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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
NOVA SCOTIA
AND
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD IN

GLENGARRY HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER
TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA
JULY 3, 4, 5, 2017

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MR. ROBERT TURNER
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Worthy Grand Matron*



*Brother Robert Turner
Worthy Grand Patron*

Visit from our Most Worthy Grand Matron

And

Most Worthy Grand Patron



Sister Helen Westmoreland, MWGM

Sister Wilma Verge, WGM

Brother Robert Turner, WGP

Brother Robert Penoyer, MWGP



*Diane R. Hayman, P.G.M.
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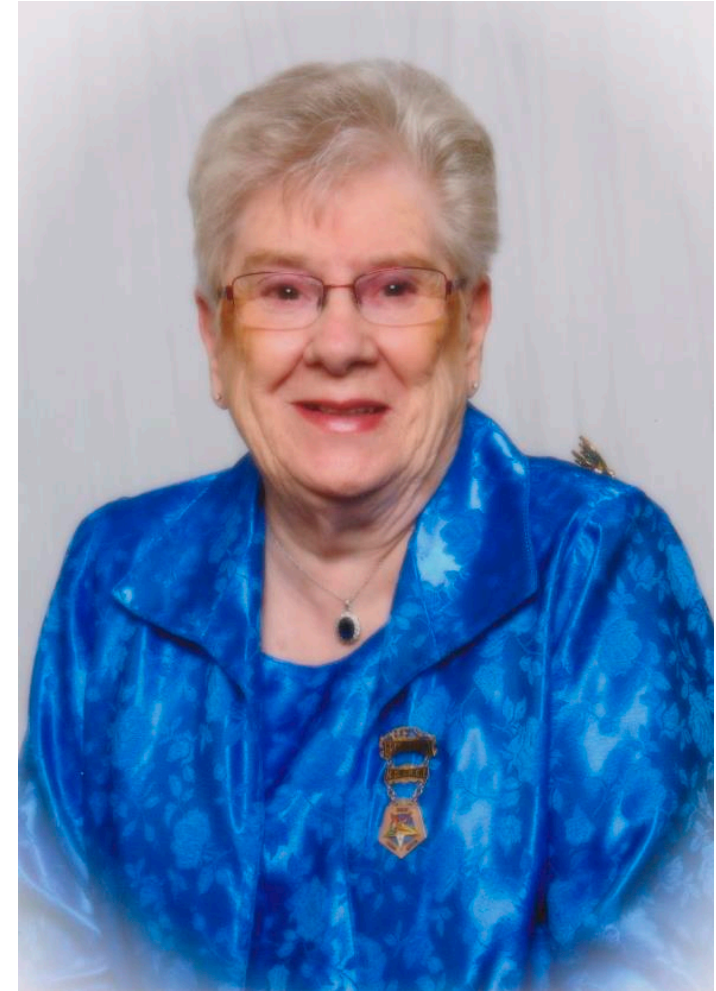
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and
Past Grand Patrons*



*Grand Chapter Mother
Sister Marion Conrad PGM*

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Dedication:	The sailing into the future session is lovingly dedicated to the memory of my Dad, the late Brother Frank Green, PP of Lord Beaverbrook Chapter No. 33 in Hampton, New Brunswick, who was my inspiration to join the Order of the Eastern Star, also the late Sister Shirley MacLean, PM of Emerald Chapter No. 38, who was a most dedicated member of our order and to all our Sisters and Brothers who are with our Heavenly Father.
Aim:	Keep the members we have, bring members back, and increase our membership.
Motto:	Friendship cannot be bought or sold; it must be earned and shared.
Honor Station:	Martha
Scriptures:	John 13:34 (Love one another); Matthew 7:12 (do unto others as you would have them do unto you)
Watchwords:	Kindness, Friendship and Honesty
Colours:	Black and White
Flowers:	All Flowers
Theme:	Anything Nautical
Fun Symbols:	WGM - Sailboats, WGP - Teddy Bears
Special Project:	The Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, particularly the children's "Camp Join together" and "Seniors Lifestyle Makeover Challenge".
Music:	Come In, Come In and Sit Down Jesus, you have come to the Lakeshore The Lighthouse How Great Thou Art Love is Our Eastern Star Grand Session Welcome <u>Anthems:</u> O Canada God Save The Queen Our Nova Scotia Bless Island Hymn Our Flag of Eastern Star Star Spangled Banner

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DIVINE SERVICE Monday, July 3, 2017

The "Sailing Into the Future" ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at Glengarry Hotel and Convention Center, Truro, Nova Scotia on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 4:45 p.m. and was well attended.

Scriptures read were: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; and John 9: 1-41. Rev. Andrew S. MacDonald PP (25), ESTARL Recipient, was the guest speaker, and his message was "Here Comes the Judge". Brother Andrew also sang a solo "Precious Lord, Take My hand". Congregational hymns were "Softly and Tenderly" and "Will Your Anchor Hold".

The service concluded with The Commissioning and The Benediction.

The offering from this service amounted to \$1071.40 and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) Programme.



INFORMAL OPENING MONDAY EVENING, July 3, 2017

6:00 p.m. Musical prelude.

6:15 p.m. Entrance of Distinguished Guests

6:20 p.m. Introduction of the Grand Family, District Deputy Grand Matrons and escorts

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6:30 p.m. Emblem Ceremony

6:45 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

6:50 p.m. Formation Narration

7:00 p.m. Entrance of Grand Officers

Sister Edith Conrod PGM and Brother Tabor "Ted" Caulier PGP were escorted to the East by the Grand Marshal, followed by the Distinguished Guests who were also seated in the East.

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, PGM then did the Introduction of the 2016 – 2017 Grand Family and their Escorts.

2017 GRAND CHAPTER INTRODUCTIONS

Good evening Sisters and Brothers and Visitors, and welcome to Truro. It is my privilege to introduce to you the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons who have served as our Grand Family this past year. The Worthy Grand Matron has asked for the bare minimum in introductions; so, in other words, they'll be short and sweet. I would also ask that applause be held until all have assembled.

We begin our introductions with Sister Frances Burgoyne Jackson, **District Deputy Grand Matron, District #2**. Sister Fran is a 22-year member of Elm Chapter #48 and a dual member of Ceilidh Chapter #10. She is escorted this evening by Brother Bill Thompson, PGP, a member of the former Westville Chapter #24 who is just completing his year as Worthy Patron of Ceilidh Chapter #10.

Second in line is Sister Nora Moxsom, **District Deputy Grand Matron, District #3**. Sister Nora is a 29-year member of Elmsdale Chapter #55. She is escorted by her son, Warrant Officer Kenneth Moxsom a 23-year member of Royal Canadian Regiment and first responder/fire fighter with Milford Emergency Services.

Our last **District Deputy Grand Matron** is Sister Shirley Shot of **District #4**. Sister Shirley is an 18-year member of our Order and her home chapter is Arbutus #30. Escorting her tonight is our PGP, Brother Ron Boudreau, a long-time member of Crescent Chapter #70.

Moving on to our **GRAND SENTINEL**, Brother Garry Bernard. Brother Garry is a 16-year member of the Order and his chapter is Armcrest #45. He is escorted by his sister-in-law, Sister Lillian Symonds, a 14-year member belonging to Evening Star Chapter #28.

GRAND ELECTA, Sister Irene Beeler joined the former Port Royal Chapter #1 in 1974 making her a 43-year member of our Order. Sister Irene is currently a dual member of Queen Esther Chapter #61 and Evening Star Chapter #28. Her escort

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is her husband, Brother Phil Beeler, a 47-year member of our Order and a member of Queen Esther Chapter #61.

GRAND MARTHA, Sister Marelene Clyke is filling our Honour Station this year. Sister Marelene is a member of Evening Star Chapter #28 and has been a member for 16 years. She is escorted by her son Les Clyke, who is a member of Equity Lodge 106 and a 20-year employee of Scotia Bank.

GRAND ESTHER, Representing our white star point is Sister Elizabeth Moxsom, a 25-year member of Elmsdale Chapter #55 where she is currently Worthy Matron. She is escorted by her father, Brother George Moxsom, a 29-year member of Elmsdale Chapter #55.

GRAND RUTH, Sister DiAnne Campbell is a member of Mystic Star Chapter where she joined Eastern Star in 2005, making her a 12-year member. She is escorted this evening by her husband, Brother Dan Campbell, PGP, who is a 20-year member of Mystic Star chapter.

GRAND ADAH, Sister Gloria Turner, wife of our WGP, is a 45-year member. Her chapters are Grace #8, Arbutus #30 and Crescent #70. Sister Gloria is escorted by her friend Sister Joan Mills, Worthy Matron of Grace #8, Lunenburg and a 25-year member.

GRAND ORGANIST, Brother Ed MacLaren Worthy Patron of Crystal Chapter #1, member of Montague Chapter #69, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. Brother Ed is escorted by his Worthy Matron of Crystal Chapter, Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM and a 52-year member.

GRAND MARSHAL, Brother Kevin Conrod has been a member of Eastern Star for 34 years and is currently a member of Queen Esther Chapter #61, Dartmouth. His escort this evening is Sister Carole Nielsen who has been a member of the Order for 27 years and is also a member of Queen Esther #61.

GRAND CHAPLAIN, Sister Susan Eaton is a 43-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and calls Crystal Chapter #1 her home. She is escorted by her husband, Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP, a 53-year member, also from Crystal Chapter #1.

GRAND SENTINEL, Brother Kenneth Conrod, a 34-year member, initiated into the former Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 and now a member of Queen Esther Chapter #61 since 2006. He is escorted tonight by his wife, Sister Debbie Ryan, an active member since 2015.

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ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Sister Helen Nicholson, a 43-year member of Crystal Chapter #1, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. She is escorted this evening by her husband, Brother Willard, PP of Crystal Chapter #1 and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Sister Darlene Amirault is a 32-year member of our Order belonging to Scotia Chapter #49. She is escorted by her Significant Other, Brother Gerald Norman, a 3-year member of Scotia Chapter #49.

GRAND TREASURER, Sister Faye Calder a member of Laurel Chapter #67. Sister Faye has been a member of Eastern Star for 45 years. She is escorted this evening by Sister Linda Foote of Laurel Chapter #67 a member for 47 years.

GRAND SECRETARY, Sister Diane Hayman, a soon-to-be 57 -year member of our Order is a life member of Ceilidh Chapter #10, New Glasgow, and also a dual member of Castleview Chapter #21, Cowley, Alberta. Her escort is Brother Larry Ingham, PP of Ceilidh Chapter #10 and a dual member of Elm Chapter #48.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON, Brother Arnold Dempsey joined Eastern Star in 2006, making him an 11-year member. He is a dual member of Mayflower Chapter #2 and Laurel #67. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Cheryl Ann, an 11-year member and also a dual member of Mayflower Chapter #2 and Laurel #67.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON, Sister Christine McGillivray is a member of Myrtle Chapter #21 and Evening Star Chapter #28 and has been a member for 37 years. Her escort is her husband, Brother Mike McGillivray, a 3-year member of Myrtle Chapter #21.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Brother Bob Turner is a member of Arbutus Chapter #30, Grace Chapter #8, and an honorary member of Crescent Chapter #70. He has been a member for 19 years. Escorting Brother Bob is his daughter, Sister Dawn Wamboldt, WM of Arbutus Chapter #30. Sister Dawn and Brother Bob were initiated together 19 years ago.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Sister Wilma Verge has been a member of the Order for 21 years and is a charter member of Evening Star Chapter #28 in Halifax. She is escorted this evening by Brother Murray Gardner, PGP, a 38-year member and a member of Ceilidh Chapter #10 and Elm Chapter #48.

This, my friends, is our Grand Family – Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

EMBLEM CEREMONY 2017
Narrated by Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM

How fortunate we are to have in our lives, strong ANCHORS to keep us secure and to hold us fast. In the Order of the Eastern Star we see the effect of many ANCHORS.

The story of Adah quietly tells us to let Integrity be our ANCHOR on our voyage through life. Every day there are promises to be made and kept. There are those who trust us, and we must not disappoint them. The emblem of ADAH, the SWORD and VEIL, is placed on the pedestal by Sister Janet Johnson PM, a member of Ceilidh Chapter #10.

The story of Ruth tells us to let Humility be our ANCHOR as we travel along Life's pathway. It will keep us from drifting off the path to duty when the burdens of everyday life become too heavy for us to carry, RUTH's emblem, the GOLDEN SHEAF of WHEAT, is being placed on the pedestal by Sister Joan Oderkirk PM, a member of Elmsdale Chapter #55.

The story of Esther tells us to let Loyalty be our ANCHOR as life leads us along avenues of service to others. Our family, and friends, will look to us for strength and support, as they make decisions that will affect their whole life. The emblem of ESTHER, the CROWN and SCEPTRE, is being placed on the pedestal by Sister Doris Cullen PM, a member of Ceilidh Chapter #10.

The story of Martha asks us to let faith be our ANCHOR as we face the trials and doubts that come into our everyday journey. It can hold us firmly if we trust in His word. The emblem of Martha, the BROKEN COLUMN, is being placed on the pedestal by Sister Janet Hue PM, a member of Evening Star Chapter #28.

The story of Electa has a message for each of us. Let Loving kindness be our ANCHOR on our journey. A helping hand, a word of cheer, an understanding ear, a heart full of compassion- these are our treasures to share. The CUP of ELECTA is being placed on the pedestal by Sister Debbie Ryan a member of Queen Ester Chapter #61.

The most important and most dependable ANCHOR of all is the Holy Bible, never wavering, but always assuring us of the strength that lies between its covers. It should be our daily guide. The HOLY BIBLE is being placed on the Altar by Brother Bob Wells, a member of Evening Star Chapter No. 28.

With these ANCHORS, Integrity, Humility, Loyalty, Faith, Loving Kindness, and the Holy Bible as our daily Guide, we are well on our way to experience a serene and happy life, guided by Our Father in Heaven.

Informal Opening 70th Session
"Sailing Into the Future"

Sister Edith Conrod PGM: Good Evening, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. What a great pleasure it is for me, to be able, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to call to order this Informal

Opening of the 70th Session of our Grand Chapter. It is an added pleasure to share the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted Caulier.

To each of you, I extend a sincere welcome to the "Sailing Into the Future" Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which is being held in the beautiful town of Truro, known as the Hub of Nova Scotia. We look forward to the Informal Opening where we enjoy the formations, wonderful decorations, formal attire, and the presence of Distinguished Guests. During the Session we welcome the opportunity to new old friendships, and the joy of meeting new friends.

We are honoured to have with us this evening, our MWGM Sister Helen Westmoreland, and our MWGP Robert Penoyer, accompanied by three General Grand Chapter Officers; Provincial Representative MLA Karen Casey; Civic Representative, Mayor of Truro, Bill Mills; Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Brother John Cody; Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Brother Kevin Crozier; Illustrious Sir Michael Schmidt, Potentate Philae Shrine Temple; Rose DeCoste representing the Glengarry Hotel and Convention Center; and Jone Mitchell, representing the Arthritis Society.

It is a pleasure to welcome many General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including our own Sister Stella Trask on Cancer; Sister Irma Maxwell on Support First Responders; Brother Whitman Giffin, Scottish Rite Charities; and Brother Ted Caulier, Shriners Charities. A most sincere welcome is extended to all visiting members from other Grand Jurisdictions, and I hope you will enjoy your stay with us. To each of the members of our Grand Jurisdiction, know that you are appreciated for all that you do for our Order, and my wish for you is that you will fully enjoy the time spent at this session, and hopefully you will be able to make many new friends, as well as renewing old friendships.

Brother Ted, please give your welcome at this time.

Brother Ted Caulier, GGCCM: Good Evening Sisters, Brothers and Visitors. It is indeed an honour for me to be in the East once again, especially in the company of my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith. It is hard for me to believe that nine years have passed since we stood together for our Informal Opening.

It is with pleasure I extend to you a most cordial welcome to this, the Seventieth Annual Session, "Sailing into the Future", the first of a three year trial in this lovely Hub Town of Truro. I trust your stay with us will be enjoyable and rewarding, both Masonically and socially.

Sister Edith Conrod, PGM: I now call to order this Informal Opening of the 70th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the “Sailing Into the Future” Session. It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the Processional and Formations, which will be narrated by Sister Sheila MacDonald PGM.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, and Subordinate Chapter Marthas to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sister Sheila, it is now your turn.

Formations 2017
Narrated by Sister Sheila Mac Donald PGM

“In this the 70th Grand Chapter Session our Grand Family has sailed into the Future, with the hope that our Numbers will grow. Tonight they will attempt to display some of the Emblems.

The **Grand Officers** have formed the **Sailboat** which sailed into each Chapter this year.

No sailboat can navigate successfully without the beautiful **sails** formed here by the hard working **Worthy Matrons**.

Also to keep the boat safe and secure are the **Worthy Patrons** forming the **Anchor**.

The **Chapter Marthas**, the honour station have formed the Broken **Column**. The emblem of Faith is on board.

To keep all these parts of the Sailboat working well the **Grand Representatives** have formed the **Golden Chain of Friendship**. Friendship cannot be bought or sold, it must be earned and shared.”

The Grand Marshal, and all others taking part in the formations, took their stations, while the Grand Officers exited the Grand Chapter Room.

The Grand Marshal was then instructed to invite the Grand Officers to enter, and the Grand Officers formed the Hollow Square.

Sister Edith Conrod, PGM: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, at the Altar for proper introduction.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma: I am honoured to be the first to welcome you to your Session. We have been friends for many years, and have had some fun travels together. You have strived to do your best for our Order this year, always adding a bit of OES information, as well as a bit of humour to all of your talks, as you visited each Chapter. At last, you stand here at the threshold of your Grand Session. I know that you, together with Brother Bob, have spent a great deal of time preparing for this Session, and my wish for you both, is that you will enjoy the next few days, and that this Session will be all that you have hoped for.

Brother Bob, I know that you have been ill during the past few weeks, so I am delighted to see you here this evening. Just remember not to overdo it!

Brother Ted Caulier GGCCM: Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron: I congratulate you both for your year of service to our Grand Chapter. May you have a most rewarding conclusion to your “Sailing Into the Future” Session. I thank you for allowing me to assist Sister Edith in opening your Informal Session.

Sister Eleanor Linton, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick, then sang, “How Great Thou Art” to Sister Wilma WGM and Brother Bob WGP

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were then escorted to the East, and Grand Honours were extended.

Sister Edith: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, it is with pleasure I present to you your gavel, the emblem of your authority. I know you will use it wisely as you preside over this 70th Grand Chapter Session.

WGM: Officers will now take their stations.

Sister Edith and Brother Ted, thank you for opening our Sailing Into the Future Session.

Sister Edith - you have given me guidance along my journey, even though you had two knee replacements and a husband who is not well. THANK YOU for your support.

Thank you Brother Ted – you have served your Chapter and our Grand Chapter in many capacities. Congratulations on your appointment as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Shriners Charities.

Sister Edith, thank you for presenting me with my gavel. May God give me the wisdom to use it wisely. Please accept this small gift.

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

The Grand Chaplain gave the Invocation.

WGM: Grand Marshal – you will proclaim the Informal Opening of the 70th Annual Grand Chapter Session, “Sailing Into the Future”, called to order.

Grand Marshal then proclaimed the Grand Chapter open.

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 Sister Jackie King, Evening Star Chapter No. 28 followed by the singing of “O Canada”. The flag was then placed in the East, and the tribute was given by Brother RG “Zeke” Eaton, Past Grand Patron, Crystal Chapter No. 1PEI.

Brother RG Zeke Eaton, PGP: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of paying tribute to the flag of our great country.

Although populated by people of various backgrounds for well over ten thousand years, Canada began as a country in 1840, as a union of the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada into the Province of Canada.

At the suggestion of New Brunswick, a meeting was held in Charlottetown in 1864, to discuss a union with the other two “Maritime” colonies.

Originally meant to be a meeting of representatives of the colonies of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the party was “crashed” by representatives from the Province of Canada. After some discussion, lubricated with generous rations of liquid refreshment, it was agreed that further negotiations should ensue for the purpose of codifying articles of confederation.

Another meeting was soon convened in Quebec City to confirm the agreement. These negotiations culminated in 1867, by means of the British North America Act, in the union of the Province of Canada with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to form the new Dominion of Canada.

This new country was then immediately divided into four provinces, Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario.

Over the years, other colonies and territories joined confederation, until, in 1949, Newfoundland, including Labrador, became the tenth province.

Over all these years, there were only two officially recognized flags in what is now Canada--the Flag of Nova Scotia (1625 and 1858) and the flag of the Acadian people (1884).

Until 1965, numerous unofficial flags were used in lieu of a true National flag. In that year, following much controversy, by Act of Parliament, the fifteenth day of February became the birthday of our National Flag.

For over 200 years, the maple leaf has been known as a symbol of Canada, and in 1921, King George V proclaimed red and white to be our national colors.

Thus it was that the red maple leaf of eleven points on a white background , enclosed by two red bars became the official flag of Canada, symbolizing the ideals of unity, integrity and peaceful strength.

Long may it wave over this great land, from sea to sea to sea.

The Union Jack was presented by Brother Gordon O’Hearn, Past Patron of Arbutus Chapter No. 30 followed by the singing of “God Save the Queen”. The flag was placed in the East.

The flag of the United States of America was presented by Brother Stewart Whitehead, Virginia, followed by the singing of “The Star Spangled Banner”. The flag was then placed in the East, and the tribute was given by **Brother Jon Allen Thompson, Past Grand Patron of Maryland.**

Brother Jon A. Thompson, P.G.P.: The flag of the United States of America. There is no record to show why the Continental Congress, in 1777, chose, red, white and blue for its colors.

A resolution in 1782 listed the explanation of the colors as: red for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy gave a speech in the Canadian House of Commons. He said “Geography has made us neighbours. History has made us Friends, Economies has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder.”

Our flag is a visual Symbol of the United States Constitution which promises, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to all of its citizens.

Post the “Stars and Stripes” near the flag of our Canadian Sisters and Brothers.

The Nova Scotia flag was presented by Brother Charles Teal, Past Patron, Arbutus

Chapter No. 30 and the Prince Edward Island flag was presented by Brother Willard Nicholson, Past Patron, Crystal Chapter No.1PEI, together at the Altar, and then placed in the East.

The flag for the State of Florida was presented by Brother Michael Feit, GGCCM and Past Grand Patron of Florida. The flag for the State of Pennsylvania was

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presented by Sister Nadine Savoury, Past Matron of Elmsdale Chapter No. 55 and Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Christian flag was presented by Sister JoAnne Giffin, Past Matron, Grace Chapter No.8 and the Eastern Star flag was presented by Brother Gerald Norman, Scotia Chapter No.49, together at the Altar, and placed in the East.

WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WGM: Good Evening Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests and Friends. We welcome you to our Sailing Into the Future Informal Opening of the 70th Session of our Grand Chapter.

We are delighted to have you here and a Special Welcome to our Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you have time to enjoy the area and do come back again.

To our own Members: Welcome to YOUR Grand Chapter Session. It has been a wonderful experience to be your Worthy Grand Matron.

I would like to say Thank You to Sister Mary Lou Higgins for her lovely presentation of the Grand Family and District Deputy Grand Matrons; to Sister Jane Wooldridge for writing and narrating the Emblem Ceremony; and to Sister Sheila MacDonald for your narration of the formations.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

WGM: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Helen Westmoreland and Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Robert Penoyer at the Altar for proper introduction.

WGM: Sister Helen, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert, Most Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend our Grand Chapter. We are very pleased to have you with us to celebrate our 70th Sailing Into the Future Grand Chapter Session.

We wish that as your path of life goes winding along the way, it will lead through Fields of happiness wherever you may stray. With many a pleasant resting place from stress or work or play, and many a friendly Eastern Star face to smile a welcome on your way.

Best wishes to you both as you travel worldwide on the Eastern Star Trail.

Sister Helen and Brother Robert were escorted to the East where they received Grand Honours.

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At this time Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton, Past Matron and Past Patron of Celtic Star Chapter No. 19 sang "Precious Memories" to our Distinguished Guests.

The following members of General Grand Chapter were then presented at the Altar, escorted to the East, and accorded Grand Honours.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Sister Joy W. Feit, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of Florida.
Sister Lorraine Hough, Worthy Grand Esther and Past Grand Matron of Alberta.
Sister Wilma J. Thompson, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Maryland.

WGM: It is my pleasure to extend a welcome to all of you. As part of the General Grand Chapter, we are honoured to have you here. We wish you a successful journey on your Eastern Star Trail, to your Precious Memories On the Wings of Love Session.

A warm and friendly welcome. A fellowship we own – for friends will walk beside you and you'll never walk alone.

The General Grand Chapter Officers were escorted to the East where they were accorded Grand Honours.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

AMBASSADOR TO SCOTLAND: Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM of Ontario
BENEVOLENCE: Sister Debbie Davis, PGM of New Mexico and Grand Secretary
CANCER: Sister Judith Rozzi, (chair) PGM of New Hampshire
Sister Stella Trask, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
CHARTERS: Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM, New Brunswick
CREDENTIALS: Sister Shilora Hudlow, PGM, Nevada
DISTRIBUTION: Brother Glen Carlson, PGP, Minnesota
EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Brother Allan Gillis, PGP, New Brunswick
EDUCATION: Brother Malcolm Hough, (chair) PGP, Alberta
ESTARL: Sister Mildred Homer, PGM, New Brunswick
HEART: Sister Cindy Ring, PGM, Illinois
MEMBERSHIP: Brother Robert (Bob) Atkinson, PGP, Ontario
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Brother John Murray, PGP, New Brunswick
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE: Sister Roberta Hall, PGM, Ontario
REGISTRATION: Sister Barbara Brihn, PGM, Minnesota
SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES: Brother Whitman Giffin, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
SHRINERS CHARITIES: Brother Ted Caulier, PGP, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS: Sister Irma Maxwell, PGM, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
Brother Jack Starkey, PGP, Illinois

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DEPUTY TO MWGM FOR ITALY: Brother Clifford Brightman, PGP, Massachusetts
DEPUTY TO MWGM FOR RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL REGION C: Sister B.
Judith Fenner, PGM, Massachusetts

WGM: We are pleased that you were able to come and be part of our Sailing Into the Future Session. A very special welcome to those we claim as our own— Sister Stella, Sister Irma, Brother Whit and Brother Ted.

We are very proud of you, and pleased that our Most Worthy Grand Matron has honoured our Grand Jurisdiction with your appointments.

Friendship is a precious thing, more valuable than gold. A treasure truly wonderful, for us to have and hold.

WGM: The Response will be given by: Brother Whitman Giffin, GGCCM
on Scottish Rite Charities

Brother Whitman Giffin, GGCCM: As you know, we are just past the halfway point in our terms of service to our General Grand Chapter and we thank our Most Worthy Grand Matron for our individual appointments.

Your kind and warm words of welcome are very much appreciated and it is our wish that this “Sailing Into The Future - - “ Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will, indeed, have wonderful, calm and peaceful sailing and that you and our Worthy Grand Patron will receive a bountiful catch of cherished memories.

Good Fishing and Sail on!!!

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

PRESENTATION OF 50 PLUS AND 60 PLUS MEMBERS

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present Fifty Plus and Sixty Plus members for proper introduction.

The following were presented:

Edith Taylor (30), Marion Conrad (28, 40), Diane Hayman (10), Barbara Paterson (55), Louise Seeley (5), Irene Bent (67), Gail Fudge (28), Goldie Chisholm (21), Jean Beckwith (68), Shirley Conrad (49), Julia Baker (45), Mary Smith (61), Melda Johnson (53), Diane Patterson (10), Margie Allen (3), Eleanor Decker (28), Ada Turner (14), Edna McVicar (14), Marjorie Conrad (61), Jane Wooldridge, (1PEI) Charles Teal (8), Zeke Eaton, (1PEI) Phyllis Jarvis (15), Eleanor Mitchell (61), Betty Ann Loughnan (40), Mildred Wagner (28), Margaret Clarke (67), Sheila MacDonald (26), Kathy Kent, Oregon. (The above members have a total of 1,761 years of service in the Order)

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WGM: Welcome. WOW, what a beautiful sight! One of the special privileges of a Worthy Grand Matron is that of presenting 50 plus pins to members in recognition of dedicated service to our Order. I congratulate you all and wish you many more years of service in the Order and thank you for everything you have done in your subordinate chapters and our Grand Chapter. You are the wind in our sails as we Sail Into the Future together.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron presented each member with a red rose.

The Choir sang “Memories” as the members were escorted back to their seats.

SAILING INTO THE FUTURE RIBBON CEREMONY

The following ceremony was written and presented by Sister B. Judith Fenner, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts, and Deputy for the Most Worthy Grand Matron for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Region C. Those taking part in the ceremony were Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, Sister Inez Daye, PGM, Sister Carol Clark, PGM, Sister Mary Lou Higgins, PGM, and Sister Brenda Clarke, PM.

Those who are lucky enough to live in the Canadian Maritimes are not strangers to sailing and the ebb and flow of the tides, so it is with our lives as we ride the tides in our sailboats with the compass pointed to “the future”. The soothing, repetitive sounds of the waves, the seagulls and other birds soaring overhead and the occasional whale breaking the surface of the waters all restore our souls and allow us to look to the future with hope and anticipation. The lessons of the Star Points become our guides as we seek to understand and live by their principles.

Electa teaches us to love one another and to extend charity and hospitality to all people. These virtues are surely the key to a happy and fulfilling future Electa’s ribbons of red bind together her LOVE with Esther’s LOYALTY AND Ruth’s CONSTANCY.

Martha teaches us to believe in eternal life with our Lord, this helps us realize that this earthly life is not the end and that we will see each other again with Jesus and experience the joys of celestial life. Martha’s ribbons of green bind together the assurance of immortality and FAITH with Ruth’s CONSTANCY and Adah’s FIDELITY.

ESTHER, our noble queen, teaches us to be loyal to kindred and friends even if it is at great personal expense. Our future actions should reflect this loyalty and concern for the welfare of others as we have obligated ourselves to do. Esther’s ribbons of white bind together her virtue of LOYALTY with Adah’s FIDELITY and Electa’s LOVE.

Ruth teaches us to be frugal and to prepare carefully for the future. She exhibited constancy and caring in this task as she assisted the aged Naomi and prepared for

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her own future. Our actions in the future should reflect Ruth's willingness to help those who cannot manage on their own. Ruth's ribbons of yellow bind together her CONSTANCY with Electa's virtue of LOVE and Martha's virtue of FAITH.

Adah teaches us fidelity to a spoken vow. As we sail into the future we must all remain faithful to the vows we have spoken at the altar in our chapter room and to any promises made to others no matter the sacrifice involved. Adah's ribbons of blue bind together FIDELITY to our obligation with Martha's FAITH and Esther's LOYALTY.

In the center of our Star is the altar upon which rests the Holy Bible, the ultimate guide for all our actions and the clear map for our future. To quote Proverbs 3:5 – 6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths."

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, thank you for allowing us to present this ceremony for you. If we live by the lessons we learn from our Star Points we can indeed sail confidently into the future with calm seas and following winds.



PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

WGM: We have with us tonight The Honourable Karen Casey, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia.

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to bring greetings on behalf of the Province. May we now hear from you.

Hon Karen Casey: Good evening. This truly is an honour.

I am pleased to attend the opening of your 70th Session of the Grand Chapter as Deputy Premier, and bring greetings from Premier McNeil and the government.

I would like to extend a welcome to your honoured guests, the Most Worthy Grand Matron (Helen Westmoreland) and Most Worthy Grand Patron (Robert Penoyer) from the General Grand Chapter.

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It is very special when the leaders of an international organization visit, and we are always eager to show off our province.

As you can see, the people of Nova Scotia are generous and friendly.

Enjoy your stay in Nova Scotia, and I hope you are able to get around and enjoy our beautiful province.

Welcome also to the members from Prince Edward Island who travelled to attend.

I would like to thank the members of the Grand Chapter for their good works over the past 70 years. Some of you may remember Mary Ellen Bishop. She was my assistant when I was employed by the School Board, but most important, she was a true friend and I miss her every day. I know how committed she was to the Order and how proud she would be of your continued good work.

This year, I understand, you plan to help seniors and children with arthritis. Statistics tell us that one in four Nova Scotians are living with arthritis.

Your effort will be most appreciated and you will make a positive difference.

In closing, on behalf of the Premier and government, we wish you a successful Session and a good stay here in Truro.

CIVIC GREETINGS

WGP: We have regrets from the Honourable Lenore Zann, MLA for Truro-Bible Hill who is unable to join us today.

WGM: I am pleased to introduce His Honour, Bill Mills, Mayor of Truro. It is a pleasure to be back in Truro, the Hub of Nova Scotia, for this Our 70th Sailing Into the Future Grand Chapter Session.

We will now hear from His Honour, Bill Mills, the Mayor of Truro.

Mayor Mills: Mayor Mills welcomed all to the Hub Town of Nova Scotia – Truro and congratulated the Order on its many accomplishments over the past 70 years. He invited all to visit the points of interest in the town especially Victoria Park.

He thanked us for choosing Truro for our venue this year and looks forward to welcoming us back in the future.

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

Brother Ken Conrod, Grand Sentinel: It is a great privilege for me to give the response to our Provincial, and Municipal Leaders.

To the Honorable Karen Casey, we take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent re-election to the Nova Scotia Legislature and to your recent appointment as Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia and to His Honor Bills Mills, the Mayor of Truro, who incidentally has served 20 years in the mayor's chair and 30 years on council, we thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules and attending our 70th Annual Grand Chapter Session and for your warm welcome to the beautiful province of Nova Scotia and to Truro, the Hub of the province. We hope that our members, from all parts of Canada and the USA will have an opportunity to explore the Town of Truro, our beautiful province, as well of course our sister Province of Prince Edward Island and we hope that you will receive a "full dose" of "Maritime Hospitality" during your stay.

To you both, we thank you again for spending some time with us and we hope that you have gained a greater appreciation of what the Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star contribute to our communities and make them a better place to live.

MASONIC GREETINGS

WGP: The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia - Brother John Cody

Brother John Cody: I wish you well on behalf of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Masonry on this the 70th Annual Session of your Order. It is my hope that this meeting may see some new thought placed on the table as you look at a future that may be a bit clouded.

The Order of the Eastern Star has had a lengthy history for sure, but is it my understanding that many of your Chapters are suffering from the vagaries of several different phenomena that are taking place at the same time. I have a few words to follow these very brief words of welcome to Truro which MAY, and I select the word MAY deliberately, be worthy of additional consideration by you.

It would be a shame to see Masonry in general, sink any farther into a degree of despair over our shrinking membership, or to see your fine Order shrink much farther as well. Just as the entire world is standing on its end these days and change is being hurled at every one of us and our families in our daily routines, we may all have had enough change already to last the rest of our collective lifetimes.

Over the last few years at our Annual Grand Lodge sessions, we have been addressed by a succession of Worthy Grand Matrons. In general, each of them have come before us pleading for us to take more interest in your Order, or you run the risk of having to terminate many more Chapters in the not too distant future.

This indeed would be a tragedy. I have looked carefully in preparation for today's remarks at your Order's main web page. It stipulates in detail just how women may

become involved in the Order of the Eastern Star. It stipulates that your members must have a masonic family affiliation with the Masonic Order.

Now let's do a bit of math here. Masonry fifty or so years ago had over four million members in the United States alone. Those numbers have shrunk to just over 1.1 million members. In Canada the numbers bear a striking resemblance. In Nova Scotia alone there were at one point 25,000 Masons who could answer a roll call. In Nova Scotia these days, there are just over 4,500 Masons. When you do the math, you are attempting to recruit women and Masons for the Order from a diminishing pool of eligible members. Those of you who have gone home and discussed these issues with your wives and husbands must feel a sense of frustration. How can you squeeze more blood out of a stone? The answer of course is that you cannot.

And so you have reached the point in time where you must do something different to survive as a body. There may be some of you who might say privately to yourselves: "What's the use. We are already below the critical path."

I am all too aware of these arguments. Things are fire in some of our Lodges, particularly in rural areas where they have shrunk below the critical point of no return. They open monthly for their meetings using members from visiting Lodges to man the Chairs, with little to no hope of obtaining young men to initiate into their ranks.

However, in the City we are seeing a very different picture, which I would like to take just a moment to tell you about.

It was early on in my Military career when I had joined the Masons following in my father's footsteps. My Dad never spoke to me about Masonry right up until the time I left the comfort of home and went off to join the Navy. There was a Petty Officer in one of the squadrons I served in who was wearing a masonic ring. I asked him about joining the Masons, and he said to me: "Wait a while. I don't think that the Lodge that I belong to is the one that would serve you best." That was my first Masonic lesson. And so it came to pass that his recommendation was bing on the mark. It was Virgin Lodge that he recommended to me. It was full of the sharpest Navy men in the land. I quickly learned that these folks absolutely prided themselves on doing things right. Like all of us, they practiced their hidden mysteries in silence. They never spoke of what it was that they did by and large, and although things are beginning to change, they largely still don't.

These are the men that taught me how to "Sail into the future". I have now been a Mason for 49 years. All around me, I see both men and women who seem to be inspired by the teachings and practices that Freemasonry and its various concordant bodies espouse. Among these I place very squarely: the Order of the Eastern Star.

As I look around me these days I see nothing but good coming from your beloved Order. You serve it so proudly. You serve it so fully and I and my colleagues extend to you our strongest wishes that you continue to do so. However, I have listened at

each Grand Lodge session as your representative comes to speak to us. Over the last few years, their message has become a little darker.

But you will find that there are other things stirring in the world that makes Masonry and its concordant bodies more germane and more vital than ever before.

I have pitched for many a year that the World needs more Masonry than it ever has in the past. The world needs more compassion. It needs more people like yourselves who will continue the great work that you are doing. You don't have to be a large organization to make a difference in this world. You don't have to have wealthy benefactors in order to survive in this world. You merely have to vow to yourselves that you will KEEP SAILING ON INTO THE FUTURE. Doing what you do best, and doing it well.

I am aware that you do some very good work assisting the Arthritis Society in their Seniors Makeover Challenge Program and the Children's Summer Camp programs. And I am certain that there are additional causes more local to you which you also participate in. and along the way, I suggest that you consider ways that you can let this be known to the public. I know exactly what you are thinking right now. "How can we do that?" It's not been done before, we don't blow our own horns, and it's not in our nature to boast about our own activities.

Well I'm going to let you all in on a little secret. Neither does the Masonic Order support these kinds of practices. But that is beginning to change. And during my term in office I intend to move those yardsticks at least another few yards. You see we have a couple of great areas of progress in this regard. In Dartmouth there is a Lodge that has adopted some truly unique methods of, dare I say it, recruiting members! But it is now they are doing this that is the amazing tough of this matter. They are doing nothing more than wearing masonic symbols on their outerwear. Ball Caps with the Square and Compass on them; they have neat jackets which also are adorned with masonic symbols; they have some really snazzy shirts which they wear in public; and they have some subtle decals which they put on their vehicles. They have also begun the use of Social media. They practice this carefully but in a low key manner. But it has all had a cumulative effect.

When you see a Mason wearing his regalia in a parade in Dartmouth, there are many folks along the sides of the road who are calling out to them. Next thing you know...they have a petition in their hands which soon turns into membership in the majority of cases.

They have in the last two years brought in close to 40 new young men. What we all wouldn't do to attract numbers like this. So how did they do it...exactly? These young men are there and becoming very active participants in Masonry which is testament to the fact that this Lodge's practices are working. They are High School buddies who are looking for something to give them a little more meaning in their lives. Older gentlemen whose working days are coming to an end who didn't even realize they were looking for something to do, to put some meaning into their lives as they retire from a life of often monotonous work, have noticed these younger

fellows strutting around Dartmouth, as younger fellows are known to do. They are asking them and they too are joining.

The Master there was stopped on the sidewalk one day and was asked point blank: "I have seen these symbols you folks wear...what's it all about? These are not the sorts of people who would ever consider joining the "100 Men Who Care" club, but they see a less expensive way to joining a men's organization which will allow them to enjoy some male companionship and to participate in useful charitable work. This is what's attracting them pure and simple.

So it is not all gloom and doom. Can this be translated into success for the Order of the Eastern Star? I suggest that you may wish to think about this, dare to even discuss it during this conference as you determine the best way to KEEP SAILING INTO THE FUTURE.

I say to Sister Wilma and all your colleagues here, that rather than practicing a message of "oh woe is us" that there has to be ways for likeminded women to band together and begin to practice a message of how proud you are to support the causes that you choose to support. This proudness will translate to additional interest from the general public. Women for instance whose families are now up and out of the house, just as their husbands are also looking for something meaningful to do in their lives. It may therefore be the time to expand your list of persons who are eligible for membership in your Order.

I thank you very much for your invitation to speak to you at the start of your conference. I hope that I have planted a seed that you may choose to find out a little bit more about. Or you may not and I understand that too. That is your prerogative to select.

We have a shining example of what is going on by way of "soft recruiting" in Dartmouth. And I for one could not be more proud of them for doing it. And I promise you that it will be a proud day when I can attend a Grand Lodge session and not hear a sad story from your representative of how many Chapters have had to shut their doors.

I think there is likely to be a bit more retrenchment before things turn around, but they can be turned around. I challenge you to take up the cudgels by putting your best minds to work for the further good of your Order. For what is good for the Order is good for humanity.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to speak to you tonight and may you long SAIL INTO THE FUTURE WITH US. Enjoy the fellowship that this conference brings to you.

Brother Bob then introduced Brother Kevin Crozier, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island.

Brother Kevin, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island: As Grand Master of the

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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, "Sailing Into The Future".

I was impressed with the number of provinces and states represented at this Grand Chapter. The number of members who have over 50 years of service attending this evening shows much dedication to our Order.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

PHILAE TEMPLE

WGP: Our next guest speaker is Illustrious Sir Mike Schmid, Potentate, on behalf of Philae Temple.

I bring greetings from the officers and nobles of Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

For those of you traveling to Nova Scotia welcome to our fair Province and I hope you enjoy your stay.

I commend you and your organization for its charitable work, this year the Arthritis Society in the Seniors Makeover Challenge Program and the Children's Summer Camp. Certainly touch a broad spectrum of society.

I would like to acknowledge Ted Caulier, the General Grand Chapter Committee Members on Shriner's Charities and advise that if there is anything the Shriners can do for your organization I will do my best to help.

I think this is an exciting time for our fraternities as I believe many of our people, the millennials, are having a look at our organizations and in fact becoming members. Perhaps we will see some growth in the next few years which would be welcome to all our groups and certainly assist both of our organizations in our future charitable works.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today and I wish you a happy and productive Grand Chapter session.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Brother Bob then introduced Daughters of the Nile, Athena Temple #149, Queen Sharon Digdon.

Sister Sharon Digdon, Queen of the Nile: This year I was installed as Queen of Athena Temple—Daughters of the Nile, thus I am very honoured to be representing Athena Temple #149, Halifax and our newly installed Supreme Queen Karen L. Keuther of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile.

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Our order has been in existence for over one hundred years. We are proud of our heritage and are grateful to the Shriners of North America for allowing us to assist with the wonderful work of helping the children of the Shriners' Hospitals.

On behalf of the members of Daughters of the Nile, and Athena Temple #149. I bring greetings and wish for you, Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand patron, a most successful Grand Chapter Session. May you "Sail Into the Future" with many wonderful memories.

WGM: The response will be given by Brother Arnold Dempsey, AGP.

Brother Arnold Dempsey, AGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. On behalf of this Sailing Into The Future Session, I would like to extend thanks to our concordant bodies for their greetings.

To Most Worshipful Brother John Cody, Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Most Worshipful Brother Kevin Crozier, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island. We thank for taking the time to address our Grand Chapter. We congratulate you on your recent elections and wish you well in your year ahead.

To Sister Sharon Digdon, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile. Thank for addressing our Session and we wish you well in your endeavours.

To Illustrious Mile Schmidt, Potentate of Philae Temple. We thank you for the considerable work of your organization with the many children who require the help of the Children's Hospital in Montreal.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to thank our concordant bodies.

HOST FACILITY GREETINGS

Regrets were expressed on behalf of Rose Decoste, Manager of the Glengarry Hotel and Convention Centre who was unable to be present due to illness of her mother.

PRESENTATION TO ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

WGM: I would like to introduce Mrs. Jone Mitchell, Director of Development of the Nova Scotia Division of the Arthritis Society, who is representing Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Jone, I invite you to join us.

Brother Bob and I approached the Arthritis Society 3 years ago when we were considering what to have as our Special Project. We were very impressed with the Camp Join Together and the Seniors Lifestyle Makeover Challenge. After serious consideration, we decided that all of us have some form of arthritis or will have in our lifetime, therefore we chose this as our Special Project. Jone, with the sale of

pins, calendars, pencils, tickets on a quilt and generous donations from the Chapters and individuals, to date we have raised **\$21,300.00** to be used for children and adults in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This is not the final amount as we will still have monies coming in at this Grand Session. (Final amount

Jone, we would be pleased to have you speak at this time.

JONE MITCHELL, ARTHRITIS SOCIETY: I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Wilma Verge and the Worthy Grand Patron, Bob Turner for inviting me here tonight. I'm so pleased that Bob is able to be here with everyone. I would like to thank the members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for your very generous donation in support of my two favourite projects of The Arthritis Society – Seniors Lifestyle Makeover Challenge and Camp Join-Together. And, on behalf of the more than 240,000 Nova Scotians and Islanders (the highest prevalence in Canada) living with the invisible pain of arthritis – thank you. Thank you for supporting these two projects that do so much to improve the quality of life for them. I'm very touched and thrilled to be here.

Living with arthritis can be challenging for people of all ages! It is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases in Canada, and, the numbers are increasing! Within a generation, there will be a new diagnosis of osteoarthritis in Canada every 60 seconds. Arthritis is more than “aches and pains” – it is a serious condition that can alter careers and transform lives. There is no cure, but with support like yours, we can empower Nova Scotians and Islanders to live their lives to the fullest by managing their pain and taking control of their disease.

Seniors Lifestyle Makeover Challenge does this exactly. It helps those living with the challenges and pain of arthritis take back control of their lives. Participants learn more about their disease and ways to overcome struggles they may encounter or have already encountered, as they cope with living with the pain of arthritis. Because of your support we will be able to offer more of these programs in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Most people are shocked to learn that 3 in 1,000 Canadian children are diagnosed with juvenile arthritis, an inflammatory form of arthritis that has no cure. Having a child or in some cases, children, with childhood arthritis can be a huge financial burden as the medications for treating these children can literally cost thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars a month and often these drugs are not covered under a family's medical plan.

Because you can't see arthritis, their disease is often misunderstood by their classmates and their teachers and they often have feelings of anxiety, depression and loneliness. But at Camp JoinTogether, everyone has juvenile arthritis and

everyone understands what each one is going through. Campers tell us that it is better than 'Disney World' and that they feel like they 'finally belong' and that Camp JoinTogether changed their lives. For many children with arthritis, health concerns control many of the activities they can take part in and without Camp JoinTogether, leaving home for a week with all the medications they take, would not be possible. Camp is often the one place where children with arthritis meet others who face similar struggles while getting to experience summer camp and all the fun it offers and their families know they are safe.

Thank you so very much for inviting me here tonight, It has been a true honour to join you as you celebrate the 70th anniversary of The Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward – that is without a doubt a real milestone and one to be very proud of.

I'm pleased to say that my Father was a Mason for over 75 years.

I would also like to celebrate your generosity to The Arthritis Society. Your support will help to dramatically change the lives of Nova Scotians and Islanders. So, on behalf of those living with arthritis and their families and The Arthritis Society, I thank you for your amazing support.

WGM: Distinguished Guests and other guests who wish to leave, may do so at this time. However, you are more than welcome to stay if you so desire.

A musical selection was played while the guests retired.

WELCOME BY THE ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE 2017

WGM: I now call on Brother Bill Clark, PGP and Chair of the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee.

Brother William Clark PGP (Chair): On behalf of the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this 70th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia Grand Chapter.

Our committee trusts that our efforts will meet with your approval, and you will all enjoy your time here at the “Sailing Into the Future” Session. A special welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Helen, Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bob, all visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, and as well as to our own members of our Grand Chapter. Again, please enjoy your stay.

The response was given by Sister Darlene Amirault, Grand Conductress.

Sister Darlene Amirault GC: It is an honour and privilege for me to respond to the welcome of the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

As members of this Grand Jurisdiction, we have looked forward to the "Sailing Into the Future" Session, and we are certainly aware of how much planning, time and commitment has gone into the preparation for our pleasure and enjoyment. To all who had a part in these preparations, our sincere thanks and appreciation. WGM Sister Wilma and Brother Bob WGP, Congratulations and best wishes for a most successful "Sailing Into the Future" Session. May it be all you have dreamed of, and hoped for.

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Worthy Grand Matrons, Sisters: Jo-Anne Finley, BC and the Yukon, Eleanor Linton, New Brunswick, Greta Smith, New Hampshire, and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Robert MacInnis, New Brunswick

WGM: We are bringing to you a glad welcome and a greeting as you pass our way. May the rays of our Star keep on shining as you go along your way. I consider you my friends and look forward to keeping in touch after our Grand Session comes to an end.

One thing to always treasure whatever joys life sends, is the memory of happiness we've had just being friends.

The response was given by Sister Joanne Finley, WGM of BC and the Yukon:

Sister Joanne Finley WGM of BC and Yukon: It is indeed an honour and privilege to be asked to give the response from the Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons from other jurisdictions. However, as my roots grew very close to here, in Springhill Nova Scotia, I feel like a bit of a fraud.

My Memories of Nova Scotia summers at Heather Beach and Five Islands, are very dear to me, and it is indeed a great pleasure to again experience the warm hospitality for which Nova Scotians are famous. It's been far too long!

We are privileged, no matter what jurisdiction we call home in our beautiful order, to share the same teachings and principles that Rob Morris first envisioned as our foundation. We must realize the value in our lives, and in doing so, work to maintain and grow this order for subsequent generations to experience.

On behalf of my counterparts, we bring to you wishes for a successful and harmonious session from our respective jurisdictions. It is truly a privilege to share your session with you

I would like to leave with the lyrics that are near and dear to me

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She's Called Nova Scotia

She grows on you slowly the first time you meet
There's just so much beauty the heart can believe
And you want to stay longer and she's ever so pleased
You're one of the many who don't want to leave

So walk through her green fields, Go down to the sea
The fortune in your eyes is more like a dream
She's called Nova Scotia and she so makes you feel
You discovered a treasure no other has seen

Thank you again Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege given, as I again Bid Farewell to Nova Scotia far too soon.

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

Nineteen Past Grand Matrons and twelve Past Grand Patrons were presented at the Altar:

Sisters: **Eleanor Mitchell; Diane Hayman**, Grand Secretary; **Marion Conrad; Margaret Clarke; Sheila MacDonald; Marian Durling; Cheryl Denton; Carol Clark; Isabelle Pearson; Inez Daye; Marylyn Swinamer; Marion Miller; Gail Cook; Edith Conrod; Marion Buchan; Jane Wooldridge; Mary Lou Higgins; Mary Reid; Suzanne Aitken;** and Brothers: **Lawrin Armstrong; Bill Clark; Adrian Pearson; Murray Gardner; William A. Thompson; Allen Denton; Allan Conrad; Ronald Boudreau; Zeke Eaton; Daniel Campbell; John Lorimer and Kirk MacLennan.**

WGM: Welcome. I would like to thank you for the assistance you have given to me this year and in your participation at our Grand Session.

My quote for you is: It's hard to tell what makes a friend, it isn't wealth or style – just something that you can't explain that makes them so worthwhile. It isn't just the things they say, or just the things they do, but what it takes to make a friend I found in each of you.

The response was given by **Sister Marion Miller, PGM.**

Sister Marion: On behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of This Grand Jurisdiction here assembled, it is my privilege to thank you for the gracious welcome extended to us for your "Sailing Into the Future" Session. I extend to you our very best wishes for fraternal good will as you preside over the deliberations completing your term of office, as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

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Thank You for this honour that you have given to me, to respond to your cordial welcome. Worthy Grand Matron, you have indeed been unique, and I hope your session is all you both have wished for and will leave you with lasting memories.

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

Thirteen Past Grand Matrons and nine Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were presented at the Altar.

Sisters: Jacqui Clearwater, BC and Yukon and Grand Lecturer; Margaret Dwyer, Maine; Donna Starkey, Illinois; Nancy Ford, Maryland; Bonnie Studley, Massachusetts; Carol Sutherland, New Brunswick; Lynn Hutchin, New Brunswick; Sharron Longshore, New Mexico; Lynne Atkinson, Ontario; Marilyn Taylor, Ontario; Shirley Ayers, Rhode Island, and Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Judith Brightman, Rhode Island, and Grand Representative of Italy; Kathryn Newman, Rhode Island, and Grand Secretary and Grand Representative of Texas;

Brothers: Ronald Hayden Colorado and Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Jim Marshall Florida; Matt Ring, Illinois, and Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Robert Hudlow Illinois, and Grand Representative of District of Columbia; Jon Thompson, Maryland; Ray Abby, Michigan; Ralph Hall, Quebec; Ronald Newman, Rhode Island, and Grand Representative of Nevada; and Ronald Ayers of Rhode Island and Grand Representative of New York;

WGM: Welcome. Visitors arriving at our Grand Chapter make us aware of how blessed we are to have so many friends.

My quote for you is: The value of true friends can't be measured on a chart. No scale on earth can weigh their worth except the human heart.

The response was given by **Sister Margaret Dwyer PGM of Maine.**

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

Fourteen Elected or Appointed Grand Officers were introduced.

Sisters: Joyce MacInnis, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Charlotte Bateman, Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Wendy Riffal, Grand Trustee, BC and Yukon; Cheryl Rikley, Grand Chaplain, BC and Yukon; Donna Stafford-Tyrrell, Grand Adah, BC and Yukon; Marilyn Hutchinson, Grand

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Adah, New Brunswick; Dorothy Allan, Grand Esther, New Brunswick; Judy Evans, Grand Esther, South Dakota; Marie Reid, Grand Electa, New Hampshire; Karen Wedlock, Deputy Grand Marshal, New Hampshire. Brothers: Ross MacLeod, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick; Philip Rozzi Sr., Associate Grand Patron, New Hampshire; Ronald Bateman, Grand Marshal, New Brunswick.

WGM: My visiting friends, may good fortune protect you and bless you each day, and may trouble ignore you each step of the way. This is my wish for you. Welcome.

The response was given by Brother Ross MacLeod, AGP of New Brunswick:

Brother Ross: Sister Wilma, it is indeed an honour and pleasure for me to respond to the gracious words of welcome extended to us, the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions. I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the hospitality and the warmth of your welcome to this, your sailing "Sailing Into the Future" Grand Chapter Sessions.

As Sister Joyce and I, from the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick, travelled to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we are responsible for the weather you are receiving, and I see it is good!

I would like to thank you Sister Wilma for bestowing this honour on me, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and my Mother Chapter, St. Stephen No. 8, in St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

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

GRAND OFFICER EMERITUS

The following Grand Officer Emeritus were then introduced:

Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, and Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Sister Dorothy Prowroz of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

WGM: When hands reach out in friendship hearts are touched with love. It is our hope that all of you feel our Fraternal Love in this Grand Chapter Room. Welcome

They were 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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At this time, Sister Phyllis Jarvis was escorted to the East where the Worthy Grand Matron presented her with a commission as Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Twenty-nine Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were then presented.

Sisters: Edith Taylor of Alberta, Michelle Boutilier, of Arizona; Velda Forrest of Delaware, Gail Cook of Idaho, Edna MacVicar of Illinois, Caryl Yates of Indiana; Mary MacLennan of Iowa, Susan Lorimer of Italy; Margaret Allen of Kentucky; Edna MacLean of Manitoba; Jackie King of Massachusetts; Louise Seeley of Minnesota; Barbara Paterson, of New Brunswick; Lillian Stuart of New Hampshire, Shirley Conrad of New York; Michele Gallant of Nevada; Fran Harding of Ohio; Donna White of Oklahoma; Nadine Savoury of Pennsylvania; Eleanor Decker of Quebec; Phyllis Jarvis of Saskatchewan; Carolyn Phinney of Tennessee; Jean Millett of Texas; Erin Jones of Virginia; Anne Ross of West Virginia;

Brothers: Robert Wells of Bolivia; Philip Roode of Colorado; Howard Ford of Michigan; Earl Chisholm of Rhode Island.

The welcome was given by Sister Christine McGillivray, Associate Grand Matron.

Sister Christine: It is with pleasure that I welcome you all to this "Sailing Into the Future" Session. It is a special appointment to represent the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Jurisdictions. Hopefully you have had contact with your counterparts, are forming a lasting friendship with them, and will be able to travel to their Grand Chapters as our Ambassadors.

Thank You Worthy Grand Matron for the pleasure of welcoming our Grand Representatives.

The response was given by Sister Gail Cook PGM, Grand Representative of Idaho:

Sister Gail: Thank You, Associate Grand Matron, Sister Christine, for your gracious welcome to us, the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

These special appointments have given us an opportunity to make new friends and strengthen the bonds of fraternal friendship of our Order.

Thank you Sister Wilma, WGM for the honour of responding to this greeting. May your Session "Sailing Into the Future" have an abundance of kindness, friendship, joy, laughter, and happy memories.

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

Sisters: Sandra Munster in Arizona, Penny Bosley in Idaho, Maria Strum in Michigan; Dana Ridge in New Mexico; Arlyne Fritz in Ohio; Gayla Luna in Oklahoma; Catherine Kent in Oregon; Donna McGrow in Pennsylvania; Jill Robinette in Tennessee; Jewell Horne in Texas; Judith Whitehead in West Virginia.

Brothers: Albert Turek in California; Reginald Murray in New Brunswick; Stuart Studley in Massachusetts("Eagle" A Special Appointment of MWGP), Wallace Evans in South Dakota.

WGM: Welcome. You are our links to the world of Eastern Star. You are the Sisters and Brothers who help to continue friendship between Jurisdictions. Your appointments give you the opportunity to meet friends in other Jurisdictions and to carry the love of the rest of us around the world.

The response was given by Sister Penny Bosley: Thank you for your gracious welcome to us, the Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions. I bring you fraternal love from the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

Thank you Sister Wilma, for the honour of responding to this greeting.

Being a Grand Representative

Being a Grand Representative
Is an honour, I think you will agree.
Whether it is for just one year,
Or two, or even three.

It doesn't entail any work-
You're an ambassador of sorts;
You visit other chapters
Just like a sailor visits ports.

It's an experience of a lifetime
As you travel both near and far,
And hands are clasped in friendship
In our wonderful Eastern Star.

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

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

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

Sisters **Margery Zurko** of Saskatchewan in Connecticut; **Marilyn Ivey-Crook of Kansas in Michigan**; **Eleanor Kaye** of Maine in New Brunswick; **Deborah Reed** of District of Columbia in New Hampshire; **Jeannette Vreeland** of Australia in New Jersey; **Ruth Saunders** of Australia in New Brunswick; **Karen Zakn** of New Brunswick in New Mexico; **Dora Purcell** of Iowa in Ohio; **Sharon Harp** of Iowa in Oklahoma; and **Brother Charles Jones** of Florida in Massachusetts.

WGM: Welcome. It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this 70th Session "Sailing Into the Future".

You scatter your smiles like the sunshine, you send out your songs on the wind. You share all your thoughts with each other and travel to be with friends. You're truly the strength of our Order, Grand Representatives whoever you are. You travel from border to border with love of our Eastern Star.

These Grand Representatives were also escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Grand Conductress then presented the following General Grand Chapter Special Appointments:

Sister Pauline "Polly" Thomassen, Washington, Hummingbird of the Most Worthy Grand Matron

Brothers Michael Feit, Florida, Chairman Triennial Assembly 2015-2018 and Housing Chairman; **John Munster**, Arizona, Hummingbird of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM: Welcome. Some folks just pass like ships - they leave no ripples on life's stream, we meet them and forget them, like shadows in a dream. But some they are so friendly, so fine, so staunch, so true; they live forever in our hearts, wonderful friends like you.

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

Three District Deputy Grand Matrons of our Grand Jurisdiction and two visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons were introduced.

Sisters Fran Burgoyne-Jackson District No. 2; **Nora Moxsom** District No. 3; **Shirley Shot** District No. 4; **Rebecca Atwater** District No. 14, Maine, **Ruth Wellner** Deputy Grand Matron in Massachusetts.

WGM: My heart is filled with loving thoughts and memories today for all the things you've done for us in your very special way. May future days bring happiness, and the days to the follow, too, hold every joy the world can bring to friends as dear as all of you. Welcome.

The response was given by **Sister Nora Moxsom**, DDGM, District No. 3: On behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, I would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron for your warm welcome. You have placed a great faith and trust in each of us to act on your behalf and represent you. We each received a very warm and friendly welcome in each of us to act on your behalf and to represent you. We each received a very warm and friendly welcome in each of our districts as we travelled in our Grand Jurisdiction this past year, and we are grateful for the privilege of visiting our chapters as a District Deputy Grand Matron, and for the lasting friendships we have made.

This year will always be a special memory in our hearts. We thank you for your guidance and direction, and being available when we had questions. It has been an honour to be a part of this Grand Family, and we thank you for that honour, and for the memories we will cherish. We pray that this "Sailing Into the Future" Grand Session is all that you hoped and wished it would be. We are thankful that Brother Bob is able to be with us for this Grand Session and we hope his recovery will continue to be speedy and long lasting.

Sister Wilma, Brother Bob: Have faith in the Master Pilot
When the billow rage and roar
His steady hand upon the wheel
Will guide you to the shore.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving me and Elmsdale Chapter #55 the honour of responding to your welcome.

They were then escorted to the East.

**PRESENTATION OF 2016-2017
GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced and escorted to the East.

Courtesy – Sister Anna Carr #1PEI, Brothers Philip Roode #10, and Don Selig #71
Crafts & Treasures - Sisters Shirley Conrad (Chair) #49, LaVerne Porter #15, Mary MacDonald #69, Ardith Downey #28, Georgie Foye #10, Heather Matthews #3
Eastern Star Journal – Sisters Joyce Roode #10, Gail Rafuse #28

ESTARL – Brother Larry Ingham (Chair) #10, Sisters Linda Foote #67, Pat Selig #71

Librarian – Sister Janet Johnson (10)

Membership – Sisters Rhonda Fader (71), Susan Wroe #28

Program Booklet – Sisters Debbie Ryan (Chair), Jessica MacLennan #19, Brother Craig Savoury

Publicity – Sisters Vivian Ingham #10, Paula Brigley #40, Anna Ford #71, Brother Charles Carr #1PEI

Registration – Sisters Doreen Edgar (Chair) #28, Carol Nielson #61

WGM & WGP Special Project – Sisters Jackie King (Chair) #28, Dawn Wamboldt #30, Elizabeth Thompson #67, Doris Cullen #10, Brother Willard Nicholson #1PEI,

WGM: You are the Sisters and Brothers who work so hard to make sure our Grand Chapter is a success. How can I find the shining words, the glowing phrase that tells all that your friendship spells? There is no word, no phrase for you, on whom we so depend. All I can say to you is this: God Bless you, precious friends.

The response was given by Sister Shirley Conrad #49:

Sister Shirley: Worthy Grand Matron Sister Wilma and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bob; On behalf of the Grand Chapter Committee Members, I thank you for your warm welcome and for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter. We wish you a successful "Sailing into the Future" Grand Chapter session.

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for 2016 – 2017 were introduced and welcomed.

The following Worthy Matrons were introduced: Sisters Midge Medicraft, Mayflower Chapter #2, Marianne MacMillan, Cedar Atlantic Chapter #3, Louise Seeley, Keystone Chapter #5, Joan Mills, Grace Chapter #8, Rosemary Hayter, Ceilidh Chapter #10, Yvonne Stephenson, Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14, Ruby MacKenzie, Evangeline Chapter #15, Jane Wooldridge, Crystal Chapter #1 PEI, Kathy Balcom, Myrtle Chapter #21, Mary Reid, Harmony Chapter #25, Caryl Yates, Munro Chapter #26, Sharon Horne, Kwebec Chapter #27, Beverley Wentzell, Evening Star Chapter #28, Dawn Wamboldt, Arbutus Chapter #30, Winna Smith, St. Mary's Chapter #35, Mildred Wagner, Mystic Star Chapter #40, Gail Fudge, Armcrest Chapter #45, Patricia Mooney, Scotia Chapter #49, Elizabeth Thompson, Laurel Chapter #67, Patricia Armstrong, Pearle Chapter #71 and Sister Gwen Budzene, Stillwater Chapter #54, Oklahoma.

The Worthy Patrons Introduced were: Brothers Lloyd Brown, Cedar Atlantic Chapter #3, William Thompson, Ceilidh Chapter #10, Ed MacLaren, Crystal Chapter #1PEI, Allen Reid, Harmony Chapter #25, Doug Tidgwell, Kwebec Chapter #27, Kevin Conrod, Queen Esther Chapter #61, Howard Ford, Pearle Chapter #71

WGM: Welcome. You've given me a priceless gift, I handle with great care – the golden gift of friendship, so wonderful and fair, because of this I'm wiser and, I think,

kinder too. Thank you for all the courtesies you extended to me on our Official Visits. I have many lasting memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

The response for the Worthy Matrons was given by **Sister Marianne MacMillan**, PM Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3: It is with happiness I give to you the response on behalf of the Worthy Matrons of this jurisdiction!

Sister Marianne: Thank you both, that when you visited our chapters this past year, you came with a spirit of humbleness, hilarity, and humour. Your sailing ship into the future was received with a great deal of respect as you sailed, sailed, and sailed some more to promote our beautiful Order.

God bless you and may the tides be always perfect as you continue on in your Star Life journey.

Brother William A. Thompson, PGP #10 gave the response on behalf of the Worthy Patrons:

Brother Bill: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, on behalf of the Grand Guards for this "Sailing into the Future Session" of Grand Chapter, we want to thank you for your words of welcome. We have enjoyed and plan to continue the pleasure of working for this Grand Session and, Brother Bob, it is great that we actually have you with us this evening.

Brother Bob, thank you for the honour of serving as Chairman of the Grand Guards and giving this response.

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

THE GRAND CHAPTER MOTHER

Sister Marion Conrad, PGM #40 was introduced as Grand Chapter Mother.

WGM: Sister Marion, I can't repay the lessons that you taught me in Eastern Star in quite the way you encouraged and cared to see Me through as Worthy Grand Matron.

I have memories to treasure, all unknown 4 years ago, like sparkling gems of pleasure which forever I may know. I have a wish that goes like this: that all your years may be filled with days and much happiness, like those you brought to me.

The Stars shine brighter and the sky's a brighter blue ever since you accepted my appointment as Grand Chapter Mother. Congratulations on being here to see me through during your 90th Birthday.

Sister Marion responded: You have given me the honour of being Grand Chapter Mother. I am so honoured of receiving the privilege of being the Grand Chapter Mother. If anyone was at your Homecoming – the twins are doing just fine.

The Grand Choir sang "May You Always" to Sister Marion.

Sister Marion was escorted to the East and given a warm welcome.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Sister Joyce Roode, PM (10), Canadian Liaison for International Grand Representatives Association on Membership was introduced.

WGM: Sister Joyce. The word welcome possesses a wealth of Meaning. We are pleased and happy to have you here.

Sister Joyce was then escorted to the East and extended a warm welcome.

SAILING INTO THE FUTURE COMMITTEE

The following members of the Sailing into the Future Committee were introduced: Sisters Irene Beeler, Jackie King, DiAnne Campbell, Marion Conrad, Mildred Wagner, Clara Nieforth, and Dawn Wamboldt.

WGM: Just two little words, and yet as a phrase they say something nice about you and your ways. They are just two little words but I think they'll do fine to carry the message to your heart from mine. THANK YOU for making my dreams come true.

They were escorted to the East where they were warmly welcomed.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal called the Chapter from labour to rest to reconvene at 8:45 a.m. sharp on Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

**FORMAL OPENING
Tuesday Morning, July 4, 2017**

The Session began at 8:45 am with the Emblem Ceremony narrated by **Sister Jane Wooldridge** PGM (1PEI). The Sheaf of Wheat was presented this morning by Sister Jessica MacLennan PM (19).

9:00am the Formal Opening was called to order by **Sister Marion Conrad**, PGM (40) and **Brother Adrian Pearson**, PGP (25).

Sister Marion, PGM: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the formal opening of the 70th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to the "Sailing into the Future" Session.

I extend a sincere welcome to all of our visitors who have travelled from afar, especially our most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister **Helen J. Westmoreland** and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, **Brother Robert C. Penoyer**. It is always a pleasure to

welcome all the General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I extend a special welcome to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members: **Sister Stella Trask** on Cancer, **Brother Whit Giffin** on Scottish Rite Charity; **Brother Ted Caulier** on Shriners Charity, and **Sister Irma** on Support First Responders

It is an honour through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma Verge and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Turner to be here with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Adrian.

Today, as the work of this Grand Chapter begins, may we remember your watchwords: **Friendship, Kindness** and **Honesty**.

Brother Adrian, would you bring us your words of welcome?

Brother Adrian, PGP (25): Good morning, Sisters and Brothers: Sister Marion, My Worthy Grand Matron, always a privilege to share the East with you. Twenty-four years ago, we were embarking on the opening of our Circle of Love Session. Today, we welcome members and visitors to the Formal Opening of the 70th Annual Session on the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We are honoured by the attendance of Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob. How grateful we are that you included Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in your busy schedule. We wish you much success and safe travels and do come again!

To our other Distinguished Guests, including our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members – Sister Stella Trask – Cancer; Brother Whit Giffin – Scottish Rite Charities; Brother Ted Caulier – Shrine Charities: Sister Irma Maxwell – Support First Responders. Thank you for the honour you bring to this Grand Chapter and the ORDER by your faithful service.

To our own Members – This is your Grand Chapter and I know you will participate to the fullest, renew acquaintances, make new friends and leave with fond memories.

Welcome one and all!

I thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the Honour of assisting at this Formal Opening Session.

Sister Marion PGM: I now Call or Order the Formal Opening of the 70th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "Sailing into the Future" Session.

It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the formations under the direction of Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM.

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

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

Well, **Sister Wilma**, four years has passed since I elected (nominated) you as Associate Grand Conductress. I wasn't sure I would make it here alive with the threat and all, but here I am. Am I off the hook? We've had a lot of fun tossing this challenge back and forth over the years.

Sincerely, you and Brother Bob have had a wonderful year as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I have attended as many of your official visits as my health permitted. Everyone enjoyed your talks and always waited for the **SMILE** at the end. Congratulations on a very successful year.

Brother Bob, you hail from my home town of Lunenburg. That makes my welcome to you very special. It was a pleasure travelling with you and Sister Wilma, God bless you and bring you back to good health.

May God watch over both of you throughout this Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Adrian, may we have your greeting at this time?

Brother Adrian, PGP: Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, this is the Formal Opening of your "Sailing Into the Future" Session – a time to enjoy the fruits of your labours. May it be all you hoped it would be. You have endeared yourself to the membership at all your Official Visits. This is not surprising – you have always exhibited a strong work ethic in your Eastern Star Offices, an example for others to follow. All of this and a sense of humour! We look forward to the remainder of your Session.

Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, I welcome and congratulate you on your service to this Grand Chapter. Your genial manner and sincere interest in the Order stand you in good stead. We trust that the "Kids on the move Camp and Seniors Lifestyle Make Over Challenge" will benefit from the Special Project proceeds. It was enlightening to hear your message at the Visits. The alarming percentage of persons affected by Arthritis in both Provinces points out the need for this Project.

Post Script. God Bless you Bob, as you continue on the road to better health. Whether or not you are able to serve for the next few days, your Record of Service is duly established. You will be in our Thoughts and Prayers throughout the Session.

Well done Good and Faithful servants.

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Sister Marion PGM: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress – you will now escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sister Wilma and Brother Bob were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Marion PGM: Sister Wilma, I present you with your gavel. I know you will use it wisely and well as you preside over this Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Beth Brett and Brother Shane MacFarlane #19, sang "Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore" to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

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

WGM: Sister Marion, PGM and my Special Appointment as Grand Chapter Mother – for over 60 years you have worked tirelessly on behalf of our Order. You have a wonderful sense of humour and I remember when you nominated me as Associate Grand Conductress, you wondered if you would be here to see this day.

I am so glad that your health has permitted you to continue working for the good of the Order and it's nice to see two people who went through together as WGM and WGP open this formal session. Please accept this small gift

WGM: Brother Adrian, PGP – during my time in Eastern Star I always thought of you as the Grand Chapter Parliamentarian. I have got to know you over the past few years, with you being an honorary member of my Chapter, and found you to be very much a gentleman. Thank you for agreeing to open our Formal Session.

Please accept this small gift.

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 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" was sung.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron, was presented at the Altar, escorted to the East, and extended Grand Honours.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
(not previously introduced)**

Sister Annie Mae PGM and Brother David PGP Waterbury were presented at the Altar, escorted to the East, and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Rhoda Tupper, Grand Representative of Oregon in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented at the Altar, escorted to the East and extended Grand Honours.

Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other jurisdictions: **Brother Robert Burton**, in New Hampshire, was presented at the Altar and escorted to the East where he received Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter Committee **Member Donna Lang #61** on Publicity was introduced and escorted to the East where she was warmly welcomed.

Sister Debbie Fox, Worthy Matron #52, was introduced and escorted to the East where she was given a warm welcome.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Sister Doreen Edgar, (Chair) of the Registration Committee gave the following report:

Members of this Jurisdiction	212
Visitors	112
TOTAL	324

The report was seconded by Sister Ann Wight #21 and carried.

Robert's Rules of Order

Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your "Sailing into the Future" Session.

Sisters and Brothers, as we approach the Business of Grand Chapter, may we reflect the teachings of our Order and provide "Smooth Sailing" for all in attendance.

Officially, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply on all our deliberations.

Following are ten selected items:

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the Presiding Officer.
2. All motions must be seconded before discussion.

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

APPROVAL OF THE 2016 MINUTES

It was moved by the Grand Secretary that the 2016 Minutes be approved as printed and distributed. The motion was seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter #10 and carried.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Wilma: Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Four years ago, when I started on this journey, I thought four years was a long time, however, it's hard to believe that I am on my way to becoming the Junior Past Matron of this 70th Session of our Grand Chapter. It has been a learning experience to say the least. The support which has been shown to me by the members of our jurisdiction has been incredible.

I was very leery when I started on this journey because, as most of you know, I was not prepared to run the year I was elected Associate Grand Conductress. It has been a privilege to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron this year.

In May of 2016 I met with Jurisprudence to review my Instructions to the Subordinate Chapters and to my District Deputy Grand Matrons. Directly following my Installation I went to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Within 2 weeks, there was a School of Instruction held for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. We held two more Schools of Instruction in September 2016.

Our first official visit was on the 1st of August when we visited Mystic Star Chapter No. 40. I attended all official visits of the twenty-seven Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction, and there was only one that had to be postponed due to inclement weather, which was my own chapter, Evening Star Chapter No. 28, in Halifax.

All courtesies extended to us on our official visits – the meals, the addendums, the gifts, the donations to our Special Project and the support from our Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons in travelling with us was incredible. The Official

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Visits were well attended, and have given Brother Bob and me many unforgettable memories.

I attended the visit of the Supreme Queen and the Installation of the new Queen at the Athena Temple No. 149, Daughters of the Nile in Halifax and extended greetings from our Grand Chapter.

I attended the Shrine Installation in January 2017 and Maine Maritime Exchange in April 2017. I attended the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in June, where I had the opportunity to speak to the Masonic Body. Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, attended the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island on my behalf.

Fourteen dispensations were issued for satisfactory reasons.

I have prepared a list of Irregularities noted by myself and the District Deputy Grand Matrons which will be published in the proceedings along with my questions and answers.

I had the pleasure to recommend Sisters and Brothers to be Grand Representatives and, in most cases, the Worthy Grand Patron or I made the presentations. When neither of us were able to attend, a Past Grand was always willing to fill in for us.

All Chapters did their Ritualistic Work well and we had many laughs along the way.

I attended as many Honour Nights for our Grand Officers as I could.

One of the most enjoyable duties of the Worthy Grand Matron is to present Sisters and Brothers with fifty and sixty year jewels, and some of these were presented on our official visits.

At our joint Homecoming in May 2017 we had a wonderful meal and entertainment to follow. The gifts and donations received were greatly appreciated.

During the year, any correspondence that I was required to send to the chapters, including approving letters by our Grand Chapter Committee Chairpersons and Sister Christine McGillivray, our Worthy Grand Matron Elect, in preparation for her year, were approved.

We were saddened when Kwebec Chapter No. 27 surrendered their Charter and I attended a closing dinner at which time I was presented with a very generous cheque for our Special Project.

As you heard earlier, our Special Project was given to generously by all chapters and individuals throughout the year.

A special handmade quilt was crafted and presented to us, on which we sold tickets all year.

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I would like to say thanks to all our Committees for the hard work they all did to make Brother Bob's and my year a success.

To my chapter, Evening Star No. 28, and the Sailing into the Future Committee – without you I would not be standing here today. You have all worked tirelessly to make sure that I had a wonderful year. There are some individuals, and you know who you are, who have done so much to support me this year.

To Arbutus Chapter No. 30 and Grace Chapter No. 8, Brother Bob's Chapters, thank you for your support.

In conclusion, I hope I have not disappointed any of the sisters and brothers in our Grand Chapter as I did my duties to the best of my abilities and have enjoyed our official visits and other special occasions.

My Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, I thank you for the way you have supported me this year – you were beside me for every official visit with the exception of one. Sister Gloria, you are a lucky woman and I thank you for your presence in our Grand Family. Bob is back to you now, However, I hope the friendship between us will last forever.

A detailed report will be in the proceedings.

Appointed Grand Officers

Grand Chaplain	Sister Susan Eaton(1PEI)
Grand Marshal	Brother Kevin Conrod (61)
Grand Organist	Brother Ed MacLaren (1 PEI)
Grand Adah	Sister Gloria Turner (8)
Grand Ruth	Sister DiAnne Campbell (40)
Grand Esther	Sister Elizabeth Moxsom (55)
Grand Martha	Sister Marelene Clyke (28)
Grand Electa	Sister Irene Beeler (28)
Grand Warder	Brother Garry Bernard (45)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District No. 1	Mrs. Christine McGillivray (21), 62 Harris Street, Truro, NS B2N 3N2
District No. 2	Mrs. Fran Burgoyne-Jackson (10), 4-15 Amity Lane, Westville, NS B0K 2A0
District No. 3	Mrs. Nora Moxsom (55), 8565 Hwy. 14, Hardwoodlands, NS B0N 1Y0
District No. 4	Mrs. Shirley Shot (30), 382 Brooklyn Shore Rd. Brooklyn, Queens County, NS B0H 1H0
District No. 5	Mrs. Darlene Amirault (49), 555 Hwy 207, Head Chezzetcook, NS B0J 1N0
District No. 6	Mrs. Helen Nicholson (1PEI), 132 Cameron Road

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Districts

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons

District #1 – Celtic Star #19, Blue Mills; Munroe #26, North Sydney; Queen Elizabeth #61, Sydney.

Sister Christine McGillivray, AGM, visited all chapters in this district and found all books in good order. Protoms were used in all three chapters. One chapter had a new member initiated into the Order.

District #2 - Cedar Atlantic #3, Wallace; Ceilidh #10, New Glasgow; Myrtle #21, Truro; Harmony #25, Stellarton; Elm #48, Upper Stewiacke.

Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson deputized all chapters with the exception of Elm #48 as she was the Worthy Matron. Sister Nora Moxsom deputized Elm #48 for Sister Fran. There were many Protoms in these chapters. The books and records were found to be in order and the officers took pride in their work.

District #3 - Kwebec #27, Bedford; Evening Star #28, Halifax; Mystic Star #40, St. Margaret's Bay; Armcrest #45, Halifax; Scotia #49, Musquodoboit Harbour; Elmsdale #55, Elmsdale; Queen Esther #61, Dartmouth.

Sister Nora Moxsom visited all chapters in the District with the exception of Elmsdale #55, which was deputized by Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson, as Sister Nora is the Secretary in Elmsdale #55. There were many Protoms in these chapters, members did not stand when addressing the East or when the Worthy Matron addressed the member. In one chapter the books were not audited and the minutes were not sealed. The problem has since been rectified. Sister Nora found all members friendly and had a fun filled time after the Ritualistic Work was completed. Balloting should be practiced.

District #4 – Grace #8, Lunenburg; Arbutus #30, Liverpool; Crescent #70, Lockport; Pearle #71, Caledonia.

Sister Shirley Shot visited all chapters in District #4. When she deputized, the candidates for the initiatory work in all chapters, were not real petitioners. Books were not signed in one chapter, and the Worthy Matron had her work written word-for-word from the Ritual. Overall, the work was done well.

District #5 – Mayflower #2, Middleton; Keystone #5, Yarmouth; Evangeline #15, Kentville; St. Mary's #35, Digby and Laurel #65, Berwick.

Sister Darlene Amirault, Grand Conductress, visited all Chapters. Overall, all Chapters had a problem during the balloting – either the ballot box wasn't carried correctly, the Worthy Matron did not mention that the Sentinel wished to be excused, and did not check the ballot box prior to opening the ballot. The

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introductions would have gone smoother if the Conductress had her information on paper. The Conductresses in four of the chapters took wrong turns when going around the Labyrinth. All officers took pride in their work.

District #6 - Crystal #1, Charlottetown; Regent #52, Central Bedeque; Montague #69, Montague.

Sister Helen Nicholson, Associate Grand Conductress, visited all chapters. There were Protoms in all three chapters during the initiatory work. All books were found to be in order and work was done well. Sister Helen enjoyed her visits to the three chapters.

Irregularities

Irregularities: Irregularities noted by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matrons:

1. DDGM'S are being introduced before the Grand Representatives.
2. Members not sure when to use the Reverend Attitude.
3. More than 4 short forms when opening the Chapter
4. Copying from the Ritual
5. Members and Officers not standing when addressing the East of making motions.
6. Balloting not being done in accordance with the CL&R's Instructions for Subordinate Chapters and the Secret Work.
7. Introductions not being done properly.
8. Officers and members do not address the Worthy Matron prior to speaking to another Officer of Member in the Chapter.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS

The Grand Officers' School of Instruction was held on 23 July 2016 in Truro. On September 10, and 17 Schools were held in New Glasgow and Halifax.

DISPENSATIONS

Fourteen dispensations were issued this year for satisfactory reasons:

One to change date of meeting to accommodate Official Visit of District Deputy Grand Matron: Munro #26.

Two to change time of meeting due to the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron: St. Mary's #35 and Keystone #5.

One to change date of meeting due to the regular stated meeting falling on Good Friday: Cedar Atlantic #3.

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Four to change time of meeting for the purpose of Installation of Officers: Mayflower #2; Keystone #5; St. Mary's #35 and Scotia #49.

One to change date of meeting to accommodate meeting of Scottish Rite; Evening Star #28.

One to change regular stated meeting date and time due to key Officers being away and low active membership: Munro #26.

One to change time of meeting to earlier in the day due to winter storm warnings at regular stated meeting time: Grace #8.

One to change date of regular stated meeting due to building being unavailable because of high heating costs: Crescent #70.

One to change regular stated meeting date and time in the months of January and February due to inclement weather: Pearle #71

One to change location of meeting from Masonic Hall, Montague to Perrin's (including paraphernalia) for an unknown period of time due to the Masonic Hall in Montague being renovated. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be notified when the work is completed: Montague #69

RECOMMENDATIONS: Chapters who repeatedly ask for dispensations to change time of meeting for Installation, District Deputy Grand Matron's Official Visit and to change time of meeting for certain months, **should consider having it put in their By-laws.**

Questions and Answers – WGM

- Q What order should presentations be made ? 50 year pin, 40 year pin, Rob Morris Jewel and the Certificates to New Members.
A I advised they be presented as above.
- Q I had questions concerning dispensation.
A In each case I referred to the C L & R for clarification.
- Q When should the Canadian Liaison for Membership to the International Grand Representative Association be introduced.
A A letter was sent to all 27 Chapters advising the Worthy Matron that she does not get introduced, as this is not a GGCC appointment, nor an appointment from our Grand Chapter. However, the Worthy Matron could recognize her from the sideline if she wishes.
- Q I was asked if the above representative could speak at our Grand Chapter?

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- A I advised that she should contact the President of our Grand Representative Association and request to speak at the Grand Representatives Meeting, or at their luncheon.
- Q I had questions concerning our grievance process and committee.
A I advised that once I received a grievance I would appoint a committee and that the grievance must be approved by the Chapter prior to being sent to the Worthy Grand Matron.
- Q General questions from the Arrangements Committee – did I send out all invitations to Distinguished Guests?
A Yes
- Q Process of going to Jurisprudence.
A I advised that the issue should be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron, who, if she felt it necessary, would forward it to the Jurisprudence Committee for further clarification and a reply.
- Q Why are Members still referring to Sisters and Brothers being affiliated Members.
A In accordance with the C L & R, once a members signs the bylaws they are considered to be a member the same as anyone else.
- Q When can you use the Eastern Star flag?
A This question was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who advised that the flag is to be used in the Chapter Room, may be used on parades, at an open house and such events, but not part of a fund raiser.
- Q Do you need someone to second a motion for it to be tabled?
A You do need someone to second a motion for it to be tabled in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
- Q If you belong to more than one Chapter and you are entitled to your 25 year pin, which Chapter should present the pin?
A If the Chapters you belong to are in the same area, then your home Chapter (the Chapter you joined to begin with) would present the 25 year pin.
If your original Chapter was in a different jurisdiction that you were unable to attend, then that jurisdiction should send the jurisdiction you are living in, the pin to be presented.
- Q If a Notice of Motion was submitted in June to close and surrender the Charter, when would the Chapter actually close?
A A notice would be sent to all Members of the Chapter of the Notice of Motion and after a 30 day period, a vote would be taken, i.e. in July and if the Chapter was open in August, it would close at that time.

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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 Seymour-Smith	Evening Star Chapter No. 28
Sister Catherine (Elva) Pineo	Evangeline Chapter No. 15
Sister Sheila (Faye) Wade	Regent Chapter No. 52
Sister Melda Johnston	Regent Chapter No. 52
Sister Julia Llewellyn	Laurel Chapter No. 67
Sister Mary Anne Grant	Elmsdale Chapter No. 55

60 Year Members

Sister Eleanor Decker	Evening Star Chapter No. 28
Brother Donald Sutherland	Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3

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

Alberta	Edith Taylor
Arizona	Michelle Boutilier
Arkansas	Maxine Smith
Australia	Cheryl Denton
Bolivia	Robert Wells
BC and Yukon	Michael Molyneaux
Colorado	Philip Roode
Florida	Paul Aitken
Idaho	Gail Cook, PGM
Indiana	Caryl Yates
Iowa	Mary MacLennan
Italy	Susan Lorimer
Kansas	Wayne Hollis
Kentucky	Margaret Allen
Maine	Doreen Edgar
Manitoba	Edna MacLean
Massachusetts	Jackie King
Minnesota	Louise Seeley
Missouri	David Cooper
Montana	George O'Leary
New Jersey	Karen Jacobs
New Mexico	Helen Lawrence
Nevada	Michele Gallant
North Carolina	Eleanor Freeman, PGM
Oklahoma	Donna White

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Ontario	Mary Smith
Pennsylvania	Nadine Savoury
Puerto Rico	Diane LeGard
Quebec	Eleanor Decker
Sao Paulo	Tony Szucs
Saskatchewan	Phyllis Jarvis
Utah	William Cox
Virginia	Erin Miller-Jones
West Virginia	Anne Ross
Wyoming	Nelson MacEwan

These were presented by me, Brother Bob or members of the Grand Family.

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

Alabama	Deborah Guyton
Arizona	Sandra Munster
Australia	Pamela Lewis
Colorado	Ronald Hayden, PGP
Connecticut	Christine Arseneau
District of Columbia	Eleanor T. Merrick, PGM
Idaho	Penny Bosley
Illinois	Matt Ring, PGP
Kansas	Linda Engstrom
Kentucky	Serena Wright
Louisiana	Regina Steyerman
Minnesota	Jerry Oliver
Mississippi	Karl Gilmore
Nevada	Donna Giles
New Brunswick	Reg Murray
New Hampshire	Robert Burton
New Jersey	Ron Amme
New Mexico	Dana Ridge
North Carolina	Erik Phillips
Ohio	Arlyne Fritz
Pennsylvania	Donna McGrow
Puerto Rico	Rosa Sevilla
Quebec	Donna Jenne
Sao Paulo	Elias Jorge Calil Neto
Saskatchewan	Si Campbell
South Carolina	Edgar Pittman
South Dakota	Wallace Evans
Tennessee	Jill Robinette
Texas	Jewell W. Horne
Utah	Linda Adams
Vermont	Marisa Supernault

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Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Judith Whitehead
Melinda Morgan
Carroll D. McDonald Sr
Renee Campbell
Carolyn Kenfield

DONATIONS

Sharon Adams
Teri-Lynn Almeda
Darlene Amirault
Armcrest Chapter #45
Arbutus Chapter #30
Patricia Armstrong
Carol Atkinson
Kathy Balcom
Irene Beeler
Ron and Grace Boudreau
Bonnie Boutilier
Bev Brown
Ethel Brown
Marion Buchan
Fran Burgoyne-Jackson
Margaret Burhoe
Faye and Jack Calder
Charles and Anna Carr
Tabor and Bev Caulier
Cedar-Atlantic Chapter #3
Celtic Star Chapter #19
Ceilidh Chapter #10
Crescent Chapter #70
Margaret Clarke
Marelene Clyde
Allan and Shirley Conrad
Marion Conrad
Edith Conrod
Ken Conrod
Kevin Conrod
Gail and Lloyd Cook
Crescent Chapter #70
Crystal Chapter #1
Crystal Chapter #1
Doris Cullen

Chapter donation
Chapter donation
In lieu of gifts on honor nights
In honor of George and Nora Moxsom's 50th
Anniversary
In lieu of gifts for Chapter Officers and Honor
Nights for Grand Family and DDGM's
In lieu of gifts for honor nights
Chapter donation and gift in lieu of bar for WM
&WP
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
In lieu of gifts for honor nights for Grand Family
Grand Family and DDGM's honor nights
Grand Family and DDGM's honor nights
In Memory of Lorna Laing, PM
Chapter donation in lieu of gifts for their Grand
Officers, Grand Representatives and Grand
Chapter Committee Members
Past Matron's Club
In honor of Grand Representatives

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Eleanor Decker
Allen and Cheryl Denton
Zeke and Susan Eaton
Doreen Edgar
Elm Chapter #48
Elmsdale Chapter #55
Evening Star Chapter #28
Evening Star Chapter #28
Evangeline Chapter #15
Lowell and Audrey Farquharson
Howard and Anna Ford
Debbie Fox
Georgie Foye
Eleanor Freeman
Gail Fudge
Carolyn Galley-Card
Murray Gardner
Whit & Joanne Giffin
Doreen Gillespie
Grace Chapter #8
Sandra Green
Harmony Chapter #25
Diane Hayman
Rosemary Hayter
Mary Lou Higgins
Sharon Horne
Janet Hue
Larry & Vivian Ingham
Phyllis Jarvis
Peter and Gail Kay
Keystone Chapter #5
Jackie King
Kwebec Chapter #27
Laurel Chapter #67
Fred Levy
Lowell Levy
Eleanor Linton
Fred & Peg Lipskey
Betty Ann Loughnan
John & Susan Lorimer
Sheila MacDonald
Cora Mackay
Jim & Ruby MacKenzie
Ed MacLaren

Personal donation and gift in honor of Grand
Representatives
Chapter donation
Chapter donation and gift in lieu of honor nights
Chapter donation
Past Matron's Club
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
In honor of Howard Ford for making the
Case for the Broken Column
Chapter donation
Honor nights and personal donation
In lieu of gifts for Chapter Officers
In Memory of PGP Frank Cullen and
Brother Charles Paterson
Chapter donation
In honor of WGM & WGP's Special Project
Committee Members
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
In Memory of Effie MacDonald-MacKeigan
In honor of DDGM and GCCM's

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Christine McGillvray
Irma Maxwell
Marion Miller
Eleanor Mitchell
Montague Chapter #69
Kendall Mosher
Elizabeth Moxsom
Gift from her honor night and personal donation

George & Nora Moxsom
Mayflower Chapter #2
Munroe Chapter #26
Myrtle Chapter #21
Mystic Star Chapter #40
John & Carol Newell
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
Chapter donation
In Memory of the Late Evelyn Aulenback, Jessie Nutter, June MacDonald, Frank Cullen and Freda Ells

Carol Nielson
Richard & Joan Oderkirk
In Memory of the Late William Moxsom, Ralph Brimscombe and Joan Stevens

Barbara Paterson
Pearle Chapter #71
Adrian & Isabelle Pearson
Chapter donation
In Memory of the Late Mary MacIntosh, Helen Connors, Frances Duncan, Hazel Wagner, Charles Paterson and Frank Cullen
In lieu of gifts for honor nights and teas

Carolyn Phinney
Dorothy Powroz
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14
Chapter donation and to honor the DDGM's visit

Queen Esther Chapter #61
Maureen Roddick
Regent Chapter #52
Regent Chapter #52
Morley & Marion Robinson
Debbie Ryan
Donald Selig
Louise Seeley
Greta Smith
Chapter donation

Betty and the Late Ken Smith
Mab Smith
Mary Smith
Maxine Smith
Winna Smith
St. Mary's Chapter #35
Scotia Chapter #49
Edith Taylor
Elizabeth Thompson
William Thompson
Lynn Thurber
Chapter donation
Past Matron's Club
In lieu of gifts for Chapter Officers
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Chapter donation

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Karen Watson
Bev Wentzell
David & Annie Mae Waterbury
Jane Wooldridge
Wilma Verge
In lieu of sending Christmas cards
In lieu of gifts for honor nights and in honor of Mary Smith for making my Grand Officers Bags and Irene Beeler for making the bibs

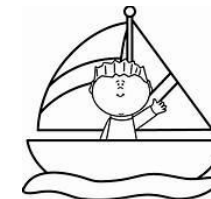
Sailing Into The Future Committee

Total monies given to the Arthritis Society for our Special Project (Camp Joint Together and the Senior's Makeover Challenge) was \$24,168.39 which included all donations, sale of tickets on a quilt, pencils from the Arthritis Society, calendars and pins. We would like to thank all of our Sisters and Brothers for their generous contributions to this worthy cause.

GIFTS

Broken Column which came from former Amethyst Chapter No. 28.
Case for Broken Column from Worthy Grand Matron's Sister Sister Sandra Green in Massachusetts and handcrafted by Brother Howard Ford
A GPS from Sister Jackie King and family
Bible which belonged to former Emerald Chapter No. 58 the Worthy Grand Matron's home Chapter.
Bible Marker handmade by Sister Eleanor Decker, PM
Sounding Block and Gavel from Sister Bev Wentzell and family and handcrafted by Brother Howard Ford.
Case for Bible from Sister Marion Conrad, PGM and Sister Mildred Wagner, PM handcrafted by Brother Charles Dewey
A wooden cutting board engraved with the Worthy Grand Matron's name and OES Emblem from Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bob.

Sister Wilma, WGM moved the adoption of her report, which was seconded by Sister Beverley Bev Wentzell PM, and Carried



REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON – ROBERT “BOB” TURNER

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, one year ago you honoured me by electing me as your Worthy Grand Patron. The past year has been a very happy and rewarding one for me.

I have tried to serve with loyalty and devotion, and I wish to thank all the members of the order for their love, support and encouragement along the way. The greetings and the friendship you have shown as I accompanied our Worthy Grand Matron shall always be remembered.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma – at the beginning of this term I pledged to assist and support you in the promotion and completion of you plan. It has been an honour for me to have served beside you as Worthy Grand Patron, and I hope in some small way, assisted you in making your year, all that you hoped it would be.

To the General Grand Committee Members - Sister Stella, Sister Irma, Brother Whit and Brother Ted. I congratulate each of you and hope you have many pleasant memories as you fulfil your duties.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons – Thank you for your support and attendance at our Official Visits. I have enjoyed your friendship and have learned from your wise council.

To the Grand Secretary – Thank you, Sister Diane for the help and support you have shown me during my term. You are an invaluable person in time of need.
To the Grand Treasurer – It has been a pleasure to work with you, Sister Faye. I treasure your friendship and hope it will continue for many years.

To our Grand Officers – It has been a rewarding experience to work with you. You have contributed much to making this year so agreeable with us. Thank you for your attendance at our Official Visits. It was a vivid reminder to the Chapters as to just who the Grand Family is. I appreciated the many happy times we have had together, and the opportunity to know each of you and your families.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons – You have represented the Worthy Grand Matron well and I trust you have many pleasant memories of your visit to the various Chapters. I thank you for a job well done.

To the Officers and Members of Arbutus Chapter #30 and Grace Chapter #8 – It is hard to find words to adequately express my gratitude to you, for your loyalty and support in my journey to the Grand East. By your faith in me, I have reached the highest office a Brother can obtain in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Honorary Memberships received by me from Evening Star Chapter # 28 and Crescent Chapter #70, are gifts I will cherish all my life.

During the year, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Worthy Grand Matron on all Official Visits with the exception on one in which I had a terrible cold and nobody would have wanted me there anyway. However, the next month I visited the Chapter in which I missed. In each case, I was welcomed and made to believe that I was one of their own. It was truly a rewarding experience.

I attended all the Schools of Instruction, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, chosen Worthy Patron for Maritime Exchange, Fairview NS in which two real candidates were initiated and also Worthy Patron for Maine Maritime Exchange, Caribou Me. which also had two real candidates to be initiated. I also presented several Grand Representative Appointments on behalf the Worthy Grand Matron, and I was very pleased to do this honour. The reaction of the Sister or Brother receiving the appointment made it all worthwhile.

The list of donations received from the chapters and the members will be printed in the proceedings. (a combination of Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's donations).

CHAPTER BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

During my term of office as Worthy Grand Patron, the following By-Law Amendments were approved:

St. Mary's Chapter No. 35, 13 Oct 2016, Stated Meetings held at 7:30pm on the Second Thursday of each Month except Jan and Feb when the Chapter shall be closed.

Celtic Star Chapter No. 19, 04 Nov 2016, Change meeting night to the 4th Wed of each month. Dec meeting held on 2nd Wed and Art. VII changed from Permanent Fund to the Good of the Order Fund and Floral Fund deleted.

Pearle Chapter No. 71, 25 Feb 2017, The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM with the exception of January, February, March and April. These meetings will be held on the Third Saturday at 2:00 PM.

Laurel Chapter No. 67, 27 Mar 2017, Amendment to the existing bylaws: New paragraph; Annual Meeting will take place at the stated meeting in June. Members reaching the age of 90 yrs. and a minimum of 25 yrs. service shall receive a Life Membership. WM may draw on the General Funds if funds not available in the Benevolent Fund. Stated meetings shall be held at 7:30 PM except the Annual Meeting; the hour shall be 7PM.

Grace Chapter No. 8, 16 May 2017, Amendment to add new section. "In the event that it is necessary to change the stated meeting date and/or time due to inclement weather, the meeting date and/or time shall be set at the discretion of the Presiding Officer."

Evening Star Chapter #28, 19 June 2017, Art. 4 (Fees & Dues) Section 5 Page 4 be amended to read: The Secretary shall report to the Chapter at the Stated meeting in December the names of members in arrears for dues, with amounts owing. If such arrears are no paid by the fourth stated meeting following, the Chapter may suspend the member from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter, providing one month's notice of the proposed action has been sent by the Secretary to the last known address of the delinquent member.

To Sister Dawn, my Grand Page (also my daughter) – Thank you for the support and help that was given me during this year. It means a lot.

To Sister Gloria our Grand Adah (also my wife) – Thank you for the love and support that we both enjoyed this year. You and your mother Sister Edith Taylor have been my travelling companions on every occasion and have worked very hard to make my year as Worthy Grand Patron and enjoyable one.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers for a wonderful year.

The acceptance of the report was made by the Worthy Grand Patron, seconded by Sister Dawn Wamboldt, WM of Arbutus Chapter No. 30. Motion was carried



UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report given by the Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

At this time **Brother Robert Penoyer**, Most Worthy Grand Patron was presented at the Altar, escorted to the East where he was accorded Grand Honours.

WGP: Welcome. Build a golden bridge of friendship – let it span life's sea of time, keep a friendly beacon glowing, always keep it at its prime.

Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton #19 sang "You Light Up My Life" to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE on NOTICES of MOTION

Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee reported that both Notices of Motion were in order.

Sister Jane's motion was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM #35 and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION 2017

1. I move 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

Mary Reid PGM
Worthy Matron, Harmony Chapter No. 25

This motion made by Sister Mary and was seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter #10. Carried

2. I move:
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 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.

The Motion was made by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (Chair) and seconded by Edith Conrod, PGM. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

The following seventeen Subordinate Chapter Secretaries for 2016-2017 were presented: Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP, 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 Anne Ross, Celtic Star #19, Sister Ann Wight, Myrtle #21, Sister Anna Carr, Crystal #1PEI; Sister Isabelle Pearson, Harmony #25; Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM, Munro #26; Sister Inez Daye, PGM, Kwebec #27; Sister Doreen Edgar, Evening Star #28, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Mystic Star #40; Sister Fran Harding, Regent #52; Sister Nora Moxsom, Elmsdale #55, Sister Grace Boudreau, Crescent #70; and Sister Velda Forrest, Pearle #71.

Welcome to Subordinate Chapter Secretaries by Grand Secretary

Sister Diane, PGM, and Grand Secretary: It is once again my pleasure to welcome our Subordinate Chapter Secretaries to our Grand Chapter Session. Thank you so much for being here at this "Sailing into the Future" Session.

I want you to know that I so appreciate the friendship of each of you, and thank you for your dedication to your office. I also thank you for all the many tasks you perform for your own Chapter Members as well as for our Grand Chapter. All the best for the year ahead!

WILL A SECRETARY GO TO HEAVEN?

If a Secretary writes a letter, it's too long,
If she sends a postal card, it's too short.
If she doesn't send notices, she is lazy,
If she attends a Committee meeting, she is butting in,
If she stays away, she's a shirker.
If she duns the members for dues, she's insulting,
If she fails to collect dues, she is slipping.
If she asks for advice she is incompetent,
If she does not, she is bull-headed.
If she writes her reports complete, they are too long,
If she condenses them, they are incomplete.
If she talks on a subject, she is trying to run thing
If she remains quiet, she has lost interest in the meeting.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
If others won't do it, the Secretary must!

Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, I sincerely thank you for the honour of extending this welcome to our very hard working Chapter Secretaries.

The response was given by Sister Grace Boudreau, Secretary of Crescent Chapter No. 70

Sister Grace: On behalf of the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters, it is my privilege to respond to your kind words and to express our thanks for your help and guidance whenever we needed assistance to carry out our duties as Secretaries in the correct manner for our Chapters and our Order.

You always were friendly and prompt to respond to our numerous requests and we thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Wilma and Worthy Grand Patron Bob, thank you for the honour you have bestowed on me and Crescent Chapter by allowing me to respond.

We wish you a wonderful and successful "Sailing in the Future" Grand Chapter Session.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister

Wilma; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob; Sisters and Brothers all:

Once again, I express my sincere thanks to the Secretaries in our Chapters for your promptness in forwarding reports, and other items as required. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you throughout the year. We all have had our own personal and family concerns this year, but we have all managed to complete the year intact. Thanks to each of you for your dedication to your office and I look forward to working together again this coming year with most of you.

The 2016 proceedings were completed and distributed to the Chapters and all others entitled to a copy; and to those who purchase their own personal copy. Again many thanks to Sister Mary Reid PGM, who is a great help while I am doing the proceedings; as well as to Sister Suzanne Aitken PGM and Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP, who also proofread the records of their Grand Chapter. Their assistance was very much appreciated.

This last Chapter year we were saddened with the deaths of three Past Grand Matrons: Sister Helen Connors on August 29, 2016; Sister Jessie Levy Nutter on March 18, 2017; Sister June MacDonald on March 25, 2017 and one Past Grand Patron: Brother Frank Cullen on January 11, 2017.

With sincere fraternal sympathy, I also recorded the deaths of many Sisters and Brothers in other Jurisdictions, including Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Maxine Flint Justice, and Sister Sandy Ruff, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Washington, the reciprocal of Sister Joan Jackson. We were saddened to learn that Kwebec Chapter No.27, surrendered their Charter as of May 31, 2017; and I trust that their members who do not already belong to another Chapter, will petition for membership in a Chapter in their area, and continue to enjoy the privileges of our Order. Our thoughts and prayers are with

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these members as well as with the members of several other Chapters, who will soon decide their fate as a Chapter in our Grand Chapter.

Beginning June 1, 2017, the number of our Subordinate Chapters now totals 26.

STATISTICS: MEMBERSHIP

01 June 2015 to 31 May 2016

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2015 –	1,511
No. of Members Initiated:	21
No. of Members Affiliated:	11
No. of Members Re-instated	0
Sub-total	32
TOTAL:	1,543

No. of Members Died:	55
No. of Members Demitted:	35
No. of Members Suspended:	19
No. of Members Deleted due to	
Dual Membership in Consolidated Chapters	11
Sub-total:	120

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 31 MAY 2016	1,423
No. of Chartered Chapters:	27
No. of Members paying full Per Capita	1,423
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation	17
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership	25

Appreciation:

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

It is hard to believe that another year has passed, and I trust I have performed my duties as Grand Secretary to the satisfaction of all. Thanks on behalf of myself and my husband Alfred, to our members, for your concerns for him as he continues to deal with health issues. We both so very much appreciate each thought and prayer shared on his behalf!

Sister Faye: Well we have finished another year as “partners”. I thank you for always being there, and trust I did not give you too much grief! I now look forward to another year of working together for this Grand Chapter.

Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you both for your friendship, during this “Sailing Into the Future” Session, and I hope that the ties we have formed will continue into the future. You both ended your year with health issues, which were unexpected; and I wish for you both a much healthier retirement as you join the ranks of the Past Grands.

May this Grand Chapter Year be all you dreamed of, and that you will be left with many good memories to brighten the days ahead. Sister Wilma, please remember I will still be available for early morning and late evening calls!

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I move the adoption of this report. The report was seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter PM (10) and carried.



ESTARL DONATIONS 2016 - 2017

Mayflower Chapter No. 2

Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter In memory of Brother Harold Coggins, Sister Jean MacPherson	\$ 50.00
In memory of Brother Harold Coggins from Sister Midge and Brother Don Medicraft	\$ 25.00
In memory of Ron Batson from Midge and Don Medicraft	\$ 25.00
In memory of Winnifred Baker from Midge and Don Medicraft	\$ 10.00

Cedar Atlantic No. 3

Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter in memory of Sister Muriel Purdy	\$ 25.00
Chapter in memory of Sister Ethel Reid	\$ 20.00
Chapter in memory of Brother Chuck Patterson	\$ 20.00

Keystone Chapter No. 5

Chapter Donation	\$ 40.00
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Grace Chapter No. 8

Chapter Donation	\$150.00
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Ceilidh Chapter No. 10

Chapter in memory of Sisters Helen Connors, PGM, Helen Comeau, Mary MacIntosh, Dorothy Levo, Joyce MacDonald, Marjorie MacLeod, Brothers Frank Cullen and Ray Hiltz.	\$350.00
Chapter in honour of Brother Larry Ingham, Chair of ESTARL 2016 – 2017	\$150.00
Chapter Donation	\$110.00
Sister Edna MacLean in memory of Brother Frank Cullen, PGP	\$120.00
Brother John and Sister Susan Lormier in memory of Brother Frank Cullen, PGP	\$ 50.00
Brother Bill and Sister Hilda Allen in memory of Brother Frank Cullen, PGP	\$ 25.00

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Sister Diane Hayman, PGM in honour of White's and Moxsom's 50 th Anniversaries, 80 th Birthday – W. Cameron, In Memory of Brothers Ken Smith, PGP, Keith Pettigrew, PGP, and Ralph Swinamer, PGP, E. Hayman, D. Cameron, and Ray Osborne, PMWGP	\$100.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter in memory of Sister Freda Ells	\$ 25.00
Sister Edna MacVicar in memory of Sister Freda Ells	\$ 20.00
Evangeline Chapter No. 15	
In memory of Past Grand Matrons Jessie Nutter, June MacDonald	\$150.00
Celtic Star Chapter No. 19	
Chapter Donation	\$200.00
Chapter Donation	\$200.00
Edna Matheson	\$ 20.00
Myrtle Chapter No. 21	
Christine McGillivray A.G.M.	\$ 25.00
Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI	
Chapter Donation	\$1,500.00
Honour of Montague Chapter's 50 Anniversary	\$100.00
Harmony Chapter No. 25	
Chapter Donation	\$200.00
Sister Agnes PM , Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald PP and Sister Chrissie MacMillan: In memory of Doris Caulfield	\$20.00
Munro Chapter No. 26	
Chapter Donation	\$ 200.00
Kwbec Chapter No. 27	
Chapter Donation	\$4,000.00
Chapter Donation in honour of Brother Bill Thompson, GCCM on ESTARL	\$100.00
Evening Star Chapter No. 28	
Chapter Donation	\$ 250.00
Chapter In memory of Christina Waddington (WGM's Mother)	\$25.00
Arbutus Chapter No. 30	
Chapter Donation	\$25.00
St. Mary's Chapter No. 35	

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Chapter Donation	\$50.00
Mystic Star Chapter No. 40	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Sister Clara Nieforth in honour of Installing Chaplain for #40 And in memory Major Ron Mailman SA	\$20.00
Elm Chapter No. 48	
Chapter Donation	\$200.00
Chapter Donation in memory of Deceased Members	\$100.00
Scotia Chapter No. 49	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Regent Chapter No. 52	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter in memory of Keith Ramsay, Carol J. Marshall, Margaret Hunter	\$ 50.00
Chapter Past Matrons Club	\$ 50.00
Sister Debbie Fox in honour of Installing Officers	\$ 80.00
In Lieu of a Bar for Past Patron's Jewel	\$75.00
Sister Norma and Brother Carl Thompson In Honour Sister Anna and Brother Charlie Carr's 50 Anniversary	\$50.00
Donation from Brother Garth and Sister Norma Wall in memory of Norma Murray	\$10.00
Elmsdale Chapter No. 55	
In memory of Brother Charles Paterson: By the Chapter	\$25.00
By Sister Barb PM	\$1,000.00
By Sister Nora and Brother George Moxsom	\$25.00
By Sister Karyn and Brother Don Grant	\$20.00
Proceeds from Gospel Concert	\$363.00
Queen Esther Chapter No. 61	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Chapter In memory of Helen Wamboldt's brother Harold	\$15.00
In memory of Sisters Josie Zwicker and Hazel Wagner	\$50.00
In memory of Sister Helen Frederick's sister	\$15.00
In memory of Sister Phyllis Vallis	\$25.00
In memory of siblings of Sisters Linda MacKay and Linda Russell	\$30.00
Past Matrons Club in memory of Past Matrons Josie Zwicker, Phyllis Vallis, and Hazel Wagner	\$75.00
Laurel Chapter No. 67	
Chapter Donations	\$400.00
Chapter In memory of Brother Gil Moir	\$50.00
Chapter in memory of Sister June MacDonald, PGM	\$50.00

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Montague Chapter No. 69	
Chapter Donation	\$100.00
Crescent Chapter No. 70	
Chapter Donation	\$50.00
Pearle Chapter No. 71	
Chapter Donation	\$150.00
From Pat Canning-Selig in honour of G.C.C.Ms	\$20.00
From Pat Armstrong WM in honour of G.C.C.M.s	\$20.00
District ESTARL Church Services	
District No. 1 (Sister Christine McGillvray)	\$285.00
District No.2 (Sister Fran Burgoyne-Jackson)	\$377.15
District No.3 (Sister Nora Moxsom)	\$500.00
District No. 4 (Sister Shirley Shot)	\$140.00
District No. 5 (Sister Darlene Amirault)	\$190.00
District No. 6 (Sister Helen Nicholson)	\$515.00
ESTARL Church Service at Grand Chapter 2017	\$1,076.77
Past Grands Club	
In Memory of Brother Frank Cullen GGCCM and Sisters Jessie Nutter, PGM , June MacDonald PGM, and Helen Connors, PGM	\$100.00
In honour of Giffin's 50 th Anniversary	\$25.00
In honour of Hayman's 55 th Anniversary	\$25.00
In honour of Boudreau's 60 th Anniversary	\$25.00
Grand Representatives Association Donation	\$100.00
BENEVELENT DONATIONS 2016 - 2017	
Keystone Chapter No. 5	\$50.00
Scotia Chapter No. 49	\$50.00
Sister Barbara Paterson	\$500.00
Monies from Silent Auction July 2017	\$2,095.00
Mayflower Chapter No. 2	\$100.00
Laurel Chapter No. 67	\$675.00
Ceilidh Chapter No. 10	\$100.00
Elmsdale Chapter No. 55	\$100.00
Myrtle Chapter No. 21	\$100.00
Evening Star Chapter No. 28	\$250.00
Harmony Chapter No. 25	\$50.00
Queen Esther Chapter No. 61	\$200.00
Sister Clara Nieforth	\$20.00
Kwebec Chapter No. 27	\$4,000.00
CRAFTS and TREASURES	
Proceeds Baskets at Grand Chapter 2017	\$1,217.56

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Proceeds Clothing Sales at Grand Chapter 2017	\$641.39
Laurel Chapter in lieu of donations to basket	\$100.00
CANCER	
From Grand Representatives Association	\$200.00
Ticket Sales	\$125.00
In Honour of Sister Stella Trask, GGCCM from Pearle Chapter #71	\$231.00
SHRINE CHARITIES	
From Grand Representatives Association	\$200.00
SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES	
From Grand Representatives Association	\$200.00
SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS	
From Grand Representatives Association	\$200.00
PEACE GARDEN CHAPEL	
Past Matron's Club Crystal Chapter No. 1 PEI	\$100.00
St. Mary's Chapter No. 35	\$100.00
Celtic Star No. 19	\$100.00
Crescent Chapter No. 70	\$50.00
Past Matrons of Crescent Chapter No. 70	\$50.00
Sister Audrey Farquharson	\$100.00

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Eight Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were introduced, and welcomed by the Grand Treasurer: Sister Heather Matthews, Cedar Atlantic #3; Sister Irma Maxwell, GGCCM, Evangeline #15, Sister Donna Ball, Kwebec Chapter #27; Sister Vera Cavicchi, Mystic Star #40, Brother George Moxsom, Elmsdale #55, Sister Carol Nielsen, Queen Esther #61; Sister Marion Buchan, Laurel #67, Brother Ron Boudreau, Crescent #70.

Welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers

Sister Faye, Grand Treasurer: Again I would like to welcome all of our Subordinate Chapter Treasurers to our Grand Chapter "Sailing into the Future" Session. We hope you enjoy your time spent here. We know the Treasurer's job is a very important one in your local Chapters and you have to constantly keep up with the many challenges and changes, but we congratulate all of you on the fine work you are doing. We wish you all the best in 2017 – 2018.

The response to the welcome was given by **Brother Ron Boudreau**, PGM, and Treasurer of Crescent Chapter #70.

Brother Ron: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all. On behalf of the Treasurers of this Grand Jurisdiction it is with pleasure that I respond to our Grand Treasurer, Sister Faye Calder and thank her for her kind words, her hard work and her dedication to our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for giving Crescent Chapter #70 and me this honour.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Another year has passed in our Grand Chapter and although there have been many changes Sister Diane and I have managed to keep things in order to the best of our ability. We have worked with the Finance Committee in approving all bills and paying as approved. Although our Chapter numbers have decreased we still have to do all the same tasks. Interest rates have not been good therefore we are not getting as good a return, but with discussions with the Grand Council we try to make the best decisions we can.

Again, I was not able to travel as much as I had hoped as Brother Jack was still having medical problems and hospital stays. Hopefully 2016 will be better.

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 shown to me. I have enjoyed the visits I was able to attend. Thanks to the Grand Council and Finance Committee for all your support. A special thanks for Sister Diane's patience and help.

My thanks to the Grand Chapter for having me serve as your Grand Treasurer for the past four years, and thanks to Sister Diane and the Finance Committee for their help.

In closing I submit the Financial Statement for year ending 2016 as distributed to the members on registration.

Sister Faye moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Sister Betty Thompson , WM Laurel Chapter No. 67 . **Report Carried.**



Maynard Bent & Fagan
Chartered Professional Accountants

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)



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**Notice to Reader
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Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Operations and Net Assets

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by 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, 2016 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.

Kentville, Nova Scotia
April 14, 2017

Maynard Bent + Fagan

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016
(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)**

	<u>ASSETS</u>				
	<u>ESTARL Fund</u>	<u>Benevolent Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current Assets					
Cash	\$ 1,095	\$ 7,244	\$ 32,284	\$ 40,623	\$ 48,055
Accounts receivable			2,892	2,892	617
Inventory			<u>2,022</u>	<u>3,274</u>	2,500
Accrued interest	<u>786</u>	<u>466</u>		<u>3,598</u>	
	<u>1,881</u>	<u>7,710</u>	<u>37,198</u>	<u>46,789</u>	<u>54,770</u>
Other Assets					
Investments, GICs	53,639	59,992	95,000	208,631	201,709
Due from other funds				<u>27,501</u>	
	<u>53,639</u>	<u>59,992</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>208,631</u>	<u>229,210</u>
	<u>\$ 55,520</u>	<u>\$ 67,702</u>	<u>\$ 132,198</u>	<u>\$ 255,420</u>	<u>\$ 283,980</u>
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities			\$ 1,587	\$ 1,587	
Due to general fund				<u>27,501</u>	
			<u>1,587</u>	<u>1,587</u>	<u>27,501</u>
	<u>EQUITY</u>				
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 24,220	\$ 2,056	95,611	121,887	129,533
Restricted net assets	<u>31,300</u>	<u>65,646</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>131,946</u>	<u>126,946</u>
	<u>55,520</u>	<u>67,702</u>	<u>130,611</u>	<u>253,833</u>	<u>256,479</u>
	<u>\$ 55,520</u>	<u>\$ 67,702</u>	<u>\$ 132,198</u>	<u>\$ 255,420</u>	<u>\$ 283,980</u>

Approved on Behalf of the Grand Chapter Officers:


Worthy Grand Master


Worthy Grand Patron

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)**

	<u>ESTARL Fund</u>	<u>Benevolent Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	Income				
Membership assessments			\$ 12,825	\$ 12,825	\$ 13,608
Registration fees			7,312	7,312	8,048
Sale of supplies			6,639	6,639	5,226
Donations	\$ 10,980	\$ 2,895		13,875	25,856
Other			6,351	6,351	8,597
Interest income	<u>1,918</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>2,173</u>	<u>4,369</u>	<u>4,320</u>
	<u>12,898</u>	<u>3,173</u>	<u>35,300</u>	<u>51,371</u>	<u>65,655</u>
Expenses					
Honoraria			10,887	10,887	9,300
Office expenses			5,447	5,447	9,560
Office rent			1,500	1,500	1,500
ESTARL bursaries	14,000			14,000	15,000
Benevolent grants		4,800	4,800	(250)	
Church services			475	475	411
Grand officer expenses			381	381	118
Jewel expense			1,158	1,158	1,156
Program booklet			1,668	1,668	3,613
Hostess Chapters					2,500
Per capital to General Grand Chapter			1,936	1,936	2,088
Annual proceedings			1,500	1,500	1,297
Cost of supplies sold			6,022	6,022	4,906
Donations and gifts					610
Professional fees			1,150	1,150	1,035
Insurance			669	669	664
Bank and visa charges			285	285	514
Grand Chapter expenses			<u>2,139</u>	<u>2,139</u>	
	<u>14,000</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>35,217</u>	<u>54,017</u>	<u>54,022</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures (expenditures over revenue)	<u>(1,102)</u>	<u>(1,627)</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>(2,646)</u>	<u>11,633</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	27,260	65,646	163,573	256,479	244,846
Write off due to/from fund accounts	<u>29,362</u>	<u>3,683</u>	<u>(33,045)</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
	<u>56,622</u>	<u>69,329</u>	<u>130,528</u>	<u>256,479</u>	<u>244,846</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 55,520</u>	<u>\$ 67,702</u>	<u>\$ 130,611</u>	<u>\$ 253,833</u>	<u>\$ 256,479</u>

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MARTHAS

At this time five Subordinate Chapter Marthas were introduced: Sisters Beverley Benjamin, Keystone Chapter #5, Anna Ford, St. Mary's Chapter #35, Cheryl Dempsey, Laurel Chapter #67, Jeanette Rawding, Pearle Chapter #71, and Jill Robinette of Tennessee.

Sister Marelene Clyke, Grand Martha welcomed the Sisters:

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. 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 of your Chapters, and I encourage you to live by Faith one day at a time.

Sister Wilma and Brother Bob, thank you for allowing me the Honour of being Grand Martha in your Grand Family this year. Also knowing that your Honour Station this year is Martha, I am proud to have been chosen, hoping I have proved worthy of this position.

I trust that your session, "Sailing in the Future" is everything you hoped it would be for both of you, and more.

The response was given by Sister Anna Ford #35:

Sister Anna: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: on behalf of the Subordinate Marthas, it gives me great pleasure to thank you, Sister Marelene, for your warm words of welcome. It was a privilege to serve with you this year.

Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, I think you for granting me the honour on behalf of St. Mary's Chapter to respond to this welcome. We wish you a successful and harmonious "Sailing into the Future" session.

At this time the Grand Secretary announced that the collection from the ESTARL Service amounted to \$1,071.40.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Helen Westmoreland, MWGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. I have been looking forward to being here in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and seeing and meeting old and new friends. I am always glad when I can recognize my appointments in their own Grand Jurisdiction and tonight is no different. We have Whitman J. Giffin, a members of the Scottish Rite Charities; Tabor "Ted Caulier, Shriners Charities; Stella Trask, a member of the Cancer Committee and Irma Maxwell, with the Support First Responders Committee. What a wonderful group and I know that everyone here is proud of all the work that you are currently doing and will be doing at the Triennium Session in Orlando.

Worthy Grand Matron, I love your "Sailing into the Future" Session. It brings the thought that we are all sailing into the Future of the 49th Assembly in Orlando. Brother Mike will speak to you at the end of my speech.

(Sister Helen then asked for prayers for Sister Tammy Clauson, Worthy Grand Martha who now in a nursing home in Florida.)

I love history and especially that of the forming of a Nation and those who stood for a cause and endured many challenges along the way. Being the wife of a career

military man, I have a deep love and respect for those who are currently serving and those that have served for a cause greater than themselves. As far as I am concerned, we cannot do enough for our military men and women, no matter what nationality, but we can give them our thanks whenever we see them.

What a wonderful time for me to be with you because it is our Independence Day back home. If I was home I would be celebrating with cook-outs, friends and fireworks. Kind of the same here is it not? We have banquets, friends, and depending on how your Session goes, fireworks.

Let me just say a few things about Regenerative Medicine with the Wake Forrest Regenerative Medicine Institute. We are on the cusp of new developments; using technology so advanced it seems like something out of a Science Fiction novel. But just think, we are part of this. We are responsible for some of the research being completed. Our support is necessary in ensuring the advancement of this new way of healing.

And, what about our First Responders? The first to enter, the first on the scene, the first to come to your aid, and the first to put their self in harm's way to secure your safety. We should never take for granted the support and dedication these men and women have, because you never know when you may be the one that the First Responders are attending to.

Have you not noticed that all three of the previously mentioned groups of people have one thing in common? They all help others!!! They all seek to ensure safety, advancement, and security for all. They are the real heroes. If you do not know about any of these special project Committees, please let me know and I will be most happy to put you in touch with the right persons.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to say that our Committees on Scottish Rite Charities, Shriners Charities and Cancer work for a better tomorrow. Those charities help individuals who need assistance in many aspects of health issues. Our job, as I see it, is to do all things possible to make their life easier as they go through their trials and issues. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we didn't need these Charities anymore because of breakthroughs in medicine? But until that time we need to be diligent in helping others.

Our travel agent is Sister Cleo Wiggins and she does such a great job on our travel arrangements and if you want to go with us anywhere, just check my calendar and join us. We would love to have as many friends travel with us as possible. Who knows you may even meet new friends that will span a lifetime. We are going to Germany next week and it is the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther. We are very excited about seeing and meeting our members there and celebrating with them. You don't want to miss out. In August we will be at the Peace Gardens and then over to Texas for their Grand Chapter in Houston, but don't forget about the Little Red School House in Mississippi the end of August. In September we go to Kentucky and Colorado while October will find me in Missouri, Michigan, Alabama, Iowa and California. We will be seeing the sunny warm island of Hawaii in

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November and that will wrap up the rest of 2017. So as you can see, there are many new opportunities for you to travel with us.

For those of you who would like to know a bit more about the beautiful Hummingbird jewellery that we are wearing, they are for sale and if your General Grand Chapter Committee members do not have any more, please let me know and I will make sure you have all the information you need. You can also go to the Who's Who Book where you will find my Projects Chairman, Sister Julie McMillan. You can email her directly and she will send you just what you want. Remember to tell her "Helen sent you".

I thank you for your kind attention and all the wonderful courtesies you have given. Please know that I am always here to assist you in any matter that I can' and that meeting the membership is my most favourite activity. Stop by and say hello, and remember: **Let each day be your masterpiece.**

From this hummingbird to you ... spread your wings and fly.

Brother Mike Feit, GGCCM :

Orlando – the Place to Be Seen in 2018. The Assembly will be held at the Marriott Hotel 2000 where we have rooms for 1,200, 7 restaurants, and an 18 hole golf course all under one roof.

Reservations forms are available on the website. Please print, sign, email (scan), fax, snail mail forms that go to the hotel. A credit card with expiry past October 2018 is required to get confirmation. Room costs prior to 25 October are \$176 for 1 – 4 people and after 4 November 2018 \$197.12 all in American funds. We have already received 376 reservations with free parking.

The Tentative Program will be available in mid-October 2017

REMARKS FROM OUR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brother Whit Giffin, GCCM Scottish Rite: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

Good morning to all of you!

First of all, I wish to thank, most sincerely, our Most Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the opportunity to serve our wonderful Order in this capacity. It is my pleasure to speak on behalf of Scottish Rite Charities.

Immediately on receipt of my appointment, the Chair of this Committee, Brother Robert H. Starr, wrote outlining the aims of this Committee during this Triennium. He has set a goal of \$250,000 to be raised by this Committee. The individual Committee members are charged to enlist the support of all members of the Order of the Eastern Star and that each Chapter in the Jurisdictions represented should

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report to their Grand Secretaries any donations made by the individual Chapters or their Members for Scottish Rite Charitable purposes.

In Canada, we have the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada which has been since its conception and continues to be, an example of benevolence without ostentation and assistance with self-interest.

From its incorporation, the Foundation has concentrated its efforts in support of research into the causes of, and hopefully, the eventual cure of intellectual impairment, especially as it affects children and persons of advanced years in the form of Alzheimer's disease.

The Foundation concentrates its assistance in focused areas of research into the causes of intellectual impairment. Research grants support research into the causes of the disease as opposed to active treatment or palliative care. Graduate Student awards may also support research into active treatment or palliative care.

We are fortunate to have well- established Scottish Rite Learning Centers in Halifax and Moncton. And, I am sure that many of you have no idea of precisely what they accomplish.

I have a more personal interest in the Scottish Rite Learning Centres of assisting young people who are coping with dyslexia. My grandson, at the beginning of his elementary schooling, was a possible candidate and but for the fact that he had an energetic and dedicated mother along with a group of teachers who helped him learn the necessary skills to cope, he is now entering high school. This is not always the case and these Learning Centres do amazing work and their graduates move on with their lives full of confidence and the ability to do so without difficulty. I was very fortunate to have been able to attend the graduation ceremonies for the Halifax Learning Centre and words cannot describe the wonderful emotional and happy experience that was for me.

Within the next short while, I will be writing the Grand Jurisdictions assigned to me soliciting their support in this important and necessary work. Can we count on your support?

Thank you, once again, Worthy Grand Matron for giving me this opportunity to speak. I wish for you and your Worthy Grand Patron smooth sailing.

Sister Stella Trask, GCCM Cancer: It is my privilege and honour to welcome Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We sincerely hope you will have a wee bit of time to visit a few of our tourist attractions and savour our tasty treats. I would like to personally thank you for this appointment.

At this time I would like to extend my sympathy to our members who have lost loved ones during this past year. Cancer has no respect for life, affects families long term

and those who remain must learn to go on. I lost my Sister at the age of 56 to lung cancer.

In this day of information technology and some research, I have discovered we have many support systems available to us. First as individuals we are responsible for our own life, keeping regular doctor appointments, continual awareness of changes that may occur in our bodies, inform your Doctor, don't be afraid to ask for a second opinion.

Our second support system is a patient navigator or advocate which is available through your Doctor for those who have been diagnosed with cancer. Their mission is that: "no person with cancer should have to spend more time fighting their way through the healthcare system than fighting their disease". Patient navigators are members of the cancer team. They work with your family doctor and members of your cancer team ensuring you and your family have the information, guidance and support you need as you journey through the cancer system.

The third system that is available helps with the financial strain of cancer. Did you know financial assistance is available through a special MSI program, as well as bequeaths made to your local hospital Charitable Foundations and other private trust such as "Gilles Boudreau Cancer Help Fund". The Canadian Cancer Statistics in a media fact sheet dated June 2017 states the 5 year cancer survival rate has increased from 25% in the 1940's to 60% today. It is my observation the advancements made in medical research and the availability of these support systems have contributed to the increase in the percentage rate of survivors today.

Hope is our beacon that leads us safely to shore, the lifeline that gives us comfort during difficult times. Sisters and Brothers, may your hope be renewed each time you hear the lessons during our ritualistic work and that if you have been faithful heretofore, you will increase your exertions for the future.

I thank you Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, for giving me this opportunity to speak.

In closing I would to share this poem by Nancy Willard.

"I haven't a clue how my story will end but that's alright. When you set out on a journey and night covers the road, that's when you discover the stars".

Brother Tabor "Ted" Caulier, GCCM Shriner Charities: Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron I extend my most sincere thanks for appointment me as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Shriners Charities.

I congratulate the other General Grand Chapter Committee Members from this jurisdiction and am pleased to have the opportunity to meet other committee members from General Grand Chapter.

I have been a Shriner for twenty-six years and have had the opportunity to visit the Shrine Hospital in Montreal on two separate occasions.

For more than 140 years Shriners have influenced society as a fraternal organization dedicated to the Masonic principals of truth, relief, and brotherly love.

In 1922 following the polio outbreak in the United States, Shrine leaders founded the Shriners Hospital for Children in order to make a difference in the community. Today there are 22 health care facilities for children, providing expert speciality care in the areas of orthopaedics, burns, special injuries, cleft lip and palate.

At Shriners Hospital for Children all care and services are provided regardless of the families' abilities to pay. The monies we raise from this jurisdiction go to the health care facility in Montreal and a tax receipt is issued from the Philae Temple in Halifax.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity of delivering this message on behalf of the Shriners Charities Committee.

Sister Irma Maxwell, GCCM Support First Responders: This is my second year as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member, and I must say I have enjoyed this opportunity to travel around to many Chapters and to the Jurisdiction of New Brunswick to speak about my Committee. I am so grateful to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob Penoyer for giving me this opportunity. I am trying to be worthy of their trust. I have sent letters to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, and to the Grand Jurisdictions of New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario to make the members aware of my Committee. Many of our Chapters are getting on board and making our Order known to the First Responders in their areas and letting them know we appreciate their efforts and that we are willing and happy to assist them in their work. We can't individually go out and fight fires or help on ambulance calls, but we can make those who do those jobs aware that we care and are ready to help in any way we can.

I have been encouraged by the reports I have received of actions taken by different Chapters with relation to the Support First Responders program. Several of our Chapters have made donations to Fire Departments, EMO units, and many other groups who provide assistance when urgently needed. For instance, some Chapters have stepped up to give aid to shelters for abused women, to the Salvation Army who provide a Christmas for children who would otherwise do without, and to groups who provide food and shelter to the homeless. Other Chapters have provided hot drinks and food to Firefighters while they are engaged in fighting fires. One Chapter put on a dinner and invited the Fire Department and the EMO personnel and their families, letting them know how much their community appreciates them. Recently, I had the pleasure of assisting in presenting a cheque to provide a pager unit for a local EMO unit. All the Chapters raise money and make donations every year to local units who respond to various needs in our communities.

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I think our Eastern Star members are doing a good job at making the First Responders in our areas aware that we appreciate them and are willing to help in any way we can. In rural areas of Canada most of these people are volunteers such as our Volunteer Fire Departments, Search and Rescue units, etc., and we want them to know how much we care and that we are behind them all the way.

Thank you for everything you do in this field.

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 4, 2017

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

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (not previously introduced)

Sister Donna Jenne, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Quebec was presented and escorted to the East where she was accorded Grand Honours.

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 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

Voting members 221
Visitors 121
Total registered 342

This report was moved for acceptance by Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28), Chair, and seconded by Sister Carol Nielson PM (61). **Motion was carried.**

C. L. & R. REVIEW COMMITTEE 2017

The C.L. & R. Review Committee members are Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM, Chair, Sister Edith Conrod, PGM, and Brother Bill Clark, PGP.

This committee was appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron on September 30, 2016, and three months of our working time was already gone by. Brother Bill

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obtained a copy of the C.L. & R. with the most recent Notice Motion changes included in the text. We each had our own copy, and Sister Edith and I spent three or four days in early November at her home proofreading the new copy to the original Grey Book. This was a valuable exercise, as we found a few typing errors, a few lines completely missing, and when reading it aloud, we discovered a number of items which we felt needed to be changed or updated. We had great plans!

However, with unexpected events we did not get the required Notices of Motion ready for the deadline of March 6, 2017. We have, though, prepared a Notice of Motion for the New Business portion of this session which deals with the Constitution. I hope to present the required Notices of Motion for next year's deadline, and then all notices will be dealt with at the same time. The motion to accept the report was moved by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (1 PEI) and seconded by Brother Bill Clark, PGP (10).

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT (2016 – 2017)

The Jurisprudence Committee for the year 2016 – 2017 is pleased to submit the following report. The members of this committee consist of Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGP, Chair, Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM, and Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP.

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

The Committee was represented at the Grand Officers School of Instruction, and at both Schools of Instruction held in September. All questions asked generated more discussion from the members present. These were answered by the Worthy Grand Matron, and when requested, with input by the Jurisprudence Committee. These schools presented all ritualistic work according to the changes made to the C.L. & R. at Grand Chapter.

Questions from the membership which came directly to the Jurisprudence Committee, were referred to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Matron requested a ruling from the Committee on a number of occasions, and after consultation we sent her our decision.

1. A number of questions from the Membership Committee of Grand Chapter which were answered. The Committee was reminded of their mandate found in the C.L. & R.
2. A question regarding the use of the Eastern Star Flag at Fund Raisers where the funds raised were not going directly to the Order of the Eastern Star.
3. A question regarding the proper procedure to change from the Chapter being closed in the summer to the Chapter being closed in January and February.

The Jurisprudence Committee should become a valuable asset to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron when fielding questions from members of

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this Jurisdiction. The Committee has a chance to confer and discuss each other's perspective before making a ruling.

There were only two Notices of Motion this year, both of which were presented under New Business at Grand Chapter last year because they were changes to the Constitution. They were received on time from the Grand Secretary, and will be reported on later in this session.

The Associate Grand Matron sent to us instructions for the Subordinate Chapters and the District Deputy Grand Matrons for her year 2017 – 2018, and these were approved with corrections.

As of Tuesday morning, June 27, 2017 we have received the Irregularities, Dispensations Issued, Report of District Deputies, and Questions and Answers of the Worthy Grand Matron. No reports were received from the Worthy Grand Patron. While we do understand illness is partly to blame for this, we recommend to future officers that they start to prepare their reports well in advance of the deadline, and make any necessary additions at the last minute.

This Committee feels that it is very important that the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron attends both the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island in person EVERY YEAR. These dates are set well in advance, and are available in the Grand Chapter calendar. The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron should keep these dates available as well in case they need to attend at the last minute. We are invited to many other fraternal events, and usually attend, but these two bodies are the ones from which our membership comes, and they notice when it is not our top officers who attend. We have not always been invited, but now that we are, we should not be putting this friendship in danger!

I have enjoyed by three year term on this committee, and enjoyed working with Sister Sheila MacDonald, Brother Murray Gardner, Sister Cheryl Denton and Brother Zeke Eaton over that time. I would like to thank Sister Irma Maxwell, and Brother John Lorimer for the appointment and the opportunity it gave me to serve this Grand Chapter.

The report of the Worthy Grand Matron was received at 10pm on June 27, 2017.

Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (1 PEI) moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM (35) and carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A letter was sent out to the membership in the fall. Work was completed on a pamphlet which was designed to replace the Eastern Star pamphlet that is now out of date. A copy of "Your New Member Booklet" was sent out to those Chapters requesting them. A meeting was held with Don Medicraft in New Minas to discuss membership concerns. A binder was put together for those on the committee and

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an attempt was made to present each committee member with the information or it was mailed to them.

During the year the following applications were received:

2 Family Heritage Certificates

1 Rob Morris Jewel ... 2 Rob Morris Bars

I extend my thanks to the members of this committee. I wish the incoming committee much success.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of asking us to serve on this committee and our very best wishes to both of you for a harmonious and memorable Grand Chapter Session.

Members of the committee are Sister Joan Oderkirk, PM Chair (55), Donald Medicraft, PP (2), Rhonda Fader, PM (71), Marion Robinson, PM (67), Judy Graves, PM (1 PEI), Shane MacFarlane PP (19), Susan Wroe, PM, (28), and Candace Reid, PM (25).

Sister Joan asked the adoption on the report, seconded by Sister Susan Wroe, and carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members are: Sister Marion Miller, PGM (1 PEI), Chair, Brothers William Clark, PGP (10), and Jamie Lynch, PP (71).

We, as your Finance Committee, our duties are to keep Grand Chapter on Budget and within Budget as much as possible. This year has been a challenge in the event the Grand Chapter is paying and making arrangements for Grand Chapter which is a first in our history. Therefore there has and is a learning curve that those two committees Finance and Arrangements have been working through, and guide lines put in place for the line officers, so by times some mix ups and expectations to be dealt with are clear as to what Grand Chapter will Budget for, and everyone gets the same message.

Often I have heard that Grand Chapter has lots of money, well I'm here to tell you we do not. The majority of our funds are in restricted funds, which means we can only use the interest off those funds, and everyone knows what interest rates are, 1% if you are lucky.

Also because of chapters closing the Per Capita Tax as well as the Grand Chapter Registration fees are greatly reduced as of this Fall, we will have 24 chapters in our Jurisdiction almost half of what we had when I was WGM.

Our Committee has approved all bills from the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and found them all within order and budget. Sister Faye, Grand

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Treasurer, has done an excellent job keeping our books, keeping track of all bills and paying them.

Our Committee did not meet the CL&R with being able to get together with the Grand Council to show them our proposed budget for the next Grand Chapter Year, and it was done Sunday, with Brother Bill as the only member from Finance able to be there.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Under expenses in CL&R Article 11, page 37, it states Honorariums maybe paid in 3 payments. Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons have been given all at once in July, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in July and January, in two instalments. This year I had to tell Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma that she owed back \$100, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, owed \$50 back to be in line with the motion last year that those Honorariums be reduced by those amounts in the 2016 – 2017 year. Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were reduced in January as per motion. This error was done because they received their Honorariums at once in July. I therefore would recommend that those four Honorariums be paid the same half in July and the other half in January.

I would also recommend that the District Deputies be reduced to 5 from 6. We have lost 3 chapters this year and unfortunately we will probably lose a few more over the next couple of years. This year Grand Chapter will incur high costs because DDGMs were appointed and are not from the districts in which they are deputizing. This has never happened before and I would hope it will not happen again.

Sister Marion made the motion to adopt the report and it was seconded by Brother Bill. **Carried**

BUDGET

GRAND CHAPTER NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BUDGET 2018

GRAND CHAPTER GENERAL ACCOUNT	Budget
INCOME	2018
Per Capita Assessment	\$ 11,000.00
Sale of Supplies	\$5,000.00
Fines	\$0.00
Interest Income General	\$1,000.00
Visa Card Income	\$ 00.00
Ticket Sales 70 th Anniversary	\$ 00.00
Total Income General	\$ 17,000.00
EXPENSES	

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Web Site Costs/Upgrades	\$00.00
Cost of Supplies	\$4,200.00
Audit	\$1,150.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$670.00
Postage	\$650.00
Visa Card Expense	\$150.00
Bank Charges	\$125.00
Office supplies & Sundry Expenses	\$1,800.00
Printing & Supplies	\$00.00
WGM -Honorarium	\$1,800.00
WGP-Honorarium	\$900.00
GS-Honorarium	\$3,600.00
GT-Honorarium	\$1,800.00
DDGM	\$400.00
DDGM-District Church Services	\$4 00.00
Office Rent	\$1,500.00
Phone & Internet	\$1,320.00
WGM &WGP Jewell	\$1,000.00
Grand Officers Badges	\$100.00
Per Capita General Grand Chapter	\$3,536.00
Triennium Honorarium	\$0.00
Chapter Supplies	\$1,000.00
Quick Books Training	\$00.00
Total Expense	\$27,351.00
Net Income General	(\$10,351.00)

Income –Expenses	
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION: Income	
Registration	\$7,000.00
Program Booklet	\$4,505.00
Main Banquet Ticket Sales	\$8,346.00
Luncheon Ticket Sales	\$2,250.00

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Craft Sale	\$1,600.00
Donation	\$00.00
Proceedings Sales	\$500.00
Total	\$24,401.00

EXPENSES	
Program Booklet Production	\$1,700.00
Tribute to 50 + year members	\$200.00
Accommodations(M.W.G.M. & M.W.G.P.)	\$00.00
Minister & Church	\$100.00
Printing & Supplies	\$650.00
Proceedings	\$2,700.00
Assistant for Grand Secretary	\$300.00
Main Banquet Expenses	\$6,500.00
Luncheon Expenses	\$1,900.00
Favour for Main Banquet	\$1,000.00
Hospitality Room	\$200.00
Courtesy	\$200.00
Entertainment for Main Banquet	\$400.00
Transportation	\$000.00
Total	\$16,150.00
Profit/Loss for Grand Chapter Session	\$8,251.00

Income - Expenses	
ESTARL: Income	
Donations from members	\$14,000.00
Interest from JW McLellan Bursary (\$3300.00)	\$00.00
Interest from Permanent Fund (\$5000.00)	\$00.00
Interest Emerald Chapter (\$2000.00)	\$00.00
Interest Mae Chapter (\$3300.00)	\$00.00
Interest Park Donation (\$18,147.37)	\$00.00

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Interest from Other Investments	\$00.00
Total Interest	\$600.00
Total Income ESTARL	\$14,600.00
Awards	\$14,600.00

BENEVOLENT: Income	
Interest Short Term Fund	\$00.00
Interest from Long Term Fund	\$00.00
Donations from Chapters, members & Other	\$2,500.00
Interest Benevolent (as per GL)	\$00.00
Interest Donation from Fred's Crew	\$00.00
Total Interest Benevolent	\$800.00
Total	\$3,300.00
Benevolent Assistance	\$3,300.00

2017 ESTARL REPORT

On the first week of November 2016, I collected all applications, made a list and emailed all information to the other four members, Brother Bill Thompson, and Sisters Linda Foote, Pat Canning-Selig, and Joan Mills; and asked where they wanted to meet. I advised them we had \$14,000 to divide among nine full time, and one part-time student.

One member suggested we should give \$1,500 to the full time students and \$500 to the part-time student. After many phone calls and emails it was then decided to do just that.

The following students received an award for the 2016 – 2017 Grand Chapter Year:

Sponsored by Evangeline Chapter No. 15:
 Jessie Campbell – Crandall University – Moncton, NB – Second Award \$1,500
 Jeff Milne – Acadia University, Wolfville, NS – First Award \$1,500
 Anne de Lamirande – Acadia University, Wolfville, NS – First Award \$1,500

Sponsored by Kwebec Chapter No. 27:
 Virginia Wilmhoff – AST, Halifax, NS – First Award \$1,500

Sponsored by Ceilidh Chapter No. 10:
 Katie MacIntosh- Presbyterian College McGill University, Montreal, QC – First Award \$1,500. \$1,000 of this award was donated by Sister Barbara Paterson, PM,

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in memory of her parents Sister Helen, PM and Brother, PP Barron, and was to be given to a student enrolled in the Presbyterian Ministry.

Sponsored by Cedar Atlantic Chapter No. 3
Caitlin E.I. Ratcliffe – AST, Halifax, NS – Second Award \$1,500
Shannon MacLean – AST, Halifax, NS – Second Award \$1,500

Sponsored by Armcrest Chapter No. 45
Debbie Simmons – Acadia University, Wolfville, NS – Part-time Student – First Award \$500

Non Chapter Sponsored
Tauna Dawson – AST, Halifax, NS – Second Award \$1,500
Kimberlea Curlett – AST, Halifax, NS – First Award \$1,500

Our committee extends sincere thanks to all the Chapters, and individual members, who donated money to ESTARL so that our Order can give these awards.

I know, personally, from letters, emails and phone calls received, that the students are very thankful for them.

I would like to thank Past Grand Matron, Sister Mary Lou Higgins for this appointment, and thanks also, to all Committee members with whom I have worked over the last five years.

Brother Larry Ingham, PP, Chair (10) moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, PGP (10), and **carried**.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS

Let me say that it is good to be here in Truro for Nova Scotia's and Prince Edward Island's 70th Session and at the same time to help celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary on last Saturday. My wife Mari and I have attended your Grand Session three times over the past years and have made many friends here in your Province. Last month while we were making our Official Visit to Australia, I was surprized and happy to see Sister Cheryl Denton in Perth. She has been, along with her husband Alan, good friends for many years. When I was Chairman of the Shriner's Hospitals Committee for PMWGM, Sister Barbara Benton, Brother Alan was a member of my committee and a strong supporter of the Shriners Hospitals. My wife Mari has paternal ties to Nova Scotia as her Great, Great Grandfather Alexander Munro, was born on Cape Breton Island. So, when we return from our Germany visit on July 15th we intend to drive up and spend some time on Cape Breton Island.

As you all well know, my special project for this 49th Triennium is the same as my predecessor, PMWGP Brother John Grobler, Membership.

Without a doubt, it is the most critical issue that our Order faces today. I am

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concerned, not only about the declining number of our membership, but the lack of interest and enthusiasm of our membership regarding this problem.

As I travel to many jurisdictions I hear the members I talk with, bemoaning the fact that they can't keep new members.

They are initiated and may return for a meeting or two, then are seen no more.

Sisters and Brothers, new members are a precious commodity. They are true asset to our Order and if we do not give them our full attention and instil in them the enthusiasm we have for our Order, they will be lost to us forever.

Everyone joins Eastern Star for a reason. We need to cultivate that reason and help the new member to fulfill it. If there are any relatively new members in this audience, new in the past year or two, please speak up and let the leaders in your Chapters know of your expectations and desires. Ask questions if there is something unclear to you.

To you older members, be ready to take those few members under your wing and guide them so they understand what we are all about and what we do for mankind. Show your enthusiasm! Make it known that they belong to the finest fraternal organization in the world.

Be proud of your membership and it will help us to grow in strength and in numbers throughout the whole world.

As you all know, the median age of our members continues to increase and we need a good dose of new members to counteract the decline in numbers.

Let us all continue to work and attract new members, working together as a team for the betterment of our Order so the world can see our good works.

If we do that, I am sure there are many of your friends who are eligible for membership and will want to be a part of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Let us "Keep Flying High for OES".

It has been my pleasure to be here for this Session and I sincerely thank you for your attention and all the courtesies extended to me and Mari while we are here.

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE BY SISTER ROBERTA HALL, GGCCM, PGM QUEBEC

My name is Roberta Hall – better known as Bobby. I am a Past Grand Matron of Quebec and a member of the Regenerative Medicine Committee of the General Grand Chapter – representing Canada from coast to coast. This summer I will have traveled to six of the eight Canadian Jurisdictions.

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I am very excited to again be in Nova Scotia. I was a “prairie kid” and the only water I ever saw for 18 years was in the local swimming pool. I LOVE water so I plan on this trip to spend as much time as I can, touring the seacoast and putting my feet into the ocean. I have traveled most of your Province but this is my first time in Truro.

I’m editing this address this afternoon. On our way here Monday I took a detour at Amherst, heading for water. I had realized it was “LOW TIDE” time. We took the back road to Parrsboro. WOW! We saw the lowest tide I have ever seen. People started to arrive. I guessed “Low tide” was soon.

I wanted water so I walked down the steep hill of stone and water plants, took off my shoes and walked into the COLD water.

I guess I just took off my “Bucket List” another adventure.

My family was transferred to Montreal in 1960 and I was too late for admission to University so I entered a training program at the Montreal Children’s Hospital. I had always wanted to be a doctor so I spent one year in the Biochemistry Department and became involved in research projects. I attended McGill University for 4 years but spent weekends and summers working at the hospital. I worked with liver function, heart-lung transplant, poison control center and others. I lived in the interns residence for six months and it was this experience that changed my goals. The research that was being done was challenging and fascinating and it was then that I decided to make this work – “my work”. It was the children and their attitude. They were sick, they didn’t realize how sick – all they wanted was to go home and be with their family and friends.

This project is very special for me and is the “dream charity” of Sister Helen Westmoreland, our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

What exactly is Regenerative Medicine?

Simply, it is the process of curing the diseases and injuries of the human body – the idea is that cells and organs and tissues can regenerate, allowing the body to heal itself. The concept is not new. Back in the 1970’s researchers were examining the medical possibilities held by stem cells, which can be stimulated to create almost any type of human cell or tissues. The ‘80’s and ‘90’s saw breakthroughs in tissue engineering, which led to the creation of skin and cartilage.

It works to replace or restore function to damaged or diseased tissues or organs and to provide treatments for some of the diseases and injuries currently classified as “**untreatable**”.

Young – old, male – female Regenerative Medicine helps everyone and is the future of medicine. Their goal is to use your body’s own cells to restore your own organs to health. Because these cells are created from your own cells there is NO REJECTION – no second attempts – THEY ARE PERFECT!

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Imagine a day when chronic diseases are treated with an injection of cells ...

Imagine a day when functioning nerves are available to replace those damaged by injury ...

Imagine a day when diseased organs are routinely exchanged with healthy replacements grown in laboratories ...

Imagine a world where a friend of yours, who is on a transplant list, does NOT have to spend years waiting for a donor organ, because doctors have found a way to create a new one from your own cells ...

Imagine a world without diabetes, because doctors have used your own stem cells and gene therapy to correct a deficiency in your pancreas ...

Imagine a world where treating a burn injury is not as painful because 3-D printing technology was developed that sprays a layer of skin on the burned area thus doing away with skin grafts...

Imagine a defective bladder being replaced with one grown in a laboratory with your own cells and then implants into your body.

Sounds like Science Fiction!

The physicians and scientists at the Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM), based in North Carolina, were the first in the world to engineer laboratory-grown organs that were successfully implanted into humans. Some 30 different replacement tissues and organs are being developed with the goal to CURE, rather than merely treat, disease.

There are 4 major components to Regenerative Medicine. The first is cell therapies. This deals with healing diseased or damaged tissue rather than replacing them. Example: cartilage or bone reconstruction.

The second is gene therapies. This deals with trying to correct a defective gene responsible for a disease. Example: curing cystic fibrosis.

The third is tissue engineering. It’s the science of growing replacement organs and tissue in the lab to replace damaged or diseased tissue. Example: replacement of a defective bladder.

The fourth is that of solid organs such as the liver, pancreas and heart. These are very challenging because of their complex structure.

The future is very bright. Though decades away from clinical application, spinal cord regeneration potentially has much to offer people paralyzed as a result of a

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spinal cord injury. Research is showing that an injured spinal cord can regenerate and grow new nerves.

There is a pending Resolution to be brought forward at the 49th Triennial Assembly 2018. It is being submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, Brother Michael Cornell, and from all the emails going back and forth – the pending resolution has a lot of support. This resolution is simply to make Regenerative Medicine a primary and permanent identifying charity of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The members of this Committee are travelling to their appointed jurisdictions to make the Eastern Star membership aware of this very important project and are selling these wrist bands in support of this project. We are asking for your support by spreading the word throughout your Jurisdiction and encourage your members and Chapters to spread the word also. I also ask that each Chapter in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have one meeting or social event this coming year as a fund-raiser. It could be a card party, a Barb-Que party, an auction after a meeting, a collection taken at a meeting, etc. There are many clever members in this jurisdiction who have great ideas. Work with Christine McGillivray.

I will have a table in the outside corridor and will be available to answer as many questions as I can. I will have flyers and wristbands available for you there also.

At the close of 2016, the Committee members have raised \$99,986 (\$16 short of \$100,000.) As of the end of February, 2017 the amount is now \$148,000. As of end of May, 2017 the amount is now \$179,000.

I thank Sister Wilma, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me this time to talk to your members.

I wish you and Brother Bob a productive and successful Grand Chapter Session. It's not all work – there is also a lot of fun to be had!

I will close with this: the more we try to understand how, when and why the body turns on signals to promote tissue growth in response to an injury, the more we try to understand these signals, the more we realize this is cool and neat but really hard!

Trying to organize and understand Mother Nature can be a real challenge. Thank you! Sisters and Brothers!

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Marion Buchan, President, of the Past Grands Club, recommended for Honourary Memberships, the following:

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Sister Helen Westmoreland, MWGM, PGM of Florida, Brother Robert Penoyer, MWGP, PGP of Pennsylvania, Sister Jo-Anne Finley, WGM of British Columbia and Yukon, and Sister Penny Bosley, Grand Representative of Idaho.

The motion was seconded by Sister Stella Trask, PGM (35), and **carried**.

Sister Diane Hayman, Grand Secretary and PGM, moved that Honourary Memberships be given to all Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who visit our Grand Chapter during their appointment effective 2017. The motion was seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, PM (10), and **carried**.

The following Honourary Memberships were granted for 2017 Grand Chapter Session.

Sisters Sandra Munster, Arizona, Marie Sturm, Michigan, Dana Ridge, New Mexico, Arlene Fritz, Ohio, Gayla Luna, Oklahoma, Catherine Kent, Oregon, Donna McGrow, Pennsylvania, Donna Jenne, Quebec, Jill Robinette, Tennessee, Jewel Horne, Texas, Judith Whitehead, Virginia, and Shirley Ayers, Rhode Island
Brothers Albert Turek, California, Stuart Studley, Massachusetts, Wallace Evans, South Dakota, Matt Ring, Illinois, Reg Murray, New Brunswick, and Ron Hayden, Colorado.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sister Susan Eaton, Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, thank you for the privilege of serving as your Grand Chaplain and for the honour bestowed on me and on my home Chapter, Crystal Chapter #1. I have enjoyed my year.

A special thanks to Sister Diane, our Grand Secretary, for her help throughout the year.

During the year, I attended all Schools of Instruction; I participated in the Maritime Exchange in Halifax in November, and attended the Maine-Maritime Exchange in Caribou, Maine in April.

I sent 47 memorial cards to Subordinate Chapters and 82 cards to other Grand Jurisdictions.

Our own Grand Jurisdiction was saddened by the deaths of three Past Grand Matrons – Sisters Helen Connors, Jessie Nutter, and June Macdonald, and Past Grand Patron Brother Frank Cullen.

Sister Susan Eaton, Grand Chaplain (1) moved the adoption of her report. The report was seconded by **Sister Debbie Fox** WM (52) and **carried**.

WGM: In the midst of our joy we pause to pay tribute of our love for those who have passed beyond to our Heavenly Father as they sail to their final resting place.

Our loving and sincere sympathy is extended to those of the General Grand Chapter, sister Grand Jurisdictions and our own Subordinate Chapters and Members whose lives have been touched with sorrow of the loss of loved ones.

May the precious memories of our loved ones console us and give us strength to face tomorrow. I give thanks to God that He has permitted us to share in another Grand Session.



SISTER MAXINE FLINT JUSTICE
1925 – 2017

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
1994 – 1997

**Tribute to
MAXINE FLINT JUSTICE**

By
Sister Margaret A. Clarke, PGM

Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron passed away, at home, March 26, 2017. She was born in Anderson, West Virginia, June 15, 1925, the middle daughter of Emery Flint and Florence Elizabeth Gwinn.

She was married to Charles Paul "Curly" Justice, a Pharmacist, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her children son Col (R) John, and daughters Sandra and Paulette, and grandson Charles Bryan Frye.

Sister Maxine was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 63 years having joined Guiding Star Chapter 73, Gauley Bridge, West Virginia in 1954. She served her Chapter and Grand Chapter of West Virginia in various capacities and in 1970 – 71 she served as Worthy Grand Matron. She then went on to serve as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Worthy Grand Adah, Right Worthy Grand Trustee for 6 years and was elected as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress in 1985.

In 1994 she was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and presided over her "Guiding Star" Assembly in Orlando, Florida in 1997. During her 3 years of service she visited all 50 states, 8 Canadian Provinces and some 91 overseas Chapters. Sister Maxine made her official visit to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1996 to our "Golden Apple" Session a Gift of Love along with 15 of her General Chapter Officers including Brother Fred Clarke, who was serving his first term as Right Worthy Grand Trustee.

Quoting from my welcome to her "You are an inspiration and a joy to all of us. You have travelled near and far spreading love to everyone you meet" and then later "During your years of service to our Order in the General Grand Chapter your sincere and friendly manner and your dedication to the principles of fraternal love, relief and truth have gained you the respect and affections of all who come in contact with you".

I am sure this is how she was perceived by all during her many years of service to our Order.

There are stars that go out in the darkness
Whose gold light shineth on;
There are roses whose perfume lingers
When the flowers are faded and gone;
There are hearts full of love and sweetness
Whose life current no longer flows;
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the soul of the Star and the Rose.





SISTER JESSIE (LEVY) NUTTER
Past Grand Matron
1975 – 1976

Tribute to
Sister Jessie (Levy) Nutter, PGM
By
Sister Marion Conrad, PGM

Once again, our Fraternal Chain has been broken, with the death on March 19, 2017, of our Senior Past Grand Matron, Sister Jessie Nutter, a sixty-three year member of our Order.

Sister Jessie was initiated into the former Amethyst Chapter No. 28, on February 24, 1954, where she held her membership for 39 years. She held many offices in this Chapter, and in 1968 – 1969, she served as Grand Esther for the late Sister Leah Coon, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Edward “Tapey” Brown, Worthy Grand Patron. In July 1975, she was elected Worthy Grand Matron and presided with the late Brother Ken Henderson, Worthy Grand Patron at the 29th “Crown of Harmony” Session at the Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax. This session was reconvened by two days, due to the visit of Queen Elizabeth to the city, and Sister Jessie was privileged to attend, the State Dinner, along with Brother Ken and his late wife, Sister Elsie, Grand Chaplain. During her year as Worthy Grand Matron, she visited sixty-two chapters, and was the first to visit Crescent Chapter No. 70 in Lockeport. While visiting at the Grand Chapter of Ontario, she had the distinct pleasure of presenting a twenty-five year pin to Sister Flora MacDonald, MP for Kingston and the Islands, a Charter member of Munro Chapter No. 26, North Sydney.

In 2000 – 2003, Sister Jessie was honoured with a Special Appointment as Angel in Disguise from Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, a position she enjoyed with much delight.

Sister Jessie was also a member of Montague Chapter No. 69 for 29 years. On April 16, 1996 she joined Myrtle Chapter No. 21, Truro, where she was a Life Member at the time of her death. She also was an Honorary Member of Scotia Chapter No. 49 and Elmsdale Chapter No. 55. Sister Jessie was always very willing to fill in wherever, and whenever, she was needed, and was known for her great Ritualistic Work, whether filling an office or as an Installing Officer.

Sister Jessie was well known for her beautiful cross stitch wall hangings, her great cooking, and as a welcoming hostess in her home, wherever she resided. While living in Truro, she was a faithful member of St. James Presbyterian Church. However, Prince Edward Island was always “HOME” to her! Family was very important to Sister Jessie, and she showed her love for them through the stories she shared with us, especially about her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Our sincere fraternal sympathy is extended to her daughters, Thelma, Nancy, and Donna, as well as to all family members.

“Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what’s to be;
A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys, different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay.
Our destination is a place, far greater than we know,
For some the journey’s quicker, for some, the journey’s slow.
And when the journey finally ends, we’ll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.”



SISTER HELEN JEAN CONNORS

1922 – 2016
Worthy Grand Matron
1976 – 1977

**Tribute to
Sister Helen Jean Connors, PGM
By
Brother William A. Thompson, PGP**

It is with a sad heart, but fond memories, that I present this tribute to Sister Helen Connors, a sixty-four year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Helen was initiated into Westville Chapter No. 24 on May 18, 1953, and served in that Chapter until October 2015, when she became a Charter and Life Member of Ceilidh Chapter No. 10, at time of the consolidation with Century Chapter No. 10. Sister Helen served as Worthy Matron in 1960 and 1970, and was a Grand Representative of Kentucky in 1962 – 1964. In 1973 she was elected Associate Grand Conductress, and in 1977 presided over the “The Golden Wings” Session, in Westville, N.S., with her Worthy Grand Patron, the late, Brother William Anderson at her side. As Worthy Grand Matron, she made visits to sixty-three Chapters, and was very proud to add her name to the Charter for Pearle Chapter No. 71, Caledonia, which was Instituted and Constituted by the Worthy Grand Patron during their year. Her Special Project as Worthy Grand Matron was The Heart Foundation; and, in 1979 – 1982, Sister Helen was appointed as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member of “HEART”. During her three year term, our Grand Chapter supported this project 200%, which meant an amount equal to two dollars per member was raised. In 1990, Sister Helen was appointed to the Benevolent Committee of this Grand Chapter, retiring as Chair in 2014. She found great satisfaction in being able to help many Sisters and Brothers during her years on this Committee. She was an Honorary Member of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Munro Chapter No. 26, and Pearle Chapter No. 71.

Sister Helen was a Life Member, former Clerk of Session, and active in all phases of the life of St. Paul United Church; and was involved in her community of Westville. She worked part time while raising her family, and following the death of her husband, Brother Allan, she was employed by the Pictou District Planning Commission until retirement. In this new phase of life, she became active as a volunteer with many groups in the area, such as Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary, Museum of Industry and a member of the Board of directors of Highland Consolidated Residential services.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her family, son Tom (Denise), daughters Sisters Edna (Ed) MacDonald, Susan (Joe) Martin, son-in-law John Cameron; grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters Alice (Purdy) Wilson and Sister Edna Lauchlan, Sister-in-law Sister Maureen Roddick and brother-in-law Robert (Kay) Connors and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Helen was a great traveller, visitor and a “Turtle”. How many of you remember the fun? Sister Helen was my “Grand” Mother as I joined in 1977 so I could help in her session at home in Westville. And during my time travelling in my

own Grand Family to visit chapters, Sister Helen was always ready and in the car and would just say “Where are we going tonight?”

For many of us here in Grand Chapter, especially members from the former Westville Chapter, Helen was our mentor and friend. Brother Bill Clark can vouch for me when I say, “It would not be the first time that Sister Helen called us aside for instruction or advice and would just say “My boys are going to do it right!”

Well, Sister Helen, I hope I got it right!

I would like to close with the words from her Chapter memorial:

“By the Wings of Faith, she has gone to rest a while,
The memory of her loving words, the beauty of her smile
Falls, like a benediction upon our lonely ways
As we, in thoughtful memory, re-live the bygone days.





BROTHER FRANK CULLEN
Worthy Grand Patron
2010 – 2011

Tribute To
BROTHER FRANK CULLEN, PGP
By
Sister Marion Buchan, PGP

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

It is my honour to pay tribute to my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frank Cullen.

Brother Frank Cullen was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on November 7, 1978 in Lady Doric Chapter #29. He affiliated with Westville Chapter #24 on December 19, 2000. Frank served as Worthy Patron three times in each of these chapters. On October 2015 he became a Charter Member of Ceilidh Chapter #10. Brother Frank served on several Grand Chapter Committees and was often found at Grand Chapter Sessions operating the sound system.

Brother Frank was appointed Grand Marshal in 2007 and elected Grand Sentinel in 2008. He was pleased to be installed as Worthy Grand Patron by Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke in 2010.

Brother Frank served Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as Worthy Grand Patron in 2011, in the Ribbons of Hope session. Brother Frank chose Proverbs 3:6 as his scripture: ‘In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths’. Our Special Project was the Shriners Hospitals with watchwords Joy, Love and Peace, His fun symbols were the eagles that nested at his cottage and trains, his work as a professional engineer.

At General Grand Chapter 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Renee Often invited us to open the Wednesday morning Session. It was a real honour and very exciting.

At General Grand Chapter 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA, Brother Frank was installed as a General Chapter Committee on Shriners Charities. He visited the new Shrine Hospital in Montreal, on his return to Canada.

Our Grand Family were our pride and joy and were chosen with great care. During the year, we honoured Sister Margaret Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Esther, seventeen General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and three special General Grand Chapter Appointments.

We had the privilege of hosting the International Week-end in Nova Scotia. It was a

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great social time and was enjoyed by all those who attended. We also hosted Maritime Exchange in Westville, NS.

As was evidenced in the Eastern Star world, Brother Frank devoted his time and energy to everything he belonged to. His church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, his lodge, Albion #5 where he served as Master of his lodge, Past Grand Steward, Board of General Purposes, Freemasons Home and the Masonic Foundation, and the Shrine membership in Philae Shrine Centre in Halifax.

Brother Frank passed away while serving as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Shriner Charities and Vice President of the Past Grands Association. He will be greatly missed for his dedication to service and his compassion for his Sisters and Brothers.

I extend to Sister Doris, her family and Ceilidh Chapter #10 my sincere sympathy.

May the stars carry your sadness away
May the flowers fill your heart with beauty
May HOPE forever wipe away your tears and above all
May silence make you strong.
Chief Dan George



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SISTER JUNE MACDONALD
Worthy Grand Matron
2002 - 2003

**Tribute to
Sister June Macdonald, PGM
By
Sister Irma Maxwell, GGCCM**

It is my honour and privilege today to pay tribute to one who was very special to me, Sister June MacDonald, Worthy Grand Matron in 2002 – 2003, who passed away on March 25, 2017, in the Ocean Continuing Care Centre in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia. She was a 62 year member of our Order and I had the privilege of presenting her with her 60 year pin two years ago. I was so pleased to do this, not only as Worthy Grand Matron, but especially because I had been Grand Electa in her Grand Family. Several members of her Grand Family were able to be present at the presentation which took place at the Ocean Care Centre.

Sister June was initiated into Harmony Chapter No. 25 in Stellarton on March 10, 1955. After moving to Dartmouth she became a member of the former Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20 in Dartmouth where she held the office of Worthy Matron four times and was made a Life Member. She also held membership in the former Westwood Chapter No. 63, and Ruth Chapter No. 57 in Dartmouth. She was a Grand Representative of Kentucky in 1993 – 1994.

In 1999 she was elected Associate Grand Conductress and in 2002 – 2003 she served as Worthy Grand Matron with the late Brother George Crouch as Worthy Grand Patron. They presided over the 56th Grand Chapter Session, "Garden of Love and Friendship". Their special project was the Bonny Lea Farm in Chester to which they presented over \$35,000, which was used to build a new Bark Building and which provides work for the residents and now provides kindling which is sold to local businesses.

Sister June was an Honorary Member of Evangeline Chapter #15 in Kentville and laurel Chapter #67 in Berwick.

Due to her failing eyesight she was not able to remain active in our Order after following the death of her husband, Scott, she spent her last years in the nursing home in Eastern Passage where she was lovingly cared for by the staff and also by her faithful Eastern Star friend of many years, Sister Elsie Brinkschulte. We, the Eastern Star members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and especially her Grand Family of 2002 – 2003 will remember her as a kind and loving leader with many talents which she generously shared with us.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to sons Fraser, Keith, Andrew and Robert and their families.

I will close with a poem by Anne Johnson Flint

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our life through,
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

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



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The Altar was draped by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

The **Grand Chaplain** offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we ask your blessing on these moments, as we drape our altar in memory of our departed Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, who are now with us only in spirit. We offer our grateful praise for their many years of dedicated service to our Order; and we thank you for the opportunity we have had to share in their lives. Bless and console those who are bereaved; breathe into their hearts Your peace, and give them a blessed sense of Your eternal love that holds us all. We ask it in Your name. Amen.

"In the Garden" was sung by Grand Choir and members.

The Grand Secretary read the names included in the Scroll of Departed Members while the District Deputy Grand Matrons hung stars and hearts on a silver Christmas tree.

The Grand Marshal placed the Scroll on the Altar.

The **Grand Chaplain** offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we seek the strength and comfort of Your presence as we remember our Sisters and Brothers who have been called to that house not made with hands. May the memory of those who have gone before us be an inspiration for us, as we strive to live by those virtues exemplified in the lives of our heroines. Comfort the hearts that are filled with sorrow, and help us to realize that all is well with You. Guide us through all the days of our lives and encourage us with Your Spirit, as we too follow Your Star to our eternal home. Amen.



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DEATHS

June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

MAYFLOWER #2
Brother Harold Coggins PP
Sister Jean MacPherson

CEDAR ATLANTIC #3
Sister Muriel Purdy
Brother Charles "Chuck"
Paterson PP
Sister Ethel Reid

GRACE #8
Sister Sheila Findlay
Sister Natalie Corkum

CEILIDH #10
Sister Marjorie MacLeod
Sister Mary Macintosh PM
Sister Helen Connors PGM
Sister Dorothy Levo
Sister Frances Duncan PM
Brother Frank Cullen PGP
Sister Helen Comeau
Sister Joyce MacDonald

QUEEN ELIZABETH #14
Sister Freda Eills PM

CELTIC STAR #19
Sister Jean Pierce PM
Sister Aileen MacKillop PM
Sister Diane Jewers

MYRTLE #21
Sister Jessie Nutter Levy PGM

CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)
Sister Eunice Wonacott PM
Sister Gladys MacKinnon PM
Sister Anne MacLeod
Sister Leone Bagnell
Brother Eric Keating

HARMONY #25
Sister Joan Bruce

MUNRO #26
Sister Grace Young Life Member

EVENING STAR #28
Sister Pearl Lochead PM
Sister Rita Hill
Sister June Macdonald PGM

ARBUTUS #30
Brother Roger Rafuse
Brother Robert Hatt

ST. MARY'S #35
Sister Vivian Irving PM
Brother Leland Potter PP
Sister Alvie Kinney

ARMCREST #45
Brother Leonard Jackson PP

ELM #48
Sister Louise Logan PM

SCOTIA #49
Sister Sandra Williams

REGENT #52
Sister Margaret Hunter

ELMSDALE #55
Sister Irene Wotherspoon
Brother Charles "Chuck"
Paterson PP

QUEEN ESTHER #61
Sister Phyllis Vallis PM
Sister Josie Zwicker PM
Sister Hazel Wagner PM

LAUREL #67
Brother Gilbert Moir

CRESCENT #70
Sister Lorna Laing PM
Sister Evelyn Aulenbach PM



Star Points' Memorial

A vase was placed on the Altar and after reading their verse, each Star Point placed a flower of the appropriate color in the vase.

Grand Adah: In loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers who, by their example in life, encouraged us to be trustworthy and true to our obligations, I place this token of Adah's fidelity.

Grand Ruth: In loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers who, by their example in life, encouraged us to be steadfast when the burdens of every day become heavy, I place this token of Ruth's constancy.

Grand Esther: In loving memory of our departed sisters and brothers who, by their example in life, encouraged us to be true to the best interests of our family and friends, I place this token of Esther's loyalty.

Grand Martha: In loving memory of our departed sisters and brothers who, by their example in life, encouraged us to trust God's plan for us, I place this token of Martha's faith.

Grand Electa: In loving memory of our departed sisters and brothers who, by their example in life, encouraged us, to be compassionate and generous, I place this token of Electa's loving kindness.

The closing hymn, ***Because He Lives***, was sung.

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 5, 2017.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

9:00 AM Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Irma Maxwell, GGCCM and Brother John Lorimer, PGP.

Sister Irma, GGCCM: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. I hope everyone has had a good rest and are ready for the important work of this day, in which we will be electing the officers who will carry on the leadership of our Order for the ensuing year. We have been privileged during this Session in having our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer as our special guests, along with several of the Worthy Grand Officers and their General Grand Committee Members. It has been a pleasure for me to meet so many of them. Also, I have enjoyed meeting many visiting Grand Representatives as well. I hope you have enjoyed our Nova Scotia friendship and that you will have an opportunity to see a bit more of our Province and of Prince Edward Island. Please come back again.

I thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, for asking me to open this Wednesday morning Session, along with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Lorimer. Two years ago Brother John and I were standing here in the Grand East at our own Grand Chapter, so we know how overwhelming the whole experience can be – but oh- So rewarding!

Brother John, PGP: Knowledge is knowing that the tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad.

Good morning Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed an honour to have been asked to assist in calling to order this session of "Sailing into the Future" with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Irma.

May I welcome all Distinguished Guests and Visitors who have come to be with us and I hope you take back many fond memories of your visit.

Also, a hearty welcome to the Sisters and Brothers of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Jurisdiction.

Sister Irma: I now call this Wednesday morning session of "Sailing into the Future" to order.

The Grand Marshal was instructed to invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sister Irma: Good morning to each of you, and welcome to this final day of your Session. Sister Wilma, may this day be one of your cherished memories. I have enjoyed every one of your Official visits which I had the privilege of attending, and you always seemed to enjoy them as well. Your little "Funnies", added a lot to the evenings. We will welcome you to the Past Grand line, and I do hope that soon the members, especially Sister Diane, Grand Secretary, will get our names – Wilma and Irma – straightened out.

Brother Bob, we are so pleased to see you on deck again. I do hope you are getting some rest between your official duties, and won't suffer a relapse because of your dedication to our Order. You have had a rough time the last few weeks and we hope that is behind you. You have done a lovely job as Worthy Grand Patron and we look forward to your presence in the Past Grands Line.

Brother John: Welcome Sister Wilma and Brother Bob, this is the final day of your Grand Chapter and I know that you are anxious to get to the East and get things underway.

I trust that you found this Session rewarding and unforgettable.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were then escorted to the East, and extended Grand Honours.

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Sister Beth Brett and Brother Shane MacFarlane (19), then sang "Hallelujah" to them.

Sister Irma: Sister Wilma, WGM, it is my sincere pleasure to present you with your gavel. I know you will be happy to pass it over to Brother Bob for the election of officers. That time will give you a chance to relax for a few minutes. May the blessing of our Heavenly Father be with you this day and always.

Brother Bob, you will be presiding at the election of officers this morning, and we wish you every success while you perform this duty.

Sister Wilma WGM: General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Irma, and Past Grand Patron, Brother John, thank you for opening our Wednesday morning session and making all our members feel welcome.

Sister Irma, I would like to thank you for the assistance and help you have given me along my way, I sincerely enjoyed our time together.

Brother John, thank you as well for your participation in our Grand Chapter and in volunteering to help in any way that you can. I have gotten to know you as a friend in the last couple of years and I look forward to serving with you in the West at Evening Star Chapter in the ensuing year. I am sure we will have some fun.

The Officers took their respective stations.

The Grand Chapter was proved, and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from rest to labour.

Grand Honours were extended to Sister Helen, MWGM and Brother Bob, MWGP.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

(not previously introduced)

Sister Mary Smith, Grand Representative of Ontario in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented at the Altar, escorted to the East, and accorded Grand Honours. Sister Candace Reid, GGCCM of Membership was welcomed and taken to the East.

The minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session were read, moved for acceptance, seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, PM (#10), **and carried.**

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Sister Doreen Edgar (28), Chair gave the following report.

Voting from our Grand Jurisdiction –	226
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions –	121
Total Attendance to date	347

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Sister Doreen moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Sister Ann Wight (21). **Motion Carried.**

At 9:30 a.m. the Worthy Grand Matron passed the gavel to Brother Bob who presided over the election of officers, and appointed the tellers.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairmen: Group A Brother Bill Thompson PGP (10)
: Group B Brother Daniel Campbell PGP (40)

Group A	Group B
Sister Clara Nieforth PM (28)	Sister Lillian Stuart (69)
Sister Anna Carr PM (1 PEI)	Sister Janet Johnson (10)
Sister Joanne Giffin, PM (8)	Sister Ardith Downey (28)
Brother Gerald Norman (49)	Sister Bonnie Boutilier PM (61)
Sister Candace Reid PM (25)	Sister Carol Atkinson PM (21)
Sister Joan Oderkirk PM (55)	

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

The following were elected by acclamation:

Worthy Grand Matron – Sister Christine McGillivray (21)
Worthy Grand Patron – Brother Arnold Dempsey (2)
Associate Grand Matron – Sister Darlene Amirault (49)
Associate Grand Patron – Brother Kenneth Conrod (61)
Grand Secretary – Sister Diane Hayman (10)
Grand Treasurer – Sister Faye Calder (67)
Grand Conductress – Sister Helen Nicholson (1 PEI)

The following were nominated and elected by acclamation:

Sister Beth Brett PM (19) - Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Ed McLaren (1 PEI) - Grand Sentinel.

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE REPORT JULY 2017

Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM: This is the report of your Benevolent Committee: A letter was sent to each chapter in February 2017 requesting their support for the year and expressing our thanks for the support that we have received. We chose to send the letter a bit later in the year when there was less correspondence and the Chapters would be preparing for their donations for the year.

We would like to say a sincere "Thank-you" to those chapters and individuals who have contributed to the Benevolent Committee again this year. The silent auction is being held again this year. Please remember it only works if you place your bids.

We were pleased to provide assistance to requests received. We have received words of appreciation and thanks from recipients.

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The financial statement will be found in the Treasurer's Report. We would like to say a thank you to Sister Faye Calder, the Grand Treasurer, for her prompt assistance.

We wish Sister Wilma Verge, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert Turner, Worthy Grand Patron a successful "Sailing into the Future" Grand Chapter session.

Members of this Committee are Sisters Margaret Clarke, PGP chair (67), Barbara Bowser, PGM (61), and Marion Buchan, PGM (67).

The report was moved by Sisters Margaret Clarke, PGM, (Chair) and seconded by Sister Marion Buchan, PGM. **Motion was carried.**

Sister Margaret asked everyone to remember Sister Barbara Bowser and perhaps send her a card.

Three items were not picked up. A few had no bids so people were asked to make an offer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Sister Janet Johnson, PM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: I wish to submit the following report for the year 2016-2017.

This year I received three requests for addendas and/or programs. As is the custom, I try my best to provide the members with their requests; however sometimes this is hard if it relates to the theme or fun symbols of the current Worthy Grand Matron and Patron.

Our Library has many pieces in a number of books that might be adapted when honouring a member or a chapter as a whole.

Brother Fred Lipskey, Webmaster has been forwarded a list of programs that are available in the Library, to add to our website.

You may reach me by phone or email with your request. Please remember to let me know what you need; by what date; as well as your address, phone number, and email. I have recently added my Grand Chapter email to my iPad so that I can check every day- and just in case of computer problems.

Many thanks to the members, for still showing an interest in using contents from the Library.

Sister Wilma and Brother Bob, I thank you sincerely for this appointment and congratulate you both on a very successful year. I wish you both a healthy and happy retirement, with many great memories to enjoy in the coming years.

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The report was moved by Sister Janet Johnson PM (10) seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, PM (10). **Carried.**

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report presented at this time. The Grand Secretary reported all monies were received from the Chapters. The membership agreed that a report would be obtained from the Chair, Brother Carl Thompson, PP (52).

The following report was received at a later date.

"The International Headquarters Committee members were Brother Carl Thompson, PP (52) chair, Sisters Marianne MacMillan PM (3) and Geraldine Parker, PM (28). A letter was 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 this letters on our behalf.

We extend a special thanks to Celtic Star Chapter No. 19 for their generous gift of \$150 to the International Headquarters again this year.

We thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, for the privilege of serving on this Grand Chapter Committee.

Brother Carl Thompson, chair".

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sister Christine, AGM: The Fraternal Correspondent Committee Members are Sisters, Christine McGillivray, AGM, Darlene Amirault, GC and Helen Nicholson, AGC.

Over the last few months the Grand conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and myself have spent many valuable hours reading the proceedings from various Grand Jurisdictions. We have answered the many questions required to make this report, and the full report is available from the Grand Secretary.

We have concluded that we, as Grand Chapters, are experiencing the same type of difficulties. Membership is dropping and the numbers of active members is decreasing. This being said, it has not affected our commitment to continue donating our time, energy, and monies to the various charities we support through the Eastern Star. The ESTARL is the main charity in many of the Grand Chapters as well as other organizations such as Cancer, Diabetes, Alzheimer, Shriners Hospital for Children, and Camps for Kids. There are also many jurisdictions that support an Eastern Star Home for again members.

The general information of this report has been passed on by the committee members in prior years to say basically the same thing that we the committee, have gleaned. There may be some pertinent information gathered to assist the line officers in the planning of their own year, but it is our opinion that the report really

doesn't go any further than to the requisite line officers. As almost all Grand Chapters are part of the computer world, the same information on Fraternal Correspondence may be available on the internet for any other individuals, as a matter of their interest. Taking the time to produce this report gleaned for this Grand Chapter is considered to be a waste of valuable time that would have been time well spent preparing for the next year.

Sister Christine moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Sister Darlene and **carried**.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMPLETE REPORT

ALABAMA: The # 114 Grand Session, "All Things Bright and Beautiful", was held on Oct 9th to 12th 2014 at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, in Birmingham, Alabama. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Deborah Clark and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bill Belcher presided over the session. The theme of the session was Faith, Hope and Love. Their emblems were the Cup, Lion and the Eagle. Their Special Project was Childrens' Harbor Lake Martin Campus. There are 92 Chapters with a total membership of 6104 in Dec 2013, with additional new members of 318. The Grand Chapter also lost 850 members due to death, demits and suspension. In attendance was the Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Sister Brenda Crow. The date and location for the next Grand Chapter was not given, but the incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Sister Madron Ramey and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Dwight Headrick.

ALBERTA: The #103 Grand Session "Garden of Life", was held on Jun 6th - 8th 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer, Alberta. Worthy Grand Matron Donna-Lynn Guynup and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Leslie Payne, (as Acting Worthy Grand Patron), presided over the session. The emblems for this year were WGM Open Holy Bible and Butterflies, WGP had the Handshake, Wolf, Inuksuk and Antique Cars. Their Motto was "WGM – May kindness guide you in your thoughts and actions. WGP – Life is a journey, look out your window, seize the day, live your dreams and be happy. Their aim for members to enjoy Chapter and have fun. The Canadian Diabetes Association was their Special Project. Alberta has 39 Chapters with 2564 members with a loss of 214 in Dec 2013. Incoming Worthy Grand Matron **Sister Donna Richard (a member of Harmony Chapter No. 25, Stellarton, and daughter of our late Past Grand Patron, Brother Chester Turnbull and Past Grand Matron, Sister Dora Turnbull)** and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Paul Febrey will preside over "Sharing a Moment in Time on Jun 5th 2015 at the Ramada Inn in Edmonton. In attendance was our own Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM, and Brother Ralph Swinamer PGP. Grand Representative of Nova Scotia in Alberta was Sister Rhea McMane.

ARIZONA: The #113th Session, Bridges of Faith was held on Jul 31 – Aug 3rd 2013 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Presiding was Worthy Grand Matron Sister Linda Heberling and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Joseph Leiminger. The emblems were Bridges, Books of Faith and Emblems of Faith. Motto "When you have Faith, everything is possible. There are 36 Chapters in Arizona with a combined membership of 3251 in 2013. They have had a loss of 171 members.

Special Projects were Cancer, Diabetes, and Heart. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Sister Mary Jackson and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jack Wade will preside over 2014 Grand Chapter on Aug 6th – 9th, in Tucson, Arizona.

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON: "The Midnight Sun" Grand Session was held in Yellowknife, Yukon on May 26th to 28th 2014 with Worthy Grand Matron Sister Glennis Allen from the Yukon and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ken Knuttila of British Columbia. After the presentation of the Canadian, American, Eastern Star, Christian and British Columbia flags there was an impressive flag ceremony done by the Grand Representatives with the flags of their State or Province. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron Sister Carmen Pierce and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Keith Glen have chosen Transition House, Safe Homes, and Second Stage Housing to support Women and Children in Crisis.

CALIFORNIA: The "Stars in the Canopy of Heaven" session was held in Fresno California with Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sarah Ann Shapiro and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Art Weiss presiding. Many changes were passed on the Constitution of California Grand Chapter. There was interesting information on the Eastern Star Homes that are located throughout the State. Membership is 2472 members and 955 members attended the grand session. There was some loss of members over the year. The 2014 session will have Worthy Grand Matron Sister Debra Maimen and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Radall Cody in the East.

COLORADO: The 122nd session of Grand Chapter "Our Favorite Things" was presided by Worthy Grand Matron Sister Cyndie House and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Charles (C.T.) Elliott on September 17th to 20th 2014, at the Marriott Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Their Motto was Learn from yesterday, Live for Today and Hope for Tomorrow. Special Projects were Cat Care Society, Wounded Warriors and the Grand Chapter Operating Fund. There are 42 Chapters with a membership of 4455 in 2013 and 4123 in 2014, net loss of 332 members. Sister Genie Wilcox Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Jim Jarvis Worthy Grand Patron will preside over the next session to be held on September 16th 2015 at the Marriott Hotel, Denver Tech Centre Colorado.

CONNECTICUT: The 104th Session Grand Chapter of Connecticut, "Symphony of Flowers" was held on Apr 24th to 26th 2014 at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Centre in Farmington Connecticut, with Worthy Grand Matron Sister Shirley L. Hungerford and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Roger A. Bailey presiding. There are a total of 25 Chapters with a combined membership of 2829 in 2013 and 2581 in 2014 giving a net loss of 248 members. The emblems were Flowers and Penguins. Special Project Masonic Home and Spiritual Care. The 141 Session Shining Stars will be held in Farmington Connecticut on Apr 23rd - 25th 2015 with Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Sister Maureen R LaPlante and Incoming Worthy Grand Patron Brother Richard W Ames presiding.

DELAWARE: The 93rd Session Grand Chapter of Delaware "Butterflies are Free was held on May 11th - 13th 2014 at the Dover Down Hotel & Casino in Dover, Delaware. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Doris E. Egbert and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Stephen Tolbert presiding. There are a total of 11 Chapters with 1105

members in Jan 2013 and 1068 in Dec 2013, showing a loss of 37 members. The Special Project for the year was Veterans and Women Home of the Brave. The next Grand Session will be held on May 11th 2015 at the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover, Delaware presided by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron Sister Vickie J. Nicklas and Worthy Grand Patron Brother J. Eddie Morris.

IDAHO: The Grand Chapter of Idaho held their 112th Session "Threads of Friendship" on Hun 7th - 10th 2014 at the Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho. Presiding Worthy Grand Matron Sister Susan Warner and Worthy Grand Brother Don Miller were in the east. There are 34 Chapters with a Membership of 2566 in 2012 and 2487 in 2013 with a loss of 79. The Quilt was the emblem. Their Motto: With each stitch of grace and hope our legacy is built. The Aim: Look for the friendship in the patchwork of your life. Special Project, Idaho's Community Health Centres. The next Grand Session will be held on Jun 13-16 2016 in Idaho Falls, Idaho with the incoming Worthy Grand Matron Sister Janice Brown and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Dwain Valez in the East.

INDIANA: The 139th Grand Session of Indiana was held on Jun 7th - 9th 2013, "Magical Moments of Faith, at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the east was Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sonda Schapson and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Cary Hetrick. The Theme was Fun in the Sun, Emblems were the Sun, Open Bible, and the Dove. Their Motto – a person who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room is indeed blessed. Their Aim – To serve God with joy through friendships created in our Order. The American Heart Association was the Special Project for the year. One thing picked up from the proceedings was the Worthy Grand Matron introduced the recipients of the ESTARL awards for her year. The Incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Sister Elizabeth and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Darrell Arthur.

IOWA: The Winter Wonderland Session was held on October 23rd – 26th, 2014 under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Sister Ramthun and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jerry Jones. Their Special Projects were: COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) and Childrens' Cancer Connection, ESTARL and Eastern Star Homes. There are 93 Chapters in the State of Iowa and 552 members attended the Grand Session. Lynn Tague is the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Phil Corwin is the Worthy Grand Patron for the 2015 sessions They have chosen Paws & Effect for their Special Project.

KANSAS: Their 138th Grand Session "Fully Rely on God" was held in Topeka, Kansas on April 15th – 17th, 2014. Sister Dolores Smith as Worthy Grand Matron and Larry Swaim as Worthy Grand Patron. Kansas has 75 Chapters and 548 members attended their Grand Session. They also had a decrease in membership as most other Grand Chapters. Their projects included Scholarships given to Youth and ESTARL. The Session "Star Within a Star" with incoming Worthy Grand Matron Donna Fagg and Worthy Grand Patron Mike Edwards will be held in Wichita in April 2015.

KENTUCKY: The Grand Session of Kentucky was held on September 9th - 11th 2013. "Melody of Love" the 111th session Galt House Hotel, in Louisville, Kentucky, with Worthy Grand Matron Sister Linda Stepp and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Michael Martin in the East. Their Theme was Music – Make Joyful Music on to the Lord. Emblems were the red rose and piano. Motto – be constant, loyal, faithful and loving to mankind. Their Special Project was the Eastern Star Home. The next Session will be September 14th - 17th 2014 in Louisville, Kentucky with Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Sister Melva A. Dukes and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Melvin Stall.

LOUISIANA: The State of Louisiana held their 115th Grand Session on Mar 24th - 26th 2014. The "Colors of Life" took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Sister Linn McNary, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Otto Beverly, Worthy Grand Patron in the East. There are 88 Chapters in Louisiana with 5912 members in 2013 and 5623 in 2014 showing a loss of 289 members over the year. The Worthy Grand Matron's Emblem was the Fleur De Lis and the Worthy Grand Patron's was the Anchor. The Aim was God Created light and the many Colors of the Rainbow and especially our Starpoint colors. Their Special Project for their year was Alzheimer and Cancer. The next Grand Session will be on Mar 23rd 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Sister Pamela Gill as Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George Wilkinson as Worthy Grand Patron.

MANITOBA: The 92nd Grand Chapter was held on May 25th - 28th 2014 at the Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg MB with Sister Nancy Drewniak, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Jim Finlayson, Worthy Grand Patron in charge of the "Canada Manitoba Session". The Floral and Fun Symbols Prairie Crows, White Spruce and the Great Gray Owl. The Emblem for the Worthy Grand Matron was the Maple Leaf and the Heart and Worthy Grand Patron had the Border Collie and Wren. Their Motto was "Be kind, tender hearted, forgiving on another as GOD in Christ forgave you", with the aim being Manitoba the Heart of Canada Making: Friendship Active Initiative Teamwork Helpful (FAITH). WGM & WGP had many different Special Projects giving to the following: Eastern Star Chalet, Masonic Foundation Cancer Care Drivers, Partners for Life, Grand Chapter, Breakfast Program, and Penny Mile. At the ESTARL Church Service the WGM and WGP presented the awards to the recipients. The 93rd Session "Spirit of Faith & Harmony will be held on May 25th 2015 in Winnipeg. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Chris Porter and the Worthy Grand Patron is Milton Goble.

MICHIGAN: The Grand Chapter of Michigan held their 148th "Our World of Knowledge Session on Oct 14th - 16th 2014 in Battle Creek, Michigan. At the beginning of the year there were 121 Chapters with 11,790 members, but there were only 116 Chapters in 2014. The jurisdiction showed a loss of 895 members. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Norma A Wojack's Emblem was the Music Note and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Frederick D. Miller's was Electa's Cup. Her Motto : To strengthen our order through our knowledge. Special Projects for the year were Masonic Pathways, Books for Kids, and Service Dogs. The 2015 Session will be on Oct 13th - 15th at Battle Creek, Michigan with Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Patricia A Ahl, and Worthy Grand Patron Lawrence H. VanNouirck in the East.

MINNESOTA: The 135th Session of Grand Chapter was held on May 2nd-4th 2015 at River's Edge Convention Centre in St Cloud, Minnesota. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Cynthia McDonald and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Curt Speller presided over "The Celebrate Session". Their Motto was Share our similarities, celebrate our differences. The Special Project was Cancer. The next session will be held on May 1st-3rd, 2014 in St Cloud, Minnesota with Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Barbara Brihn and Worthy Grand Patron Harold Olson.

MISSOURI: The 139th Grand Chapter Session "The Magic of Christmas" was held on Oct 14th – 16th, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Columbia, Missouri. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Joyce Beabout and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jack Padley were in the East. There are 175 Chapters with 13,772 members, but 641 of these are Dual members. The net loss for the year was 26 members. The Emblem was Electa's Cup. The Special Project was Leadership Award for each of the three Masonic Youth Groups in Missouri. The 2014 Session will be held on Oct 13th - 15th 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Columbia, Missouri with Incoming Worthy Matron Marge Carney and Worthy Grand Patron Jerry Aakren.

MONTANA: The # 125 Grand Chapter Session was held on Jun 18th - 21st 2014 at Helena Montana. The "Visions of Treasured Heritage" Session with Worthy Grand Matron Diane Lockety and Worthy Grand Patron Carl (Rob) Robinson in the East. There are 45 Chapters with 4153 members with a loss of 206 members in the year. The Emblem for the year was the Christian Fish. Their Motto: Visions are the foundation of Heritage by which we treasure the past, challenge the present, and embrace the Future. Our members are our heritage. The Aim: To celebrate our Montana Eastern Star Heritage, the 125th year of Montana Statehood, and cultivate our Vision, the heritage of our Future. Special Projects Baskets for Youth, Cookbooks and Flashlights for Youth. **During the session introduction of Grand Representatives Sister Rhea McMane Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Alberta and Brother Jeff Holland Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Montana were introduced.** The next session "Our Journey of Friendship" will have Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Bonnie Anderson and Worthy Grand Patron Earl Nilsen.

NEBRASKA: The "Spirit of the Star" session held in Kearney, Nebraska on May 14th - 15th 2013 was under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Judy Wehrbein and Worthy Grand Patron Alvin Benemerito. Their Special Projects were Youth Organizations and Service Dogs. They awarded 17 ESTARL scholarships. They had 12 new members were initiated at Grand Chapter with the Grand Officers conducting the ceremony. The 2014 "Stars Across the Prairie" session in May will have incoming Worthy Grand Matron Beverly Donham and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Dusch.

NEVADA: The 108th Grand Chapter was held on September 29th – Oct 2nd 2013 at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Worthy Grand Matron Ruth Fitzgerald and Worthy Grand Patron S. Barton Jacka presided over the "Spirit of Peace – Light of Hope" session. There are 20 Chapters in Nevada with 2005 members in 2012 and 1917 members in 2013, giving a loss of 88 members through the year. The

Emblems were the Dove of Peace and the Lighthouse. Their Motto was – Keep Peace and Hope in your Heart, Joy in your life, Kindness in your deeds, Perseverance in your Actions. Their Goal was to have our light shine in our communities and to promote better communications among ourselves, chapter and Community. Their Special Projects were UNR, Cancer and Alzheimer. The next Grand Session will be held in North Las Vegas on September 28th – Oct 1st 2014 with Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Elizabeth Sidford and Worthy Grand Patron George Lang in the East.

NEW YORK: The 144th Grand Session was held in Oct 2013 (no date given) in Binghamton, NY. The "Polar Express" Session with Worthy Grand Matron Keri J. Rhebergen, and Worthy Grand Patron Kenneth R. Milner. There are 207 Chapters in New York with 17,174 members (in Nov 2011) There was a noticeable loss in 2012 of 1017 members. The Theme of the Session was Hospitality, Kindness bring our members together to make our Order the best that it can be. Their Motto was Service, Dedication make for a Generous and Joyful World. Special Project was the Childrens Dyslexia Center. During the session Sister Marylyn and Brother Ralph Swinamer were made Honorary members of the Grand Chapter. No date or place was given for the next session where Sister Sylvia D. Moravia WGM and Brother George J. Walter WGP will preside.

NORTH DAKOTA: The 120th Grand Session was held on June 5th - 7th 2014 in Minot N. Dakota. Worthy Grand Matron Julia Johnson and Worthy Grand Patron Larry Sitter presided over the God, Family and Country" session. There are 17 Chapters in N. Dakota with 919 members in 2014, there was a loss of 32 members. The theme of the session was Faith in God, Loyalty to Family and Service to Country. The emblems were WGM the Emblematic Star, WGP American Flag. Special Project for the year was Military Ovations Suicide Prevention. The next session will be on Jun 3rd – 6th, 2015 with Janet Greenwood incoming Worthy Grand Matron and William Zeller Worthy Grand Patron.

OREGON: The 125th Grand Session "Expect a Miracle – Build for Tomorrow" held on June 15th - 18th 2014. Cancer research was the Special Project chosen by Worthy Grand Matron Ann Thomas, and Worthy Grand Patron Craig Sipp. There are 60 Chapters within the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Judy Rooth, Worthy Grand Matron and Don Broxson, Worthy Grand Patron were installed at the close of the session.

PENNSYLVANIA: "The Threads of Tradition" was the name of the Grand Session held on June 23rd - 25th 2014, with Virginia Plyer as Worthy Grand Matron and Edward Seiter as Worthy Grand Patron. The decorations were tastefully done to honor the sewing art of the Worthy Grand Matron along with NASCAR decorations, etc for the Worthy Grand Patron. Their Special Projects were MS, Cancer, Heart and Youth. Most of their members pre-registered for the Grand Session through their District Deputy. There were 111 scholarships given out, 109 were full scholarships and 2 were half scholarships for Youth Groups and/or ESTARL. The "Circle of Friendship" Session will be held in 2015 in York Pennsylvania with Helen Beth Vilcek as Worthy Grand Matron and Frank Einsel as Worthy Grand Patron.

QUEBEC: Worthy Grand Matron, Helene Emond Vauclair, and Worthy Grand Patron, Ralph G Hall presided over the 92nd Grand Chapter Session of Quebec "Peace & Serenity" held on October 9th-10th 2014 at the Hotel Castel & Spa, in Granby, Quebec. There are only 9 Chapters with a membership of 387 in 2012 and 366 in 2013, giving a loss of 21 members over the year. There are 34 Dual members so the actual number of members is only 332. The WGM and WGP motto was Peace and Serenity for all, with an Aim to promote Peace and Serenity in our communities, our Chapters and the World. The Special Project was the Children's Wish Foundation. **Attending the session was Sister Mary Reid, PGM of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.** The next session will be held on Oct 8th - 10th 2015 at the Castel & Spa Comfort in Granby, Quebec with incoming Worthy Grand Matron Heather MacDonald and Worthy Grand Patron William B. Miller in the East.

RHODE ISLAND: The Session "Circle of Friendship" was held under the leadership of the Worthy Grand Matron Kimberley Harrison and Worthy Grand Patron Richard Therrien. There are only 928 members in Rhode Island's eight Chapters. They had a loss of 95 members during the year. Their projects included the Eastern Star Home, Cancer and Heart. The 2014 session will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island on October 10th - 11th 2014 with the Worthy Grand Matron Lynn Harrell and Worthy Grand Patron Ronald Ayers presiding.

VERMONT: The 142nd Session of Vermont the "Garden of Friendship" was held on June 5th - 7th, 2014, at the Sheraton Hotel in South Burlington, Vermont. Worthy Grand Matron Doris Graves and Worthy Grand Patron Donald Brown presided over the session. There are 34 Chapters with 2118 members. They had a loss of 139 members. The Worthy Grand Matron's emblem was the Star Point Emblems and Worthy Grand Patron at antique cars. Their Aim was to promote friendship while traveling to our Chapters to promote membership by sharing our message with those who are not as yet members. Their Special Project was C.A.R.E.. **Attending the session was Sister Margret Clarke, Special Appointment Bobbie's Forever Friend and Sister Irma Maxwell, AGM both of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.** The date for the next session was not given, but the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Barbara S. Coleman and Incoming Worthy Grand Patron Richard K. Button will be presiding.

WASHINGTON: The 125th Session of Washington was held on Jun 24th - 26th 2013 at the Sun Dome in Yakima, Washington. The Worthy Grand Matron Gerry Mosher and Worthy Grand Patron Robert (Bob) Breza presided over the "Beacon of the Stars" session. There are 85 Chapters in Washington with a membership of 8390, a net loss of 842 during the year. The Theme for the Session was Light of our Star with the Lighthouse and Compass as their emblems. Their Motto was Laugh when you can, Apologize when you should and Let Go of what you can't change. The Special Projects for the year were Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of WA, and Shrine's Hospital Transportation Fund. **Attending the session was Grand Representative Linda Hays of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Grand Coulee Dam.** The WGM and WGP had a golf tournament as a special fund raiser. The next session "Happy Hearts" will be held on June 29th - July 2nd 2014 in

Yakima Washington with Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Stephanie Hoye and Worthy Grand Patron Roger Collins presiding.

WEST VIRGINIA: The "Harvest of Friendship" session was held in Charleston, West Virginia on October 3rd - 5th 2013 with Worthy Grand Matron Dee Warner and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Savage. Their Special Projects were Cancer, ESTARL, Future Stars Youth Scholarships, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Scottish Rite Language Disorders, and Shriner's Hospital Transportation Fund. They saw a decrease of 759 members from their 89 Chapters. There were 714 members registered for the Grand Session. The Incoming Worthy Grand Matron was Nancy Hitchman and the Worthy Grand Patron was Charles Chandler.

WISCONSIN: The 122nd Grand Chapter Session was held on May 21st - 23 2013. "Sharing God's Love" was held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Steven's Point Wisconsin. Worthy Grand Matron Winona Olson and Worthy Grand Patron Raymond Radtke presided over the session. There are 62 Chapters with a membership of 6087, but they had a loss of 1318 members during the year. The theme was Sharing God's Love. With the Angel and Heart as the emblem, fund symbols were the Lion of courage and the WGP's was trains. The Motto was Love changes everything, so love one another and their Aim was to remember our Obligation to each other, and to the Order of the Eastern Star. The Special Projects for the year were Three Pillars Hickory Suites Rehabilitation Center and Three Pillars Wellness Connection. The WGM and WGP presented the ESTARL awards at Grand Chapter.

The "Stars in Harmony" session of WISCONSIN was held on May 20th - 22nd 2014. Worthy Grand Matron Kristen Schoville and Worthy Grand Patron Craig Wepprecht presided over the Session. Projects included Occupaw's Guide Dog Assn., World of Youth DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls. There were 30 applications received and 30 scholarships given. The "Faith to Believe" session for 2015 will have Incoming Worthy Grand Matron Jane Blackwood and Worthy Grand Patron Don Jensen presiding.

WYOMING: The 116th Grand Session "Magic of The Stars" was held on August 14th - 17th 2013 with Worthy Grand Matron Valerie Williams and Worthy Grand Patron Michael Trimmir. Their Special Project for the year was Children's Traveling Fund - Karein Temple and Cancer. There are 29 Chapters in the State with 378 members attending the session. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Larlene Sjoden and Worthy Grand Patron Keith Eden will preside over the session in Casper Wyoming in August 2014.

70th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother Allan Conrad PGP: Sisters and Brothers: This is a brief report from your Committee for the 70th Anniversary, Sister Marion Buchan, PGM (67), Bro Bill Thompson, PGP (10) and myself, Brother Allan Conrad. We have met with the Hotel catering yesterday and all things are 75% ready to celebrate our Anniversary on September 23, 2017. We hope that the program that we have put together will

be fun and in keeping with what our Order stands for. Tickets are on sale now from Sister Ann Wight of Myrtle Chapter #21. The Secretary of your Chapter also has the information. I do ask you to let Sis. Ann know if you have any food restrictions, and that you order your tickets early so that we, the committee can complete our work on time.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, I understand that your schedule will not allow you to be with us for the occasion. However, if your plans change, we would be very happy to have you with us. Brother Bob, I understand that you are going to visit Cape Breton and as the late Rita McNeil said in a song' and I quote 'She grows on you slowly the first time you meet and there's just so much beauty you won't want to leave'.

The report was moved by Bro. Allan Conrad, PGP (49) chair and seconded by Sis. Marion Buchan, PGM (67). **Carried**

PROGRAM BOOKLET COMMITTEE REPORT

Sister Debbie Ryan (Chair): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the following is a report of the Program Booklet Committee for 2017.

At this time I would like to take a moment to introduce and thank the members of the Committee for the year for all of the hard work and effort that they put into the production of this year's booklet: Sisters Jessica MacLennan – District 1; Gail Kay – District 2; Sheila Levy – District 4; Mona Rand – District 5 and Erin Miller-Jones – District 6 and Brother Craig Savoury - District 3.

With the election of Brother Ken Conrod to the Grand Sentinel office at last year's Grand Chapter Session, I was asked by our Worthy Grand Matron if I would assume the Chairmanship of this committee. Given that I could rely on his past experience and knowledge on piecing the Program Booklet together, I agreed and boy have I had my eyes opened to the amount of work it takes to complete the program booklet. I want to publically thank him for his assistance in putting together what we hope you consider to be a satisfactory publication.

As with any project there are bound to be mistakes - from spelling or grammatical errors to missing ads. We hope that we have not missed any ads this year however; if there are any omission of ads from Chapters, Concordant Bodies or Members, please identify them following the adoption of this report.

As mentioned, I didn't realize how much time and work the booklet actually requires. It starts with establishing deadlines, communicating to committee members, with Chapters and Concordant Bodies, meeting with print companies to solicit quotes, visiting chapters to solicit ads, to collect and track monies received and the largest, most time consuming and most complicated part of the project - the assembling of ads.

As in the past and in an effort to generate revenue for the Grand Chapter by

reducing the costs of production of this year's booklet, I completed as much work as I could to have the ads in printer ready format. I would estimate that it took me in excess of 120 hours of work, in a short period of time, just assembling ads.

The completion of the ads this year were done in a more timely fashion, due in large part to the ads being provided by the Chapters on or before the cut-off date for receipt of ads. While the middle of March may seem like plenty of time for the committee to do its work, to get 48 pages completed, sent to the printer, and then proofed before print, the middle of March is none too early.

This year the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron approved the "main program" section of the booklet to be a separate document and one that would be published with large enough print to be able to be read easily. As a result, we have gone back to a larger sized booklet than the one produced last year and one where the font size has been increased.

The committee would like to hear your comments on the size of the "main program" – Is this size OK or should we go to the smaller book like last year? If we were to go back to the small book like last year, and have the font size to be "readable" then the number of pages will have to increase as well as the cost of production.

On the finances of the project, I wish to report that the booklet this year came in under budget with the sale of \$5250.00 in ads. Expenses for the printer totalled \$2,788.68 for a total profit to Grand Chapter of \$2,461.32 when all revenues have been received.

In order for the booklet to remain viable in its current format, we would like to reiterate the suggestions made in the 2015 report to Grand Chapter:

1. The most important is recruiting someone on the committee that is able and willing to produce the ads to printer ready status – without this, we would just be giving our money to the printer for the set-up of ads. If this person is not available then there may be other, less costly ways to produce a program for Grand Chapter.
2. To cut down on 'time crunch' on the production end of things, Chapters are encouraged to decide on the purchase an ad before the end of January and to have their ad materials in to the committee before the middle of March. Committee members experienced some problems with Chapters not meeting during the winter months and with the winter it may take 3 or 4 attempts to get to a chapter. So, ad materials – the sooner received the better.
3. To build a record of ads, a PDF file of ads should be received from the printer and a copy of the printers file should be given to the Grand Secretary to remain on permanent file. The Grand Secretary should save an additional copy which should be forwarded the incoming Chairperson for use.

To help future committee members with the production of the booklet, we would suggest that the 'best practices' document presented in 2015 be reviewed by the

incoming committee. A copy of the best practices presented in 2015, are attached to this report.

Program Booklet Committee Best Practices

1. The committee should solicit prices from 3 printers on the production of the booklet – however, price does not always determine where it will be printed ie: close proximity may be of more value than a \$20 lower production cost.
2. The Committee should have someone assigned in charge of ads and to work with the printer. The same person should 'lay-out' the ads for the printer – the more ads we produce etc. then the less costly the project will be.
3. The Committee should have someone whose job would be to assign ads (by size, colour, price, etc) and to keep track of monies received – they will have to correspond with the Grand Secretary to ensure payment received and proper amount is submitted.
4. It is best to have cheques made out to the Grand Chapter OES of NS & PEI with a note that payment is for the program booklet.
5. A meeting of the committee to determine who will work with the printer and be in charge of receiving money / working with the Grand Secretary should be convened in the month of September.
6. A letter, approved by the WGM, should be prepared and sent to each Chapter, via the Grand Secretary, no later than the last week of October.
7. The letter should advise of the cost of ads and that materials supplied are best sent in electronic format with Microsoft Word or PDF whenever possible (JPG) and if not available the original print should be provided. Scanned photos and documents should be avoided as they cannot be worked on. It should also advise that if a special font is required for an ad that it should be specified at the time of placing the ad and any "clip art" emblems for an ad should be provided – electronic preferred.
8. The WGM and WGP will supply materials for the cover, their welcome page and the page of Grand Family Members (cover, page 3, and page 4).
9. It is best to try and sell a full page colour ad to the host hotel, which should be placed on page 2.
10. The back cover and the preceding 3 pages should be Colour ads – the printer should be asked to purchase one (the back cover) and the host hotel for the next year should be solicited for the inside back cover. 2 additional colour ads are needed – a place to look would be the WGM and WGP's Special Project from the previous year – sell it as a chance to say thank-you.
11. The booklet pages must be laid-out in multiples of 4 – one 8 ½" X 11" page gives you 4 pages of 5 ½" X 8 ½" – so, if you sell one colour ad, you should have 3 more to go along with it.
12. Ads should be solicited from local MLS's where the event is taking place.
13. The printer usually required ads to be in PDF format – Word is a good program but is not designed for graphics – a 30 day trial subscription from Adobe Acrobat Distiller are free for 30 days and helps with the job.

I would also like to draw your attention that the composition of the Committee has to be addressed. I remind those elected to the Grand Conductress Station that they must recruit someone to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron to the Committee for a three (3) year period. That individual will then assume the Chairperson position when the Grand Conductress arrives in her year as Worthy Grand Matron.

Along with the other Program Booklet Committee members, I would like to thank the Grand Chapter of NS & PEI for the opportunity to serve on this Committee. With our combined efforts we feel that the committee has produced a satisfactory product and have completed our mandate for the year.

Debbie Ryan (61) on behalf of the Program Booklet for 2016-2017 moved the adoption of this report. The report was seconded by Brother Craig Savoury (55) and **carried**.

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Sister Joyce Roode PM (Chair): I want to start by saying that anyone who has the Eastern Star Journal and reads it can gain a wealth of knowledge and information. There are fund-raising ideas from other chapters, inspirational ideas and messages from Grand Officers and members and local news as well.

That is the one thing that we need to ramp up. We need more good pictures and articles of interest. When taking pictures, don't just snap from a distance and hope for the best. Ask the guests to stand or sit and have a proper picture where you can identify the people and explain who they are and why they are photographed.

This year, 2016 – 2017 we submitted 14 articles to the Journal:

Regent #52 – 6 charities for 6 months

Ceilidh #10 – Children's Wish Foundation donation of \$2,012.00

Evening Star #28 – presentation of 50 year jewels and Bravery Awards given to
Brother John Seymour

Celtic #19 – the formation of one new chapter out of three, in Blues Mills, CB

Myrtle #21 – new member initiated on DDGM's visit

Harmony #25 – Sister Susan Lorimer received Grand Representative Commission
to Italy

Evening Star #28 – Sister Wilma Verge being installed as WGM for NS and PEI

Ceilidh #10 – Sister Joyce Roode gets appointment as Canadian Liaison on
Membership to the International Grand Representative Association

Arbutus #30 – WGM Sister Wilma being presented with a black and white lap robe
by Brother Charlie Teal which was made by a friend of Charlie's in Iowa.

Elmsdale #55 – Presentation of 50 year pin and Grand Representative
Commission.

Ceilidh #10 – Brother Larry and Sister Vivian Ingham, receiving their 25 year pins.

The report was moved by Sister Joyce Roode, PM (10) chair and seconded by Sister Gail Rafuse, PM (28). **Carried**.

COURTESY

Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob; Most Worthy Grand Matron; Most Worthy Grand Patron; Distinguished Guests; Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure to present the members of this committee: Brother Kirk MacLennan, Past Grand Patron; Sister Anna Carr, Past Matron; Brother Donald Selig, Past Patron; Brother Philip Roode, Past Patron and I am Sister Suzanne Aitken, Past Grand Matron.

The Courtesy Committee for the “Sailing into the Future” Grand Chapter Session wish to submit the following report.

First it is a pleasure to see Brother Bob in the East. He has had a rough couple of months.

The Session was held at the Best Western Glengarry, in Truro, Nova Scotia, July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2017. All the members of the committee were on duty bright and early Monday morning. Prior to the Informal Opening, the ESTARL church service was held in the Chapter room at 4:45 pm.

Our very busy evening started with the Honor of welcoming and presenting our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Past Grand Matron of Florida and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert C. Penoyer, Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania.

We also greeted and welcomed many other Distinguished Guests. Among these guests were Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, including our own GGCCM’s Sister Irma Maxwell, Sister Stella Trask, Brother Whitman Giffin and Brother Tabor “Ted” Caulier.

Greetings were extended from various Civic, Provincial and Federal officials, along with Masonic and Shrine greetings, Daughters of the Nile, and regrets on behalf of the management of the Best Western.

A cheque was presented to the Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island by our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Wilma Verge and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Robert Turner.

We were pleased to welcome many of our own members along with Distinguished Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

- 1 Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 1 Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 0 Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 0 Past Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 3 General Grand Chapter Officers
- 21 General Grand Chapter Committee Members

- 6 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 33 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from NS and PEI
- 22 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions
- 14 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions
- 2 Emeritus Grand Officers
- 30 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in NS & PEI
- 17 Grand Representatives of NS & PEI in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 11 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 4 General Grand Chapter Special Appointments
- 4 District Deputy Grand Matron and visiting District Deputies and Grand Lecturers
- 34 Grand Chapter Committee Members of NS & PEI
- 2 Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 28 2016-2017 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of NS & PEI
- 1 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of other Grand Jurisdictions

We would like to thank Sister Doreen Edgar, Chair of Registration and her Committee for their help in compiling the list of Distinguished Guests to be introduced.

A Special thank you to my Committee Members, for all their help and hard work.

We also would like to thank all members who were able to attend this “Sailing into the Future” Session. I hope you enjoyed this session and wish for you safe travels as you continue your journey. And be sure to visit the other part of this great jurisdiction- Prince Edward Island. You are all very welcome to come back and visit again!!

Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69) moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP (2). **Carried.**

SPECIAL PROJECT

Sister Jackie King (28)(Chair) :Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. It is our pleasure to present the following report on your Special Project-The Arthritis Society- Camp Joint Together for children with Juvenile Arthritis and The Lifestyle Makeover Challenge for seniors.

Each Chapter in the Jurisdiction was given a package of calendars and pins based on the previous years’ sales in each Chapter. These were distributed and signed for at the Grand Chapter in Charlottetown. Many Chapters sold the entire number of calendars and pins given, and many Chapters requested more, and we thank them for those additional sales.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Pins 400 @ \$5.00 = \$ 2,000.00
Calendars 500 @ \$5.00 = \$2,000.00
Total \$ 4,000.00

Expenses: Grand Officers Pins and Calendars 21 of each @ \$5.00 \$ 210.00
Postage: Receipts and mail out of additional calendars and pins \$ 19.96
Pins returned 37 Calendars returned 41 @ \$5.00 \$ 390.00
Cost of Calendar printing \$ 760.04
Deposited to Bank for WGM and WGP's Special Project \$2,620.00
Total \$4,000.00

I want to congratulate and thank the Chapters for a job well done in meeting our timeline for the sale and return of the calendars and pins.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to work on this Committee for you along with the following Committee Members: Caryl Yates PM; Doris Cullen PM; Mary Smith (Co-Chair) PM; Dawn Wamboldt PM; Elizabeth Thompson PM; Willard Nicholson PP who carried the ball for Sister Mary Smith and myself in their districts.

Sister Jackie King, Chair (28) moved for the adoption of this report. Sister Mary Smith PM (61) seconded the report and **carried**.

GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

2017 HISTORIAN REPORT
for the
69th SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
"THREE RIVERS OF HOPE"
HOLLAND COLLEGE, CHARLOTTETOWN CAMPUS
CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
July 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2016

Worthy Grand Matron
Suzanne Aitken (69)

Worthy Grand Patron
Kirk MacLennan (2)

Margie Allen, Past Matron of Cedar/Atlantic Chapter #3: I am happy to submit the following report. I would like to thank you both for the Honor you have given me and my Chapter by appointing me to this Committee.

In respect to time restraints I have highlighted Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk's "Three Rivers of Hope Session" and the full report will be found in the proceedings.

A short School of Instruction for the Grand Officers started the year on July 9th followed by additional Schools held in Digby, Truro and Bedford for all members.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Several 50, 60 and one 70 year pin were presented, also numerous Grand Representatives were recommended and appointed.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron attended all 27 Chapters. Before each meeting they visited a member or two at their place of residence.

I can speak for the visit to our member – she has never stopped talking about the party and a good afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Both the Worthy Matron and Worthy Grand Patron attended Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and the Grand Chapter of Ontario; Shrine Installation; Cam Am in Framington; Daughters of the Nile; Maritime Exchange; and Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

They conducted the consolidation of Century Chapter #10 and Westville Chapter #24 into Ceilidh Chapter #10.

They presented the sum of \$22,400. to their Special Project "The Children's Wish Foundation."

The Grand Family Circle remained unbroken, but we mourned the passing of three Past Grand Patrons; Brother Ken Smith, Brother Keith Pettigrew and Brother Ralph Swinamer and also Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ray Osbourne and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Lennart Johnson.

A tribute was also given to Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Remarks were heard from our three General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Stella Trask, Sister Irma Maxwell and Brother Frank Cullen.

Total attendance at "Three Rivers of Hope" Session was 342.

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk: You both served our Grand Chapter in a superior way and your Watch Words of "Hope" and "Faith" were evident during the year.

Sister Suzanne: I have known you and your family for many years and will always remember the good times we had when we were visiting Prince Edward Island.

Brother Kirk, I know you enjoyed your year and you were faithful in spreading fraternal love, cheer and joy during your travels in our Grand Jurisdiction.

Sister Margie Allen, PM (3) moved the adoption of the report and Sister Marianne MacMillan PM (3) seconded it. **Carried**.

Following is the long version of the report.

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Worthy Grand Matron Suzanne Aitken (69)
Worthy Grand Patron Kirk MacLennan (2)

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2015 - 2016

Worthy Grand Matron - Suzanne Aitken (69)
Worthy Grand Patron - Kirk MacLennan (2)
Associate Grand Matron - Wilma Verge (28)
Associate Grand Patron - Robert Turner (30)
Grand Secretary - Diane Hayman (24)
Grand Treasurer - Faye Calder (67)
Grand Conductress - Christine McGillivray (21)
Associate Grand Conductress - Darlene Amirault (49)
Grand Chaplain - Mary MacLennan (2)
Grand Marshal - Paul Aitken
Grand Organist - Edward MacLaren (1 PEI)
Grand Adah - Patricia Armstrong (71)
Grand Ruth - Jessica MacLennan (19)
Grand Esther - Annie Brown (3)
Grand Martha - Mindy Johnston (69)
Grand Electa - Nora Teal (15)
Grand Warder - Cordell Levy (2)
Grand Sentinel - Arnold Dempsey (2)

EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Secretary Emeritus - Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer Emeritus - Dorothy Powroz (28)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1 - Beth Brett (19)
District #2 - Christine McGillivray (21)
District #3 - Wilma Verge, Associate Grand Matron (28)
District #4 - Dorothy Powroz (28)
District #5 - Darlene Amirault (49) Associate Grand Conductress
District #6 - Carol Pettigrew (15)
District #7 - Norma Thompson (52)

Dedication: To all Sisters and Brothers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Without you we would not have this great organization.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Motto: Strengthen Our Star.
Aim: To spread Fraternal love, cheer and joy wherever we travelled.
Honor Station: Martha and Sentinel
Scriptures: John 11, Verse 25, 26. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this."
Watchwords: Hope and Faith
Colors: Jewel colors: fuschia, aqua, silver, royal blue and purple.
Flowers: Orchid and Daisy
Birds: Hummingbird and Crow
Fun Symbols: Lighthouse and Dandelion
Musical Selections: Hallelujah
In the Garden
Side by Side (fun song)
Against the Wind Edelweiss
Beautiful Dreamer
The Rose
Wind Beneath My Sings

"Three Rivers of Hope session opened with the ESTARL Church Service held in the Grand Chapter Room in Holland College Campus. The guest speaker was Chad Bolton, ESTARL recipient and his message was, "Keep the Light Burning." The offering amounted to \$883.30 to be used by the Bursary Fund.

Emblem Ceremony

Sister Marian Durling, PGM was the narrator of the Emblem Ceremony followed by the introduction of the Grand Family and their escorts introduced by Sister Carol Clark, PGM.

"FATAL MARCH"

Lord Beaverbank Chapter #33, Hampton, New Brunswick performed the "FATAL" March which was very well done and a special honour for our Worthy Grand Matron who is a member of that Chapter.

Meeting Called to Order

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The meeting was called to order by Sister Marion Miller, PGM and Brother Bill Clark, PGP.

The presentation of flags was under the direction of Brother Ron Boudreau, PGM and tributes were given to the Canadian and American Flag.

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

GGCCM - 14
50 + and 60 + members - 52

Greetings were brought as follows:

Provincial: Hon. Bush Dumville, MLA
Civic: Clifford Lee, Mayor of Charlottetown
Masonic: Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, Brother George O’Leary.
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, Brother Ed MacLaren.

Philae Temple_ Brother Shane Buchan, Oriental Guide.
Daughters of the Nile Athena temple #149, Past Queen, Cheryl Ann Dempsey.
Host Facility: Justin Hughes, Holland College.
Presentation to Children’s Wish Foundation To Beth Corney Gauthier and Darryl Warren a cheque in the amount of \$22,400.00.

The Welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters, 2016, was given by Sister Jean Annear, Chairperson.

Other Presentations

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Worthy Grand Matron 2
Worthy Grand Patrons 3

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Past Grand Matrons 17
Past Grand Patrons 11

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

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Past Grand Matrons 23
Past Grand Patrons 8

Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions 11

Emeritus Grand Officers 1

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island 18 + 1

Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Grand Jurisdictions 13

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions 9

District Deputy Grand Matrons 5

Committee Members – a large number of Committees members were introduced and received a warm welcome.

2015 – 2016 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were introduced and given a round of applause.

Hostess Chapters members were welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

FORMAL OPENING

Held on July 5th, 2016 and opened by Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM and Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP.

Emblems were placed and formations were held.

Roberts Rules of Order were read by Parliamentarian Brother Dan Campbell, PGP.

Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron gave their reports and both were accepted.

Notices of Motion

The Notices of Motion were presented to the Grand Chapter and can be found in the proceedings.

Report of the Grand Secretary and Presentation of Subordinate Grand Secretaries and Subordinate Grand Chapter Treasurers

Secretaries 17
Treasurers 8

Presentation of Subordinate Chapter Grand Marthas and Grand Sentinels

Grand Marthas 3
Grand Sentinels 3

Remarks from our General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Sister Stella Trask on “Cancer”
Brother Frank Cullen on “Shriners Charities”
Sister Irma Maxwell on “Support Our First Responders”

Honorary Memberships

Honorary memberships were given by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to 4 recommended honourees.

Memorial Service

The Grand Family Circle remained unbroken but we mourned the passing of 3 of our own Past Grand Patrons, Brother Ken Smith, Brother Keith Pettigrew and Brother Ralph Swinamer.

Also tributes were given to Brother Ray Osborne and Brother Lennart Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons.

The altar was draped in loving memory. A tribute was also given to Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Reports of Committees

Jurisprudence, Finance, Grand Chapter Negotiations, ESTARL, Membership, Benevolent, Librarian, Web Master, International Headquarters, Fraternal Correspondence, Credentials, Program Booklet, Eastern Star Journal, Courtesy, Crafts and Treasurers, Special Project, Grand Historian, Publicity

Reception of Grand Organist and Grand Choir

Members of the Grand Choir were acknowledged, thanked and given a rounding applause.

Farewells

Farewells were given by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Suzanne and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kirk. The retiring of the badges was conducted by Sister Jane Wooldridge, Past Grand Matron.

Installation of Grand Officers for 2016-2017

The Installation of Grand Officers for 2016 – 2017 was carried out by Sister Sheila MacDonald, Past Grand Matron assisted by several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Wilma Verge was installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert Turner as Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

Closing Notes

Sister Suzanne and Brother Kirk: I know that you both had a busy and fulfilling year. The time you both spent visiting each chapter was memorable and meaningful and I am sure has strengthened our Star. You have spread fraternal love, cheer and joy wherever you went. Congratulations on a job well done.

Sisters Victoria Boutilier (61), Michelle Boutilier (61), and Bonnie Boutilier (61) were escorted to the East where Sister Victoria was presented with a Fraternal Recognition Certificate as a third generation member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

PUBLICITY

Sister Velda Forrest PM (Chair): The Publicity Committee with the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron sent a letter on September 5, 2016 asking the Chapters to start collecting photos and clippings of special events in their Chapters and to pass them on to the Committee Member in their District.

A second letter was sent on April 3rd to remind the Chapters to bring any photos to the Homecoming of the WGM &WGP so a Member of Pearle Chapter could collect them.

I am pleased to report a good response from most Chapters. We have many fond Memories of the Visits for you to recall as you take time to relax following this busy year.

I would like to thank Sis. Anna Ford & Sis. Rhonda Fader for their assistance in assembling the Albums.

We your Publicity Committee thank you for the Honour of acting on this Committee.
District # 1 Nancy MacDonald,(14)
District #2 Vivian Ingham(48)
District #3 Donna Lang (61) and Paula Brigley(40)
District #4 Velda Forrest (71) Chair
District #5 Anna Ford (35)
District #6 Charles Carr

The report was moved by Sister Rhonda Fader (71), seconded by Sister Anna Ford (71), and **carried**.

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The Sisters then asked to approach the East where they presented the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with their albums.

Sister Wilma, WGM thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary, Sister Diane Hayman, PGM read correspondence from a number of ESTARL recipients thanking Grand Chapter for their financial support as they prepare for ministry in various denominations; and disappointment from Sister Peggy South GGCCM and Brother Robert South PP (Honorary Members), Ontario, who were unable to attend the "Sailing Into the Future" Grand Chapter Session, as Sister Peggy has been housebound due to a strain of Shingles. Hopefully they will see us again in Truro in 2018.

RECEPTION OF GRAND CHOIR

The Grand Choir was escorted to the West where they were thanked for their contributions as a group and for their solos and duets at this Grand Chapter session.

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 5, 2017

The Grand Chapter was proved, the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar, and the Grand Marshal declared session open.

Winner of the "Doll and Clothes" draw was Sister LaVerne Porter.

Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28) Chair of the Credentials Committee gave the following report:

Members from Our Jurisdiction	227
Members from Other Jurisdictions	121
Total	348

Sister Doreen (28) moved the report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Ann Wight PM, (21) and **the report was carried.**

At this time Happy Birthday was sung to Brother Kevin Conrod (Grand Marshal) (61) and Sister Marelene Clyke (Grand Martha) (28).

The minutes of the Wednesday Morning Session were read and **accepted** on

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motion by the Grand Secretary, and seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter WM (10). **Carried.**

Brother Ed MacLaren, Grand Sentinel Elect, was reported to be a patient in the hospital. Although in pain, Brother Ed still has his good sense of humour. Sister Susan, Grand Chaplain offered a prayer for Brother Ed's recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Doris Cullen was the winner of the quilt and the OES broach by Sister Paula Brigley.

Sister Margaret Clarke reported that the **Silent Auction** raised **\$1,500** and the "**Doll and Clothes**" draw another **\$350** for the **Benevolent Committee.**

It was announced that the OES Memorial Service for Gladys MacKinnon PM (1 PEI) would be held 8 August at 1:30 pm at the Masonic Temple in Charlottetown, PEI. Sister Gladys was the wife of Past Grand Patron, Brother Keith MacKinnon.

Sister Helen, MWGM said she had a wonderful time and on Thursday would be heading to New Brunswick then on to Germany. She would be returning home on 17 July 2017.

CRAFTS AND TREASURES REPORT

Sister Shirley Conrad, chair Crafts and Treasures reported the following winners of baskets: Sisters Gloria Turner, Linda Foote, Debbie Ryan, Helen Szucs, Velda Forrest, Ruby MacKenzie, Darlene Amirault, Jean Beckwith, Barbara Bent, and Christine McGillivray.

Sister Shirley (49) reported the following amounts were raised: Clothing \$776.00 and Baskets \$1,090 including \$35 American funds, Total: **\$1,866.00.**

This report was seconded by Sister Mary MacDonald PM (69) and **Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS Notice of Motion for 2018

Brother Bill Clark PGP (10) gave notice he would present the following motion to be moved at the 2018 session of Grand Chapter.

1. Proposed notices of motion to the Constitution of the CL&R of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

- Article 2 Allegiance, section 2, last sentence delete page 15 and replace with Article XIV of the General Grand Chapter Constitution
- Article 5- Membership of Grand Chapter- Section 1- delete current section and replace with the following:

"The membership of Grand Chapter shall consist of all members of subordinate chapters in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that have a valid dues card

including those chapters Under Dispensation.”

- Add Section 2 as follows: All members of this Jurisdiction present at Grand Chapter shall be entitled to vote”
- Article 9 Remove word “Credentials and” , and second “membership”
- Article 10 - 1. Honorary Membership, section 1, delete the second sentence.
- 2. Recommendations for Honorary Membership may be made by Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons and will be open to recommendations from the members at Grand Chapter Sessions.
- 3. A majority vote of Grand Chapter is required to bestow Honorary Membership in this Jurisdiction.
- Article 11 section 3 By- Laws- change section 3 to 3 (a) and then add section 3 (b) All changes to the By-Laws of a subordinate must be approved by the Worthy Grand Patron.
- 3 (c) Each Chapter must provide the most recent copy of their By-Laws to the Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron for retention and use.
- 3 (d) The Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron shall pass these By-Laws on to their successor.
- Article 12-Amendments- delete the entire section and replace with the following:
 - (1) All amendments or additions to this Constitution shall be proposed and submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary, at a previous regular session of Grand Chapter, by a member of the Grand Chapter as identified in article 5 of the Constitution.
 - (2) At the close of the Grand Chapter session, the Grand Secretary shall immediately distribute the proposals to the Jurisprudence Committee.
 - (3) If a proposal is not in proper form when received by the Jurisprudence Committee, it shall be returned to the proponent within thirty (30) days with suggestions from the Jurisprudence Committee for correction to form.
 - (4)The Proponent shall have thirty (30) days to correct the proposal and return to the Jurisprudence Committee. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as the original proposal, and could be declared out of order at the Session.
 - (5) The Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations or additions to be distributed to each subordinate chapter secretary sixty (60) days before the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter Session.
 - (6) It shall be the duty of each Subordinate Chapter Secretary to distribute notice of all such proposed amendments, alterations or additions to all members of their Chapter.
 - (7) At the ensuing Grand Chapter Session all such amendments, alterations or additions previously sent to the Jurisprudence Committee in a timely manner will be reported by the Committee.
 - (8) A vote shall be taken on all amendments deemed in order, for approval. This vote shall require two thirds majority of those present and voting for approval.
 - (9) These approved amendments shall become part of the Constitution immediately upon the close of the Session.
 - (10) All approved amendments to the Constitution are to be identified by margin lines and a footnote of the year approved at the end of each new approved section
 - (11) The Grand Secretary shall send all such approved amendments to the

Chapter secretary no later than the 1st day of September following the Grand Chapter session.

GRAND CHAPTER ARRANGMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother Bill reported on his findings to hold Grand Chapter in Charlottetown, PEI in 2020 and there were no facilities available to meet our needs.

Then he reported that the cost of accommodations in Truro will be \$135 with tax included per room.

Brother Bill moved that the 2020 session of Grand Chapter be held in Truro. Motion was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM (67) and **carried**.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal called the Session from labour to refreshments to resume at 6:30 pm.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING,
JULY 5, 2016**

The final session of Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Marylyn Swinamer PGM and Brother Allan Conrad PGP.

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM: Good evening Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the closing session of the Sailing into the Future Grand Chapter Session. We were honoured this session to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer, make their official visit. We hope that all our visitors have had a chance to see some of the local tourist attractions and, of course the tides in the Cobequid Bay, an arm of the Bay of Fundy known for having the World’s highest tides. We hope they will have fond memories of their stay with us and a desire to visit us again real soon. We pray that everyone will have a safe journey home.

I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for inviting me, accompanied by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan Conrad, to preside over the opening of this last 2017 Session of the Grand Chapter.

Brother Allan Conrad, PGP: Good evening Sisters and Brothers. What a pleasure it is to have the Honor of opening this last session of this Grand Chapter especially with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn. It has been twelve years since we shared the East together and I wasn’t sure at that time if I was going to make our own Grand Session. However, here we are together again.

Sister Marylyn: I now call to order the opening of this final session of the Sailing Into the Future Grand Chapter Session.

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

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

Sister Marylyn: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob: You have had a busy and rewarding year; now it is time to Sail into the Sunset of your term of service. The time has come to furl the sails and drop anchor for some well-earned R & R.

Brother Allan – Sister Wilma and Brother Bob you have had a great Grand Chapter and a wonderful year. I hope it was all that you wished for and that you will have fond memories to take with you into retirement.

Sister Wilma, I have attended many of your official visits and found them very interesting and enjoyed them even your little funnies and although you may have felt that you didn't meet what was expected, you did served with pride and dignity. As long as you stay true to yourself you can hold your head high knowing you did serve our Grand Chapter well.

Brother Bob, I feel that you had been given the job of telling us about your Special Project a task you done very well. Even though some of the names of arthritis were difficult to pronounce you did better than what I could do.

Your health took a turn for the worst which put you in hospital for some time and as the reports of your health were announced, it didn't sound good but you bounced back and we are glad to have you back. Keep getting better.

Thank you Sister Wilma for giving me the opportunity to participate in opening your final session with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn.

CONGRATULATIONS to you both on a job well done.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Sister Marylyn: Sister Wilma, I now present to you your gavel in Friendship and Kindness.

The Grand Officers took their stations. Grand Chapter was then proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the session called to order.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

(not previously introduced)

Sister Lucille Nanos, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Richard Farnsworth III, Worthy Grand Patron of Maine were presented, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Roberta Coates, Grand Ruth of Maine was introduced, escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

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The Grand Secretary then read the Minutes of the afternoon session which she moved and were seconded by Sister Rosemary Hayter, PM (10) and carried.

Brother Ed MacLaren, was moved to intensive care at the Truro Hospital. The members were asked to keep Brother Ed and his family in their prayers.

REGISTRATION FINAL REPORT

Sister Doreen Edgar, PM Evening Star Chapter No.28, Chairperson:

It is my pleasure, as Chairperson of the Registration Committee, to submit the final report for the 2016-2017 "Sailing into the Future" Session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members from this Grand Jurisdiction	229
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions	124
Grand Total in Attendance	353

It is, with much pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the Registration Committee, namely, Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28), Sister Ann White PM (21), and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to Sister Suzanne and Brother 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 Session.

Respectfully submitted: Sisters Doreen Edgar PM (28) chair, Ann Wight PM (21), and Carol Nielsen.

The motion to accept the report was moved by Sister Doreen Edgar PM (28), seconded by Sister Ann Wight PM (21) and was carried.

Sister Wilma, WGM thanked Sister Doreen for the great job she did with her partners Sisters Ann and Carol.

Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (1 PEI) asked if Sister Marelene Clyke, Grand Martha could approach the East. Sister Marelene was in touch with Sister Wilma's sister and presented our Worthy Grand Matron with yellow roses from her.

FAREWELL OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Wilma WGM: Sisters and Brother, I thank you for the privilege of serving as

your Worthy Grand Matron this year.

This high honour was bestowed upon me a year ago, and at that time I was praying that God would help me make it through the year. With His helping hand, and yours, my year has come to an end. I feel I have made many lasting friendships and broadened my knowledge about the Order.

With friendships come memories and I certainly have a lot of memories that will stay with me forever.

I trust that in some small way I have helped our Order and I hope I have not disappointed any of you.

This is not Farewell, it's just so long for now as I'll see you along on the Star Trail.

I would be remiss if I didn't leave you with a smile:

You know it's a bad day when

- Your car horn sticks on the highway behind 32 Hells Angels Bikers
- Your Birthday cake collapses under the weight of candles
- Your 4 year old tells you that it's almost impossible to flush a grapefruit down the toilet.
- You turn on the evening news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
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My hope is that soon the Order of the Eastern Star will be running the world, because there would be no war, just an emphasis on helping others.

Farewell.

The Worthy Grand Matron was given a standing ovation.

FAREWELL OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Bob WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers...

Time flies.

The truth of that expression cannot be more real as I stand before you prepared to wish you all a fond farewell and to acknowledge that our 2017 Grand Chapter Session "Sailing into the future" will soon come to a close.

It seems that our installation as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was not a year ago, but only moments ago. I want each of you to know that my installation and time served as your Worthy Grand Patron will be one of those "precious memories" that our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, advises that we take hold of and cherish always.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the trust you placed in me as your Worthy Grand Patron, the support you have provided along the way, and the willing hand of friendship extended to me as I traveled the Star Trail. I also want to acknowledge the contribution each of you has made in supporting our Special Project. I consider myself fortunate indeed to belong to an organization that has, at its heart, such dedicated and giving individuals.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wilma, it has been a privilege and honour to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. Although our time of leadership draws to a close, I want you to know that my support and friendship carries this day forward. I want to congratulate you on a job well done and wish you a restful summer. You have earned it.

To our Grand Family, I offer my sincere thanks for your support, commitment and dedication. You are an amazing team and we were so fortunate to have you on our side.

To Arbutus Chapter #30, Grace Chapter #8 and Crescent Chapter #70, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your efforts on my behalf as I approached and served in the East. I extend to you heartfelt thanks.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Sister Christine, Associate Grand Matron, and Brother Arnold, Associate Grand Patron, my very best wishes for a successful and fun-filled year in the East. It truly is a rewarding experience and one I am sure you will both be happy to share.

I offer one more reminder to collect your own precious memories at the 49th Triennial *Precious Memories on the Wings of Love* session to be held October 25 to November 2, 2018 in Orlando Florida.

And finally, before I sail into the sunset, I want to again thank everyone for taking part in our 70th Grand Chapter Session, "Sailing into the future...". Whether you have traveled near or far, I wish you safe travels home and sincerely hope that our paths will cross again for many years to come and that we always take time to strengthen our ties of Star Friendship.

Farewell

The Worthy Grand Patron was given a standing ovation.

Sister Wilma, WGM asked Sister Helen, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron to speak.

Sister Helen mentioned how much she enjoyed our Session and thanked everyone for making her visit so enjoyable.

Brother Bob, Most Worthy Grand Patron said he was happy to have been here and look forward to our Installation. Fly High for OES!

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

BADGE CEREMONY

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar, and **Sister Margaret Clarke**, PGM, (67) narrated the following as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar.

The sunlight now is waning, as their Chapter year now ends,
Our Officers return their Jewels, to the Altar they attend
It's been their joy to serve you, and wear these badges true,
And, a privilege for them to walk the starry trail with you
Here they lay their jewels shining fair,
Leaving them with reverence and with Prayer.

The Crossed Swords within a Star, an emblem of protection.
The Dove within the Star, an emblem of peace.
The Cup within the Triangle, an emblem of Charity and Hospitality.
The Broken Column within the Triangle, an emblem of Nature's life and beauty.
The Crown and Sceptre within the Triangle, an emblem of Royalty and Power.
The Sheaf within the Triangle, an emblem of Plenty.
The Sword and Veil within the Triangle, an emblem of Heroic Conduct.
The Lyre within the Star, an emblem of Music and Poetry.
The Crossed Batons within the Star, an emblem of Direction.
The Opened Bible within the Star, an emblem of the Word of God.
The Baton within the Star, an emblem of Leadership.
The Scroll and Baton within the Star, an emblem of Prepared Plans and their fulfilment.
The Crossed Keys within the Star, an emblem of Security.
The Crossed Pens within the Star, and emblem of Intelligence.
The Star within the Star, an emblem of Divine Guidance.
The Effulgent Sun within the Star, an emblem of Light.
The Square and Compass within the Star, an emblem of his relationship to the masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.
The Gavel within the Star, an emblem of authority.

From the Altar, they received them. On the Altar, they now leave them.
The Bible, which has led them aright, has been closed, as they say "Good Night".

The Choir sang "Go Now in Peace" as the Grand Officers retired.

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 2017 – 2018 GRAND OFFICERS
INSTALLATION CEREMONY
GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Installing Grand Officer,	Sister Mary Reid, PGM (25)
Installing Grand Marshal:	Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM (35)
Installing Grand Chaplain:	Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP (1 PEI)
Installing Grand Conductress:	Sister Stella Trask, PGM (35)
Installing Grand Organist:	Sister Eleanor Decker, PM (28)
Installing Grand Warder:	Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP (70)
Installing Grand Sentinel:	Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP (2)

Installing Soloists for WGM and WGP: Rev. Andrew MacDonald PP, (25) "I the Lord of Sea and Sky".

Installing Soloists for Chaplain: Sister Beth Brett PM (19) and Brother Shane MacFarlane, PP (19) "Till the Storm Passes By"

Assisting in the East:

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, PGM, installing the Worthy Grand Matron
Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM installing the Worthy Grand Patron
Brother Allan Conrad, PGP installing the Associate Grand Matron
Sister Marion Conrad, PGM installing the Associate Grand Patron
Sister Mary Reid, PGM installing the Grand Secretary, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel
Sister Marion Buchan, PGM installing the Grand Treasurer
Sister Marion Miller, PGM installing the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress
Sister Marion Buchan, PGM installing the Grand Chaplain
Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, PGM installing the Grand Organist
Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM installing the Star Points

INTRODUCTION OF 2017-2018 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District No. 2 – Sister Beverly Wentzell, PM (28)
District No. 4 – Sister Helen Szucs, PM (49)
District No. 5 – Sister Midge Medicraft, PM (2)

INTRODUCTION OF 2017-2018 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

The following 2017 – 2018 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were introduced.
Mayflower No. 2 – Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM
Cedar Atlantic No. 3 – Sister Shirley Blair and Brother Walter Blair
Keystone No. 5 – Sister Louise Seeley
Ceilidh No. 10 – Sister Susan Martin and Brother Bill Clark, PGP
Evangeline No. 15 – Sister Phyllis Jarvis and Brother Peter Smith
Celtic Star No. 19 – Sister Sandy Smith
Myrtle No. 21 – Sister Joan Oderkirk
Crystal No 1 PEI – Sister Corinne Hardy Adams
Harmony No. 25 – Sister Mary Reid, PGM and Brother Allen Reid
Munro No. 26 – Sister Caryl Yates
St. Mary's No. 35 – Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM
Mystic Star No. 40 – Sister Clara Nieforth
Elm No. 48 – Sister Beverly Brown

Regent No. 52 – Sister Debbie Fox
Elmsdale No. 49 – Sister Elizabeth Moxsom and Brother Craig Savoury
Queen Elizabeth No. 61 – Sister Edith Conrod and Brother Kevin Conrod
Laurel No. 67 – Sister Irene Bent
Montague No. 69 – Sister Donna White
Pearle No. 71 – Brother Howard Ford

Sister Christine, Worthy Grand Matron: I am not really sure what to say tonight. I know that I have thought about standing here before you all, and I am glad that I am not alone. Brother Arnold there is no turning back now.

I would like to thank this Grand Jurisdiction for having the Faith of Martha in me. I will strive to do my best, with your help, not to disappoint. I have some pretty big shoes to fill.

Many of you know that I have a Military back ground, following my husband Mike around our beautiful country, from base to base. In Portage la Prairie, Manitoba I found the Eastern Star. I knew about OES from my grandmother, she was a member of Allenby Chapter in Edmonton. I hope she is watching me and will continue to guide me too.

There are so many people to thank for their guidance, support and love, I really do not know where to begin. Sister Mary Lou, PGM, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for installing me tonight, it was traveling with you when you were Worthy Grand Matron, that started me thinking about making this journey. To Rev Andrew MacFarlane thank you for the lovely song tonight. A big thank you to you Mary Reid, PGM, your installation team did a wonderful job, you were the second influence, when you and Brother Danny PGP, asked me to be your Grand Electa, thank you for that wonderful year traveling with you, and our Grand Warder Brother Allan.

Sister Jane, PGM thank you very much for doing the special installation of our Star Points, it was beautiful. I also received great support and guidance from both you and Sister Edith Conrod, PGM, you provided a lot of help making sure I was on the right track.

The members of Myrtle Chapter, and Evening Star Chapter (please stand) thank you for supporting me from the very beginning on this journey, with a very special thank you to Sister Ann, your friendship is extra special. I would also like to acknowledge the members of Mayflower Chapter (of which I was a member of in 1989 to 1991) and Laurel Chapter, our Worthy Grand Patrons Chapters for their assistance in making this happen.

A very Special thank you to my husband Mike, who supported me from the beginning, I do not think he knew exactly what was involved when I told him what I wanted to do. Thank you to my family for being here tonight and your support, though you are not all familiar with the Eastern Star, but you were there if I needed to talk.

Members of her family were introduced.

Brother Arnold and I choose our Grand Family with great care, and we thank you for accepting our request. We hope you will enjoy your time traveling with us through the year to as many Chapters as you can. DDGM's I thank you for accepting your appointments as my representative on your Official travels to the Chapters in your individual District. GCCM's with the reduction in membership it was a huge task to fill all our committees, so we are very grateful that each of you agreed to serve us for the year. That being said we have a change to the finance committee, Sister Barbara Patterson, due to health concerns has declined and Rosemary Hayter has stepped in to fill the position.

My Honor Station is Martha, as it was my first Office after being initiated in Portage la Prairie, MB in 1980. Brother Zeke I would like to thank you for your gift of the Broken Column of Martha. Brother Zeke made my column from an elm tree which use to grace the front of the old Methodist Church at Bay Verte, New Brunswick. The church he was told was the first Methodist Church in what is now Atlantic Canada.

My Bible was used during the late Sister Joan Campbell's year as Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor to use it and I would like to thank Joan's' family for allowing and presenting me with it tonight.

Our Special Project this year will be Camp Brigadoon, on Aylesford Lake. There are many conditions that children suffer from. Among the many maladies afflicting children we have chosen Children's Cancer, as many of the children cannot go to camp, Brigadoon brings the camp to them at the IWK Children's Hospital. Our fund raising calendars and school bus pins will be distributed after the closing. Sister Susan Martin and Sister Mary MacLennan, will be happy to give them to the Chapter Representative.

Our Committees are listed in the bulletin. Our Session, "Light of our Stars", will be July 9th -11th, 2018 in Truro and I hope you will be able to join us there.

Brother Arnold, thank you for sharing the East with me, I would like you to have this OES Pocket Watch with the Square and Compasses on it. Sister Cheryl Ann, Grand Adah, I appreciate your friendship very much and for sharing Brother Arnold with me for the last 2 years, and for this very special year.

I think I have said enough and will pass the mike to you, I will end with this quote

"Good Friends are like the Stars. You don't always see them but you know where they are"

Brother Arnold, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, to this Grand Jurisdiction, what an honor and privilege it is to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. The best there is in me I will strive to fulfill in this high office

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Sister Christine, Worthy Grand Matron, I congratulate you on being elected to the highest honor given by this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you for letting me assist you in your plans. We have already been working together for the past two years and as we start this new year you have my continued support.

Sisters and Brothers as I think back, the thought of taking the journey to the Grand East came to me at Sister Mary Reid's and Brother Danny Campbell's Grand Chapter Session in Stellarton. At this Grand Chapter Session Sister Erma Maxwell and Brother John Lorimar were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I thank them for the appointment as Grand Marshall, for it was at that time I knew the direction I wanted to take, being, to the Grand East.

To the installation team, thank you for a job well done. Sister Marylyn, thank you for installing me, it means a lot to me. As you know Brother Ralph was going to install me and we can be sure that his genuine smile is with us here this evening.

Congratulations to the elected Grand officers. To the appointed Grand Officers and this includes the District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for accepting your positions. Those Sisters and Brothers who have accepted committee appointments a sincere thank you; you are the busy workers of the order.

My Honor Station is Marshal. It was shortly after being initiated into the Order that the Brother Marshal in Mayflower became sick and I was proteming Marshal and later installed as Marshal for the ensuing year.

To the members of Mayflower Chapter, my Mother Chapter and Laurel Chapter, my affiliated Chapter I value and thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me on this journey. Would you please stand and be recognized.

Camp Brigadoon on Aylesford Lake is our special project for the ensuing year. Brigadoon is partnered with several societies and we have chosen Camp Goodtime for children afflicted with cancer. You will be informed further on this project at our Official visits.

I would now like to introduce some family and friends. Please stand and be recognized:

Firstly, my wife and best friend, Sister Cheryl Ann, our Grand Adah. The one who always has those tux shirts cleaned and ironed and makes sure those small details are looked after.

My Son Todd and his wife Lyn.

My Brother In-law Wade Keddy and his friend Marie Macintyre.

Special friends MaryElla Cleveland and Past Grand Patron Brother Kirk MacLennan and Sister Mary. To you Kirk and Mary, thank you for your support on this journey. We have put on a few road miles during the past couple of years.

Sister Christine, I look forward to our continued journey. Please accept this gift.

Brother Mike, thank you for sharing Sister Christine with me for this year.

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Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me these few words.

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

At this time our Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to escort the Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron to the Altar to sign the Bible.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Sister Annie Mae Waterbury, PGM presented Sister Wilma, our Junior Past Grand Matron, with her Past Grand Matron's Jewel. This jewel first belonged to Sister Ethel Corkum, Worthy Grand Matron 1964 – 1965. Sister Ethel was a member of Grace Chapter No. 8, Lunenburg, and also the home Chapter of Sister Annie Mae.

Brother David Waterbury, PGP presented Brother Bob, our Junior Past Grand Patron with his Past Grand Patron's Jewel. This jewel formerly belonged to Brother Royce Heffler, Worthy Grand Patron 1974 – 1975.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELING JEWEL

Past Grand Matron Sister Wilma Verge presented Sister Christine with the Annie M. Patterson Travelling Jewel. This jewel belonged to our first Worthy Grand Matron and is to be worn when travelling outside our Grand Jurisdiction.

Past Grand Patron Brother Bob Turner presented Brother Arnold with the J. W. MacLellan Travelling Jewel. This jewel belonged to our first Worthy Grand Patron and also is to be worn when travelling outside our Grand Jurisdiction.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The Worthy Grand Matron received the following gifts:

The Bible of the late Sister Joan Campbell, PGM was presented by her son Grant Campbell on behalf of her family.

Broken Column presented by Brother Zeke Eaton and Sister Susan. Brother Zeke also made the case which was presented from her family.

Bible Marker made by Sharon Moore was presented by Sisters Ann Wight and Kathy Balcom.

Bible Cover and matching Bag made by Sister Gayle Smith

Carved Cardinals made by Brother Nelson MacEwan presented by Sister Joan Odekirk, WM on behalf of the members of Myrtle Chapter No. 21.

Stained Glass Cardinal presented by Sister Beverly Wentzell, DDGM (28)

Worthy Grand Patron received the following gifts:

The Bible of the late Brother Ralph Swinamer, PGP was presented by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGM.

Bible Marker presented by Sister Midge Medicraft and Brother Don.

Bible Case made by Brother Howard Ford was presented on behalf of Mayflower Chapter No. 2.

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"Apple Blossoms in Annapolis Valley" painting was presented from the members of Laurel Chapter no. 67.

Sister Dawn Wamboldt, WM (30) presented a Dragonfly and refurbished School Bus.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked all who helped make and supplied items for the Officer's bags.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the session closed to reconvene in Truro, NS on July 9, 2018.

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GRAND CHAPTER 2017**

Monday, 3 July, 2017

- 11:00am Past Grands Meeting
 12:30pm Past Grands Luncheon
 2:30pm Grand Representatives Meeting
 4:45pm ESTARL Church Service, Grand Chapter Room

Tuesday, 4, July 2017

- 7:30am PAGOS Breakfast and Meeting
 12:00pm Grand Representatives Luncheon
 6:00pm "Sailing Into the Future" Main Banquet - Entertainment to follow

Wednesday, 5, July 2017

- 7:15am Grand Family Breakfast
 12:00pm All Members Luncheon, Honouring Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron

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*Mr. Franklyn W.L. Miles, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	June1951
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*Mrs. Lottie MacCallum, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
*Mr. Alexander MacCallum, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
*Mrs. Flora Whalen, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
Mrs. Vera Heffel, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mr. James Heffel, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1995
* Mrs. Geraldine A Nowe, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts	July 1995
* Mr. Healy A. (Skip) Nowe, Past Patron of Massachusetts	July 1995
*Mrs. Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1996
*Mr. Robert L. Baker, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1997
*Mrs. Florence Adair, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1998
*Mrs. Hazel Sandler, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 1998
*Mr. Loren Sandler, Past Grand Patron , Massachusetts	July 1998
Mrs. Ilsa Nicoll, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mr. Irving Nicoll, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 1998
Mrs. Hazel Lovington, Ontario	July 1998
*Mr. Lennart A. Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1999
Mrs. Janice Renn, Gr Rep of NS& PEI (96-97) Florida	July 1999
Mrs. Natalie Graham, Gr Rep of NS&PEI(93-94)New Brunswick	July 2000
*Mr. Carr Graham, Past Grand Patron, New Brunswick	July 2000
Mrs. Betty J. Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary	July 2000
Mr. William Briggs, Past Patron, Iowa	July 2000
Mr. Bruce Wedlock, Gr Rep of NS&PEI (98-00) New Hampshire	July 2000
*Mr. Dorothy M Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron (00-03)	July 2001
Mr. Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 2001
Mrs. Jeanette Vreeland, Gr Rep of NS& PEI (97-98) New Jersey	July 2001
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, RWAGC., Past Grand Matron, Texas	July 2002
Mrs. Estelle Creech, Past Matron, Louisiana	July 2002
Mrs. Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2002
Mr. Ronald "Pete" Forrest, Past Grand Patron, Maine	July 2002
Mrs. Carol Jean Forrest, Past Matron, Maine	July 2002
*Mrs. Reta Fogg, Past Grand Matron, Manitoba	July 2002
Mrs. Marjorie Morgan, Past Grand Matron, Ontario	July 2003
*Mrs. Margaret McBournie, Past Matron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mr. Robert McBournie, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mrs. Judy Fenner, Past Grand Matron, Massachusetts	July 2003
Mr. Frank Fenner, Past Patron, Massachusetts	July 2003

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Mrs. Janice Herridge, Past Matron, Texas	July 2004
Mr. Donald Heiser, Past Grand Patron, Wyoming	July 2004
Mrs. Eunice Heiser, P.M., Wyoming & Gr Rep of NS/PEI(02-04)	July 2004
Mrs. Nancy Barr, Past Grand Matron, Connecticut	July 2004
Mrs. Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, California	July 2004
Mrs. Frances Groat, Past Matron, California	July 2004
Mrs. Patricia Rasmusson, MWGM (2003-2006)	July 2005
Mr. Gary Rasmusson, Past Patron, Minnesota	July 2005
Mr. Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron (03-06)	July 2005
Mrs. Joan Stark, Past Matron, California	July 2005
Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron, Texas	July 2006
Mrs. Betty Martin, Past Matron, Texas	July 2006
*Mr. Lawrence Chichester,PP,New York, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (03-05)	July 2006
Mrs. Sally Chichester, Past Matron, New York	July 2006
Mrs. Bonnie Studley, Worthy Grand Matron, Massachusetts	July 2006
Mrs. Virginia Charles, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jerri Holt, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Gretchen Brisette, GGCCM and PGM, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jean Lowell, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Nancy Ryder, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Margery Zurko, Past Matron, Connecticut	July 2007
Mrs. Betty St. Onge, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Ontario	July 2007
Mrs. Glenda Meeks, Worthy Grand Matron, South Dakota	July 2007
*Mr. Craig Wallace, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2007
Mrs. Loretta Dow PM, Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, FL	July 2008
Mr. George Dow,PP, Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, FL	July 2008
Mrs. Loretta Dow, PM, Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, FL	July 2008
Mr. George Dow,PP, Composite Chapter #305, Orlando, FL	July 2008
Mr. Donald F Pierce, GGCCM and Past Grand Patron of Maine	July 2008
Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas	July 2008
Mrs. Opal Martin, PM, Edwin J Kiest Chapter #959, Dallas, Tex	July 2008
Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas	July 2008
Mrs. Juanita Gregory, PM, Travis Chapter #472, Austin, Texas	July 2008
Mr. Vlade Ampeff, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 2008
Mrs. Sharon Ampeff, PM, Satellite Chapter #318, Brampton, ON	July 2008
Mr. Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 2008
*Mrs. Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 2008
Mr. Douglas Swan, GGCCM and PGP of New Brunswick	July 2008
Mrs. Lynda Swan, PM, Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock, NB	July 2008
Mr. Thomas Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mrs. Barbara Benton, MWGM and PGM of Oklahoma	July 2008
Mr. William Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron & PGP of Oklahoma	July 2008
*Mrs. Evelina Owen, Past Matron of Oklahoma	July 2008

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Mrs. Judith Brightman, Past Grand Matron, Rhode Island	July 2009
Mr. Clifford Brightman, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2009
Mrs. Marlene Larsen, PM, Golden Oak Chapter #128, Los Gatos, CA	July 2009
Mrs. Gladys Pierce, Past Grand Matron, British Columbia & Yukon	July 2009
Mr. Everett Pierce, Past Grand Patron, British Columbia and Yukon	July 2009
Mrs. Pamela Brooks, PM, Virginia, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (05-06)	July 2009
Mrs. Valerie Layman, Past Matron of Virginia	July 2009
*Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux, WGCh and PGM, of Vermont	July 2010
Mrs. Mary Lochridge, Worthy Grand Marshal & PGM of Michigan	July 2010
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and PGM of TX	July 2010
Mrs. Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah & PGM of Missouri	July 2010
Mrs. Connie Woodward, Worthy Grand Ruth & PGM of Ontario	July 2010
Mrs. Diane Peters, Worthy Grand Martha and PGM of Arkansas	July 2010
*Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and PGM of a	July 2010
Mrs. Vivian Chrisopulos, Worthy Grand Warder & PGM of Ohio	July 2010
Mrs. Glenna Densmore, Past Grand Matron, Vermont	July 2010
Mr. Ronald Boudreau, Past Grand Patron, Vermont	July 2010
Mrs. Barbara Burtchett, Past Matron, Virginia	July 2010
Mrs. Mary Ellen Hailey, Past Matron, Florida	July 2010
Mr. Al Hailey, Past Patron, Florida, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (05-07)	July 2010
Mrs. Phyllis Blakely, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2011
Mr. Vernal Blakely, Past Grand Patron, Maine	July 2011
Mrs. Shelley Gullett, Worthy Grand Matron, New Hampshire	July 2011
Mr. Larry Gullett, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (08-10) New Hampshire	July 2011
Mrs. Margaret Hourston, PGM, GGCCM & Grand Treasurer, QC	July 2011
Mrs. Betty Robertson, P.G.M., G.G.C.C.M. New Mexico	July 2011
Mr. Charles "Sarge" Biggs, Gr Rep of NS/PEI (07-09), New Mex	July 2011
Mrs. Gloria "Sue" Biggs, New Mexico	July 2011
Mrs. Donna Sanders, Associate Grand Matron, Saskatchewan	July 2012
Mrs. Diane M. Jones, Grand Rep of NS/PEI (12-13), CA	July 2012
Ms. Virginia Mitchell, Past Grand Matron, New Hampshire	July 2013
Miss Kerri Rheburger, Most Worthy Grand Matron of New York	July 2013
Mrs. Jodelle Fletcher, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of New York	July 2013
Mrs. Karen Marshall-King PMWGM & Grand Secretary of NY	July 2013
Mr. Clifford Gross, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of New York	July 2013
Mr. Bruce King Grand Historian of New York	July 2013
Mrs. Bobbi White, MWGM, Past Grand Matron of West Virginia	July 2014
Mrs. Sandy Caunt, PM, New Jersey	July 2014
Mr. Fraser Caunt, PP, New Jersey	July 2014
Sister Jane H. Sims, PGM, New Hampshire	July 2014
Mr. E. William Rohr, GPG, New Hampshire	July 2014
Mr. Michael Meeks, PP, South Dakota	July 2014
Mr. Philip Hubbard, PGP, Maine	July 2014
Mrs. Jean Hubbard, PM	July 2014
Mr. John E. Grobler MWGP	July 2015

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Mrs. Barbara Grobler PM	July 2015
Mr. Michael Berry RWGT	July 2015
Mrs. Sandi Sorani WG Marshal	July 2015
Mrs. Clara Hamilton WG Electa	July 2015
Mrs. Peggy South, PGM, Ontario	July 2016
Mr. Robert South, PP, Ontario	July 2016
Mrs. Pam Coombs, PM, Maine	July 2016
Mr. John Coombs, PGP, Maine	July 2016
Ms. Jewell W. Horne, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Texas	July 2017
Ms. Donna J. McGrow, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Pennsylvania	July 2017
Mr. Reg Murray, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in New Brunswick	July 2017
Ms. Penny Bosley, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Idaho	July 2017
Mr. Ronald Hayden, PGP, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Colorado	July 2017
Ms. Judith Whitehead, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Virginia	July 2017
Ms. Jill Robinette, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Tennessee	July 2017
Ms. Arlyne J. Fritz, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Ohio	July 2017
Mr. Wallace Evans Gr Rep of NS&PEI in South Dakota	July 2017
Mr. Albert Turek, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in California	July 2017
Ms. Maria A. Sturm, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Michigan	July 2017
Ms. Gayla Luna, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Oklahoma	July 2017
Mr. Stuart Studley, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Massachusetts	July 2017
Ms. Dana Ridge, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in New Mexico	July 2017
Ms. Catherine Kent, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in Oregon	July 2017
Ms. Helen Westmoreland, MWGM & PGM of Florida	July 2017
Mr. Robert Penoyer, MWGP & PGP of Pennsylvania	July 2017
Ms. Mary Penoyer, PM Pennsylvania	July 2017
Ms. Jo Anne Finley, WGM British Columbia and the Yukon	July 2017

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS
ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 24, 1947
PAST GRAND MATRONS**

*Mrs. Annie Patterson	1947-48
*Mrs. M. Edna Browne	1948-49
*Mrs. Queenie J. Moseley	1949-50
*Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1950-51
*Miss Maude Layton	1951-52
*Mrs. Adline Purves	1952-53
*Mrs. Eva May Kohler	1953-54
*Mrs. Luceba Mosher	1954-55
*Mrs. Hazel Muggah	1955-56
*Miss Jessie C. Moss	1956-57
*Mrs. Gladys Horton	1957-58
*Mrs. Helen Herring,	1958-59
*Mrs. Helen Reid	1959-60
*Mrs. Hildred Graham	1960-61
*Mrs. Annie Horton	1961-62
*Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1962-63

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*Mrs. Eulalia MacLeod-Robertson	1963-64
*Mrs. Ethel Corkum	1964-65
*Mrs. Olive Croft	1965-66
*Mrs. May Cotter	1966-67
*Mrs. Claretta Palmer	1967-68
*Mrs. Leah Conn	1968-69
*Mrs. Agnes Hallyburton	1969-70
*Mrs. E. Megan Church	1970-71
*Mrs. Ada Bayers	1971-72
*Mrs. Sarah Doty	1972-73
*Mrs. Ethel Lovett	1973-74
*Mrs. Dorothy Hill	1974-75
*Mrs. Jessie Nutter	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	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	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
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

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Mrs. Jane Wooldridge 1031 Brackley Pt Rd Harrington PEI C1A 1R1	2011-12
Mrs. Mary Lou Higgins, 11 Cutten Lane, 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 Pl Coldbrook NS B4R 0A3	2014-15
Ms. Suzanne Aitken, 26 Willy's Ln, Montague, PE C0A 1R0	2015-16
Mrs. Wilma Verge, 5670 Kane St., Halifax, NS B3K 2B4	2016-17

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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
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

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*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 Vickie	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, PE, C0A1Y0	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
Mr. Robert Turner, 11 Churchill St., Lunenburg, NS B0J 2C0	2016-17

GRAND SECRETARY

*Miss Jessie C. Moss	1947-53
*Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1953-63
*Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1963-77
*Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1977-85
*Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1985-98
Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan	1998-13
Mrs. Diane R. Hayman	2013-

GRAND TREASURER

*Mrs. Evelyn Ladner	1947-51
*Mrs. Mary Walker	1951-55
*Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1955-59
*Mrs. Mary Walker	1959-64
*Mrs. Eunice Davies	1964-68
*Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1968-88
Mrs. Margaret Clarke	1988-92
*Mr. Cecil E. Decker	1992-03
Miss Dorothy Powroz	2003-13
Mrs. Faye Calder	2013-

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*Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1977-82
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* Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1994-13
*Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1998-01
Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan	2013-

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* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1988-88
*Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-16
Ms. Dorothy Powroz	2013-

**GRAND SECRETARIES
WITH MONTH OF GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

ALABAMA	Oct	Mrs. Elaine Springsteen, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd, Prattville, AL 36067
ALBERTA	June	Mrs. Mary Lynn Smith, #434, 51110 Range Rd., 212, Sherwood Pk., AB T8G 1E7
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. Lourdes Echalar Afcha, 16 De Julio (Prado) Edificio Alameda No 1655, La Paz, 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. Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM, 517 McCabe Ave., Wilmington, DE 19802
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	May	Mrs. Dorothy S. Thornley, 122C Street NW, #115, Washington, D.C. 20001-2109
FLORIDA	Apr	Ms. Brenda G. Hendricks, PO Box 35339, Panama City, FL 32412-5339
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

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IOWA	Oct.	Mrs. Nancy Niday, P.O. Box 72, Knoxville, IA, 50138
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 Runywan, 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	Ms. Carol Zehntner, P.O. Box 330, White Sulphur Springs, MT, 59645
NEBRASKA	May	Ms. Jan E. Thoman, PGM, P.O. Box 156, Fremont, NE, 68026
NEVADA	Oct	Ms. Donna K. Giles, PO Box 1938, Lovelock, NV 89419
NEW BRUNSWICK	July	Mr. Doug Swan, PGP, 169 St. John St, Woodstock, N.B., E7M 2T9
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Sept	Ms. Shelley Gullett, 32 Sioux Ave., Nashua, NH 03063-3029
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	Ms. Karen Marshall-King, 1400 Utica St., Box 106, Oriskany, NY, 13424
NORTH CAROLINA	June	Ms. Kay H. Evans, PO Box 97, Thomasville, NC 27361-0097
NORTH DAKOTA	June	Ms. Heather Bushaw, 2415 42 nd Ave. South,

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NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	July	Ms. Diane R. Hayman, PGM, PO Box 853, Westville, NS B9K 2A9
OHIO	Oct	Ms. Roberta G. David, PGM, 2163 Crab Tree Dr., Beaver Creek, 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	Ms. Connie Harris, PGM, 707 Main St., Suite 400, Oregon City, OR 97045-1828
PENNSYLVANIA	June	Ms. Virginia Lynn Plyler, 105 Freemason Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3156
PUERTO RICO	Apr	Ms. Anaida Ortiz de Olan, PGM, Calle Costa Rica C-19 Res. Sabana, Sabana Grande, PR 00637-2404
QUEBEC	Oct	Ms. 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. Ivonete De Fatima de Paula Martins, Rua Dr. Candido Espinheira 439, atop 21-Perdizes, Sao Paulo 05004-000
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	Ms. 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
VERMONT	June	Ms. 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

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WEST VIRGINIA	Oct.	Ms. 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
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OES	Nov	Ms. Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, 1618 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dianne Levy (8)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2017
Edith Taylor (30)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2018
Michelle Boutilier (61)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2019
Maxine Smith (19)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2019
Cheryl Denton, PGM (35)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2018
Robert Wells (28)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2019
Michael Molyneaux (70)	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2018
Donna Himmelman (5)	California	Dec. 31, 2017
Phillip Roodie (10)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2018
Virginia Judson (1 PEI)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2017
Velda Forrest (71)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2018
Diann Campbell-Kinney	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2018
Paul Aitken (69)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2018
Leota Meisner (70)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2017
Gail Cook, PGM	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2018
Edna MacVicar (14)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2018
Caryl Yates (26)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2018
Mary MacLennan (2)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2017
Susan Lorimer (25)	Italy	Aug. 01, 2018
Wayne Hollis (28)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2018
Margaret Allen (3)	Kentucky	Dec 31, 2018
Irene Johnson (48)	Louisiana	July 01, 2018
Doreen Edgar (28)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2017
Edna MacLean (10)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2018
Charlotte Matheson (10)	Maryland	June 15, 2018
Jackie King (28)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2018
Howard Ford (71)	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2017
Louise Seeley (5)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2018
Margaret Muise (10)	Mississippi	Dec 31, 2017
David Cooper (14)	Missouri	June 16, 2017
George O'Leary (48)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2017
William Smith (3)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2017
Michele Gallant (52)	Nevada	Dec 31, 2018

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Barbara Patterson (55)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2017
Lillian Stuart (69)	New Hampshire	Dec. 31, 2017
Karen Jacobs (61)	New Jersey	Dec 31, 2018
Helen Lawrence (21)	New Mexico	Dec 31, 2018
Shirley Conrad (49)	New York	April 30, 2018
Eleanor Freeman, PGM (71)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2019
Minnie Roberts (26)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2017
Fran Harding (52)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2017
Donna White (69)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2019
Mary Smith (61)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2018
Rhoda Tupper (40)	Oregon	May 01, 2018
Nadine Savoury (55)	Pennsylvania	Mar. 01, 2019
Diane LeGard (2)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2019
Eleanor Decker (40)	Quebec	July 01, 2019
Earl Chisholm (21)	Rhode Island	Dec 31, 2017
Tony Szucs (49)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2019
Phyllis Jarvis (15))	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2019
Allen Latham (2)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2017
Dale Wolfe (30)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2018
Amelia Whalley (35)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2017
Carolyn Phinney (2)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2017
Jean Millet (15)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2018
William Cox (30)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2018
Mildred Aker (67)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2017
Erin Miller-Jones (1 PEI)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2018
Joan Jackson (28)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2018
Ann Ross (19)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2018
Linda MacKay (61)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2017
Nelson MacEwan (21)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2018

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Deborah Guyton	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2018
Vivian Driver	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2017
Sandra Munster	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2018
Regina Snow	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2017
Pamela Dawn Lewis	Australia	Dec. 31, 2018
Margaret Kerridge	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2017
Albert Turek	California	Dec. 31, 2017
Ronald Hayden, PGP	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2018
Christine Arseneau	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2018
Jessica Cooper	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2017
Eleanor T. Merrick, PGM	District of Columbia	June 30, 2018
Martin T. Gulbrand	Florida	Dec. 31, 2017

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Bonnie Mullin	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2017
Penny Bosley	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2018
Matt Ring, PGP	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2018
Karen Ingles	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2017
Debra Renner	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2017
	Italy	Aug. 01, 2018
Linda Engstrom	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2018
Serena Perkins Wright	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2018
Regina Steyerma	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2018
Amanda Carr	Maine	May 31, 2018
Beverly Martin	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2018
Jeanne M. Gunn	Maryland	June 01, 2019
Stuart Studley	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2017
Maria A. Sturm	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2017
Jerry Oliver	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2018
Karl Gilmore	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2019
Dale Cutbirth	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2018
Gary Pfaff	Montana	Dec. 31, 2017
Tina Mogensen	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2017
Donna Giles	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2018
Reg Murray	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2018
Robert Burton	New Hampshire	Sept 30, 2018
Ron Amme	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2018
Dana Ridge	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2019
Janice Cooper	New York	Dec. 31, 2017
Erik Phillips	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2019
Cheryl Arndt	North Dakota	July 31, 2017
Arlyne Joyce Fritz	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2018
Gayla Luna	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2017
Kenneth Guiler	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2017
Catherine Kent	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2017
Donna J. McGrow	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2018
Rosa Sevilla	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2019
Donna Jenne	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2018
Shirley Ayers	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2017
Elias Jorge Calil Neto	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2017
Si Campbell	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2018
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2017
Edgar Pittman	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2018
Wallace Evans	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2017
Jill Robinette	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2018
Jewell Wainwright Horne	Texas	Nov. 18, 2018
Linda Adams	Utah	Dec. 31, 2018
Marisa Supernault	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2018
Judith Whitehead	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2018
Sandra Ruff	Washington	Jan. 01, 2018

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Carroll D. McDonald Sr.	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2018
Renee Campbell	Wisconsin	May 01, 2019
Carolyn Kenfield	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2018

**SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
2016-2017**

CHAPTER #	LOCATION	SECRETARY	MEETING
Mayflower #2	Middleton	Mr. Kirk MacLennan PGP, 1278 Forest St., RR3, Aylesford, NS B0P 1C0	2 nd Tuesday
Cedar Atlantic #3	Wallace	Ms. Marian Durling, PGM 127 Golden Sands Dr Malagash Mine, NS, B0K 1E0	2 nd Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Ms. Brenda Clarke 41 Huntington St. Yarmouth, NS V5A 2S2	2 nd Tuesday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mr. Whit Giffin, PGP, Box 494, Chester, NS B0J 1J0	3 rd Wednesday
Ceilidh #10	New Glasgow	Ms. Nancy Doyle 1905 Munro St., RR2, Westville, NS B0K 2A0	4 th Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Ms. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 rd Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Ms. Laverne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Rd Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7	1 st Tuesday
Celtic Star #19	Blues Mills	Ms. Ann Ross, Box 501, Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0 NS B0E 3M0	4 th Thursday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Ann Wight, 26 Saywood Dr Truro, NS, B6L 4G7	3 rd 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	1 st Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Ms. Inez Daye PGM 161 Clark's Road Tatamagouche B0K 1V0	4 th Monday

Evening Star #28	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Cres Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1C9	4 th Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277, Milton, N.S., BOT 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, Bedeque, PEI	Mrs. Fran Harding 2710 Rte. 20, Darnley Kensington, RR#1, PEI, COB 1M0	3 rd Tuesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom 8565 Hwy 14 Hardwoodlands, N.S., BON 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., COA 1R0	2 nd Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs Grace Boudreau PO Box 342 Shelburne, NS, BOT 1W0	2 nd Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs.Velda Forrest 12190 Kempt RR2 Caledonia, N.S., BOT 1B0	4 th Thursday



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