WGP: Carnations

Birds: WGM: Humming Birds WGP: Puffins

Fun Symbols: WGM: Umbrellas WGP: Clowns

Special Project Scottish Rite Learning Center for Dyslexia

Grand Chapter Musical Selections:

WGM
I Know Who Holds Tomorrow
Breathe on Me Breath of God

One Day At a Time

WGP
Here I am, Lord
Jesus, You Have Come to the
Lakeshore
His Eye is On the Sparrow
Lord of the Dance

Fun Songs Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious – Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella.

UNDER LOVE'S UMBRELLA

"Under Love's Umbrella" session opened with the ESTARL Church Service held in the Grand Chapter Room in the Old Orchard Inn. Guest Speaker was Rev. Andrew MacDonald. The largely attended service realized \$ 1,001.05 in monetary donations for the ESTARL Bursary Fund.

Presentation of the Grand Family

Presentation of the Grand Family and their escorts was held with Sister Edith Conrad, PGM (61) introducing the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons and their escorts.

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Emblem Ceremony

The informal opening was called to order by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM and Brother William Clark followed by the Emblem Ceremony with Sister Carol Clark, PGM (24 & 24) as the Narrator.

The presentation of flags was under the direction of Brother Ted Caulier, PGP (27) and tributes were given to both the Canadian and American Flags.

Presentation of distinguished guests followed and we were honoured to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler in attendance along with 2 elected General Grand Chapter Officers and 7 General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Sister Kris Martin (15) received her 50-year pin followed by the introduction of 50 years and 50 plus years members of our Grand Jurisdiction. Each member gave their years of service amounting to 18 (50 years and 10 (60 years).

Greetings were then brought as follows:

Federal: - Scott Brison, M.P., Kings-Hants

Civic: - Mrs. Diane Brothers, Warden of Kings County.

Masonic - Representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia,

Past Grand Master Ted Caulier.

- Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island,
Don Leary.

Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - Ed Corbett, High Priest
and Profit

Daughters of the Nile - Queen of Athena Temple, #149, Queen Cheryl Ann
Dempsey

Host Facility: The Old Orchard Inn, Owner: Bill Wallace

Presentations to:

Learning Centre for Dyslexia – The sum of \$26,500.00 was presented to Mrs. Thelma Gegan as a result of funds raised for this year's special project

Scottish Rite - Brother Bob King, General Grand Chapter Committee member

Scottish Rite Charities, also presented a cheque for \$755.00 which was proceeds on items sold in our jurisdiction for Scottish Rite Charities.

The Welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters, 2015, was given by Sister Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron (Chair)

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Other Presentations

- 6 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 32 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 9 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 9 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 3 Emeritus Grand Officers
- 27 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 13 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 6 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 7 Hostess Chapters and Committees, Sister Laverne Porter (PM) 15

Jurisdictions represented were 54

Formal Opening

The former opening was held on Tuesday morning, July 7, 2015. Emblems were placed and formations were held. Roberts Rules of Order were read by Parliamentarian Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP.

Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

The reports were given by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and accepted.

Notices of Motion

The Notices of Motion were presented to the Grand Chapter and can be found in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and Subordinate Chapter Treasurers

- 20 Secretaries
- 9 Treasurers

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Esthers and Marshals

- 9 Esthers

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3 Marshals

Honourary Memberships

4 Honourary Memberships were given by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Remarks from our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler

An impressive address by our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler was delivered followed by remarks from our General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, Alzheimers Disease; Brother Zeke Eaton, Heart; Sister Marion Buchan, Shrine Charities.

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Memorial Service

The Grand Family remained unbroken in 2015 but we mourned the passing of 2 of our own Past Grand Patrons, Brother Royce Hefler and Rev. Brother John Patterson. Also, Brother Edward MacDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. Tributes were given by Brother Ken Smith, Past Grand Patron for Royce Hefler; Sister Marion Miller, Past Grand Matron for Rev. Brother, John Patterson, Past Grand Patron and Sister Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron for Brother Edward MacDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Ray Horton, PP and Sister Kay Horton, PM (66) sang a duet.

Reports of Committees

The following reports were presented: Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, ESTARL, Benevolent, Librarian, Web Master, International Headquarters, Fraternal Correspondence, Program Booklet, Eastern Star Journal, Courtesy, Crafts and Treasures, Special Project, Grand Historian and Publicity

Reception of Grand Organist and Grand Choir

The members of the Grand Choir were introduced, welcomed and thanked for sharing their musical talents.

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Final Report of Credential Committee Report

The final report of the Credential Committee was 381.

Farewells

Farewells were given by Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Irma and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John followed by a beautiful ceremony to retire the badges.

The Grand Chapter Session 2014 – 2015 then closed followed by the recessional of the Grand Family Officers.

Installation of Grand Officers for 2015-2016

The installation was carried out by Sister Jane Wooldridge, Past Grand Matron, 1 PEI and several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Sister Suzanne Aitken (69) and Brother Kirk MacLennan (2) were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for 2015 – 2016.

Closing Notes

Sister Irma and Brother John, you have had a wonderful year, filled with kindness, friendship and perseverance. You have always shown kindness and friendship in every Chapter you visited and you persevered in increasing our membership. Congratulations on a successful year and I wish you all the best in the future.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal declared the Grand Chapter called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30pm sharp.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 6, 2016

The Grand Chapter was proved, the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar, and the Grand Marshal declared session open.

Sister Donna White PM (69) Chair of the Credentials Committee gave the following report:

Members from Our Jurisdiction	219
Members from Other Jurisdictions	120
Total	339

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Sister Donna moved the report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Doreen Edgar PM, (28) and **the report was carried.**

The minutes of the Wednesday morning session were read and **accepted** on motion by the Grand Secretary, and seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter WM (10). Carried.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT 2015 – 2016

We, your Publicity Committee: Sisters(myself) Deborah Fox, Chair, District 7; Joyce Malcolm, district 1; Heather Boyd, District 2; Marjorie Conrod, District 3; Mildred Wagner, District 4; Joanne Giffin, District 5, and Peg Lipskey, District 6.

I would also like to mention Sisters Carole Newell and Yvonne Fox of District 1 who assisted Sister Joyce.

With the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, two letters were sent out to all chapters in our jurisdiction asking for and reminding members of the request to submit photos of highlights of their Star year. I am very pleased to report a tremendous response from the chapters with 20 Chapters responding.

I've enjoyed putting the scrapbooks together and I put much affection into each picture I glued in place. I've travelled to each chapter with you thru the pictures and can say – Wow – what a wonderful year you've had! I hope when you look thru these scrapbooks that you fondly recall the fellowship and affection you felt each step of the way.

Sister Deborah Fox, WM, Regent #52 moved the adoption of this report which was seconded by Sister Peg Lipskey, PM Laurel #67. Report carried.

Sisters Deborah and Peg then approached the East and presented the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with their scrapbooks.

CRAFTS AND TREASURES REPORT

I THANK THE Crafts and Treasures Committee Members and all the district Members for their time and tireless effort collecting beautiful items for the various themed Gift Baskets displayed for this Three Rivers of Hope Grand Chapter Session.

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The wide variety of items in the Gift Baskets made the choice difficult for our members to select which one of the seventeen baskets they preferred should they be lucky enough to have their name drawn.

Thank you to all the Sisters and Brothers who so generously donated such beautiful and fine articles of clothing to the Clothing Rack.

Congratulations to all who won Gift Baskets and to those who were lucky to find the perfect items from the Clothing Rack.

Total sales from the Gift Baskets was	\$1,050.00
Total sales from the Clothing Rack was	<u>\$146.25</u>
Combined Grand Total was	\$1,196.25

Sister Suzanne, I thank you for appointing me as Chairperson of the Crafts and Treasures Committee. It was an honour and a privilege to work with you, other Grand Family Members, Crafts and Treasures Committee Members, and my Sisters from Crystal Chapter #1 PEI, Charlottetown.

Through this appointment I have gained valuable knowledge that will assist me with future duties and I am truly grateful to you for that gift.

Sister Corinne Hardy-Adams, chair (#1PEI) moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Norma Thompson PM, (52), and carried.

Sister Corinne then read the names of the 17 winners.

Brother Kirk, WGP asked Sister Suzanne to draw the winning ticket for the Rob Morris Book of Poems and the lucky winner was Brother Norman Card, PP (67). A total of \$410.00 was raised for the Special Project.

COURTESY COMMITTEE

Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers I is my pleasure to present the members of Three Rivers of Hope Courtesy Committee: myself Sister Irma Maxwell, PGM; Brother John Lorimer, PGP; Brother Charles Teal, PP; Sister Brenda Clarke, PM; Brother Heber Ross, PP; and Sister Audrey Farquharson, PM.

The 2016 Grand Chapter Session was held at Holland College, Charlottetown Campus, Charlottetown, PEI and all members of our Committee were on duty by 8 am Monday July 4, 2016. The Informal Opening was held that same evening

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beginning with the ESTARL Church Service at 4:45 pm in the Chapter Room with ESTARL Recipient Chad Bolton as the Guest Speaker.

We greeted and welcomed many distinguished guests among which were our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members Sister Stella Trask on Cancer, Brother Whit Giffin on Scottish Rite Charities, Brother Frank Cullen Shrine Charities, and Sister Irma Maxwell on Support First Responders.

Greetings were extended from Civic, and Provincial officials along with Masonic, Shrine, and Daughters of the Nile as well as on behalf of the College.

A cheque was presented to The Children's Wish Foundation by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of all members of this Jurisdiction.

The Hostess Chapters extended hospitality to the members and guests in the form of a Hospitality Room, luncheons, and banquet with entertainment.

We were pleased to welcome many of our members along with distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

- 14 – General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 5 – Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
- 27 – Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from this Grand Jurisdiction
- 22 – Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions
- 11 – Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions
- 20 – Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in this Grand Jurisdiction
- 14 – Grand Representatives of our Grand Jurisdiction in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 9 – Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 1 – District Deputy Grand Matron

We would like to thank Sister Donna White, 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.

Sincere thank you to all members who attended this "Three Rivers of Hope" Session may you have safe travels as you head home whether near or far and we invite you please visit us again.

Sister Irma Maxwell, PGM (67) moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Brother John Lorimer, PGP (25), and carried.

RECEPTION of the GRAND CHOIR

Sister Suzanne WGM: Brother Ed, Sister Connie and Brother Whit, what can I say, the music and singing for this Grand Session has been wonderful. All three deserve a big round of applause. Thank you so much.

Brother Kirk WGP: Please accept my thanks too for great music throughout the Session.

The response was given by **Brother Ed MacLaren, Grand Organist:** Thank you for appointing me Grand Organist. Thank you to those who came out for the choir, for Brother Whit Giffin for his direction and to Sister Connie MacDonald for being my Assistant.

We hope that we managed to use most of your songs in your session, "Three Rivers of Hope".

Thank you for those who did solos and duets.

There is no point in wishing you both success in your sessions as we are almost at the end and Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk you have had a great session and very deserving of the rank of Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron.

"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."

Brother Kirk, WGP then expressed sincere thanks to Brother Howard Ford, PP (71) for the beautiful Baton Stand he made for Grand Chapter to be used at the Grand Marshal's station.

Brother Howard was given a hearty thank you by all present.

NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM moved that: at the 2017 Annual Session (70th) of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in July, 2017 I will move or cause to be moved: Constitution of Grand Chapter, Article 2, # 2, page 1, second sentence, AND Book of Instruction, Grand Chapter, Article 1, bottom of page 1 and top page 2, which now both read: When changes are made in Ritualistic work, decisions or

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resolutions pertaining to Ritualistic Work are adopted in General Grand Chapter, they shall immediately be in force in this Grand Jurisdiction, ADD and automatically be changed in our C. L. & R. (Refer to Red Book, Constitution, Article XIV)

Rationale: If changes are to be immediately in force, they should automatically be changed in our C. L. & R for consistency.

Sister Jane Wooldridge moved that: at the 2017 Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in July 2017 she will move or cause to be moved:

1. Constitution of Grand Chapter, Article 12, page 6, # 1.
2. Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 23, page 49, # 1.
3. Book of Instruction for Grand Chapter, Article 14, page 35, # 1.
4. Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 32, page 36, # 1. 5. Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters, Article 44, page 74, # 1.

In each case, on the first line beginning with: may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter..... **BE CHANGED TO READ:** may be amended at the first regular session of the Grand Chapter held following a General Grand Chapter Assembly.....

Rationale: We spend a lot of time at each Grand Chapter Session dealing with Notices of Motion, and then we might change it again the next year. If we could only change them every three years, maybe we would think harder about what we need to change for the benefit of Grand Chapter, rather than what we want to change. Dealing with them at the session following General Grand Chapter, allows us to update any changes made at General Grand.

C, L, & R Review Committee,
Murray Gardner, PGP
Edith Conrod, PGM
Jane Wooldridge, PGM, Chair

Sister Susan Lormier (on behalf of Sister Mary Reid, PGM) moved that: at the next Annual Session (70th) of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova

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Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held on July 3, 4, & 5, 2017, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Constitution of Grand Chapter, Article 9, Committees Page 4, Item 1: The name of the Credentials and Registration Committee be changed to Registration Committee

Rationale:

We have not used credentials in this Jurisdiction since the Constitution of Grand Chapter, Article 3, pages 2-3 was passed in 1999.

Other places to be changed:

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter:

Article 2, Duties of Grand Secretary, Page 14, Item 4

Article 3, Grand Chapter Committees and their Duties, Page 26 Item 5

Credentials and Registration, Page 29 (Title)

Credentials and Registration, Page 29, Item 1, change to " examine dues cards and"

Article 19, Election of Grand Officers, Item 2 (h), Pages 45-46

Sister Marion Miller, PGM, (#1PEI) then moved that (we) have the opportunity to investigate venues that will host Grand Chapter 2020 on Prince Edward Island under one roof. I/we will report back to Grand Chapter Session in 2017 with our findings. Seconded by Sister Stella Trask (#35), GGCCM.

An amendment to the motion was made by Brother Bill Clark as follows: the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee will review the availability of a facility to host Grand Chapter 2020 in Prince Edward Island and report back for Grand Chapter 2017. Seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM (67). Carried.

The amended motion was then carried.

Sister Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Matron requested an Open Installation. Seconded by Sister Marion Conrad, PGM (28). Carried.

Sister Mary Reid PGM was welcomed back by the members.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal called the Session from labour to refreshments to resume at 6:30 pm.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 6, 2016

The final session of Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Mary Lou Higgins PGM and Brother Dan Campbell PGP.

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, PGM: Good Evening Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to welcome you this evening and to call to order the final session of the Three Rivers of Hope Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sincere thanks and appreciation go to Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk for extending this privilege to us this evening. Brother Danny, thank you for being beside me.

We have been pleased to have many distinguished visitors with us from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you have enjoyed the last few days at Holland College and that perhaps you have found time to explore other parts of this beautiful Island. We extend an invitation to return often to Prince Edward Island and also to slip across the Strait to visit Nova Scotia as well.

To our own members, thank you for your faithful attendance and continuing support of this, YOUR Grand Chapter. May God's blessings travel with each of you as you wend your way home.

Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP: Thank you Sister Mary Lou! It is such a pleasure to be standing here with you and filling in for your Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ralph Swinamer, PGP. Brother Ralph so graciously stepped up to the plate and acted on my behalf when my lovely lady, Sister Susan became so ill, that I could not continue in my role as Grand Chaplain with Sister Belle Pearson, PGM and Brother Bill Thompson, PGP and their "Hearts in Harmony" Session. I know that Brother Ralph's Spirit is looking down on us with that wonderful smile for which he was so famous and standing behind you graciously exclaiming. "Yes Dear!" We all miss Brother Ralph dearly and know that even flying a test flight on an Aurora would not keep him away if he could be here with you this evening. But then again!!! I do want to extend our congratulations to our outgoing Grand Family and thank them for a wonderful job during the past year and a truly successful Three Rivers of Hope Session this week. To the incoming Grand Family I wish you every happiness and success throughout the ensuing year under the guidance of our soon to be installed, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bob.

Sister Mary Lou: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages,

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Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk: It is indeed an honour to welcome you to this, your final session. You have had a busy and productive year going far beyond the required minimum. The bittersweet feelings in your hearts right now will pass and you will be able to relax a bit and to relive the memories of this year for many months to come.

Sister Suzanne: You started your four-year journey with Ralph and me when you were installed as our Associate Grand Conductress. I know you have enjoyed this journey very much and it has been a pleasure to watch you take each step along the road. However, be it a movie, a book or a great year as Worthy Grand Matron, everything comes to an end and sometimes this ending is welcome, sometimes not - but remember always, that with any ending comes also a brand new beginning. So, relax for a bit, relish each memory, enjoy your rivers, then we'll be watching for your new beginning.

Brother Kirk - You were not actually part of our Grand Family, but you were with us so much as you accompanied our Grand Electa, Sister Mary, that we can pretty well claim you as well. I know Brother Ralph was very proud of you and it has been a pleasure to watch you as you interacted with our members as Worthy Grand Patron. And one other thing – you really know what the smartest bird is and the Cunning Country Crow came back to life in an amazing manner during your year. Enjoy your upcoming downtime.

Brother Danny: Sister Suzanne, Worthy Grand Matron, you have had a truly successful year travelling throughout our wonderful Jurisdiction and beyond, gracing everyone you encountered with your beautiful smile, tremendous wit and warm hugs. During your official visits, your presentations were always interesting, most enjoyable and truly spoken from your heart. Thank you for the honour you bestowed on me by having me serve as Parliamentarian for your beautiful Three Rivers of Hope Session. You have had a fantastic session and all of the Past Grands are looking forward to welcoming you and Brother Kirk to our Past Grands Club following the closing of your session this evening. Thank you for all you have done for the Sisters and Brothers throughout this Grand jurisdiction and we know that we will see you often along the Star Trail.

Brother Kirk, Worthy Grand Patron, you have been so supportive of Sister Suzanne, travelling with her throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and beyond as well. At each of your official visits you promoted the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand

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Patron's Special Project so well that you provided a true picture of the value of the Children's Wish Foundation to us all, by succinctly explaining the wonderful gifts the Foundation provides for so many children suffering such terrible illnesses and diseases in a concerted and positive effort to fulfill each child's wish. Your strong quiet demeanour, warm welcoming smile and good council to all, has been appreciated. I hope that you enjoyed your year as our Worthy Grand Patron and thank you for all you have done for the members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

"The Lighthouse is Shining" was sung by the Grand Choir and Brothers Ed MacLaren and Whit Giffin sang "The Nightwatch" for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Sister Mary Lou: Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you your gavel. It has been used wisely during the last three days and you are now ready to complete the business of your final session. Congratulations.

Sister Suzanne, WGM: Sister Mary Lou, I started my Grand East trail with you and Brother Ralph and had a great time. You both made me feel welcome. Brother Danny, you were also in that Grand Family and we formed a special friendship. Thank you both for opening our last Session. Your hope is: Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier.

Grand Chapter was then proved, called to order, and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

(not previously introduced)

Brother Allan Conrad, PGP was introduced, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

The reading of the Wednesday afternoon minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence was read from Brother Lawrin Armstrong, PGP informing us that Sister Marg PM had suffered a second stroke and is hospitalized.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sister Janet Thompson, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in New Hampshire and Sister Shelley Gullett. PGM and Grand Secretary of New Hampshire.

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REGISTRATION and CREDENTIALS FINAL REPORT

Sister Donna White PM Montague Chapter No.69, Chairperson:

It is my pleasure, as Chairperson of the Credentials and Registration Committee, to submit the final report for the 2015-2016 "Three Rivers of Hope" Session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members from this Grand Jurisdiction	222
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions	120
Grand Total in Attendance	342

CHAPTER	NO.
Mayflower #2	9
Cedar Atlantic #3	11
Keystone #5	2
Grace #8	8
Ceilidh #10	12
Queen Elizabeth #14	7
Evangeline #15	8
Celtic Star #19	7
Myrtle #21	4
Crystal 1 PEI	21
Harmony #25	8
Munro #26	3

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Kirk, for allowing us to serve during this wonderful year. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to be part of your Grand Chapter Standing Committee, and we congratulate you both on a very successful Grand Chapter session.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who volunteered their services to assist us on this committee. Our task would have been more difficult, if not, impossible, without their assistance.

Once again, THANK YOU for allowing us to a part of your most successful Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Donna White PM (69)
Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28)
Sister Ann White PM (21)

The motion to accept the report was moved by Sister Donna White PM (69), seconded by Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28) and was carried.

Sister Mab Cole-Smith presented a donation to the Worthy Grand Matron for the Special Project in memory of her parents Sister Alice PGM and Brother Bill PGP.

Sister Suzanne WGM then announced the appointment of Sister Irene Johnson (48) as the Grand Representative of Louisiana in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This appointment expires July 1, 2018.

FAREWELL OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Suzanne WGM: I am very honoured to have been your Worthy Grand Matron this year. This is a great organization and it is my greatest hope that we will flourish and grow. This is too great of a group not to. We have met many fantastic people who have welcomed us with open arms, which should not have been a surprise. I hope Brother Kirk had as much fun as I have had.

I am especially pleased Brother Kirk and I had a chance to have met many Sisters and Brothers before our Official Visits.

I now get to retire again and pass the gavel to Sister Wilma and say to her: Relax and have a happy and prosperous year. Hold tight to the memories and enjoy yourselves.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers for giving many fantastic memories that I will cherish for many, many years to come.

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The Worthy Grand Matron was given a standing ovation.

FAREWELL OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Kirk WGP: I am both happy and sad to be at the end of this journey. Happy - in the knowledge of a job done to the best of my ability, and ready for a rest for a few days. Sad - that my time as WGP has come to an end, because I have had a really great time this year.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. I hope that I've been able to justify the faith that you had in me, and carried out my duties to your satisfaction.

Thank you, Sister Suzanne, for sharing this adventure with me. And a special thank you to Sister Mary for your love and support, and especially for your patience. I love you.

This may be my farewell as Worthy Grand Patron, but it is merely "See you later" from Brother Kirk. I will still be visiting now and then. As they used to say on Candid Camera, "Some day, some time, when you least expect it".....
Thank you and God bless you all.

The Worthy Grand Patron was given a standing ovation.

Installing Grand Officer, Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, was presented the gavel and invited to preside.

BADGE CEREMONY

Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM: The Grand Officers formed a lighthouse around the Altar, and Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM, narrated the following as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar.

In days gone by, the usefulness of the lighthouse was entirely dependent of the lighthouse keeper. Above all, he had to be dependable, honest, loyal and willing to work hard under all conditions. He had to be able to read the sea and the skies and to be a weather expert. But most important of all, his duty was to keep the light burning.

The Grand Officers then formed a circle at the Altar.

My friends, each of you is the keeper of a strong light to guide fellow travellers around dangerous places to reach a safe and secure harbour. Let each of us be faithful keepers of the light that is ours to tend, in our homes, in our Chapters and in

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our Order. The Grand Officers standing proudly around the Altar were they received the obligation of their office, now move to form the Pentagon, a symbol of the Grand Officers badge that they have worn with pride and joy in FAITH and HOPE.

Though they now may shed a tear,
It has been a treasured year.
Their badges now they lay to rest,
Trusting they've done their very best.

District Deputy Grand Matrons: your badge is a Star within a stylized Cross, a symbol of your responsibility to represent the Worthy Grand Matron and instruct the Subordinate Chapters in your District.

Grand Warder; your badge is the Dove within the Sta, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Peace.

Grand Electa: your badge is the Cup within the Triangle, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Charity and Hospitality.

Grand Martha: your badge is the Broken Column within the Triangle with in the Pentagon, an emblem of Nature's life and beauty.

Grand Esther; your badge is the Crown and Sceptre within the Triangle, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Royalty and Power.

Grand Ruth; your badge is the Sheaf within the Triangle, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Plenty.

Grand Adah; your badge is the Sword and Veil within the Triangle, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Heroic Conduct.

Grand Organist; your badge is the Lyre, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Music and Poetry.

Grand Marshal; your badge is the Crossed Batons, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Direction.

Grand Chaplain; your badge is the Open Bible, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of the Word of God.

Grand Sentinel: your badge is the Crossed Swords within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Protection.

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Associate Grand Conductress; your badge is the Baton, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Leadership.

Grand Conductress; your badge is the Scroll and Baton, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of prepared plans and their fulfilment.

Grand Treasurer; your badge is the Crossed Keys, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Security.

Grand Secretary; your badge is the Crossed Pens, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Intelligence.

Associate Grand Patron: your badge is the Star, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Divine Guidance.

Associate Grand Matron; your badge is the Effulgent Sun, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Light.

Worthy Grand Patron; your badge is the Square and Compass, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of his relationship to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron; your badge is the Gavel, within the Star, within the Pentagon, an emblem of Authority.

From the Altar, they received them.
On the Altar, they now leave them.
The Bible, which was their "Guiding Light"
has been closed, as they say "Good Night".

The Choir sang "The Lighthouse" while the Grand Officers were at the Altar.

The 2015-2016 Grand Officers retired; and a recess was called for the preparation of the Installation of the 2016-2017 Grand Officers.

INSTALLATION OF 2016 - 2017 GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLATION CEREMONY GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Installing Grand Officer: Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM (26)
Installing Grand Marshal: Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM (67)
Installing Grand Chaplain: Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP (1PEI)
Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM (35)
Installing Grand Organist: Brother White Giffin, PGM (8)

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Installing Grand Warder: Brother Ted Caulier, PP (28)
Installing Grand Sentinel: Brother Bill Clark, PGP (10)
Soloists: Sister Beth Brett PM (19), and
Brother Shane MacFarlane PP (19)

Assisting in the East:	Installing
Sister Marion Conrad, PGM (28)	Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP (70)	Worthy Grand Patron
Sister Mary Reid, PGM (25)	Associate Grand Matron
Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP (2)	Associate Grand Patron
Sister Irma Maxwell, GCCM (67)	Grand Secretary & Grand Treasurer
Brother Allan Conrad, PGP (49)	Grand Conductress & Assoc. Gr. Conductress
Sister Marion Miller, PGM (1 PEI)	Grand Chaplain
Sister Marion Conrad PGM (28)	Grand Marshal
Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (1 PEI)	Grand Organist
Sister Mary Lou Higgins, PGM, (48)	Grand Star Points
Brother John Lorimer, PGP (25)	Grand Warder & Grand Sentinel

While Sister Wilma Worthy Grand Matron was escorted to the East, members of district No 4, dressed in "Sou'westers and fishing gear" formed an Honour Guard.

As Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob was taken to the East, an Honour Guard depicting a Teddy Bears Picnic greeted him on his way.

Brother Shane MacFarlane (19) sang "How Great Thou Art" to the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

"One Day at a Time" was sung by Sister Beth and Brother Shane following the Installation of the Grand Chaplain.

The Worthy Grand Matron presented an addendum for the Grand Star Points, presenting each with a large flower in the color of their station.

Prayer was offered and the Grand Officers for 2016-2017 were declared Installed.

Introduction of 2016-2017 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. 2 – Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson (48)
District No. 3 – Sister Nora Moxsom (55)

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District No. 4 – Sister Shirley Shot (30) (absent due to illness)

The other districts will be deputized by the following Elected Officers:

District No. 1 – Sister Christine McGilivray GC (21)

District No. 5 – Sister Darlene Amirault, GC (49)

District No. 6 – Sister Helen Nicholson, AGC (1 PEI)

All Installing Officers were invited to the East and received a round of applause.

Sister Eleanor Decker, PM was escorted to the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma Verge, gave a short history of Sister Eleanor's life and then presented her with a Grand Representative Commission of Quebec in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Eleanor expressed her thanks.

Sister Eleanor was then escorted to the Altar, presented, escorted to the East where she received Grand Honours.

ADDRESS OF INCOMING WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Wilma Verge, PGM: We would like to welcome you all here and thank you for helping to make this a special night for all of the newly installed Grand Chapter Officers.

I would like to thank the members of our Grand Chapter for the trust you have invested in me. I give you my assurance that I will do the best to live up to the obligation that I gave you at the altar, to adhere to the Laws and Regulations of our Order and to fulfill all of your expectations to the best of my ability. With the help of our Heavenly Father I pray to be able to do all that must be done.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in making this evening a success. Could I ask all of our Installing Officers to rise: What a team!!

You set your own personal standards high and it shows in everything that you do. Your work is always well done. Thank you.

During the last three years on my journey to the East many of you have given me encouragement, support, guidance and advice. There are too many to name but you know who you are. Thank you.

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Could the members of Evening Star Chapter please rise: You are my Eastern Star roots, my sisters and brothers, my home away from home. The support and encouragement you have given me is incredible. Without your constant support I could not assume the responsibilities of this high office. You are awesome.

To the members of Arbutus Chapter and Grace Chapter; thank you for the support you have given Brother Bob during his journey to the east.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne and Past Grand Patron Brother Kirk, let me be the first to address you with your new title. How happy you both must be to see your year written into the history of our Grand Chapter under your leadership. It has been my pleasure to be part of your Grand Family during the last three years.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you have stood in this same place before, and have experienced the same emotions that are mine tonight.

I value your friendships, support and advice. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is so pleased that some of you are serving General Grand Chapter and I am pleased that you are here this evening.

To our Elected Grand Officers, I am proud to serve with you. To our Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, what can I say. To choose only nine appointed Grand Officers and three District Deputy Grand Matrons from our jurisdiction is a tremendous job requiring much thought and consideration. Each of you were selected for the person you are. I feel we are very fortunate because each of you is special in your own way. I'm so proud of you and as we embark on our travels together, remember to remain yourselves, have a ready smile and hugs for everyone and this will be a year that you will never forget. Thank you for accepting your appointments.

Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, I am honoured to be the first to congratulate you and address you as Worthy Grand Patron. I look forward to our year together. Thank you Sister Gloria for sharing Brother Bob with me this year and supporting him along the way.

I do not have a large family, one sister Sandra, who due to her health is not able to be here tonight. I know her thoughts and prayers are with me this evening and hopefully she will be able to attend our session in Truro next year.

To our Grand Chapter Committee Members, we appreciate each and everyone of

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you. Thank you for accepting your appointments. With your help and commitment our Grand Chapter Session will be a success. A special thank you to the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee for meeting with Brother Bob and I, the Members of Evening Star Chapter and other Members within our Districts, to advise us of the roles and the responsibilities of your committee.

A special thanks to the Sisters who have coordinated the reception. It is not an easy task when you are away from home.

We hope you all will support "Our Special Project" this year which is the Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, particularly "Kids on the Move Camp" and the "Seniors Lifestyle make over Challenge".

Our itinerary is printed in our calendars so I will not go over it at this time. In closing I hope to see as many of you as possible as we travel along the Star Trail for our Official Visits, the three Exchanges, and at our Schools of Instruction in September.

Thank you.

ADDRESS OF INCOMING WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Robert Turner, WGP: As I have been advised by several Sisters and Brothers to keep it short, I shall endeavour to do so.

Tonight you have bestowed upon me the highest honour a Brother can achieve in this Jurisdiction – Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It is with great pleasure and pride to have been elected by you to serve. It seems inadequate to just say thank you. I will do my best to perform the duties and responsibilities of this high office.

When I was Grand Organist in Sister Mary Reid's and Brother Dan's year, I was approached by Sister Mary Lou Higgins who suggested that I put my name forward. My response was that I would be too old and declined. However, with others encouraging me, I said yes. So thank you, Mary Lou for igniting the spark in me to think about it and to get to where I am tonight.

To Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, congratulations on being elected to the highest office the Sisters and Brothers can confer in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and I know that the coming year will be an enjoyable one for us both. I know you are well prepared to perform your duties to the highest standards and I am honoured to be serving as your Worthy Grand Patron. You will have my full support in all our endeavours.

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To the installing team, thank you for being part of our installation and for doing such beautiful work. When Sister Wilma asked you to assist there were no hesitations. Thank you so much for being a part of our special night.

Brother Ron, we go way back, being District Deputies in Masonry and traveling to Board of General Purposes, I am so glad you agreed to install me. You did an excellent job and I thank you very much.

To our elected Grand Officers, this year will be a continuation of your labour of love to this Grand Chapter. And a hearty welcome to our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress Sister Helen Nicholson and Grand Sentinel Brother Ken Conrod. I look forward to traveling with you this year.

To the Appointed Grand Officers, welcome. We hope that this journey will be a very happy, fun-filled memorable one. Thank you all for joining our team.

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk, congratulations on a very successful year and all the best in the future. You served our Fraternity with honour and dignity. You are now entitled to a time of rest and recharge. Thank you both for your dedicated service.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for all your support over the last several years. To the Arrangements Committee, thank you for all your hard work making preparations for our 'Sailing into the future Session to be held in Truro. We will be looking for even more in the next year. Thanks to all of you.

My mother Chapter is Arbutus Chapter #30 and I wish to thank all of the members for their support, friendship and encouragement to continue this journey. I am a plural member of Grace Chapter #8 whom I thank for their support on my travel to the Grand East. It is with great pleasure I share this great honour with each and every one of you.

Last, but by no means least, my family and friends who have come from near and far to be with us tonight.

My wife, friend and companion, for 23 years, and our own Grand Adah, Sister Gloria, who with her support and encouragement and patience has helped immensely in this journey and mother-in-law, Edith Taylor, PM for all your help and support. Love you, both.

My daughter, Sister Dawn Wamboldt, my special Page, thank you for all the support you have given me. We were initiated in Arbutus Chapter #30 together some 18 years ago. She is currently serving as Worthy Matron for her fourth term.

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In closing, let me say thank you once again. I know most of you have traveled long distances to be with Sister Wilma and myself tonight. We sincerely appreciate your being here.

Sister Wilma, WGM announced the following two new committees. Seventieth Anniversary Committee consisting of Brother Allan Conrad, PGP as Chair with other members to be named later. Secretary Handbook Committee consisting of Sisters LaVerne Porter (12), Arlene Riswold (2), Betty Ann Loughnan (40), and Beverly Caulier (27). The CL & R Review Committee will continue for another year.

Sister Jackie King (28) approached the East and presented the Worthy Grand Matron with her emblem, the Broken Column, which came from the former Amethyst Chapter. A case for the Broken Column was presented on behalf of Sister Wilma's sister Sister Sandra in Massachusetts which was handcrafted by Brother Howard Ford (71). Sister Jackie also presented Sister Wilma with a GPS from the King Family.

Sister Doreen Edgar, Secretary of Evening Star Chapter No. 28, then presented Sister Wilma with the Bible which had belonged to Emerald Chapter which was Sister Wilma's home Chapter.

Sister Eleanor Decker, PM (28) presented Sister Wilma with her Bible Marker which was handmade by Sister Eleanor.

Sister Beverly Wentzell, WM Evening Star Chapter No. 28 then presented the Worthy Grand Matron with a Sounding Block and Gavel from her family which was handcrafted by Brother Howard Ford (71).

Sister Marion Conrad, PGM, (28) presented Sister Wilma with a hand crafted Bible Case made by Brother Charlie Dewey (10) on behalf of herself and Sister Mildred Wagner (40).

Sister Dawn Wamboldt, WM, Arbutus Chapter No. 30, presented her father, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob with a Bible on behalf of their Chapter. Grace Chapter Members presented a Bible Marker.

Brother Bob was then presented with his Bible Case from Sister Annie Mae PGM and Brother Dave PGP Waterbury

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Brother Bob, WGP presented Sister Wilma, WGM with a cutting board inscribed with her name. Sister Wilma then presented her Worthy Grand Patron with an inscribed pocket watch with chain.

INTRODUCTION OF 2016-2017 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

18 Worthy Matrons and 9 Worthy Patrons were introduced.

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Sister Marianne MacMillan PM
Grace No. 3 – Sister Joan Mills PM
Ceilidh No. 10 – Sister Rosemary Hayter, PM
Queen Elizabeth No. 14 – Sister Yvonne Stevenson, PM
Crystal No. 1 PEI – Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM
Harmony No. 25 – Sister Mary Reid, PGM
Munro No. 26 – Sister Caryl Yates PM
Kewebe No. 27 – Sister Sharon Horne, PM
Evening Star No. 28 – Sister Beverly Wentzell PM
Arbutus No. 30 – Sister Dawn Wamboldt, PM
St. Mary's No. 35 – Sister Winna Smith PM
Mystic Star No. 40 – Sister Mildred Wagner, PM
Elma No. 48 – Sister Grace Boyd, PM
Scotia No. 49 – Sister Patricia Mooney PM
Regent No. 52 – Sister Debbie Fox PM
Elmsdale No. 55 – Sister Elizabeth Moxsom, PM
Laurel No. 67 – Sister Elizabeth Thompson PM
Pearle No. 71 – Sister Patricia Armstrong PM

Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Brother Lloyd Brown, PP
Ceilidh No. 10 – Brother William Thompson, PGP
Celtic Star No. 19 – Brother Shane MacFarlane, PP
Crystal No. 1 PEI – Brother Ed MacLaren, PP
Harmony No. 25 - Brother Allen Reid, PP
Kewebe No. 27 – Brother Doug Tidgwell, PP
Elm No. 48 – Brother Ben Boyd, PP
Elmsdale No. 55 – Brother Craig Savoury PP
Queen Esther No. 61 – Brother Kevin Conrad PP

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne Aitken, and Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Kirk MacLennan to the Altar for the signing of the Bible and back to the East.

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PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MATRON AND PAST GRAND PATRON JEWELS

Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM, presented Sister Suzanne with her Past Grand Matron's jewel; which was first presented in 1976 to Sister Jessie Nutter who was a former member of Montague Chapter. Royal, Her Brother Paul Aitken pinned her Past Grand Matron's Jewel. Sister Jane thanked Sister Suzanne for the pleasure of presenting this jewel to her, and congratulated her on a successful Grand Chapter year and "Three Rivers of Hope" Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Suzanne then expressed her thanks to Sister Jane for presenting her with her jewel, and said how pleased to have her brother pin on for her the jewel which had previously belonged to Sister Jessie Nutter, PGM.

Sister Mary Crouch, presented Brother Kirk MacLennan with his Past Grand Patron's jewel which had previously belonged to Brother George Crouch, PGP.

Brother Kirk thanked Sister Mary for presenting his jewel, one which he will treasure especially because Brother George had been a very good friend.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELING JEWELS

Sister Suzanne presented Sister Wilma, WGM with her Annie Patterson Traveling Jewel and wished her safe travels.

Brother Kirk presented Brother Bob, WGP with his William J. MacLellan Traveling Jewel and also wished him safe travels.

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER 2016

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible and the Grand Marshal proclaimed Grand Chapter 2016 closed to reconvene in Truro, Nova Scotia on July 3, 2017.

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SOCIAL EVENTS 2016

Monday, 4 July, 2016

11:00am Past Grands Meeting
12:30pm Past Grands Luncheon
1:30pm PAGOS Meeting
2:30pm Grand Representatives Meeting
4:00pm ESTARL Church Service, Grand Chapter Room

Tuesday, 5, July 2016

7:15am PAGOS Breakfast
12:00pm Grand Representatives Luncheon
6:00pm Main Banquet - Entertainment to follow

Wednesday, 6, July 2016

7:15am Grand Family Breakfast
12:00pm All Members Luncheon, Honouring Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron

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*Mr. Franklyn W.L. Miles, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	June 1951
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* Mrs. Esther West, P.G.M. & Grand Secretary of Quebec	July 1968
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*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

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*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	1976-77
*Mrs. Alice Cole	1977-78
Mrs Eleanor J Mitchell 15118 Royal Ave, White Rock, BC V4B1M3	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, RR1 Caledonia, Queens Co, NS, BOT 1B0	1985-86
Mrs Diane Hayman, 1900 Drummond Rd, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	1986-87
Mrs Barbara Bowser, 20 Brigadoon Ave., Dartmouth, NS B2W 2B5	1987-88
Mrs Violet E. Blair, 67 Woodman Rd, Wolfville, NS B4P0B4	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, PEI, 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 NS, 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 PO Box 704, Stellarton, NS, 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 RR3 Tatamagouche, NS B0K1V0	2003-04
Mrs Marylyn C Swinamer 16 Harvey Ln Wilmot RR2 Kingston, N.S., B0P 1R0	2004-05
Mrs Marion Miller 177 MacDonald Rd Box 100, Crapaud PEI C0A 1J0	2005-06
Mrs Gail Cook, 6407 Hwy 1 Cambridge Station NS, B0P1G0	2006-07

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Mrs Annie Mae Waterbury PO Box 637 Mahone Bay NS B0J 2E0	2007-08
Mrs Edith M Conrod 67 Hollyoake Ln Dartmouth NSB2V1L6	2008-09
Mrs. Stella E. Trask, P.O. Box 351, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2009-10
Mrs. Marion Buchan, 6273 Hwy1, Cambridge, NS., B0P	2010-11
Mrs Jane Wooldridge 1031 Brackley Pt Rd Harrington PEI C1A 1R1	2011-12
Mrs Mary Lou Higgins, 11 Cutten Lan Central Onslow, NS B6L 5B7	2012-13
Mrs Mary Reid, 313 Mark Rd RR1, Stellarton, NS B0K 1S0	2013-14
Mrs Irma Maxwell 19 Hidden Meadows PI Coldbrook NS B4R 0A3	2014-15
Ms Suzanne Aitken, 26 Willy's Ln, Montague, PE C0A 1R0	2015-16

PAST GRAND PATRONS

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*Mr. J. William McLellan	1947-48
*Mr. A.J.W. MacKeigan	1948-49
*Mr. Laurie Gibson	1949-50
*Mr. Floyd Smith	1950-51
*Mr. Douglas Horton	1951-52
*Mr. Willard V. Longley	1952-53
*Mr. Maxwell Wharton	1953-54
*Mr. Joseph Steadman	1954-55
*Mr. J. Alburne Ruffee	1955-56
*Mr. Ray Schwartz	1956-57
*Mr. Lauchie Johnson	1957-58
*Mr. W. Everett Moseley	1958-59
*Mr. 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	1981-82

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Mr. Ward Cunningham, Box 6, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N.S., BOW 2W0	1982-83
Mr. Lawrin Armstrong, RR4 Shubenacadie, N.S., BON 1H0	1983-84
*Mr. Neil Archibald	1984-85
*Mr. Keith Pettigrew	1985-86
*Mr. Cecil S. Dean	1986-87
*Mr. Frederick W. Clarke	1987-88
Mr G. Reginald MacRae, 704 Water St E, Summerside PEI C1N 4J1	1988-89
*Mr. Vincent Ells	1989-90
Mr. William F Clark 41 Settler's P, RR2 Pictou NS B0K 1H0	1990-91
*Mr. A. Allison Mitchell	1991-92
Mr Adrian A Pearson PO Box 704 Stellarton, NS, 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 NS B0J 2E0	1996-97
*Mr. William M. Thompson	1997-98
*Mr. Ervin T. Miller	1998-99
Mr. John Newell, 49 Hebrides Drive, Sydney, NS B1R 2A3	1999-00
Mr Murray F Gardner 316 Hollis St New Glasgow NS 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	2005-06
Mr. Ronald Boudreau PO Box 342 Shelburne NS B0T1W0	2006-07
Mr .Whitman J. Giffin, PO Box 494, Chester, NS B0J 1J0	2007-08
Mr. Tabor J Caulier, 40 Chelton Woods Ln, #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	2010-11
Mr. Fred Lipskey, 89 Nichols Ave, Kentville, N.S., B4N 2G9	2011-12
*Mr. Ralph Swinamer	2012-13
Mr. Daniel Campbell 169 Summit Cr Upper Tantallon NS B3Z 1P9	2013-14
Mr. John Lorimer, Unit 503, 50 Grandhaven Blvd. Halifax, N.S. B3S 0H5	2014-15
Mr Kirk MacLennan 1278 Forest St Aylesford NS B0P 1C0	2015-16

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

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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	1988-88
*Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-16
Ms Dorothy Powroz	2013-

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ALABAMA	Oct	Mrs Elaine Springsteen, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd, Prattville, AL 36067
ALBERTA	June	Mrs. Mary Lynn Smith, 16013 46 St. NW, Edmonton, AB, T5Y 0G9
ARIZONA	Mar	Ms Diana Houlette PGM Box 27967 Tempe AZ, 85285
ARKANSAS	Dec	Mrs. Annie Ruth Bryant, PGM, 3602 Nitawood Dr, Little Rock, AR,72206
AUSTRALIA	June	Ms. Elizabeth Taylor,44 Cobbs Hill Rd, Lower Dromedary TAS, 7030, AUS
BOLIVIA		Ms Maria Beatriz Urquolota de Irsta, Calle Bolivar Hotel Clorieta, Sucre, Bolivia
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	June	Ms Jean Pifer, No 68 9208 208th St, Langley, BC V1M 2M9
CALIFORNIA	Oct	Ms. Tammy Kinzy, 16850 Bastanchury Rd., Yorba Linda, Ca 92886-1608
COLORADO	Sept	Ms Rene Ballinger, 2495 South Quebec St., No. 60, Denver, CO 80231-6068
CONNECTICUT	Apr	Mrs Marilyn Mattoo, PGM, Box 143, Plymouth, CT, 06782
DELAWARE	May	Ms. Vickie J. Nicklas, PGM, 25118 Oak Rd., Seaford, DE 19973-8629
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	May	Mrs. Dorothy S. Thornley, 122C Street NW, #115, Washington, D.C. 20001-2109
FLORIDA	Apr	Mrs. Linda Dudley, P.O. Box 97, Bonifay, FL, 32425-0097
GEORGIA	June	Ms Betsy Nibeck, PGM, Box 2436, Kennesaw, GA 30156
IDAHO	June	Ms. Judith Walsborn, 2636 Sparrow Loop,Post Falls, ID, 83854
ILLINOIS	Oct	Mr. Damon Stotts, P O Box 317, Macon, Illinois 62544-0317
INDIANA	Apr	Mrs. Jonny D. Beeler, 890 Red Skelton Circle, Franklin, IN, 46131- 2577
IOWA	Oct.	Mrs. Nancy Niday, P.O. Box 72, Knoxville, IA, 50138

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ITALY	Apr	Ms Cinzia De Bartolo, Piazza Principe Umberto 35, 80142 Napoli, Italy
KANSAS	Apr	Ms Paula Gettles, PGM, 320 SW 8th Ave., Floor 2, Topeka, KS 66603-3912
KENTUCKY	Oct.	Ms. Debbie Ballinger, 102 E Washington St., LaGrange, Ky 40031
LOUISIANA	Mar	Ms. Pamela Gill, PGM, 180 Harvey Gill Rd., DeRidder LA 70634-7304
MAINE	May	Mrs. Rheanne E. Frost, PO Box 459, Peru, ME, 04290
MANITOBA	May	Ms Maralice Blagden, PGM, 52-525 Cathcart St., Winnipeg, MAN., R3R 0S6
MARYLAND	Apr	Ms. Donna Runwan, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD, 21030-1300
MASSACHUSETTS	May	Mrs. Karen Grabau, PO Box 600583, Newtonville, MA, 02460-0006
MCHIGAN	Oct	Miss Mary Ivey, 13464 Preston Dr., #250, Marshall, MI, 49068-9684
MINNESOTA	May	Ms. Joyce McCurdy, PGM, 11501 Masonic Home Dr., Bloomington, MN, 55437-9998
MISSISSIPPI-	Apr	Ms Marie Smith, PGM, 5584 Valley Road, Meridian, MS, 39307
MISSOURI	Oct	Ms Debbie L. Olds, 6033 Masonic Dr. Suite C, Columbia, MO, 65202
MONTANA	June	Mrs. Carol Zehntner, P.O. Box 330, White Sulphur Springs, MT, 59645
NEBRASKA	May	Mrs. Jan E. Thoman, PGM, P.O. Box 156, Fremont, NE, 68026
NEVADA	Oct	Ms. Debbie Michael, PGM, 5906 Martin Lane, Fallon NV 89046
NEW BRUNSWICK	July	Mr. Doug Swan, PGP, 169 St. John St, Woodstock, N.B., E7M 2T9
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Sept	Mrs. Shelley Gullett, P O Box 403, Nashua, NH 03061-0403
NEW JERSEY	May	Ms. Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM, 111 FINDERNE Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807-3101
NEW MEXICO	Oct	Ms. Debbie Davis, PGM, P.O. Box 6206, Roswell, NM, 88230
NEW YORK	Oct	Mrs. Karen Marshall-King, 1400 Utica St., Box 106, Oriskany, NY, 13424

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NORTH CAROLINA	June	Ms. Kay H. Evans, PO Box 97, Thomasville, NC 27361-0097
NORTH DAKOTA	June	Mrs. Roberta Kloster, 1405 North 3rd St. Fargo, ND, 58102
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	July	Mrs. Diane R. Hayman, PGM, PO Box 853, Westville, NS B9K 2A9
OHIO	Oct	Mrs. Roberta G. David, PGM, 2163 Crab Tree Dr., Beavercreek, OH, 45431
OKLAHOMA	Oct	Ms. Leatrice Massey, PGM, 1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie OK, 73044-2003
ONTARIO	Sept	Mr Patrick Delaney, 36 Downpatrick, Cres, Toronto, ON M9R 4A4
OREGON	June	Mrs Chris Nacheff Maneker, 707 Main St., #400, Oregon City, OR, 97045
PENNSYLVANIA	June	Ms Joyce E. Ferguson, PGM, PO Box 14097, Pittsburgh, PA 15239
PUERTO RICO	Apr	Ms. Anaida Ortiz de Olan, PGM, Calle Costa Rica C-19 Res. Sabana, Sabana Grande, PR 00637-2404
QUEBEC	Oct	Mrs. Anita Young, PGM, 1301 Barsalou, Chambly, PQ,, J3L 2X8
RHODE ISLAND	Oct	Ms. Kathy Newman, PGM, 65 Ethan St., Warwick, RI., 02888
SAO PAULO	July	Ms. Luciana Coneglian. Rua Edy Euripedes Coneglian N 37. Lencois Paulista Sao Paulo 18682-005 Brazil
SASKATCHEWAN	Apr	Ms. Thea Howe, PGM, Site 709, Comp #2, RR7, Saskatoon, SK S8K 1N2
SCOTLAND	Apr & Oct	Ms. Elizabeth French, 143 West Regent St., Glasgow, Scotland, G2 2SG
SOUTH CAROLINA	June	Ms. Katherine L. Gerner, PGM, 532 Greenbrier Dr., Seneca SC 29678-5418
SOUTH DAKOTA	Oct	Mrs. Karen Steptoe, 410 Vista Drive, Miller, SD, 57362
TENNESSEE	Apr	Ms. Mary Wolfe, PGM, 2153 Hwy 411, Vonore, TN 37885-2221
TEXAS	Oct	Dr. Ellen Pickrell, 8101 Valcasi Dr., Suite 101, Arlington, TX 76001-7710
UTAH	Oct	Ms. Karen Pullman, 98 N. Country Way, Fruit Heights, UT,84037-2236

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VERMONT	June	Mrs Jerri Riegler, PGM, 65 Lindale Dr., Colchester, VT, 05446
VIRGINIA	May	Ms. Linda M. Pearce, York Rite Bldg., 500 Masonic Lane, Suite B, Henrico, VA 23223-5560
WASHINGTON	June	Ms. Irene Jacobs, 615 North St. ,SE, Tumwater WA, 98501-3438
WEST VIRGINIA	Oct.	Mrs. Carolyn Davis, PGM, P.O. Box 39, Philippi, WV, 26416
WISCONSIN	May	Ms Nancy Ryburn, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI, 53118-9349
WYOMING	Aug	Ms Margie George, 3819 Snyder Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001-1164

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

Dianne Levy (8)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2017
Judith Misener (69)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2016
Kathryn Shears (49)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2017
Mary Rafuse (8)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2017
Betty Ann Loughnan (40)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2016
Zeke Eaton PGP(1PEI)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2017
Gale Langille (10)	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2016
Donna Himmelman (5)	California	Dec. 31, 2017
Carol Atkinson (21)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2016
Virginia Judson (1 PEI)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2017
Alice MacAskill (66)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2016
Velda Forrest (71)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2018
Mona Rand (2)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2016
Leota Meisner (70)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2017
Margaret Burhoe (27)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2016
Edna MacVicar (14)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2018
Doris Cullen (24)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2016
Gail Hemlow (28)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2017
Margaret Clarke PGM (67)	Italy	Aug. 01, 2016
Ann Marie Murdock (25)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2016
Barbara Matthews Basso (1PEI)	Kentucky	Dec 31, 2016
Irene Johnson (48)	Louisiana	July 01, 2018

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Lillian Symonds (28)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2017
Linda MacKenzie (37)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2016
Elizabeth Thompson (67)	Maryland	June 15, 2016
Sharon Adams (28)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2016
Howard Ford (71)	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2017
Ross Sherring (55)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2016
Margaret Muise (10)	Mississippi	Dec 31, 2017
Georgie Foye (10)	Missouri	June 16, 2017
Helen Scuzs (49)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2017
William Smith (3)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2017
Candace Reid (25)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2016
Barbara Patterson (55)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2017
Lillian Stuart (69)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2018
Ella Henshaw (15)	New Jersey	Dec 31, 2016
Lorraine O'Neill (61)	New Mexico	Dec 31, 2016
Beverley Wentzell (28)	New York	April 30, 2016
Fred Lipskey PGP (67)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2017
Minnie Roberts (26)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2017
Fran Harding (52)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2017
Kim Tidgwell (27)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2017
Murray Gardner PGP (10)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2016
Margaret MacDonald (10)	Oregon	May 01, 2016
Joan Oderkirk (55)	Pennsylvania	Mar. 01, 2017
Adrian Pearson PGP (25)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2017
Eleanor Decker (40)	Quebec	July 01, 2019
Earl Chisholm (21)	Rhode Island	Dec 31, 2017
Tommy Barter (45)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2017
CherylAnn Dempsey (67)	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2017
Allen Latham (2)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2017
Irma Preeper (55)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2016
Amelia Whalley (35)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2017
Carolyn Phinney (2)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2017
Myrtle DeMings (70)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2016
Whitman Giffin PGP (8)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2016
Mildred Aker (67)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2017
Shirley Shot (31)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2016
Marion Durling (3)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2016
Terry Read (24)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2016
Linda MacKay (61)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2017
Lowell Levy (8)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2016

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Brenda Crow	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2016
Vivian Driver	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2017
Denna Vickers	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2016
Regina Snow	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2017
Janice Cartwright	Australia	Dec. 31, 2016
Margaret Kerridge	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2017
Albert Turek	California	Dec. 31, 2017
Michelle Rowan	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2016
Thomas Fredsall	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2016
Jessica Cooper	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2017
Marilyn Haroutunian	District of Columbia	June 30, 2016
Martin T. Gulbrand	Florida	Dec. 31, 2017
Bonnie Mullin	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2017
Connie Van Wye	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2016
Alice Brooks	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2016
Karen Ingles	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2017
Debra Renner	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2017
Gigliola Marchi	Italy	Aug. 01, 2016
Frank E. Owsley	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2016
Daisy Bridges	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2016
Danneda Perkins	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2016
John Noyes	Maine	May 31, 2016
Beverly Martin	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2016
Carol W. Geck	Maryland	June 01, 2017
Stuart Studley	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2017
Maria A. Sturm	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2017
Bonnie McGinnis	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2016
Linda Cumberland	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2017
Gary Ezell	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2016
Gary Pfaff	Montana	Dec. 31, 2017
Tina Mogensen	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2017
Jean Castro	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2016
Joyce White	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2016
Janet Thompson	New Hampshire	Sept 30, 2016
Jennifer Schriffin	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2016
Elaine Johnson	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2017
Janice Cooper	New York	Dec. 31, 2017
Elizabeth Ungar	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2017

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Cheryl Arndt	North Dakota	July 31, 2017
Pam Moore	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2016
Gayla Luna	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2017
Kenneth Guiler	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2017
Catherine Kent	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2017
Linda Larson	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2016
	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2017
Rose Highfield	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2016
Shirley Ayers	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2017
	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2017
June Sanderson	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2016
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2017
Christina DeLeon	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2016
Wallace Evans	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2017
Martha Johnson	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2016
Herman Flanagan	Texas	Nov. 18, 2016
George Auer	Utah	Dec. 31, 2016
Effie Cole	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2016
Linda Wilkes	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2016
Sandra Ruff	Washington	Jan. 01, 2018
Nancy Killen	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2016
Lorraine Cafe	Wisconsin	May 01, 2017
Jim Currier	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2016

SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

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CHAPTER #	LOCATION	SECRETARY	MEETING
Mayflower #2	Middleton	Mrs Arlene Riswell Box 505, Kingston, NS B0P 1R0	2 nd Tuesday
Cedar Atlantic #3	Wallace	Mrs Marian Durling, PGM 127 Golden Sands Dr Malagash Mine, NS, B0K 1E0	2 nd Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Brenda Clarke 41 Huntington St. Yarmouth, NS V5A 2S2	2 nd Tuesday

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Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mrs. Kimberly Shauffenburg 504 Back Centre Rd. Site 5, Comp 5 RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., BOJ 2C0	3rd Wednesday
Ceilidh #10	New Glasgow	Mrs. Nancy Doyle 1905 Munro St., RR2, Westville, NS B0K 2A0	4 th Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 rd Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Mrs. Laverne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Rd Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7	1 st Tuesday
Celtic Star #19	Blues Mills	Mrs. Sadie Fee P.O. Box 9, Wycocomagh, NS B0E 3M0	4th Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Ann Wight, 26 Saywood Dr Truro, NS, B6L 4G7	3rd Tuesday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr, 7 MacMillan Cres. Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 rd Friday
Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 nd Thursday
Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs Sheila MacDonald PGM 12 Oland Ave., Sydney NS B1R 2H1	1st Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 th Monday
Evening Star #28	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Cres Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1C9	4 th Thursday

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Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277, Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 st Saturday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. Charlene Davis 11727 Hwy 217, RR4, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2 nd Thursday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan 2375 Roosevelt Dr. Halifax, NS B3L 3H8	1 st Monday
Armcrest #45	Halifax	Mr. Carson Jackson 6 Oliver St., Beechville, NS B3T 1A2	1 st Wednesday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Ms. Mary Ann White 830 Meadowvale Rd Upper Stewiacke, N.S. B0N 2P0	2 nd Tuesday
Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis 31 Russell Lake Dr., Dartmouth, NS B2W 0K7	2 nd Thursday
Regent #52	Central, Bedeqe, PEI	Mrs. Fran Harding 2710 Rte. 20, Darnley Kensington, RR#1, PEI, C0B 1M0	3 rd Tuesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom 8565 Hwy 14 Hardwoodlands, N.S., B0N 1Y0	2 nd Wednesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Karen Jacobs, 59 Mornington Ct., Fall River, NS B2T 1X4	1 st Tuesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Betty Thompson, Box 281, Berwick, NS, B0P 1E0	3 rd Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague P.E.I	Mrs Alena Buchanan R.R.#3, Montague P.E.I., C0A 1R0	2 nd Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs Grace Boudreau PO Box 342 Shelburne, NS, B0T 1W0	2 nd Monday

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Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs.Velda Forrest 12190 Kempt RR2 Caledonia, N.S., BOT 1B0	4 th Thursday
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