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**Grand Chapter**

# **Order of the Eastern Star**



**Nova Scotia**

**and Prince Edward Island**

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA  
AND  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD IN  
GLENGARRY HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER  
TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA  
JULY 8, 9, 10, 2019**

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*Grand Choir*



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*Masonic March Team*



*General Grand Chapter Committee Members  
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*Past Grand Matrons  
and  
Past Grand Patrons*

Dedication: Our "Treasured Memories" Session is lovingly dedicated to the memory of my mom, Sister Carol Little. Her love and support has been sadly missed.

Sister Marjorie Conrod, the mother of our Worthy Grand Patron, has been his guiding light during his membership in the Order.

Brother Gerald Norman and Sister Debbie Ryan for their encouragement, understanding and love have made this journey possible; and to the Sisters and Brothers of Scotia Chapter No. 49 and Queen Esther Chapter No. 61 for their continued support and friendship.

Aim: To preserve and increase our membership; to increase public awareness of the Order and to have fun while doing so.

Motto: "We will never achieve things that we've never achieved before, if we're not willing to do things we've never done before"

Honour Station: Electa

Scriptures: WGM: John14:6: "Jesus saith unto him. "I am the way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

WGP: Psalm 133: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Watchwords: Loyalty, Faith and Love

Colours: Burgundy, Blue and Silver

Flowers: Red Roses, Daisies, Mayflowers

Birds: Chickadees and Robins

Fun Symbols: WGM – Ladybugs; WGP - Kitty Cats

Special Project: Children's Travel Fund of Philae Shriner's of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Music: Precious Memories  
You Raise Me Up  
How Great Thou Art  
In the Bulb  
What a Wonderful World

Hallelujah  
Just A Closer Walk With Thee  
His Eye is on the Sparrow  
Here I am Lord

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## **DIVINE SERVICE**

**Monday, July 7, 2019**

The ESTARL Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room starting at 4:30 pm. Brother Rev. Andrew S. MacDonald (10) called the service to Worship. After the Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer we sang "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". Following the Scripture Readings Brother Andrew Meditated on "Mercy Abounding! He said as Brothers and Sisters we are called to spread the word as Disciples of Christ. Mercy should be given through God and our love of God, humility and healing. We are called to God, to tell about Him and to emulate Him. We should concentrate on how Jesus would like us to act, love, and forgive.

The offering from this service amounted to \$928.16 and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) Program. For the Anthem, Brother Andrew rendered a lovely version of "How Great Thou Art". Pastoral Prayers were offered, followed by the singing of "His Eye Is on The Sparrow", closing with the Benediction and Recessional.

## **INFORMAL OPENING**

**MONDAY EVENING, July 8, 2019**

Prior to the start of evening Distinguished Guests were escorted to the East.

Sisters Jane Wooldridge, GGCCM and Sister Carol Atkinson, WM donated a gift certificate from the restaurant here at the Glengarry which was won by Sister Carol Pettigrew.

A Masonic March was then coordinated by Sister Elizabeth Moxsom, PM (55). This was done to the song: "The Masonic Ring": sung by Howie Damron

Emblems: Altar Cloth was placed by Brothers Ken Conrod, WGP (61) and Gerald Norman, WP (49) and the Bible placed by Brother Kevin Conrod, (61) Grand Chaplain.

Chairs, pedestals, and emblems were placed by the following Brothers: Brothers Tony Szucs (49). Kirk MacLennan (2) , Mike McGillivray (21) , Philip Roode (10, 21) Roy MacKinnon (19), Robert Turner (8); Allen Reid (10, 21); Richard Preeper (55), Ken Josey (49), George Moxsom (55), Craig Savoury (55), Norman Card (67), Bob Weidner WGP Quebec, Howard Ford (71), and Shane MacFarlane (19)

**Sister Irma Maxwell, PGM (67) Introduced the 2018-2019 Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and their Escorts.**

**Sister Irma Maxwell, PGM:** Good evening and Welcome to Truro and to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

I am indeed honoured to have been asked to perform the introductions of the Grand Family of the "Treasured Memories" session . The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, have asked that it be kept short in order to eliminate a long period of standing. Members and visitors may remain seated. Please hold any applause until all have been introduced.

The first to be introduced is the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 6, Sister Debbie Fox, of Regent # 52, having been initiated into that Chapter in 2011. Besides being a very active member, Debbie works full time as an Oncology nurse at Prince County Hospital in Summerside. She is escorted this evening by her husband, Jamie Fox.

The District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3 is Sister Christine Eidt, a 9-year member of Scotia Chapter # 49. where she has served twice as Worthy Matron, as well as serving Grand Chapter on different Committees. Her escort this evening is her fiancée, Graham Williams who has emigrated from the UK and is now retired. Welcome to Canada, Graham.

The District Deputy Grand Matron of District # 2 is Sister Carol Atkinson of Myrtle #21 where she is Worthy Matron this year. She is Mum to her own three dogs and inspired the creation of the Nova Scotia Lost Dog Network and was appointed as Chair of the newly created Service Dog Committee of Grand Chapter. She is honoured to be escorted by Constable Scott Milbury. a seven-year member of the Truro Police Service and K9 handler to his partner, Police Service Dog Onyx.

Born in Germany, Onyx is a 6-year old German Shepherd, and the only Police Service Dog with the Truro Police Service, having responded to hundreds of calls for service to assist with Suspect Apprehension, Drug Detection, Article Searches and other activities relating to criminal investigations. Constable. Milbury and Onyx train regularly with other K9 teams from around the province to maintain the industry standard skills and are routinely called to assist other law enforcement agencies. Onyx makes valuable contributions to Truro Police Service's to Truro Police Service's community policing initiatives, and as such, he has become somewhat of a local celebrity. He makes regular appearances at local events and routinely performs demonstrations for schools and community groups.

In 2019, Onyx was given his 5 year service award, presented to him by the Mayor of Truro and although his retirement is not far off, until that time Police Service Dog Onyx with continue to lend his skills to help the Truro Police Service solve crimes that would not otherwise be possible. Constable Scott Milbury, and Police Service Dog Onyx,- Thank You for your service!

I will now introduce the Grand Officers

**Grand Warder**, Brother Everald Armstrong, Past Patron, was initiated into Armcrest # 45 in 2001, and is presently a member of Evening Star 28. He is escorted this evening by his wife, Ada Armstrong.

**Grand Organist** - Sister Eleanor Decker is a 60 plus member, having joined Halifax Chapter in 1956 where she was Worthy Matron six times. She is now a member of Elmsdale #55, Mystic Star #40, and is a Charter member of Evening Star # 28. She is organist for several chapters and has been Grand Organist several times. Her wonderful music is very much appreciated by everyone. Tonight her escort is Brother Dan Campbell, PGP and GGCCM on Scottish Rite Charities, and he is a member of Mystic Star # 40.

**Grand Chaplain** - Brother Kevin Conrod is a 36-year member, having been initiated into the Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter # 20 along with his brother, Ken, in 1983. Brother Kevin is currently a member of Queen Esther # 61 where he has just finished serving as Worthy Patron. He has served Grand Chapter as a Grand Representative and as Grand Marshal. His escort this evening is Sister Clara Nieforth of Evening Star # 28.

**Grand Marshal** - Sister Helen Szucs is a retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces where she served for 22 years as a Military Police Officer. She is a 13 year member of Scotia Chapter # 49 where she has been Worthy Matron and last year she served a District Deputy Grand Matron. She is escorted this evening by her husband, Brother Tony Szucs, who is also retired from the Canadian Armed Forces.

**We now present the Star Points of our Grand Chapter, who represent the heroines of our Order.**

**Grand Electa**, representing the red ray of Charity and Loving Kindness, is Sister Rosemary Hayter, who was initiated into Westville Chapter # 24 in March of 1991. She served as Worthy Matron more than once and had the honor of being the first Worthy Matron of the new Chapter of Ceilidh # 10 when Century and Westville Chapters consolidated in 2015. She is escorted this evening by her husband, Tim Hayter of Ceilidh Chapter # 10.

**Grand Martha**, Sister Nadine Savoury, representing the green ray of Faith was initiated into our Order in 2009. She is a member of Elmsdale Chapter # 55 where she was Worthy Matron in 2014. She is escorted by her daughter, Elizabeth, who we look forward to welcoming some day in the future as a member of our beloved Order.

**Grand Esther**, Sister Dawn Wamboldt, representing the white ray of Royalty and Power is a 21-year member of Arbutus Chapter # 30 in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Her escort this evening is her father, Brother Robert Turner, Past Grand Patron. Sister Dawn and Brother Robert were initiated together in 1998.

**Grand Ruth**, Sister Michelle Boutilier, representing the yellow ray of Constancy, is an 18-year member of Queen Esther # 61 where she has served as Worthy Matron twice. She has also been a Grand Representative and a Grand Chapter Committee Member. Sister Michelle is escorted by her daughter, Sister Victoria, also a member

of Queen Esther Chapter.

**Grand Adah**, Sister Patricia “Trish” Wamboldt who represents the blue ray of Fidelity, is a 36-year member of Pearle Chapter # 71, where she is beginning her fifth year as Worthy Matron. She has served Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Grand Matron and enjoyed a Grand Representative appointment to New Mexico. She is escorted by her long-time friend who is a charter member of Pearle # 71, Sister Velda Forrest.

**And now- our elected Grand Officers:**

**Grand Sentinel**, Brother Shane McFarlane, joined our order along with his wife, Agnes , in 1974, and has had many offices, including Worthy Patron, several times. He is currently a member of Celtic # 19. Brother Shane is well known for his lovely voice and is asked to sing everywhere he goes. He is escorted this evening by his wife of 50 plus years, Sister Agnes.

**Associate Grand Conductress** – Sister Irene Beeler, is a member of Queen Esther # 61 and of Evening Star #28. She joined the Order in 1974 in Port Royal Chapter #1, making her a 45-year member, and remained a member of Port Royal until it closed. She has served the Order well , having been Worthy Matron six times, Hope # 6, Karlsruhe, Germany, once in Evangeline # 15, twice in Port Royal # 1, and twice in Queen Esther # 61. She was the Worthy Matron of Port Royal #1 when that Chapter celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Her escort this evening is her daughter, and Best Friend Sister Maureen Wentzell, also a member of Queen Esther.#61 It is a pleasure for her to share this evening with Maureen.

**Grand Conductress:** Sister Beth Lois Brett is a member of Celtic Chapter # 19,, and formerly of Victoria # 19 in Baddeck. In her 27 years she has served as Worthy Matron several times, as well as Grand Chaplain. Her music and bouncy personality endear her to everyone, as well as her aversion to wearing shoes. She carries the rule of not wearing gloves or hats in the Chapter Room to a new level. This evening our Conductress is being escorted by Sister Maxine Smith, a 40-year member who now calls Celtic #19 her home Chapter. This Triennium Sister Maxine is serving as the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Special Appointment, Campfire Friend.

**Grand Treasurer** Sister Faye Calder of Laurel #67 has been a member for 47 years and has held many offices, Worthy Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representative, and on and on. She is retired from the TD bank and has been married to Brother Jack Calder for 57 years. She is escorted tonight by her friend, Brother Jamie Lynch, a member of Pearle Chapter # 71.

**Grand Secretary** - Sister Diane Hayman, is a member of Ceilidh Chapter # 10,, and a dual member of Castleview Chapter 21, Alberta. She was initiated into Westville #24 in 1960, and has served as Worthy Matron 3 times and held the office of Secretary for many years, as well as many Grand Chapter appointments. She was Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Cecil Dean as Worthy Grand Patron and held their Session “Sounds of Music – Sounds of Love” in 1987. She was a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on The Rose Award from 1991-1994. She is currently completing her 6<sup>th</sup> year as Grand Secretary. Sister Diane's escort is her very dear friend Brother Murray Gardner, PGP. A 41-year member and who has

recently been elected Worthy Patron of Ceilidh Chapter. #10. He is also a dual member of Elm # 48.

**Associate Grand Patron,** Brother Ed MacLaren, is a member of Crystal # 1 in Charlottetown, and Montague # 69. He has been Worthy Patron in both Chapters but has spent most of this Eastern Star life as Organist for both Chapters and as Grand Organist He is also Past Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island. He is escorted by Sister Jane Wooldridge, Past Grand Matron, and General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Service Dogs.

**Associate Grand Matron-** Sister Helen Nicholson makes her home in Prince Edward Island and is a member of Crystal Chapter 1 in Charlottetown. She has been a member for 46 years. She is also a long-time member of the Women's Institute and has received many awards for her work in that organization. She is escorted by her husband of 46 years Brother Willard Nicholson, Past Patron and Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island.

**Worthy Grand Patron,** Brother Kenneth Conrod, is a 36-year member of the Order, having been initiated into the Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter # 20. He affiliated with Queen Esther # 61 in 2006. He has served as Worthy Patron 9 times, Grand Marshal for PGM June MacDonald and PGP George Crouch in 2002-2003. He has also been a Grand Representative to Utah, and has recently returned from a visit to Australia with his wife, Debbie Ryan, who is Grand Representative to Australia. Brother Ken is escorted by his wife, Sister Debbie Ryan, of Queen Esther # 61.

#### **And now our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene Amirault.**

Sister Darlene is a 34-year member of our Order and belongs to Scotia Chapter # 49 She has held many offices including Worthy Matron four times. She also has served as an appointed District Deputy Grand Matron and was Grand Martha in the MacDonald-Crouch Grand Family in 2002-2003. This is where I first met her as I was Grand Electa that year. We had a great time - I thoroughly enjoyed being with her. She has carried out her duties this year with charm and dignity, endearing her to the whole Jurisdiction. She has "shown up" at many meetings unexpectedly, which must have been difficult at times since she holds down a demanding job as well. We wish her well in the future and know she will always hold the memories of her year at the helm of the Order of Eastern Star in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and all the Stars she has met, in her heart. Sister Darlene is escorted by her own Star, Brother Gerald Norman, who has carved his own way into our hearts. Thank you, Brother Gerald, for looking after our Worthy Grand Matron so well.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends – this is your Grand Family. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

The Grand Pages, Grand Guards, and Grand Choir took their stations.

**Sister Wilma Verge, PGM, (28):** Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests, and Friends. Welcome to this the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Many thanks to our WGM, Sister Darlene and our WGP, Brother Ken for the honor of calling to Order the Informal Opening "Treasured Memories", Session. I am pleased to share the East with Brother Allan Conrad, PGP, who during his year as WGP along with Sister Marylyn Swinamer, PGP, presented me with a Grand Representative Commission to the State of Arkansas.

A sincere and hearty welcome to those of you, who have travelled many miles to be with us. We hope you have the opportunity to take in some of the tourist attractions and that some may have been able to attend the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, in Halifax.

To the Sisters and Brothers of our Grand Jurisdiction thank you for your continued support and we hope all of you will make new friends and re-ignite old Friendships.

We are honoured to share the East this evening with our MWGM Sister Marianne Shenefelt, our MWGP Brother Henry S. Martin who are accompanied by several General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Electa, Sister Carol Girling, PGM and Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Kimberly Dillinger, PGM.

Provincial Presentation: The Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia, Karen Casey; the Honorable Larry Harrison, MLA for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley; the Deputy Mayor of Truro, Tom Chisholm. Presentation from other Fraternal Organizations: Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Brother George Grand; representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island Right Worshipful Brother Michael Learie; Senior Grand Warden, Illustrious Sir Ken Wheelans, Potentate, Illustrious Sir Ed Corbett, Immediate Past Potentate of the Philae Shrine Temple,; Queen Beverly Wentzell, Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile, Halifax; and Amar Sandhu, General Manager and Judy Nicholson, former owner of the Glengarry Hotel and Convention Center. Thank you all for taking the time to be with us this evening and we will hear from each of you shortly.

It is a pleasure to welcome many of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. We are very proud of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Brother Fred Lipskey, Membership, Brother Daniel Campbell, Scottish Rite Charities, and Sister Jane Wooldridge, on Service Dogs.

We extend sincere welcome to all members visiting from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you will enjoy your time with us.

Brother Allan, please extend your welcome at this time.

**Brother Allan Conrad, PGP (49):** Good evening Sisters and Brothers and welcome to the 72<sup>nd</sup> "Treasured Memories" Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I hope that your visit with us is enjoyable and that you will renew old friendships and make new ones. Sister Wilma, PGM, it is with pleasure that I share the East with you for the unofficial opening of our Grand Chapter. It is an opportunity that neither of us expected.

To our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, welcome back to our Grand Jurisdiction and

we hope you have an enjoyable visit.

To all who have traveled with the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, welcome and please see as much of our beautiful province as you can. To all our distinguished guests assembled here with us tonight – Welcome.

**Sister Wilma Verge, PGM:** I now call to order this Informal Opening of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the “Treasured Memories” Session.

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

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar for Proper Introductions.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, thank you for the honor of opening your Informal Session. During the past few years we have become good friends and I think back to my “Sailing Into the Future” Grand Session and you being my Grand Conductress. I have many fond memories of our travels Together.

Brother Ken, what can I say? During my year as Worthy Grand Matron you were my Grand Sentinel, always willing to lend a hand in any tasks. We had many laughs and good times together.

I congratulate you both for the service you have given to our Grand Chapter. A job well done.

I know you have both spent endless hours preparing for your “Treasured Memories” Session and my wish for you is to enjoy the next few days and that your Session gives you many “Treasured Memories”.

**Brother Allan, PGP:** Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ken, Worthy Grand Patron, what an honour you have given me to share in the opening of your “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session.

What a great year you have had. You have travelled the highways of this Grand Jurisdiction many times and have spread the story of the Eastern Star to all members and many who are not members. I hope that through your efforts to spread the story that we will **have** some growth.

Brother Ken, though the message of your special project was sometimes a little long, you told the story of the children in need and how the members of Philae Temple and the Travel Fund helped those in need to get to their appointments. If you would have had another year, I am sure your message would have been shorter.

Sister Darlene, what can I say? I have known you from your first day in this order and I have watched as you have worked your way through the Chapter, although we got in a little trouble at times, but when it came to the work of the chapter, you

did it well. You should be proud of the work you accomplished both in Scotia Chapter and in Grand Chapter. Your talks were short and with a message that we can all learn from. If you would have had another year, I can't imagine how short your message would have been.

To you both – welcome to your “treasured Memories” Grand Session and my wish to you is that your session will be all that you have hoped for. Welcome home.

**Sister Wilma Verge, PGM:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Musical Selection for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron solo by Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald “In the Bulb”.

**Sister Wilma Verge, PGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, I present to you your gavel, the emblem of your authority. As you preside over this the 72<sup>nd</sup> Grand Chapter Session, I know you will use it wisely.

**Sister Darlene Amirault, WGM:** Officers will now take their stations.

Sister Wilma and Brother Allan, thank you for opening the 72<sup>nd</sup> Grand Chapter “Treasured Memories” session. Sister Wilma, please accept this token of appreciation from Brother Ken and I for opening this, our Informal Session.

**Brother Ken Conrod, WGP:** Sister Wilma, PGM, I want to thank you for opening the Informal Session of our “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session – we’ve know each other for a while and was most pleased to serve in your “Sailing Into the Future Grand Chapter” Grand Family 2 years ago. I also want to thank you for your friendly reminders regarding my “talking too much” during our official visits this year.

Brother – Cousin Allen, I too want to thank you for joining Sister Wilma in opening our “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter session. I also want to thank you for all of your assistance over the past three years on our travels to the East of Grand Chapter – you were always there, ready to assist whenever we needed you – thank you.

Brother Allan, please accept this token of appreciation on behalf of Sister Darlene and I for opening our Informal Session this evening.

**WGM:** The Invocation will now be given by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother Kevin Conrod (61), Grand Chaplain gave the Invocation.

**WGM:** Grand Marshal – you will proclaim the Informal Opening of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session, “Treasured Memories”, called to order.

Sister Helen Szucs (49) Grand Marshal, proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from rest to labour.

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

### **PRESENTATION OF FLAGS**

**Co-ordinating the Flag Ceremony will be Brother Ronald Boudreau, PGP (49)**

**Canadian**

Sister Mary Smith, PM (61)

**“O Canada”**

Tribute to the flag of Canada was given by Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP (2)

**Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP:** The official ceremony inaugurating the new Canadian flag was held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on February 15, 1965.

The flag of Canada is “a red flag of the proportions of two by length and one by width, containing in its center a white square the width of the flag, bearing a single red Maple Leaf. The eleven points of the Maple Leaf represent the Provinces and Territories of Canada.” The white square is flanked on each side by a red stripe, each exactly one half the size of the white square.

Our flag, commonly known as the “Maple Leaf” flag, flies proudly over the Parliament Buildings in our Nation’s Capital, over every federal building across the country, and at every Canadian Embassy around the world. It flies in our churches over the Honour Rolls of those from that congregation who gave their lives in service to their country during war. And most were truly boys being barely twenty years old when they died.

It flies at all of our military bases, wherever our men and women are serving, both here at home or overseas. It is flown in front of schools, where our students pass by every day, unaware that it symbolizes a freedom which they can take for granted, thanks to our servicemen and women, past and present.

It is flown at sports venues and even at shopping malls.

At our chapter meetings each month, we proudly stand at attention as our flag is presented and our national anthem is sung.

The Canadian flag is a symbol of this country, and is recognized and respected the world over.

O Canada, We stand on guard for thee.

**Union Jack**

Brother Howard Ford, PP (71)

**“God Save the Queen”**

**United States of America**

Brother Norman Card, WP (67)

## “The Star Spangled Banner”

Brother Larry Gullett GGCCM Scottish Rite Charities, PGP of New Hampshire gave the tribute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Brother Larry Gullett, GGCCM:** The American flag is the symbol of those visions, those dreams, and the hopes of all who have come to America seeking liberty.

To Americans, it is a living symbol, the very soul of our nation which announces who we are, what we believe in, and what we stand for, namely Freedom, Duty, Responsibility, and Justice. It represents our right to choose our friends, our vocation, our church, our politics, to fail or to succeed. All without any unlawful interference, or fear of punishment. There, in 1775, at Lexington and Concord, this flag, our flag, was born in combat and baptized in blood. The bleeding continues, it has flown in many wars and conflicts to preserve Freedom. “We the People” are “we the beneficiaries” of those legacies so hard-won by the courage and sacrifices of the patriots who have gone before.

Every day, our flag flies over the capitol of our nation and states. It is a unifying symbol and a reminder that we are truly one nation under God. Our flag sends this message to every corner of the globe, and as the flag is displayed in our Masonic Lodges, schools, churches, hospitals, public buildings, and courtrooms, it is a living testimony to the life of our nation and the heritage from which we came.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, thank you for the honor of allowing me to present this tribute to the American flag.

### **Nova Scotia**

Brother Lawrin Armstrong, PGP (21)

### **Prince Edward Island**

Sister Michelle Gallant, WM (52)

### **State of Wyoming**

Sister Elinor Clark, PM (19) - Grand Representative of Wyoming in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

### **State of Texas**

Sister Anne Wight, PM (21) - Grand Representative of Texas in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

### **Christian Flag Eastern Star**

Sister Ardith Downey, (28)  
Brother Allan Reid, PP (10)

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

**WGM:** Sisters, Brothers, and Distinguished and Honored Guests, good evening. Welcome to the informal opening of your “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter session.

We are delighted to have everyone here, and a Special Welcome to our Distinguished Guest from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and that you will come back again.

I would like to say Thank you to Sister Irma Maxwell for the introductions of the Grand Family and The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Thank you to Sister Elizabeth Moxsom, and the Brothers who participated in the Masonic March. You did a wonderful job.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers and Distinguished guests, I welcome you here this evening at the Informal Opening of our sessions. It's such a pleasure to look out and see our Grand Chapter room filled.

To our special guests from away, I hope that during your stay with us that you may have an opportunity to partake in one or all of the five reasons why people come to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

Number One: Bar none, we have some of the freshest seafood available on the planet

Two: We have some of the best whale watching, with up to 12 species visiting the Bay of Fundy each summer

Three: We have some of the Best Beaches - between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island we have some of the warmest saltwater for swimming in Canada.

Four: We have the world's most photographed lighthouse at Peggy's Cove which is about a half hour outside of Halifax, and

Five: You can be a part of literary history when visiting Anne of Green Gables on Prince Edward Island.

I want to thank Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP and the team of Flag presenters on a job well done.

To everyone, "Cead Mile Failte" – or "A hundred Thousand Welcomes" in Gaelic

**WGM:** Welcome to Your 72<sup>nd</sup> "Treasured Memories" Grand Chapter Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We hope that everyone enjoys themselves as old friendships are rekindled and new ones are made. If you have time, please explore our two wonderful Provinces which make up this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Ken and I wish to express our sincere thanks to Our Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for their kindness, support, and courtesies extended to us this year.

A special Thank you to Scotia Chapter No. 49 and Queen Esther No. 61 for all their support, and a sincere Thank you to our Committee Members for all their work that made this Grand Chapter a success.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGM and WGP:** “The best thing about Memories, is making them”

### **PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt (PGM Wyoming) and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin (PGP Texas) were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM: Sister Marianne and Brother Henry, We are aware of the countless miles you travel to carry out the responsibilities of your office, and we thank you for all your efforts, but no matter where your journeys have taken you, there is no spot where the welcome is warmer or more sincere than at our Grand Chapter. Enjoy your stay with us.

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt (PGM Wyoming) and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin (PGP Texas) at the Altar.

**WGP:** Sister Marianne, MWGM and Brother Henry, MWGP, Darlene and I are so pleased that you are able to be with us at our Treasured Memories Grand Chapter Session. It was a pleasure to be able to attend your installation as MWGM & MWGP last October in Orlando and we are looking forward to the next three years and being one of your “Circle of Friends”

I hope that you have a pleasant stay in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and hope that you have an opportunity to visit and see some of the attractions that we have to offer in our jurisdiction.

**WGM:** Grand Conductress and Assoc. Grand Conductress you will Conduct Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honours to our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honours to our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

**Musical Selection:** Solo Rev. Andrew MacDonald “Peace In The Valley”

## Introduction of Distinguished Guests

### **Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers:**

Right Worthy Grand Ruth - Sister Kimberly Dellinger, PGM Kansas

Right Worthy Grand Electa – Sister Carol Girling, PGM Manitoba

The Grand Conductress presented the Sisters at the Altar.

**WGM:** It is my pleasure to extend a welcome to all of you. As part of the General Grand Chapter, we are honored to have you here. We wish you a successful journey on your Eastern Star Trail to your “Circle of Friendship & Service Around the World” session.

**WGP:** It is nice to see such a gathering of Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers attending our Session.

I hope that you enjoy your travels over the next three years.

Welcome and thank you for attending.

The Sisters were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

### **General Grand Chapter Committee Members and General Grand Chapter Ambassadors:**

The following Sisters and Brothers were presented at the Altar:

**Eastern Star Journal** – Sister Eileen Palmeri, PGM British Columbia and Yukon

**Finance Co-Chair** – Brother Don Heiser, PGP Wyoming

**Membership** – Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

**Parliamentarian** – Brother Richard Ashby, PGP Alberta

**Scottish Rite** – Brother Larry Gullett, PGP New Hampshire

Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

**Service Dogs** Canadian Chair, Sister Lynne Lambert, PGM Saskatchewan

Sister Donna Russo, PGM Massachusetts

Sister Jane Wooldridge PGM Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

**Youth** – Sister Cynthia Lewis, PGM Maine

**Ambassador to New Jersey** - Sister Betty St. Onge, PGM Ontario

**Deputy to the MWGM in Brazil** – Sister Judith Fenner, PGM Massachusetts

**WGM:** I am pleased that you were able to attend and be part of our “Treasured Memories” session, especially to our own General Grand Chapter Committee

Members, Sister Jane, Brother Danny, and Brother Fred. We are very proud of you.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, we are so pleased that you could attend our “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Sessions. I congratulate each of you on your selection as a General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee Member. We hope for you the all of the best in your appointment.

Special Congratulations are in order for our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members Sister Jane on Service Dogs, Brother Danny on Scottish Rite Charities and Brother Fred on Membership – congratulations and hope that the next three years are rewarding for each of you.

**WGM:** The Response will be given by: Sister Jane Wooldridge, GGCCM on Service Dogs.

**Sister Jane Wooldridge, GCCM:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken; Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry; Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

Tonight it is my special privilege to acknowledge the warm welcome given to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members attending this session, and to thank you for all courtesies extended to us. We are just beginning our term of service to the General Grand Chapter, but we continue to serve in our Jurisdictions. Our wish for you is that your “Treasured Memories” Session will show LOYALTY to our Order, FAITH in our future, and LOVE for each other! Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for according me the honor of responding to your welcome.

They were escorted to the East and saluted with the Grand Honors.

**WGM:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our 50 and 60 plus Members, West of Esther’s chair, for proper introduction.

Grand Conductress, you may ask them to give their name, chapter and number of years of membership.

At this time 36 of our Fifty-year and plus members were introduced. We had 25 Fifty-year members plus one from Brocton, MA and one from Winnipeg, Manitoba; 8 Sixty-year members, and 1 Seventy-year member present.

**WGM:** As we look to the past for inspiration, we fully realize that we are enjoying the fruits of your labor, and it is because of this devotion and dedication by members like you that the order of the Eastern Star has prospered and survived. We hope you will have many additional years to enjoy our beautiful Eastern Star.

**WGP:** It is a pleasure to welcome our long serving members to our Session and we thank you for the many dedicated years of service that you have given to the Order.

I must say that presenting long service pins to members this year certainly has been a “Treasured Memory”. Welcome to all!

The WGM and WGP presented these members with a wooden rose of various colours.

Special music was presented by the Grand Choir.

**Provincial Greetings:**

**WGP:** We are pleased this evening to have the Honourable Karen Casey the Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Casey is no stranger to our sessions, attended our last two sessions as the representative of our government – I would ask Mrs. Casey if she would like to come forward and bring greetings on behalf of Premier MacNeil

MLA and Deputy Premier Karen Casey extended a welcome to all on behalf of the Premier. She was pleased that some of our members had an opportunity to see the Tattoo. Thanks were given to all who gave back to their communities through being volunteers. She was pleased to have been here for the past three years getting to know people.

**Constituency Greetings:**

**WGP:** I am pleased to introduce the MLA for the area the Honourable Larry Harrison, who as we found out last year, is a “Brother” in the craft. Welcome and it is great to have you back in our midst again this year. I would ask if you would come forward and address our assembly.

Larry Harrison MLA for Colchester and Musquodoboit Valley extended a welcome to everyone. Relationships are so very important when we act as a unit as we do. He hoped we have a great couple of days and have fun.

**Civic Greetings:**

**WGP:** It is with pleasure for me to introduce Tom Chisholm, Deputy Mayor of the Town of Truro. Tom is filling in this evening for Mayor Bill Mills who was unable to be with us this evening. Tom, would you please come forward and bring greetings on behalf of the Town of Truro.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone and spoke about the library and the Heritage Trust for it. We urged us to enjoy our time here in Truro.

**WGP:** The Response will be given by Brother Shane MacFarlane, Grand Sentinel

**Brother Shane MacFarlane, Gr. Sentinel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, and Visitors. It is my privilege to give the response to the greetings from our Provincial and Civic representatives.

The Honorable Karen Casey, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia and MLA for Truro-Bible Hill, the Honorable Larry Harrison MLG for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley and Tom Chisholm Deputy Mayor, Town of Truro: We want to extend our thanks to each of you for your warm words of welcome and we also thank you for taking time

to attend our Informal Opening of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session titled “Treasured Memories” of the Order of the Eastern Star for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Masonic Greetings:**

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia- M.W. Brother George A. Grant, (61)

**WGP:** Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother George Grant, we have known each other for a long time in masonry and it is an honour for me to welcome you to our “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session. I congratulate you on your recent election as Grand Master for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time and wish for you and the Grand Lodge Officers the best for the coming year. Would you like to address our assembly at this time?

**Grand Master Brother George Grant:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I bring Fraternal Greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and I am most honoured to address you for the second time as Grand Master on your 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session entitled “Treasured Memories”.

I hope this will be a successful annual session and am hopeful that our numbers will increase. I am a proud member of Queen Ester Chapter No. 61. I have not been able to be as active as I would like to be, due to my position on the Grand Lodge line, which has kept me very busy. The majority of our Lodges have been putting on degrees and putting through new members. Hopefully this will continue and spill over to the Order of the Eastern Star. We need to think about how we can strategically encourage new members to join our Chapters and I hope that participating in public awareness campaigns will invite people to inquire so they will learn more about the Order of the Eastern Star. I will continue to promote the Order of the Eastern Star and am offering to open our Lodges if the Sisters would like to do a presentation to promote the Order. All you will have to do is write a letter to the Secretary and if the Lodges are not busy I am sure they will welcome the opportunity to hear more about the Order of the Eastern Star.

In closing, I would like to thank both the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the opportunity to address this 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I am wishing you much success in the year ahead.

Representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island –R.W. Brother Michael Learie, Senior Grand Warden

**WGP:** Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother Michael Learie, from the other great province in our Jurisdiction, I am pleased to welcome you to our assembly. I understand that your wife Lynn is a member – we probably could find you an application?

We would be pleased if you could bring Fraternal Greetings on behalf of Most Worshipful Brother Douglas Morton and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

**R.W. Brother Michael Learie:** Worthy Grand Matron Sister Amirault, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Conrod, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Officers of Grand Chapters, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening as you open the proceedings for your 2019 Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I bring you warm fraternal greetings from the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, and my personal greeting as Senior Grand Warden. In particular, I also wish to convey the best wishes of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Douglas J. Morton. Most Worshipful Brother Morton apologizes for not being available today, but he has to attend some prescheduled medical appointments which cannot be deferred. He does, however, hope to join with you a little later in the week.

Thank you for all the kindnesses and courtesies which you have extended to us, and I thank you for the invitation to bring greetings on behalf of the Freemasons of Prince Edward Island. I wish to extend my best wishes for the success of your deliberations for the balance of the Session.

We also have within our membership in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Past Grand Masters who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

At this time, I would like to recognize the following and if they are here I would ask them to stand and give a wave as I call your name:

**Nova Scotia**

Daniel Campbell, PGP  
Ted Caulier, PGP  
Lawrin Armstrong, PGP  
David Waterbury, PGP  
Shane MacFarlane, Gr. Sentinel  
Carson Jackson  
Marshal Black  
George O'Leary  
Owen F. Walton

**Prince Edward Island**

Ed MacLaren, Assoc. Grand Patron  
Heber Ross  
Wayne Newson  
Willard Nicholson  
Carl Thompson  
Norman Thompson

Welcome to you all and thank you for your service.

Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island - Illustrious Sir Ken Wheelans, Potentate

**WGP:** Illustrious Sir Ken Wheelans, we are glad that you could take time from your schedule to be with us today and I would ask if you could come to the Podium and bring greetings on behalf of the Nobility of Philae Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Illustrious Sir Ken Wheelans:** Extended greetings from the members of Philae Shrine and thanked us for our support. Children go to Shrine Hospitals to get fixed and have a better life. At Imperial Session you have an opportunity to see and meet some of the patients. It is expensive to send the children to appointments, etc and we are very grateful for our support.

**Athena Temple #149 Daughters of the Nile - Queen –Beverly Wentzell, PM (28)**

**WGM:** We are pleased to have with us this evening the Queen of Athena Temple No. 149, Queen Beverley Wentzell. It was a pleasure to attend your Installation in April on behalf of the Grand chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and as a friend, and we wish you many happy memories during your reign. May we hear from you.

**Queen Sister Beverley Wentzell,** WGM. Sister Darlene, WGP. Brother Ken, Distinguished East.

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about the work we do as Daughters of the Nile.

At this time I would like to ask all Daughters of the Nile to please stand. Thank you.

Daughters of the Nile work tirelessly behind the scenes for the children in all the Shriners Hospitals.

Some projects we undertake are knitting shrugs for children who are going through chemotherapy or being fitted for a Prosthesis, etc.; Toe casts covers; bibs; and pre-op dolls to name but a few. We also collect pop tabs and the money goes to the hospital in Montreal. This year we got just under \$500.00 and it takes a lot of tabs to make that amount. It would be remiss of me not to mention the members and friends of Zora Club in the Annapolis Valley for the beautiful quilts they make.

Communication, Harmony, Love, and Laughter as we work together for the benefit of the children. This is why the special project of the WGM and the WGP is so close to our hearts.

Can you imagine the determination and vision of the women before us in 1913 when they started this wonderful organization. Girls / Ladies 18 years of age or older who are related by birth or marriage to a Master Mason or Shriner, or was a patient in a Shriners Hospital.

At the present time in the Montreal Hospital we have five one million dollar plaques on the wall and there is also a floor named after our Temple.

In Canada we have 11 Temples and Athena Temple is 4th in Canada for the amount of money it has raised for the Montreal Hospital.

Athena Temple #149 was constituted in 1980 so this year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary. The first session was presided over by the late Queen Elsie Henderson and I am so proud to say I am wearing her Crown Pin.

In June 11 members of Athena Temple will be going to Reno to attend the installation of Supreme Queen Dale Obermolte. July 15th she will be paying her official visit to Athena Temple before going to Nereides Temple #78 Saint John the next day.

If anyone is interested, we have knitting patterns for shrugs and cast socks and would be pleased to provide patterns. Feel free to ask any Daughters Of the Nile.

WGM and WGP thank you for extending me the courtesy to speak tonight and enjoy the rest of your session renewing friendships old and new.

The response was given by Brother Ed MacLaren, Associate Grand Patron:

**Brother Ed MacLaren, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all: It is my privilege, on behalf of our Treasured Memories Session to bring thanks to the Concordant Bodies present here this evening.

To Most Worshipful Brother George Grand, Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Right Worshipful Michael Learie, Senior Grand Warden, who is representing Grand Master Douglas Morton who cannot be with us this evening, we would like to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to address our Grand Chapter Session. Also to offer you, MW Brother Grant our congratulations on your election to a second term of Grand Master of Nova Scotia. To Right Worshipful Brother Leary we offer you every success on your journey to the Grand East.

To Sister Bev Wentzell, Queen, Daughters of the Nile. I know you will do a great job as you always give your 110%. I understand Sister Helen and I will be visiting you I our new roles next week and I just wanted to warn that I have new button braces so all should go well. Thank you for your comments.

To Philae Potentate, Illustrious Sir Ken Wheelans, thank you for your comments here this evening. We wish you every success in your term of Potentate.

We appreciate each of you taking the time to attend our Informal Opening of our Treasured Memories Session and hope that those who can attend will be here throughout our Session and for the Installation of our new slate of officers on Wednesday evening. Thank you for attending.

**WGM:** We have with us this evening, Amar Sandhu, General Manager of the Best Western Glengarry Hotel and Convention Center. We are happy to have you as our host facility and it has been a pleasure working with you. May we hear from you?

**Host Facility:** Glengarry Hotel and Convention Center, General Manager Amar Sandhu

**Amar Sandhu:** Informed us that there was a change of ownership who inherited the staff and he welcomed us on behalf of his team. And he looked forward to this week, as well as years in the future.

**Judy Nicholson** previous owner thanked us on behalf of the Nicholson family for our support in the past years.

**WGP:** Now to a very special part of the evening – the presentation to our Special Project – the Children’s Travel Fund of Philae Shriners.

Since our Star year does not align with the year of Philae Shriners, our Special Project covers two different Potentates, I would ask Ill Sir Ken Wheelans and Immediate Past Potentate Ill Sir Ed Corbett to come forward and accept a cheque representing the proceeds to date of our Special Project from the members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
I would ask Ill Sir Ed Corbett to come forward and say a few words on the Children’s Travel Fund of Philae Shriners.

At this time WGP Brother Ken was presented with a \$600 cheque from Eastern Star Lodge. Brother Craig Savoury was invited to the East where he presented our WGP with a cheque for \$800 from C W Saunders Lodge.

**Illustrious Sir Ed Corbett:** To everybody, Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Lodges, and Daughters of the Nile – money is spent for children in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to get them and their family to the hospitals for treatment. Your generosity will go a long way in helping us to provide the best care we can to these children.

WGP Brother Ken presented to Ill Sir Ed Corbett and Ill Sir Ken Wheelans a cheque in the amount of \$20,855.

**WGP:** it gives me great pleasure this evening to participate in a special presentation to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron a Certificate for Order of Good Time.

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

The previous winter had been spent on an Island in the St Croix River where scurvy and the cold climate had taken a heavy toll.

While the fertility and the warmer climate of Port Royal was in direct contrast to their previous location, the rigours of that winter were well remembered.

To maintain morale, in November, 1606, Champlain instituted the “ORDER OF GOOD TIME”, whereby each night a member of the Gentlemen Adventures

became Grand Master who was responsible for the evening dinner and entertainment.

Naturally each Grand Master endeavoured to outdo the other. Consequently It is claimed that they dined better than their countrymen at home.

And, so was born the OLDEST SOCIAL CLUB in North America.

In the early 1930's the Government of Nova Scotia re-instituted the Order. It is unique in that:

There are no initiation fees

There are no annual dues, and

There are no formal meetings

The only requirement for membership is that you visit Nova Scotia for at least three days.

Only four things are demanded from our members:

Have a good time

Remember us pleasantly

Speak of us kindly, and

Come back again

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

Although you have not applied for membership, we have done it for you

It is my pleasure for Sister Darlene and I to present you both with your certificate of enrolment in the Oldest Social order in North America – the Order of Good Time.

**WGM:** Distinguished Guests and others who wish to leave, may do so at this time. However, you are more than welcome to stay if you would like.

A musical selection was presented by the Choir while the guests retired.

**WGM:** Could we hear from Brother Bill Clark, PGP, chair of the Arrangement Committee.

**Brother William Clark PGP (Chair):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers, friends and visitors, on behalf of the Grand Chapter arrangements committee it is a pleasure to welcome you to this Treasured Memories session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

A couple of housekeeping items:

- The fire exits are to my right and behind me and are marked with exit signs

- The washrooms are outside the hall to both the left and right

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, your committee hopes that the arrangements are to your satisfaction and that you both have many Treasured Memories.

WGM: The Response will be given by Sister Beth Lois Brett, Grand Conductress

**Sister Beth Brett, GC (19):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all: It is my privilege to give the response to the greetings from the Grand Chapter Arrangement Committee, Brother Bill Clark, PGP, Sisters Margaret Clark, Carol Clark, and Edith Conrod PGMs, We extend to each of you our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many hours of your time spent on preparing for this Grand Chapter Session "Treasured Memories". Hugs from us all for a job well done. Thank you Sister Darlene WGM and Brother Ken Conrod WGP for the opportunity to respond to this welcome and my wish is that the Treasured Memories Session will leave us all with memories to be treasured.

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

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions  
Sisters: Susan MacArthur, Alberta, Lori Thomson, Manitoba; Judy Donnelly, New Brunswick, Barbara Gaskell, New Hampshire; Janet Patch, Quebec,

Brothers: Richard Fortier, New Hampshire, Robert Weidner, Quebec

The above Sisters and Brothers were presented at the Altar

**WGM:** : It has been a pleasure to get to know some of you over the last few years. There is always a strong bond between those who walk in similar paths of service, for we share the same joys and privileges, and often confronted with the same issues. It is wonderful to see you here tonight and I hope year has been as rewarding to you as mine has been to me.

**WGP:** It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to our Treasured Memories session.

I hope that your year guiding the members of your jurisdiction will be memorable and as rewarding as you hoped that they would be.

Some of you have travelled great distances to be with us for this opening session and we thank you for attending our session.

I have a kitty cat quote for you:

As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat.

**WGM:** The Response will be given by Sister Judy Donnelly, WGM of New Brunswick.

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

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

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

Sisters: Diane Hayman (Grand Secretary), Margaret Clarke, Sheila MacDonald, Marian Durling, Cheryl Denton, Carol Clark, Isabelle M. Pearson, Marilyn Swinamer, Edith Conrod, GGCCM, Jane Wooldridge, GGCCM, Marion Buchan, , Mary Lou Higgins, Mary Reid, Irma Maxwell, Suzanne Aitken, Wilma Verge, and Christine McGillivray.

Brothers: Lawrin Armstrong, William Clark, Adrian Pearson, Murray Gardner, Allan Conrad, Ron Boudreau, Whitman Giffin, Zeke Eaton, John Lorimer, Kirk MacLennan, Robert Turner, Arnold Dempsey

**WGM:** I extend to you a warm and heartfelt Welcome. Our Grand Jurisdiction owes you debt of gratitude for your dedicated service to our Grand Chapter, and we are grateful for the foundations you have laid. Thank you for your guidance and your example.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, I want to thank you for your support and assistance throughout the year. You have a wealth of experience and it is comforting to know that if assistance was required, you were always willing to help and were only a phone call away – thank you

Your kitty cat quote is: Dogs come when they're called. Cats take a message and get back to you later.

WGM: The Response will be given by Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP (1 PEI)

**Brother Zeke, PGP (1PE):** On behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction, I thank you for the friendly and cordial welcome you have extended to us to your Treasured Memories Grand Chapter session.

We have enjoyed your visits, both official and unofficial, to our Chapters.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you both on a very productive and successful year in office. You have both done yourselves and our Order proud and have set a fine example for others to follow.

We wish you a very successful and enjoyable session and many treasured memories, and look forward to welcoming you to our Association.

Thank you for giving me the honour of responding to your kind words.

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

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

Fourteen Past Grand Matrons and eight Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were presented at the Altar.

**Sisters:** Vickie Starr, District of Columbia; Anne Kellner, Connecticut; Rebecca Johnson, Cynthia Lewis, Maine; Carole McElheran,,Manitoba; Constance Vick, Joan Atkinson, Massachusetts; Margaret Dwyer, Maine; Joyce McCurdy, Minnesota Lynne Hatt, Lynn Hutchins, New Brunswick; Virginia Porter, Wyoming

**Brothers:** Robert Starr, District of Columbia; J. Arthur Carbonaro, Connecticut; Bruce Burke, Manitoba; Stephen Donahue, Joseph Russo, Massachusetts; Bruce Lambert, Saskatchewan; James Savage, West Virginia

**WGM:** WGM: Welcome. It is an honor to have you with us this evening. We hope you will enjoy your stay and take back with you many Treasured Memories.

**WGP:** It's nice to see such a lovely gathering of Past Grand's from other jurisdictions.

I am sure that you, like the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of our jurisdiction, are as supportive to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as ours have been this year and I am sure that you offered them the same kind of support that Darlene and I have received this year.

I welcome you to our session and thank you for attending.

Your kitty cat quote is: I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days.

They were presented at the Altar,

**WGM:** The response will be given by Sister Bonnie Studley, PGM of Massachusetts.

Sister Bonnie cannot be here tonight, but her response will be read by the Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Thompson.

**Brother Bill, PGP (10)** – Regrets from Sister Bonnie Studley. Due to the sudden illness of Bump she is not able to be with us this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, MWGM, and MWGP, Distinguishes East, Sisters and Brothers; on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, I thank you for your gracious words of welcome and wish for you many "Treasured Memories" of a

wonderful year and feeling of accomplishment from your year and your “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session.

On a personal note, it’s always great to be in Nova Scotia, where our roots are! Mine from Baddeck and Stellarton, and Bump’s from Margaree Forks and Guysborough.

I thank you for the honor you have given me and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for allowing me to respond for the visiting Past Grand Matrons and Patrons.

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

### **ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS**

Four Elected or Appointed Grand Officers were introduced.

**Sisters: Charlotte Bateman, Associate Grand Matron**, New Brunswick; Cindy Chadwell, Associate Grand Conductress, Ohio; Carol Fulton, Grand Adah, Alberta; Barbara Wiberg, **Grand Ruth**, Massachusetts, and **Brother Charles Jones**, Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts, and Ron Bateman, New Brunswick.

**WGM:** Welcome and congratulations I wish for all of you a wonderful year, and Grand Sessions filled with many Treasure Memories of your own.

**WGP:** It is nice to look down and see such a crowd of Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers from other jurisdictions. We thank you for taking the time to be with us.

I hope that you enjoy your time in your Grand Family and thank you for attending.

Your kitty cat quote is: Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.

The response was given by **Brother Charles Jones, Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts.**

**Brother Charles H. Jones. AGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends All, Good evening.

Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ken, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for honouring me and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts by asking me to respond for the visiting elected and appointed Grand Officers. It is indeed a pleasure both to respond and to return to this beautiful section of Canada.

All of us are glad that we had the opportunity to be here with you. We wish you the very best for your “Treasured Memories” session and hope that his session and the past year have lived up to your expectations and that all your dreams have come true. It would be only fitting for your memories of this year and this session to be truly treasured.

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

### **GRAND OFFICERS EMERITUS**

The following Grand Officers Emeritus were then introduced:

**Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan**, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Chris Maneker, Oregon (also Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Oregon; Virginia Porter – Wyoming; and Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Sister Dorothy Powroz of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**WGM:** Just a kind action, just a friendly smile are things we can do that make it all worthwhile. Thank you for your service and your friendship.

**WGP:** Welcome to our Grand Officers Emeritus. We thank your years of dedicated work that you have provided to your Grand Chapters.

The Latin definition of Emeritus means “veteran soldier” and I am sure that all of you are veteran soldiers in your Grand Chapter.

To our Grand Secretary Emeritus Sister Betty Ann and to our Grand Treasurer Emeritus Sister Dorothy, thank you for your years of dedicated service to our Grand Chapter.

Your kitty cat quote is: In ancient times cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this

**WGM:** The Response will be given by Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, PM (40)

**Sister Dorothy:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for the honour of responding to your welcome of the Grand Officers Emeritus. When one retires you hear it said that they didn't know how they ever worked as they are so busy. I can assure you that is true for us and yet it is with pure enjoyment. Treasured memories are the most beautiful pictures our minds can paint and nothing can ever erase them. May this session paint many treasured memories for both of you;

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

### **General Grand Chapter Special Appointments**

Opal Martin – Personal Secretary to Most Worthy Grand Patron, Texas

Delma Davis –Chair - Campfire Friend, California

Shelia Martin –Campfire Friend, Ontario

Regina Gahr - Campfire Friend, Missouri

Maxine Smith – Campfire Friend, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

**WGM:** It is an honor to have you here with us tonight. Especially Sister Maxine. I hope you all enjoy your appointment and make many happy memories.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, we welcome you to our sessions and can only hope that your Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron will be rewarding experiences for you during the triennium.

Sister Maxine, we congratulate you on your appointment as a Campfire Friend of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Best wishes and safe travels on your journey over the next couple of years. Your kitty cat quote is: "Cats have it all — admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it."

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

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were then presented at the Altar.

**Sisters:** Debbie Ryan of Australia, Susan Eaton of California, Dorothy Powroz of Italy, Edna MacLean of Manitoba, Irene Bent of Minnesota, Violet Cameron of New Jersey, Grace Boudreau of BC and Yukon, Patricia Armstrong of Utah, Carrie Dawn Moxsom, of Vermont, Janice Cleveland of Montana

**Brothers:** George Moxsom of Arizona, Wendell Dawson of Connecticut, Gerald Norman of Florida, Lloyd Brown of Mississippi, Brian Loughnan of Oregon, Jack Walley of Virginia

**WGM:** The Welcome will be given by Sister Helen Nicholson, Assoc. Grand Matron, and the Response will be given by Sister Patricia Armstrong, Grand Representative of Utah in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**WGM:** salute them with the Grand Honors.

**Sister Helen:** You as Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are our goodwill ambassadors and I extend to each of you a very special welcome to our Treasured Memories Session. Your appointment as a Grand Representative is a wonderful honour to receive. It's through your correspondence and personal contact with other Jurisdictions that you help build fraternal ties of friendship and love with all members of our Order around the world. I hope you each enjoy your appointment and have safe travels on your Star Trails.

Thank you for attending our session and I trust you will take away some treasured memories of your own for this session.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the privilege and pleasure of welcoming the Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**WGM:** The response was given by Sister Patricia Armstrong, Grand Representative of Ohio in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Sister Pat:** Thank you Helen Nicholson, Associate Grand Matron, for your gracious welcome to us, the Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

These special appointments have allowed us to make lasting friendships with our reciprocals and they will be our treasured memories through the years.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene Amirault, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken Conrod, the honour of giving this response this evening. May your session "Treasured Memories" bring friendships and happy memories to your both.

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

Sisters: June Carr in Alberta, Elsie Preedy in BC & Yukon, Janyce Mathis in California, Constance Vick in Massachusetts, Barbara Brihn in Minnesota, Dr Karen Fields in Missouri, Diane Fortier in New Hampshire, Chris Nacheff Maneker in Oregon, Janelle Savage in West Virginia, Debra Bushee in Vermont

Brothers: Stephan Kellner in Connecticut, Robert Starr in District of Columbia, Lyle Fry in Oklahoma, Bert Decker in New Jersey, Gerald H. (Jerry) Hauser - in New York, Don Porter in Wyoming.

**WGM:** It is a pleasure and honor to meet our Grand Representatives in the other Grand Jurisdictions. I hope you are enjoying your visit and have an opportunity to meet with your counterparts.

**WGP:** Welcome to our friends from around the World. We thank you for attending our sessions, many of you traveling far distances to be with us. We hope that you have made contact with your reciprocal and can only wish for you many years of star friendship with your counterpart.

Your kitty cat quote is: No amount of time can erase the memory of a good cat, and no amount of masking tape can ever totally remove his fur from your couch

**WGM:** The response will be given by Sister Janyce Mathis, PM Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in California.

**Janyce Mathis:** Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, and friends. It is a pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of all the visiting Grand Representatives to this 72nd Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand Chapters Order of the Eastern Star.

What a pleasure it is to visit this beautiful part of Canada. Everyone has been so friendly and the food, especially the sea food, is fantastic.

It is always great to meet new people and learn about how all of our chapters and grand chapters have the same ritual but are so different in their traditions and projects. While visiting with other Grand Representatives this afternoon I have learned that many are supporting our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patrons Service Dog project. We in California are supporting Purple Paws, other Grand Jurisdictions are supporting guide dogs, or support dogs just to name a few.

On behalf of all the visiting Grand Representatives I would like to thank you for all the Treasured Memories we will have when we return to our respective jurisdiction.

WGM: salute them with the Grand Honors.

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

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

**Sisters:** Eleanor Carbonaro, Ontario in Connecticut; Margaret Dyer, Ontario in Maine and PGM; Brenda Slay, New Brunswick in Ohio; Charlotte Milbert, New Jersey in West Virginia; Kathy Moss, New Brunswick in West Virginia, Janet Patch, Vermont in Quebec, Lillian Fry, Maine in Oklahoma, Akiko Decker, Wisconsin in New Jersey

**Brothers:** Thomas Ricks, New Brunswick in Virginia, Roderick McWilliam, Maine in Quebec.

**WGM:** Congratulations on your appointments. You are the ambassadors and right now you are promoting your Jurisdiction and proving yourselves a good choice for your appointment. I hope you enjoy your time with us.

**WGP:** Thank you for taking the time to join us at our sessions. Grand Representative Commissions are one of the cornerstones of our order. They offer the chance to make forever friendships with one that you would have not otherwise known.

Thank you for attending.

Your kitty cat quote is: There is, incidentally, no way of talking about cats that enables one to come off as a sane person

**WGM:** salute them with the Grand Honors.

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

District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were introduced.

Sisters Carol Atkinson – District #2 and Deborah Fox – District # 6

In Other Jurisdictions: Karen Skelton – District #4 in California; Hazel Grant - DD Grand Instructor in Vermont; Steven Moss – Deputy Instructor District # 5 in West Virginia

**WGM:** To our visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons, You are a special representative of your Worthy Grand Matron, and I hope you have pleasant memories of your year of service. To our own District Deputy Grand Matrons, Thank you for the way you carried out your duties this past year. I hope you enjoy your visits throughout this jurisdiction, and you have made many Treasured memories.

WGM: The Response will be given by Sister Deborah Fox, District Deputy Grand Matron. District # 6.

**Sister Deborah:** Worthy Grand Matron Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ken on behalf of the district deputy grand matron's I wish to thank you for allowing us to be your district deputies during this past year. We are proud to serve you in this capacity and wish you a wonderful grand chapter session.

Deborah Fox, DDGM District 6

They were then escorted to the East and extended a hearty welcome.

**PRESENTATION OF 2018-2019  
GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

Brothers William Thompson, Chair, and Willard Nicholson, Sisters Linda Foote and Joan Mills – ESTARL; Carol Nielsen – Chair and Audrey Farquharson, Brother Roy MacKinnon – Registration; Anna Carr , and Jessica MacLennan - Membership Doreen Edgar – on Courtesy and Eastern Star Journal, Ann Ross and Elizabeth Moxsom – Courtesy; Michelle Gallant and Jean Millet – Publicity, Brothers Craig Savoury, Chair, Tony Szucs and Allison MacDonald, Rhonda Fader – Program Booklet; Sister Cheryl Ann Dempsey and Velda Forrest – Crafts & Treasures,

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

**WGP:** Our Grand Chapter Committee Members – what would our Grand Chapter be without the hard work and dedication of our Committee Members. We thank each of you for your efforts in making this, our “Treasured Memories” Session all that it could be – thank you, thank you, thank you

Your kitty cat quote is: There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.

**WGM:** The response will be given by Sister Velda Forrest, Chairperson on Crafts and Treasures.

**Sister Velda:** On behalf of the Grand Chapter Committee Members, I thank you for the warm welcome. We thank you for the privilege of serving as Committee Members for your Grand Chapter. May you gather many “Treasured Memories” during this Grand Chapter Session.

### **WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for 2018 – 2019 were introduced and welcomed.

The following Worthy Matrons were introduced: Sisters Marilyn Farrow – Cedar Atlantic # 3, JoAnne Giffin – Grace # 8, Carole Newell – Queen Elizabeth # 14, Julie Hennessey – Crystal # 1, Sheila MacDonald – Munro # 26, Anna Ford – Pearle Chapter # 71

Worthy Patrons present were: Brothers: Harold Farrow - Cedar Atlantic # 3, Larry Ingham – Elm # 48

Worthy Matrons in Other Jurisdictions: Sisters Ruth Jones –of Jessamine Chapter #75 in Massachusetts, Priscilla Ricks –of Berkley Chapter # 52 in Virginia

Worthy Patrons in Other Jurisdictions: Brothers Jesse Carr - of Queen Esther Chapter # 22 in Alberta, Denis St. Onge – of Hope Chapter # 184 in Ontario

**WGM:** Thank you for all the courtesies extended to me on our Official visits. I truly enjoyed each and every visit and because of you I have Memories that I will Treasure for a lifetime.

**WGP:** Thank you to all of you for making our year so full of “Treasured Memories” Each of you put in countless hours preparing for our official visit - the attention paid to the special addendums, the decorations and of course the lovely meals before the meetings and the refreshments afterwards at every meeting we were treated like royalty and the best part – we had fun at them all – well done and thank you

Your kitty cat quote is Cats do care. For example. they know instinctively what time we have to be at work in the morning and they wake us up twenty minutes before the alarm goes off

**WGM:** The Response will be given by Sister Christine Eidt, chair of the Grand Pages, and Brother Robert Turner, Chair of the Grand Guards.

**Sister Christine:** Thank you worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of responding on behalf of the Worthy Matrons to your gracious welcome.

As your representative in our Chapters we have had the pleasure of serving alongside of you. It was a joy to host you in each of our Chapter rooms and to assist you and Grand Chapter as Grand Pages.

Our wish for you is to gather many memories, blessings, and love as your “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session proceeds.

I would personally like to extend my thanks for the privilege of being Chair of the Grand Pages this year.

**Brother Robert:** Thank you for the opportunity of responding to your welcome. We as the Grand Guards, will effectively guard against the intrusion of cowans and eavesdroppers, suffer none to pass or repass, except those duly authorized, and with the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron. Thanks!

**WGM:** Grand Conductress – you will present our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons with a little remembrance of this Grand Session.

### **SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ELECTAS**

Three Subordinate Chapter Electas were introduced: Sisters Lucy Josey – Scotia Chapter # 49, Millie Wagner – Mystic Star #40, Fran Bourgoyne-Jackson – Elm Chapter #48.

**WGM:** It was a pleasure meeting and visiting with you as we made our Official visits. I hope you enjoyed your year as Electa in your chapters and take home many Memories from this Grand Chapter Session.

**WGP:** My Sisters, it is a pleasure to welcome our Chapter Electa's – our honor station for the year.

Thank you for reminding us at each meeting the simplest lesson of life - that we should “love one another”.

**Your kitty cat quote is** Some people have cats and go on to lead normal lives.

**WGM:** Grand Conductress – Present our Subordinate Chapter Electa's with a little remembrance of this Grand Session.

**WGM:** Sister Beth, Grand Conductress and Sister Irene, Assoc. Grand Conductress. Thank you for the wonderful job you have done for us tonight.

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 9, 2019.

**FORMAL OPENING**  
**Tuesday Morning, July 9, 2019**

The day started at 8:45 a.m. with the Masonic March coordinated by Elizabeth Moxsom, PM (55).

Those taking part were Brothers:

Brother Ken Conrod (61)	Brother Gerald Norman (49)
Brother Kevin Conrod (61)	Brother Tony Szucs (49)
Brother Ken Josey (49)	Brother Allan Reid (10)
Brother George Moxsom (55)	Brother Richard Preeper (55)
Brother Craig Savoury (55)	Brother Roy MacKinnon (19)
Brother Mike McGillivray (10)	Brother Kirk MacLennan (2)
Brother Shane MacFarlane (19)	Brother Robert Turner (8)
Brother Howard Ford (71)	Brother Norman Card (67)
Brother Bob Weidner WGP Quebec	Brother Phillip Roode (21)

The Grand Pages and Grand Guards took their seats.

The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter called to order by: Sister Edith Conrod, PGM (61) and Brother Murray Gardner, PGP (10)

**Sister Edith, PGM:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova scotia and Prince Edward Island, "The Treasured Memories" Session. I trust that you have all had a good night's sleep. Brother Murray it is Fantastic that I have the privilege of opening this session with you.

It is a special honour and privilege through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, that we call to order this formal session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is with pleasure that I welcome you all here today. A very special welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, along with General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and the many Sisters and Brothers from other Jurisdictions. I hope you will take some time to see our beautiful province and hopefully have time to travel to Prince Edward Island.

A sincere welcome to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Brother Fred Lipskey on Membership, Danny Campbell, Scottish Rite Charities, and Sister Jane Wooldridge Service Dogs also to Sister Maxine Smith Campfire Friend

Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Congratulations on your appointments we wish you well.

To our own Sisters and Brothers welcome to your own Grand Session, the business of our Grand Chapter begins this morning, we want you all to feel part of it and be free to voice your opinions on the matters being brought forward at this your Grand Session.

Brother Murray may we hear from you:

**Brother Murray PGP** Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. It is a great honor and pleasure for me to be in the East this morning, along with Sister Edith.

I extend a fraternal welcome to all of our members, and the many guests present, from near and far, to the Formal opening of this "Treasured Memories" Session of our Grand Chapter. I hope you enjoyed last evening's Informal Opening Session, and are ready to make more treasured memories at today's Session, followed by tonight's banquet.

**Sister Edith, PGM**, I now call to order this Formal Opening of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island "Treasured Memories" Session. Grand Marshall you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

**Sister Edith, PGM:** Sister Darlene and Brother Ken: I am pleased to be welcoming you to the Formal Opening of your Treasured Memories Session. Thank you for the honor and privilege of doing so. You have had a very successful year as you traveled through this jurisdiction visiting the Chapters some of them again and again throughout the year. Sister Darlene we have been friends for many years and I am pleased that you are now an Honorary Member of Queen Ester Chapter and look forward to seeing you often. Brother Ken as a fellow member of Queen Esther Chapter we are so proud of you and pleased to call you our own. You have certainly traveled near and far this year even going to Australia, but have never neglected your duties in our Chapter always ready to do whatever was asked of you. May you both have treasured memories to carry with you of your session.

**Brother Murray, PGP** Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ken, Worthy Grand Patron. I echo Sister Edith's welcome to the Formal Opening of your "Treasured Memories" Session of our Grand Chapter. You certainly had a "fantastic" year. Your Official Visits to the Chapters were very well attended. The Treasured memories Travel Club had us all busy gathering points and we have created many "treasured memories".. Sister Darlene, your presentations at Chapter meetings always contained an important moral message for the members to apply to their daily lives. Brother Ken, your remarks in support of the Philae Shriner's Travel Fund were very educational, and delivered with the passion you share for this wonderful charity to provide financial assistance to children and their families during times of great medical need. I wish you both well for the remainder of the

sessions, and many years to come. Thank you for asking me to open this Session along with Sister Edith. Thank you for the memory.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East where they were accorded Grand Honors.

**Sister Edith, PGM:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, I present you with your gavel and trust that you will use it wisely as you preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented at the Altar, conducted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

**WGM:** Sister Edith, and Brother Murray thank you both for presiding at this “Formal Opening” of our “Treasured Memories” session.

Sister Edith, It has been nice getting to know this past year and thank you for presenting me with my Gavel.  
Please accept this small gift from Brother Ken and I.

Brother Murray, thank you for your words of welcome and for always having a smile and a hug for me whenever we meet.

**WGP:** Sister Edith and Brother Murray, thank you for opening this our “Formal” session of our “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session.

Over the years you have both been supportive of me in my journey to the East of Grand Chapter.

Sister Edith, I know that the year has been a difficult one for you and one where you have not been able to travel as much as you would have liked, but I do know that if circumstances were different, you would have been right there supporting all along the way.

Brother Murray, we have been friends for a long time and I also want to thank you for all of your support over the years. I was honoured when you agreed to open our session this morning with Sister Edith.

Please accept this token of appreciation on behalf of Darlene and I for opening our Formal Session this morning.

### **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.

The Grand Officers performed the Opening Ceremony of Grand Chapter, and the Opening Ode, "Count Your Blessings" was sung. The Grand Chapter was then declared duly opened for the transaction of business.

The flag of Canada was presented by Sister Helen Szucs, Grand Marshal, "O Canada" was sung, and the flag was placed in the East.

**WGM:** Good morning everyone, I do hope that all have recovered from the late night and you are ready to get back to the business of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Marianne Shenefelt and Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Henry S. Martin. They were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, we are honoured with a visit by our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Maryanne and Brother Henry. I hope you enjoyed your evening last night. It is nice to see you this morning.

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honours to our Most Worthy Grand Matron

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honours to our Most Worthy Grand Patron

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

**Brother** George Supernault, **Associate Grand Patron of Vermont** introduced, welcomed, escorted to the East where he received Grand Honors..

### **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Sister Carol Nielsen**, (Chair) #21 of the Registration Committee gave the following report:

Members of this Jurisdiction	216
Visitors	110
TOTAL	326

The report was seconded by Sister Audrey Farquharson #1 PE and carried.

**WGM:** I call upon our Parliamentarian, Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP, to deliver Robert's Rules of Order which we will operate under during this session – Brother Adrian.

### **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 “Treasured Memories” Session.

Sisters and Brothers, as we approach the Business of Grand Chapter, let courtesy and love prevail, so we may all leave with Treasured Memories of our time together.

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. None may speak a second time to a motion until those wishing to Speak once, have been heard..
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 2018 MINUTES**

It was moved by the Grand Secretary that the 2018 Minutes be approved as printed and distributed. The motion was seconded by Sister Mary Reid, PGM #10 and carried.

### **REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

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

This year has gone by very quickly. It doesn’t seem that long ago that we were planning our Installation, and now here we are at your “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session.

When I started on this journey as your Worthy Grand Matron, I promised a year of dedication and service to our beautiful Order and I hope you feel that I have fulfilled that promise. As I stand here the memories flood back, and I am still humbled by the love and support from the members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

### **Dedication**

Our “treasured Memories” Session is dedicated to the memory of my mom, Sister Carol Little, who had encouraged me to take this journey, and her love and support has been sadly missed. To Sister Marjorie Conrod, the Mother of our Worthy Grand

Patron, and who has always there with a big hug. Brother Gerald Norman, and Debbie Ryan for their understanding, encouragement, and love, and to Scotia Chapter No. 49 and Queen Esther No.61 for their continued support and friendship.

### **Bible, Bible Marker, Emblem and Carrying cases**

I was honoured to be given Brother Allan Conrad PGP's Bible, that he carried with him to each chapter during the "Valley of Constancy, Faith, and Hope" session. As we visited the chapters, we were able to remember Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Chapters that had signed the Bible in 2004-2005.

The beautifully handmade Hardanger embroider Bible marker, which rested on its pages was made by Sister Shirley Conrad, PM of Scotia Chapter No. 49.

The carrying case for my Bible was a gift from Sister Helen Suzcs, Grand Marshal, and Sister Christine Eidt, DDGM, District #3.

I was proud to carry my mother's gavel with me and to have it used during our Official visits. My Sounding block and carrying case for my gavel were a gift from Brother Gerald Norman.

I would like to say a special Thank you to Brother Howard Ford for making the carrying cases that protected two very special and important item to me.

### **My Traveling Emblem**

My Cup was a gift to me from Scotia Chapter No.49. It was the original cup presented to Scotia Chapter in 1954 by the late Thelma Lowe from Armcrest Chapter, and I was honored to have it placed at the station of Electa in each of the subordinate chapter as I travelled throughout the jurisdiction.

### **Official Acts**

One of the most difficult and at the same time exciting responsibilities of a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is the selection of the appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. It was with much thought and consideration we appointed:

Grand Chaplain:	Kevin Conrod, (61)
Grand Marshal:	Helen Szucs, (49)
Grand Organist:	Eleanor Decker, (28)
Assistant Grand Organist	Louise R. Seeley (5)
Grand Adah:	Patricia (Trish) Wamboldt, (71)
Grand Ruth:	Michelle Boutilier, (61)
Grand Esther:	Dawn Wamboldt, (30)
Grand Martha:	Nadine Savoury, (55)
Grand Electa:	Rosemary Hayter, (10)
Grand Warder:	Everald Armstrong, (28)

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

District No.2  
District No.3  
District No.6

Carol Atkinson,(21)  
Christine Eidt, (49)  
Debbie Fox, PM, (52)

We are very proud of each of you and your support this year was more than we ever imagined or expected.

### **Reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons**

District #1: - Celtic Star #19, Blue Mills; Munroe #26, North Sydney; Queen Elizabeth #61, Sydney: Sister Irene Beeler, AGC, deputized all Chapters except for Munro Chapter No. 26, which was cancelled due to poor weather. It was rescheduled and visited by Sister Beth, GC. The books were found in good order. Some members struggled with details of the ritualistic work but were trying their best. Balloting should be practiced.

District #2: - Cedar-Atlantic #3, Wallace; Ceilidh #10, New Glasgow; Myrtle #21, Truro; Elm #48, Upper Stewiacke: Sister Carol visited all Chapter with the exception of Myrtle Chapter No.21 which was deputized by Sister Christine, DDGM district #3. Membership being low there were many protems in these Chapters. In two of the Chapters the books were not available, and the Assoc. Conductress lecture of was not heard. A few Members suggested a practice would benefit the Officers.

District #3: - Evening Star #28, Halifax; Mystic Star #40, St. Margaret's Bay; Scotia #49, Smith Settlement; Elmsdale #45, Elmsdale; Queen Esther #61, Dartmouth; Sister Christine deputized all Chapters except for Scotia Chapter No 49 as she was the Worthy Matron. Sister Carol deputized Scotia Chapter for Sister Christine. All the meetings were well attended and there was one (1) Candidate and one (1) affiliation. Not all secret work was available. All officers took pride in their work.

District # 4: - Grace #8, Lunenburg; Arbutus #30, Milton; Pearl #71, Caledonia. Sister Beth deputized the Chapters with the exception of Arbutus Chapter No 30 which was deputized by Sister Annie Mae Waterbury PGM. A second trip to see the Treasures books was necessary, overall the work in all the Chapters was well done.

District #5 - Mayflower #2, Kingston; Keystone #5, Hebron; Evangeline #15, Kentville; St. Mary's #35, Digby; Laurel #67, Berwick: Sister Helen deputized all the Chapters in her district and was well received. One chapter only had 2 Auditors sign the books. Reading from the ritual is becoming more common. Overall the work was done well.

District #6: - Crystal #1, Charlottetown; Regent #52, Central Bedeque; Montague #69, Montague: Sister Deborah deputized all the Chapters in her District. There were 2 initiations. The books were found in good order. A few star points didn't do their sign through the lecture, overall the ritualistic work was done well.

### **Irregularities**

Books not being present for the DDGM's visit.

DDGM having to make a second trip to inspect the books.  
Not taking one step back and then turning to walk out from the altar  
Someone other than the Assoc. Conductress handling the ballot box.  
Not using the Salutation Sign prior to balloting  
Star points not doing their sign during their lecture.  
All copies of the secret work not available  
Knocks not being used by the Warder when required.

### **Schools of Instruction**

In compliance with CL&R a School of Instruction was held on July 21, 2018, at the Dartmouth Masonic Hall, and hosted by Queen Esther Chapter No.61. The School was attended by the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Jurisprudence Committee

There were two (2) School of Instruction held for the benefit of the Subordinate Chapters:

September 8, 2018 was held in Halifax N.S. hosted by Evening Star No.28

September 29, 2018 was held in New Glasgow N.S. hosted by Ceilidh No.10

Members of the Jurisprudence Committee attended all the schools of Instruction, and the Officers exemplified the ritualistic work, followed by a question answer period. All the schools were well attended.

I would like to thank Evening Star No. 28, and Ceilidh No. 10 for opening their Chapter rooms for us to use, and for the delicious lunch offered. Everyone enjoyed their day.

### **Dispensations**

During the year fourteen dispensations were issued for satisfactory reasons  
To change the date of their regular stated meeting. Evangeline #15, Kentville.  
Myrtle #21, Truro.

To move the paraphernalia from the Chapter room to community center for the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Cedar-Atlantic #3, Wallace

To change to time of the meeting to accommodate the District Deputy Grand Matron.

Keystone # 5, Yarmouth. St. Mary's #35, Digby. Munro #26, North Sydney.

To change the time of their meeting. Munro # 26, North Sydney. St. Mary's #35, Digby. Mayflower #2, Middleton.

To change the date and time of regular stated meeting. Evening Star #28, Halifax.  
Montague # 69, PEI.

To hold a special meeting for installation of officers. Mystic Star #40, St. Margaret's Bay.

To change the place, date and time of regular meeting. Cedar-Atlantic #3, Wallace.

### **Questions and Answers**

1.Q: A DDGM called and asked if the Balloting had to be witnessed. It is not part of the initiation ceremony and it is not on the DDGM's report.

A: Yes, although it is not on the report, the DDGM Shall “witness an exemplification of the entire ritualistic ceremonies” duties of DDGMs CL&R Article 2 pg. 10

2.Q: Does the DDGM have to attend the ESTARL church service in her district?

A: Although it would be nice for her to attend the church service in the district that she is DDGM. It was not necessary if she looked after the necessary arrangements with the Minister and Chapters in her district to insure a successful ESTARL service.

3.Q: A concern of how the money was dispersed after the Chapter was closed. Who and what charities received donations and for how much?

A: After receiving the books, checking the warrants, and all the bank statement a detailed letter of the disbursement of funds was sent out to every chapter member.

### **Recommendations**

I recommend that the Grand Secretary adds the name, phone number, and address of the Treasures of the Chapters to the - Mailing list of subordinate Chapter officers. I recommend that members should be reminded that all concerns or questions should be in writing to the Worthy Grand Matron before they are passed on to any committee.

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

<b>Alberta</b>	Claude Shears (49)
<b>Arizona</b>	George Moxsom (55)
<b>Arkansas</b>	Corinne Neil (61)
<b>Australia</b>	Debby Ryan (61)
<b>Bolivia</b>	Robert Wells (27)
<b>Colorado</b>	Marianne MacMillan (3)
<b>Florida</b>	Gerald Norman (49)
<b>Idaho</b>	Mab Cole-Smith (8)
<b>Illinois</b>	Beverly Cooper (14)
<b>Indiana</b>	Arnold Dempsey (2)
<b>Iowa</b>	Mary MacLennan (2)
<b>Italy</b>	Dorothy Powroz (28)
<b>Kansas</b>	Margaret MacDonald (3)
<b>Kentucky</b>	Wayne Newson (1PEI)
<b>Maine</b>	Muriel Stases (28)
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Lawrin Armstrong (21)
<b>Minnesota</b>	Irene Bent (67)
<b>Missouri</b>	Karyn Grant (55)
<b>Montana</b>	Janice Cleveland (48)
<b>Nevada</b>	Michele Gallant (52)
<b>New Jersey</b>	Violet Cameron (10)
<b>New Mexico</b>	Kevin Ricketts (61)
<b>North Carolina</b>	Darlene Richard (28)
<b>North Dakota</b>	Pauline Rowter (71)
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Mary MacDonald (69)

<b>Ontario</b>	Vera Jean Cavicchi (40)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Anna Ford (71)
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Parker Morris (21)
<b>Quebec</b>	Darroch Fagen (52)
<b>Sao Paolo</b>	Tony Szucs (49)
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	Phyllis Jarvis (15)
<b>Utah</b>	Patricia Armstrong (71)
<b>Virginia</b>	Jack Walley (35)
<b>West Virginia</b>	Ruby Mac Kenzie (15)
<b>Wyoming</b>	Elinor Clark (19)

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

Alabama	Riannon Wilkerson
Arizona	Marvel Zeader PGM
Australia	Jennifer Fawns
Colorado	Russell Mason PGP
Connecticut	Stephen M. Kellner
Idaho	Jean Etter
Illinois	Karen Mills
Kansas	Margaret Paddock
Kentucky	Lannie Julian
Louisiana	Rev. Randall Jones
Minnesota	Barb Brihn
New Brunswick	Olive Trevevs
New Hampshire	Diane Fortier
New Jersey	Bert Decker
New Mexico	Karen Zahn
Nevada	Marie Frugoli
North Carolina	John Lawrence
Ohio	Pamela Blankenhorn
Pennsylvania	Betty A. Kagarise
Quebec	Heather Larucque
Saskatchewan	Karen Catterall
South Carolina	Carol Lovece
Tennessee	Linda Tester
Texas	Joy James
Utah	Deanna Phillips
Vermont	Debra Bushee
Virginia	Paul Cook
West Virginia	Janelle Savage
Wisconsin	Bonnie Clark
Wyoming	Don Porter

**Grand Council Meetings**

We meet formally on September 8, 2018 and again on March 30<sup>th</sup>,2019 to discuss cost saving opportunities, budget review and timeline, and to give approval to the budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

### Official Visits

I have enjoyed our travels as we visited all 23 Chapters, and I want to thank the Chapters for all the courtesies extended to us on our Official visits -the meals, gifts, the addendums, and the donations to our Special project were very much appreciated

August 2018

10 Cedar-Atlantic #3, Wallace  
14 Elm #48, Upper Stewiacke

September 2018

11 Keystone #5, Hebron  
13 St. Mary's #35, Digby  
26 Celtic-Star #19, Blue Mills

October 2018

3 Queen Elizabeth # 14, Sydney  
4 Munro #26, North Sydney (change)  
17 Grace #8, Lunenburg

November 2018

14 Elmsdale #45, Elmsdale

December 2018

4 Queen Esther #61, Dartmouth  
10 Evening Star #28, Halifax

March 2019

2 Evangeline #15, Kentville  
9 Scotia #49, Smith Settlement  
19 Mayflower #2, Kingston  
26 Ceilidh #10, New Glasgow

April 2019

1 Mystic Star #40, St. Margaret's Bay  
6 Arbutus #30, Milton  
16 Myrtle #21, Truro  
27 Pearl #71, Caledonia

May 2019

2 Regent #52, Central Bedeque, PE (change)  
3 Crystal #1, Charlottetown, PE  
4 Montague #69, Montague, PE (change)  
15 Laurel #67, Berwick

### **Special Events 2018**

- July 26<sup>th</sup> Attended as a guest of the Daughters of the Nile on the Supreme Queen Visitation  
Aug. 16 – 19<sup>th</sup> Attended the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire  
Oct. 27 – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Attended the General Grand Chapter Session – Orlando, Florida

### **Special Events 2019**

- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Attended the Potentate of Philae Shriners on their Annual Installation and Banquet.  
Mar. 29 & 30 Attended and participated in Maritime Exchange with the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Hosted a “meet and greet” for members staying at the Hotel on Friday evening  
Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> Attended annual Installation and Banquet the incoming Queen of Athena Temple #149, Daughters of the Nile.  
Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> Attended the 60th Anniversary Dinner Celebration of Queen Esther Chapter #61.  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Attended an Honor Tea for Helen Nicholson, AGM and the announcement of the Grand Officers for 2019 – 20  
May 7<sup>th</sup> Attended the honor night for Michelle Boutilier, Grand Ruth and Brother Kevin Conrod, Grand Chaplain, Queen Esther #61  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Attended the honor night for Sister Nadine Savoury, Grand Martha, Sister Eleanor Decker, Grand Organist and Brother Craig Savoury Chairperson of the Program Booklet Committee and Official Photographer. Elmsdale #55  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Attended the 70th Anniversary Celebration of St. Mary’s Chapter #35.  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Attended the honor Night for Carol Atkinson, DDGM District #2, Myrtle Chapter #21  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Attended the Homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.  
June 8<sup>th</sup> Attended the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia Communication.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> Attended the honor night for Helen Szucs, Grand Marshal, Tony Szucs Program Booklet Committee, Christine Eidt, DDGM #3. Scotia #49

### **50, 60- and 70-year Members**

Brother Ken and I had the pleasure to present many 50, 60, and 70-year pins, including a couple 25- and 35-year pins as well. Thank you to Sister Wilma Verge, PGM, Sister Doreen Edger (PM) presenting on our behalf when we couldn't be

there. I would like to also thank Sister Nora Moxsom P.M. (55) for making the Certificates that we presented.

### 50 Year Members

Elm No. 48	Janice Cleveland
Elm No. 48	Kaye Retson
Regent No. 52	Gladys MacRae
Queen Esther No. 61	Margaret Teasdale
Queen Esther No. 61	Linda McKay
Evening Star No. 28	Iris Newman
Evening Star No. 61	Gail Young
Evening Star No. 61	Helen Hazeldine
Mystic Star No. 40	Vera Jean Cavicchi
Myrtle No. 21	Earl Chisholm

### 60 Year Members

Queen Esther No. 61	Hattie Hagen
Evening Star No. 28	Emma Isner
Montaque No. 69	Georgie Gosbee
Grace No. 8	Charlie Teal

### 70 Year Members

Queen Esther No. 61	Florence Dares
St. Mary's No. 35	Jean Beckwith

### Donations

Arbutus No. 30	Official Visit
Carol Atkinson	Christmas Wishes 2018 and Homecoming
Lawrin Armstrong	Official Visit
Darlene Amirault	in lieu of gift for installing team July 2018, lieu of gifts for Scotia No. 49 officers 2019 In lieu of gifts for Flag Bearers, Committee Members, and Masonic March members, In Memory of Carol Little
Patricia Armstrong	Homecoming
Irene Beeler	Homecoming
Ron and Grace Boudreau	Homecoming
Michelle Boutilier	AGM 2017 Honor tea, Homecoming
Bonnie Boutilier	Honor tea, Homecoming
Ethel Brown	Christmas Wishes
Marion Buchan	Homecoming
Jean Beckwith	Homecoming
Kathy Balcom	Official Visit
Irene and Barbara Bent	in lieu of Christmas card for chapter members
Barbara Bent	in lieu of gift for Installation 2019 (67)
Barbara Brihan	Treasured Memories Session
Ken Conrod and Debbie Ryan	Honor night for Grand Conductress 2017 Ken didn't wear his bib

	Honor night for Michelle Boutilier and Mary Smith
Cedar-Atlantic No. 3	Official Visit
Crescent No. 70	D.D.G.M. official visit, 2015
Celtic Star No. 19	Official Visit
Ceilidh No. 10	Official Visit
Bev and Ted Calder	in lieu of gifts for Bev Wentzell, Queen of Daughters of the Nile in lieu of gifts for Committee member honor night
Margaret Clarke	Homecoming
Allan and Shirley Conrad	AGC 2016 and AGC 2017 Honor night AGM 2017 Honor tea Official Visit and Homecoming In lieu of a gift for outgoing Worthy Patron(49)
Edith Conrod	Homecoming
Rose and Bryan Campbell	Birthday gift
Gail Cook	Homecoming
Crystal No. 1 (PEI)	Official Visit in honor of Audrey Farquharson, Jane Woodridge, Helen Nicholson, Susan Eaton, Marion Miller, Corinne Hardy-Adams, Anna Carr, and Erin Jones
Crystal Chapter #1PE	
Crystal Chapter Past Matron's Club	Official Visit
Eleanor Decker	in Memory of Cecil Decker G.T.E. and Eveline Vogler P.M. in lieu of gifts for Honor nights at Evening Star No.28, Scotia No.49, Queen Esther No. 61, Elmsdale No. 55.
Cheryl and Allen Denton	Official Visit
Arnold and Cheryl Ann Dempsey	AGC 2017 Honor night
Marion Durling	in Memory of Ellen Garrard and Carol Little
Harry Daine	Christmas Wishes
Zeke and Susan Eaton	Homecoming
Evangeline No. 15	D.D.G.M. Visit 2016, and Official Visit
Evening Star No. 28	Official Visit
Evening Star Past Matron's Club	Official Visit
Elm No. 48	Official Visit and D.D.G.M. visit 2018
Christine Eidt	Honor night for Grand Electa
Elmsdale No.55	Official Visit
Linda Foote	Gift
Eleanor Freeman	AGC 2016 Honor night
Anna and Howard Ford	AGC 2017 Honor tea, and in lieu of gifts for Pearle No. 71 Installing Officers
Carolyn Galley-Card	Treasured Memories Session
The Gamblers	Homecoming
Grace No.8	D.D.G.Ms Visit 2015 and 2018, and Official Visit
Grand Representative Association	Treasured Memories Session

Murray Gardner	Homecoming
Mary Lou Higgins	AGC 2016 Honor night, AGM 2018 Honor Tea In lieu of gift for Janice Cleveland becoming a 50-year member In lieu of gifts for Officers of Elm No. 48, Homecoming Official Visit
Rosemary Hayter	Treasured Memories Session
Diane Hayman	Homecoming
Barbara Holman	Visit Elm No.48
Larry Ingham	Honor Tea, Homecoming
Lucy and Ken Josey	Official Visit
Keystone No. 5	Official Visit
Betty Ann Loughnan	Homecoming
John and Susan Lorimier	Official visit
Layrel No. 67	in lieu of Christmas card, Homecoming
Fred and Peg Lipskey	Official Visit
Montague No. 69	Honor night for members, profit for sale of pins
Carrie Dawn Moxsom	Official Visit
Mystic Star No. 40	Official Visit
Mystic Star PM and PP Club	Official Visit
Elizabeth Moxsom	in lieu of gift for 2017 Grand Esther, AGC 2017 Honor night Official Visit
Munroe No. 26	Official Visit
Midge and Don Medicraft	Official Visit
Mayflower No. 2	Official Visit
Myrtle No. 21	Official Visit
Irma Maxwell	AGM 2017 Honor Tea, Homecoming
Mary Mac Donald	In lieu of table gift at the Gd. Representatives luncheon Treasured Memories Session
Sheila Mac Donald	in lieu of gift for Gd. Representative Mary Smith, Christmas Wishes Homecoming
Linda McKay	D.D.G.M' visit 2015, Honor night 2016, Honor Tea 2018, Homecoming
Christine McGillivray	in lieu of gift for Janice Cleveland becoming a 50-year member, gift, Homecoming, In memory of William Jackson
Cora MacKay	Ed didn't wear his bib, Homecoming
Ed MacLaren	in lieu of gift for Installing Officers, Official Visit
Mary MacLennan	in lieu of gift honor night for Committee Members
Clara Nieforth	in Memory of Eleanor Mitchell PGM, Joyce Webster, Cyril Masters, Honor of the Grand Family, Official Visit.
Carole and John Newell	AGM 2017 Honor tea, in lieu of gift for Honor nights, Homecoming
Carol Nielson	in Memory of Tommy Nash and Ann Neil Holowatty
Joan Oderkirk	

Dorothy Powroz	Homecoming
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	Homecoming, Honor night for Grand Electa – Rosemary Hayter
Carolyn Phinney	in lieu of gifts for honor night
P.A.G.O.'s Association	In lieu of a gift
Pearle No. 71	Official Visit
LaVern Porter	gift (Sneakers LOL)
Queen Esther No. 61	D.D.G.M's 2017 visit
Queen Elizabeth No. 14	Official Visit
Regent No. 52 Past Matron Club	Official Visit
Regent NO. 52	Official Visit
Joyce Roode	Official Visit
Maureen Roddick	Gift
Marion Robinson	in lieu of gift for honor night
Debbie Ryan	Homecoming
Marylyn Swinimer	AGM 2017 Honor Tea
Mary Smith	Gift, Honor Night, 50/50, Homecoming
	Treasured Memories Session
Scotia No.49	D.D.G.Ms 2018 visit, Official Visit,
	Homecoming, In Memory of Own Baker, Clara
Scotia Chapter #49	Hines, Carol Little, In lieu of PP's gift for
	Brother Allan Conrad
Helen Szucs	Honor night, AGM's 2017 Visit, Homecoming
Maxine Smith	Homecoming
Betty Smith	Honor night AGC, and AGM, Homecoming
Nadine Savoury	Official Visit
Mab Cole-smith	Treasured Memories Session
Gd Chapter Committee Members	In lieu of a gift
St Mary's No.35	Official Visit, In lieu of PM & PP's bars for Stella
	Trask and Jack Whalley
Bill Thompson	Installation 2018
Bob Turner	Homecoming
Wilma Verge	Homecoming
Millie Wagner	Homecoming
Jane Wooldridge	Homecoming
Trish Wamboldt	in lieu of gift for honor night, Homecoming
Karen Watson	in lieu of Christmas card for Chapter Members
Dawn Wamboldt	Homecoming
Cathy Wilson	Maritime Exchange
Worker Bee's	Fund raising for an excellent Grand Chapter
	Session

### **Maritime Exchange**

In March of 2019 our Grand Chapter Hosted "Maritime Exchange" in Truro, Nova Scotia, and between the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick there were 120 in attendance. I want to Thank Scotia Chapter #49 for being the host chapter. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we were very proud of our Grand Officers and the work that they had done.

## **Jurisprudence Committee**

I want to thank Sister Marion Miller, PGM for taking on the responsibility of Chair of our Jurisprudence committee. I would have had a harder time if it was not for Marion. During the year on different occasions I spoke privately and individually with the committee. In June I sent the committee a copy of my report, and I would like to thank the committee and especially the Chair for all the guidance, advice and support throughout the year.

## **Special Project**

We are very grateful for the support this jurisdiction has given to our Special project the "**Children's Travel Fund of Philae Shriner's**" of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island your generosity is second to none, and I want to personal Thank each member who has made a contribution. I want to Thank Sister Jackie King (chair), and Sister Wilma Verge PGM (Co-Chair), and the Committee Members for the work they have done making our Special Project successful. Total raised \$24300.00

## **General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron**

Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM (Service Dogs), Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP (Scottish Rite Charities), Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP (Membership), Sister Edith Conrod, PGM (Credentials), Sister Maxine Smith PM (Campfire Friend)

It is an honor for our jurisdiction to have you serving the General Grand Chapter. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron has picked well. We are very proud of you and wish you only health, and happiness as you continue to serve our Order.

## **Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons**

Thank you for your support and encouragement this past year. It was nice to see many of you at our official Visits and other functions. You have led the way for all of us to follow, and your dedication to our Order is valued by all of us.

## **Grand Secretary**

Sister Diane PGM, you have had a difficult year with medical issues, and I hope things will get better for you soon. Thank you for your help throughout this past year and for keeping our jurisdiction up to date on issues concerning the membership.

## **Grand Treasurer**

Sister Faye, yours is a responsible position which helps to keep our financial affairs in order. Thank you for the efficient manner in which you and Finance Committee (Brother Jamie Lynch, Chair) handled the finances of our Grand Chapter.

#### **Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron**

Sister Helen, AGM and Brother Ed, AGP. The time is flying by and before you know it you will become our new leaders, and I wish for you a fun filled year as you fulfill your new duties and responsibilities. May you be blessed with good health and safe travels.

#### **Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Sentinel,**

Sister Beth, Sister Irene, and Brother Shane. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and Thank you for your support you have shown us this past year. My wish for all of you is that all your hopes and dreams come true as you continue your journey.

#### **Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons**

It has been wonderful sharing this year with you. You have performed your duties, travelled faithfully, and you have represented this Grand Jurisdiction well, and I'm very proud of you. I hope you have enjoyed your year and have made lasting friendships and wonderful memories.

#### **Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, and Choir**

Sister Eleanor, Sister Louise, Sister Kay, Brother Ray, and Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Choir: Each of you have a very special talent, and I am very jealous, because I cannot carry a tune to save my soul, but I love music. Thank you for sharing your talent with us these last few days.

#### **Worthy Matron and Worthy Patrons 2018-2019**

I have enjoyed visiting all 23 Chapters in our jurisdiction, and I want to thank the Worthy Matrons and the Worthy Patrons for all the courtesies extended to us on our Official visits - the meals, gifts, the addendums, and the donations to our Special project were very much appreciated

#### **Workers Bee's Committee**

There is always a group of people that take on the responsibilities for the work behind the scenes. Brother Ken and I were blessed with such a group. We called them the "Worker Bee's".

They contacted Chapters to supply food and workers for the hospitality suite. They looked after the decorations; and they made the ditty bags just to name a few things.

Brother Ken and I would like Our Worker Bee's to stand so we can say Thank you for all your support and hard work that has made our dreams come true.

### **Queen Esther No. 61**

It was a privilege to receive an Honorary Membership from the members of Queen Esther chapter at our Homecoming. I thank you for your kindness and hospitality that you have always shown me, and for the support that you have shown Brother Ken and I on this path to the East of our Grand Chapter.

### **Scotia Chapter No.49**

My Home Chapter – There is no place like home, and although I have enjoyed this journey it will be nice to be back in Scotia Chapter. I want to thank you for all your planning, encouragement, and support and for being there every time I need you. I will Treasure my Life Membership and I hope I will always be worthy of this honor. We have shared so many wonderful memories over the years you are not only friends you are Family.

### **My Family**

Brother Gerald, sometimes there are not enough words to express just how much having you beside me has meant. your strength, patience and support has meant so much to me. Thank you for all the thing that you have done behind the scenes and Thank you for joining me on this journey.

**I move the adoption of this report.** Seconded by Christine Edits #49 and passed.

The Grand Secretary reported that the ESTARL Collection was \$928.16.

**WGM:** Reported that a 50 Years Shriner's pin was found.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Two Grand Representatives were presented, welcomed, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

Brother Clyde Shears of Alberta in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Sister Debra Bushee of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Vermont.

### **WORTHY GRAND PATRON REPORT**

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron Distinguished East and Sisters and Brothers, especially the Sisters and Brothers of our Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is hard to believe that 12 months have come and gone since I was installed to the most exalted position that could be conferred upon a Brother– the office of your

Worthy Grand Patron. At the time of my installation I pledged to perform the duties of the Office to the best of my abilities. I have done my best to fulfill those duties and I hope that I have met your expectations.

It has been a tremendous honour and privilege to have served with you Sister Darlene in the East of Grand Chapter. You are a credit to Scotia Chapter #49 and I know that the members of the Chapter are very proud of you and your accomplishments over the past four (4) years.

Debbie and I have become close friends with you and Gerald over the past three (3) years. Not only "Star Friends" but close personal friends which was only accomplished through our journey together. I am thankful for the last three (3) years!

I pledged to support you as best as I could in my role as your Grand Patron. I hope that I have provided the required support and have been able to take some of the burden off of your shoulders this past year. By doing so I hope that I have been able to make your year as rewarding as mine has been. I believe that we have had a wonderful year- having fun at each stop along the way.

During this past year I traveled extensively throughout the jurisdiction accompanying the Worthy Grand Matron on all of her Official Visits. Special trips were made to Chapters to present Grand Representative Commissions to our members, to recognize our long serving members with the presentation of long service pins and many honour nights for the Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members. On each and every occasion I was welcomed with open arms, handshakes and the best part – many, many hugs!

At every meeting we enjoyed tremendous hospitality, fun and friendship. We are blessed in our Order of having tremendous talents within our organization- those talents were on display at each meeting. The warm welcomes at the Altar by every Worthy Matron, the creative addendums at most meetings, the creative decorations throughout the chapter room as well as the special refreshments made just for the occasion. I want to thank all of the Chapters and members for the down-home hospitality that was shown at each meeting during our year.

I had the honour to represent our Grand Jurisdiction through visitations across the vast "Eastern Star World". Road Trips were made during the 12 months to the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, the United Grand Chapter of Australia and in October 2018 I had the honour of presenting the Nova Scotia Flag at the General Grand Chapter Session in Orlando, Florida. I was accompanied by Brother Gerald Norman who presented the flag of Prince Edward Island at the same session. A full list of my itinerary accompanies this report.

I also want to congratulate our three (3) General Grand Chapter Committee members – Sister Jane Wooldridge, Service Dogs; Brother Fred Lipskey, Membership and Brother Daniel Campbell, Scottish Rite Charities on the receipt of their appointments from the General Grand Chapter Session as well as Sister Maxine Smith, Campfire friend of the Most Worthy Grand Matron – congratulations to all of you and I know that you will make our jurisdiction proud over the next 2 and a half years.

Our Grand Chapter had the privilege of hosting “Maritime Exchange” in Truro, Nova Scotia in March of 2019. I was honoured to perform the duties as Worthy Patron during the exchange where over 120 members of the Order were in attendance. I can say that the Worthy Grand Matron and I were extremely pleased with the Exchange and how proud we are of our Grand Officers that performed their work during the Exchange. I must also recognize the members of Scotia Chapter #49 for being the Host Chapter – thank you.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I want to thank you for your dedicated service to our Order and want to thank you for your timely advice when requested – thank you so very much.

To our Grand Family, as I mentioned in my acceptance speech at our Session last year, each of you have tremendous skills to offer our great Order. You have demonstrated those skills throughout the year whether it was at the various schools of instruction, Maritime Exchange or when asked to fill in at various Chapters in the jurisdictions. We also want to recognize each of you for your stellar attendance at the Official Visits and hope that you have enjoyed the year as much as Darlene and I. Thank you for your support.

To Sister Helen, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Ed, Associate Grand Patron, your year in the East of Grand Chapter will soon be here. I know that you have been busy preparing for the year and I sincerely hope that your year will be rewarding for you both.

To our District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for doing such a terrific job as the eyes and ears of our Worthy Grand Matron. I know that you have performed your duties commendably and we thank you for taking a leadership role in our Grand Family.

Sister Diane, our Grand Secretary, thank you for the work that you have done in keeping me in check with timelines and keeping me up to date on events. I know that the year has been a difficult one for you health wise, but I hope that you are on the mend and will soon be back to 100%.

Sister Faye, our Grand Treasurer, thank you for keeping close track on our pennies again this year. It seems that between you and the Finance Chairman, Brother Jamie Lynch, that the bugs have been worked out with the accounting system and things have been running smoother, but we still need a dedicated member to keep an eye on things – thank you for your dedication to the Grand Chapter in the role as our Grand Treasurer.

As Worthy Grand Patron, part of my duty is to advise the Worthy Grand Matron on Constitutional Issues and provide other advice as requested by her. I have provided that advice when requested. Also, an extensive explanation was drafted and given to our Worthy Grand Matron on an inquiry from a member on why women cannot become Master Masons. Various Masonic resources were searched as well as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and information was provided to the Worthy Grand Matron in an effort to respond to the member inquiry.

As Worthy Grand Patron it is also my duty to approve by-law changes and to make decisions with regards to interpretation of those by-laws. I wish to report that I did not have any By-Law changes submitted to me for approval or for any interpretations to Chapter by-laws.

It is also under my purview to grant dispensations for new Chapters, various duties involved with instituting and constituting new Chapter and to hear appeals of members for any grievances. I also wish to advise that I did not perform any duties with regards to instituting or constituting chapters over the 12 months as your Worthy Grand Patron and no appeals of grievances were forwarded during the past 12 months.

Three (3) schools of Instruction were held in 2018. One (1) for Grand Officers held in July and two (2) were held in September – one in Halifax and one in New Glasgow. They were well attended and the opening, closing, draping the Altar and Charter and the full initiatory work were performed along with a question and answer session. It should also be noted that the “Carry Ballot” was performed at the Halifax School and information regarding the suggested process of the “Carry Ballot” procedure were forwarded to the CL & R Review Committee for consideration in incorporation in the CL & R.

I attended two (2) Grand Council Meetings during the term and in accordance with the CL & R the budget for the upcoming year was reviewed in March 2019, adjustments made and agreed upon for presentation to this Grand Chapter Session.

Throughout the year Sister Darlene and I had the privilege of presenting 34 Grand Representative Commissions to members within our Jurisdiction (one (1) of the 34 will hopefully be presented at Grand Chapter assuming that the documentation

arrives in time). I hope that each of the recipients will enjoy their Commission and that you have many years of friendship with your reciprocal.

To our Grand Chapter Committee Members, the backbone of our Grand Chapter: a big thank you. The work of Grand Chapter could not be done if it were not for our Committee members. Some Committees perform their duties in advance of our Grand Session, and some perform their duties during our Grand Session – but regardless of when the duties are done, our Grand Chapter could not function without you. Thanks to each of you for all of the hard work over the past 12 months.

At each of our official visits I had the privilege of talking about our special project – the Children’s Travel Fund of Philae Shriners. I know that some of my messages were long, but I can only hope that they were interesting. The Shriners provide excellent care to children in need and the special project assists families to ensure that they can make it to their treatments by providing financial assistance with travel related costs. I want to personally thank our Chapters and members for supporting our special project through the purchase of pins, calendars, tickets on the painting and hardanger doily or through personal monetary contributions. A complete list of monetary contributions accompanies this report and tax receipts will be prepared and distributed later in the year.

This year the Worthy Grand Matron and I wanted to encourage members to travel and have some fun. With the implementation of the “Memory Makers” travel program I think that we have had some success. 110 members have participated in the program with over 88,000 points amassed by participants. Interesting to note, and most importantly, it gave members a chance to be recognized for their participation by doing things that are the foundation of our order – to visit other chapters, to fill in as an officer, to participate in chapter events or to visit shut-ins to name just a few - all things that make our order great. We will be recognizing all those that participated later in this session, but in advance I want to thank you to each of you for participating. A note of thanks should also be given to Sister Christine Eidt, DDGM of District #3, for all of the time that she has spent keeping track of the members points and ensuring that each member received their pin – thank you.

There have been so many people that that have been so generous in contributing their time and talents to make this year a success – too many to name without the potential of leaving someone out, however I want to publicly thank all of you for your work.

To the members of the Worker Bees Committee, with all of your hard work behind the scenes making this session such a success, I thank you. To the members of the “Homecoming” Committee for making May 25<sup>th</sup> such a memorable day and for the

recruitment of the “Special Talent” hired for the event. The solo “these boots were made for walking” and the Queen Esther Singers were simply - “Priceless”!

At the Homecoming I was honoured with a presentation of an Honorary Membership of Scotia Chapter #49 – a gift that I will cherish and thank you to the members of the Chapter. I look forward to becoming an active member and look forward to participating in your chapter activities.

Also at the gathering I was also presented with a life membership by my Chapter – Queen Esther #61. Words cannot describe how proud this has made me. The Chapter has welcomed me with open arms since my affiliation and the members have been so supportive during my journey over the past three years. Whenever I required assistance with a job, members were always willing to help. There are also instances of members completing jobs and not wanting to be publicly recognized for their service – you know who you are and I know who you are, I thank you for your assistance. I am truly grateful for the support of all members of my Chapter and for the honour of being presented with a life membership.

There are a couple of special people that I have to recognize, as without their support and guidance my journey would not have been possible. To my wife Debbie, I couldn’t and wouldn’t have done it without you. You have been at my side the whole way along the journey and I thank you for that.

To Brother Kevin, our Grand Chaplain, thank you for being a rock over the past 36 years of our membership in the Order. A bit of friendly competition happened over the years, but you were always there supporting me along the way – A true friend and brother – thank you.

And of course, to mum – my mentor. You have guided me along the way over the years and I am so glad that you have been able to see you’re “Baby”, make good. I couldn’t have done it without you – Luv ya!

In Conclusion, I want to thank the members of the jurisdiction for making this year so full of “Treasured Memories”. I hope that you feel that I have met my obligations as your Worthy Grand Patron and can only hope that I have earned those welcome words: “Well done thou good and faithful Servant, thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things...”.

2017

Bev & Ted Caulier	Honor night
Edith Conrod	Honor night
Barbara & Weldon Bowser	Honor night

Darlene & Gerald	Honor night
Bonnie Boutillier	Honor night
Michelle Boutillier	Honor night
Nora Moxsom	Donation
Ted Caulier	Donation
2018	
Betty Smith	Donation
Marion Durling	In Memory Of Ellen Gerrard
Arnold Dempsey	Donation
Bonnie Boutillier	Donation
Michelle Boutillier	Donation
Carol Nielsen	Donation
Betty Smith	Donation
Heather Matthews	Donation
Nora Moxsom	Donation
Ken Conrod	Donation
Queen Esther Chapter #61	Donation
Past Matrons Club - Queen Esther Chapter #61	Donation
Mary Smith	Donation
Ken Conrod	Donation
Christine McGillivray	Donation
Cedar Atlantic Chapter #3	Official Visit
Joanie and Richard Preeper	Donation
Elm Chapter #48	Official Visit
Marylyn Swinamer	Donation
Cheryl & Allan Denton	Donation
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	Official Visit
Munro Chapter #26	Official Visit
Carole & John Newell	Donation
Grace Chapter #8	Official Visit
Mary Smith	Donation
PM's of Queen Esther Chapter #61	Donation
Elmsdale Chapter #55	Official Visit

Cora MacKay	Donation
Joanie & Richard	Donation
Ken Conrod	Honour night: Mary Smith, Kevin, Irene & Michelle
Elmsdale Chapter #55 -	proceeds from sale of kitty / LB pins
Queen Esther Chapter #61	Official Visit
Evening Star Chapter #28	Official Visit
Carol Atkinson	Donation
Kevin & Karla Conrod	Donation
Bev & Vince Wentzell	Donation
Lynn Thurber	Donation
Olga & Wayne Beno	Donation
Phillip Roode	Donation
Ken Conrod	Donation
2019	
Evangeline Chapter #15	Official Visit
Scotia Chapter #49	Official Visit
Marian Durling	Florence Dares 100th BD
Ken Conrod	Florence Dares 100th BD
Ken Conrod & Debbie Ryan -	in lieu of gifts - GO's & DDGM honour
Ken Conrod & Debbie Ryan	in lieu of gifts for GCCM honour
Arnold Dempsey	Donation
Kirk MacLennan	Donation
Rosemary Hayter	Donation
Ceilidh Chapter #10	Official Visit
Mystic Star Chapter #40	Official Visit
Betty Ann & Brian Loughnan	Donation
PM & PP of Mystic Star Chapter #40	Donation
Vera Jean Cavicchi	Donation
Arbutus Chapter #30	Official Visit
Sylvia McCleave	Donation
Joyce & Phillip Roode	Donation
Myrtle Chapter #21	Official Visit
Christine McGillivray	Donation

Lawrin Armstrong	Donation
Regent Chapter #52	Official Visit
Crystal Chapter #1	Official Visit
Crystal Chapter #1 rec of GO's and GCCM's	Official Visit
Montague Chapter #69	Official Visit
Don Selig	Donation
Donna Lang	Donation
Pearle Chapter #71	Official Visit
Charlotte Enman	Donation
Michelle Boutilier	- in lieu of GO's and GCCMs
Laurel Chapter #67	Official Visit
Cedar Atlantic #3	Donation - sale of pins
Carol Atkinson	Donation
Nora & George Moxsom	Homecoming
Cheryl Ann & Arnold Dempsey	Homecoming
Maxine Smith	Homecoming
Mary Smith	Homecoming
Bev & Ted Caulier	Homecoming
Jackie King	Homecoming
Edith Conrod	Homecoming
Wilma Verge	Homecoming
Millie Wagner	Homecoming
Queen Esther Chapter #61	Homecoming
Debbie Ryan	Homecoming
Carol Atkinson	Homecoming
Shirley and Allan Conrad	Homecoming
Carol Nielsen	Homecoming
Marion Buchan	Homecoming
Jean Beckwith	Homecoming
Irene & Phil Beeler	Homecoming
Grace & Ron Boudreau	Homecoming
Fred Lipskey	Homecoming
Susan & Zeke Eaton	Homecoming

Dawn Wamboldt	Homecoming
Gloria & Bob Turner	Homecoming
Ed MacLaren	Homecoming
Bonnie Boutilier	Homecoming
Michelle Boutilier	Homecoming
Irma Maxwell	Homecoming
Mary Lou Higgins	Homecoming
Patricia Wamboldt	Homecoming
Murray Gardner	Homecoming
Margaret Clarke	Homecoming
Cora MacKay	Homecoming
Betty Smith	Homecoming
Susan & John Lorimer	Homecoming
Kim & Doug Tidgwell	Homecoming
Jane Wooldridge	Homecoming
Isabelle & Adrian Pearson	Homecoming
Anna & Charlie Carr	Homecoming
Marylyn Swinamer	Donation
Patricia Armstrong	Donation
Ken Conrod	In Lieu of Gifts Masonic March Members
Ken Conrod	In Lieu of Gifts for Flag Presenters
PAGO's Association	gift at Grand Chapter
Grand Representatives Association	gift at Grand Chapter
Grand Chapter Committee Members	gift at Grand Chapter
Linda MacKay	gift at Grand Chapter
Ken Conrod	In Honour of Lorraine O'Neil personal page
Ken Conrod	In Honour of Worker Bees
Ken Conrod	In Honour of Choir Directors Kay & Ray Horton
Ken Conrod	In Honour of Grand Guards
Ken Conrod	In Honour of Grand Choir Members
Ken Conrod	Honour of DDGM's Chris Eidt, Carol Atkinson & Debbie Fox
Ken Conrod	In Honour of Andrew MacDonald for Church Service

Ken Conrod	In Honour of Election Tellers
Mary Smith	gift at Grand Chapter
Ken Conrod	Sale of Pins
Norm Card	Donation at Official Visit

Total of Donations by received by the  
Worthy Grand Patron \$6910.00

Via Masonic Foundation	Donations received from Other Organizations	
Eastern Star Lodge #51	2018-07-01	\$600.00
Eastern Star Lodge #51	2019-07-01	\$600.00
CW Saunders Lodge	2019-07-01	\$800.00
	Total Other Organizations	..\$2000.00

Respectfully submitted, I move the adoption of my report. The motion was seconded by Sister Lorraine O'Neil #61 and passed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Sister Wilma Verge, PGM on behalf of Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP:** Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all, I am pleased to report, on behalf of the Committee on Unfinished Business that there was no unfinished business with which to contend during the past year.

Fraternal Submitted: Bro. Daniel G. Campbell, PGP; Sister Wilma Verge, PGM Bro. Lawrin Armstrong, PGP

The Report was moved and seconded by Sister Wilma Verge, PGM #28 and passed.

### INTRODUCTIONS

At this time Sister Hazel Grant, DDGM Instructor of Vermont was presented, escorted to the East and welcomed.

The following committee members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were introduced:

Registration – Sisters Carol Nielsen, Chair and Audrey Farquharson, and Brother Roy MacKinnon

Finance – Brother Jamie Lynch, Chair

Crafts and Treasures – Sister Corrine Hardy-Adams

Special Project – Sister Jackie King.

**WGM:** We will now have Jurisprudence Committee Report on Notices of Motion Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside

**WGP:** We will now deal with the notices of motion in the order which they appear in your materials:

I must remind members, that motions dealing with Changes to the Constitution section of our CL & R must have been submitted in writing at a previous “Regular Session” of Grand Chapter – ie, the Constitution Changes must have been submitted in writing at last year’s session in order to be dealt with today

Also, all motions require 66 2/3 % of the members voting for adoption.

We will be using the regular voting sign of the order. When voting I would ask you to hold your voting sign until I have had an opportunity to scan the room for votes. I will then instruct you to drop your voting sign and I will call for votes against the motion in the same manner

Are we ready to go?

### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE on NOTICES of MOTION**

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that all Notices of Motions were in order.

Moved by Sister Mary Reid, PGM #28 seconded by Sister Sheila MacDonald #26, PGM and passed.

### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**1. Sheila MacDonald** P.G.M. of Munro Chapter No. 26 moved that

Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters, Article 10, Page 16.  
Second last paragraph to be amended as follows;

Change 'must' to 'should whenever possible,'

and add a new sentence:

"If not possible, the Officer may use the Ritual if the Prompter has been informed ahead, so that only one Ritual is open in the Chapter at any time."

Seconded by: Sister Mary Reid, PGM (**10**)

Amendment was moved by Brother Kirk MacLennan and seconded that the new sentence be removed from the motion – amendment carried

The amended motion was called for and the motion was carried

**2. Margaret Clarke PGM of Laurel Chapter No. 67** moved that:

the following changes to the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2 Benevolence, page 32, Item 3 be deleted and be replaced with:

The Benevolent fund is permanent, and the investments are managed by the Benevolent Committee. The Grand Treasurer will receive instruction from the Benevolent Committee as to the direction of investments.

And Item 4 removed be replaced with:

The monies for benevolence come directly from the interest on the investments of these funds, donations from chapters or individuals and monies raised from other sources.

And that Item 5 be removed.

The motion was seconded by Sister Marion Buchan, PGM (67) and carried

**3. Sister Jane Wooldridge, Past Matron of Crystal Chapter #1(PEI)** moved the following motion:

Members of this Jurisdiction who have attained 50, 60, 70 or more years of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, and are attending ONLY the Informal Opening for the purpose of receiving the corresponding Jewel and recognition, shall pay a registration fee of no more than \$5.00.

If passed, this motion be added to the following sections of the C, L, & R: Constitution, Article 7, page 4, as a new # 5.

2. Laws & Regulations, Grand Chapter, Art. 3, Grand Chapter Committees and Their Duties, Registration (currently page 29), add as new #3(a)

3. Laws & Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 30, Fifty, Sixty, and Seventy Year Jewels, page 25, add as a new # 4, and renumber current #4 as new # 5, and current # 5 as new # 6.

The motion was seconded by Deborah Fox, PM (52)

An amendment to remove the \$5.00 fee was made by Sister Carol Atkinson, seconded by Sister Marian Durling, PGM (61) and the amendment was carried.

The amended motion was called for and it was carried.

**4. Brother Zeke Eaton PGP, Crystal Chapter No.1,** moved that the Laws and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters, Article 5, Surrendering Charter be amended as follows;

delete Sections 3&4 and then replace with:

A chapter may by resolution surrender its Charter, provided that,

- a. at least 30 days-notice has been given to each member of the Chapter that a resolution will be presented at a meeting of the Chapter to surrender the Charter,
  - b. the time and place of the meeting has been stated in the notice, and
  - c. the resolution has received the affirmation of sixty percent of the members present, or seven members, whichever is the greater number. For the purpose of this meeting, a quorum shall consist of seven members in good standing.
4. A resolution to surrender a Charter shall take effect at 11:59 PM on the last day of the month of the next regular meeting following the adoption of the resolution. The Secretary shall, prior to the effective date, issue demits to all members whose dues are not in arrears as of the effective date.

No new business shall be introduced following the adoption of a resolution to surrender a Charter, except that a motion to rescind the resolution may be made at the regular meeting next prior to the effective date. For the purpose of this motion, a quorum shall consist of seven members in good standing.

Upon adoption of a resolution to surrender a Charter, no disposal of assets or property of the Chapter shall be carried out other than the payment of the legitimate obligations of the Chapter. All the residual assets and property of the Chapter shall revert to the Grand Chapter immediately upon coming into force of the resolution, and shall be forwarded forthwith to the Grand Secretary.

Rationale: This is to clarify the procedure to be followed in the event of a Chapter deciding to surrender its Charter.

A seconder for the motion could not be found and the motion was ruled to be out of order due to no seconder.

**5. Brother Whitman Griffin PGP of Grace Chapter No.8, moved the following amendment(s) to be effective 2020**

**Duties of Worthy Grand Matron**

Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter Article 2 – Duties of Officers Worthy Grand Matron Page 3, Paragraph 9

Be changed to read:

“hold a School of Instruction in the month of August for the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and the Worthy Matrons (or their representative) from each Chapter, reviewing the ritualistic work as well as special instructions for the year at which time the Grand Officers will exemplify the Initiation Ceremony commencing on Page 52 of the Ritual “*The Associate Conductress gives five raps upon the door*” concluding on Page 80 of the Ritual after the prayer.” ;

Page 4, Paragraph 10 be Changed to read: “make her official visits to Chapters in the months of October, November, December, March, April and May to promote the welfare of the Order.”

## **Duties of District Deputy Grand Matrons**

Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter Article 2 – Duties of Officers District Deputy Grand Matrons Page 10

Delete Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 and substitute with the following:

1 they shall attend the School of Instruction held by the Worthy Grand Matron in the month of August for Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and the Worthy Matrons (or their representative).

2 immediately following her appointment, the District Deputy Grand Matron shall select one Chapter from the Chapters in her District in which to host a District practice meeting and a Saturday in the month of September for that purpose. The Chapter selected shall occupy the offices. The other Chapters in her District will be observers. The Host Chapter will provide tea, coffee and muffins for registration time. The other Chapters in the District will prepare and provide a pot-luck lunch. She will contact the Jurisprudence Committee inviting them to attend if they so wish.

3 The format for such meetings will be as follows:  
9:00 a.m. Registration coffee & muffins provided by the Host Chapter. The Secretaries and Treasurers and Worthy Matrons will meet with the District Deputy Grand Matron at which time she will inspect the Charters (photo will suffice), By-Laws, Records, 4 copies of the Secret Work, an up-to-date Ritual and one copy of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations from each Chapter.

10:00 a.m. The Host Chapter will be called to order by their Worthy Patron and will follow the procedures outlined in the Ritual for the opening of a Chapter.

Once the Chapter has been declared open, and the members are seated, the District Deputy Grand Matron will review the proper use of the raps at the door to ensure everyone is doing it correctly. She will then review the manner in which to escort the Worthy Matron to the East. She will explain the use of short form or regular (long) form in opening the Chapter. The protocol involved in the presentation of the Flag of our Country will be explained and exemplified. Also, the members will be instructed in the proper manner in which to address the Worthy Matron.

The District Deputy Grand Matron will review the proper manner used for entering or leaving a Chapter while in session. She will then randomly select members to demonstrate this for those present.

Presentation of distinguished members and visitors will be exemplified for those presented at the Altar and for those presented West of Esther's Chair.

The proper procedure for balloting will be explained followed by being exemplified by all those present.

The procedure for calling a recess will be explained.

11:30 a.m. The Degrees of the Order will be exemplified commencing on Page 52 of the Ritual "*The Associate Conductress gives five raps upon the door*" concluding on Page 80 of the Ritual after the prayer." .

12:00 noon Break for lunch – having been provided by the Chapters in the District except the Host Chapter.

1:00 p.m. The Host Chapter will be called to order with Officers and Members in their seats.

Once the Chapter has re-convened, the full proper procedures for the Draping of the Charter and the Draping of the Altar will be exemplified.

A review of the Eastern Star Funeral Service will be thoroughly explained.

2:00 p.m. Time for questions and answers.  
The District Deputy Grand Matron will explain the various corrections noted and will highlight the Instructions for the Year of the current Worthy Grand Matron.

The Distinguished Visitors will be given time to address the members.

3:00 p.m. The Host Chapter will be closed ritualistically.

4 Should a Chapter have a candidate for Initiation, the Chapter will notify their District Deputy Grand Matron and extend an invitation to her, if it is convenient for her to do so, to attend their pre-initiation practice to assist in seeing that the ritual work is properly rendered.

5 The District Deputy Grand Matrons shall organize the Annual District ESTARL Church Services to be held on any Sunday between the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and 30<sup>th</sup> of April and shall select a Chapter in her District to act as host. In conjunction with the Host Chapter, they shall select a Church, the date and time, and special speaker for that service. An offering will be received at the appropriate time to be forwarded to Grand Chapter to be added to the ESTARL account. The Host Chapter shall select an appropriate venue in which to hold a time of refreshment following the service.

6 The District Deputy Grand Matrons will each receive discretionary money from Grand Chapter in an amount established each year by the Finance Committee in their budget. This is to cover incidental expenses, such as fees to the Clergy and Organist at District ESTARL Services.

7 The District Deputy Grand Matrons will perform such other duties as may be prescribed to their office.

If the foregoing Notice of Motion is passed, the following should be added to ensure clarity in the procedures followed

Laws & Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 3 Grand Chapter Committees And their Duties ESTARL Pages 30 and 31

Second Paragraph, Page 30

ADD

any monies received from the Annual District ESTARL Church Service

The motion was seconded by Sister JoAnne Giffin, PM (8) and defeated.

**6. Brother William A. Thompson, PGP**, Ceilidh #10 and Chairman of the ESTARL Committee moved the following:

CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 3 Section on Grand Chapter Committees: page 30 "ESTARL"

Add section(C) subsection 1. After (\$5000.00) the words "Restricted Funds"

Add section(C) subsection 2. After (\$3000.00) the words "Restricted Funds"

Remove section (C) subsection 3. "Mae Chapter - \$ 3300.00 "

Add section(C) subsection 3. After each of (\$2000.00) and (\$18,000.00) the words "Restricted Funds"

Remove from section (C) subsection 5. "10% of "

Remove from section (D) subsection 1.

"1. A minimum amount of \$1000.00 and a maximum amount of \$1,500.00 per student approved from the ESTARL Fund. "

and replace with "1. An amount of \$ 1000.00 shall be the amount of the ESTARL Award."

Change section (D) subsection 3. By changing the amount of "\$2000" to \$1000"

Remove from section (D) subsection 4. "4. The maximum amount shall be issued if there are excess funds in the ESTARL account. (An Award shall be an even amount i.e. \$1000 or \$1200 or \$1500). "

Add section (D) subsection 4 "4. Any unused funds in the ESTARL Fund after December 1st may be invested to "Become Available" for use as an award on December 1st of the following year. (This does not apply to the Restricted Funds)

Remove from section (D) subsection 5. "5. In the event of an extraordinary funding occurrence, the ESTARL Committee shall call a meeting with the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, to decide on a course of action. (A.M. 2004)"

Add in Terms of Reference section (H)after 1. "The Financial Needs of the Applicant," and renumber the remaining orders of preferences to 2. 3. & 4.

Add in Terms of Reference section (E) subsection “1.” before “ESTARL Awards”

Add in Terms of Reference section (E) a new subsection after the words “More than two Awards” the following “ 2. Number of Awards may vary from year to year depending on funds received.”

The motion was seconded by Brother Willard Nicholson, PP (1 PEI)

An amendment was made by Sister Edith Conrod, PGM (61) and seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz, PM (40) that “If funds are available” – the amendment was carried and the amended motion was then carried

**7. Sister Diane Hayman, Grand Secretary,** Past Grand Matron, PM Ceilidh #10 moved that the Laws and Regulations Grand Chapter Article 21 Grand Representatives section 3 second last word be, changed from 2 to 3 years.

This was seconded by Sister Mary Reid, PGM (10) and carried

**8. Sister Mary M Reid, PM** Ceilidh Chapter #10 moved the following:  
Book of Instruction for Grand Chapter Article 11 – Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Grand Chapter:

**Duties of the Grand Sentinel** – delete “and to assist the Associate Grand Matron with the paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter.”

**Duties of the Associate Grand Patron** – delete “and to assist the Associate Grand Matron in preserving of the paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter,”

**Duties of the Associate Grand Matron** – delete “to see that the paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter is properly preserved,”

The motion was seconded by Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69) and carried.

Sister **Mary M Reid, PM** Ceilidh Chapter #10 also moved the following:

that the Past Grand’s club present the following as a Motion at the next General Grand Chapter Session on behalf of our Jurisdiction:

**Associate Grand Matron** – “that the paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter be properly preserved”

This was seconded by Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69)

The chairman confirmed that the motion as put forward was not in order as the Past Grand’s Club is not a recognized body within our Constitution

After discussion it was agreed that the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island would put the motion forward to the next General Grand Chapter Session and therefore the motion as presented as follows:

the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will present the following as a Motion at the next General Grand Chapter Session on behalf of our Jurisdiction:

**Associate Grand Matron** – “that the paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter be properly preserved”

The vote was taken and the motion was carried.

WGM this completes all motions put forward to this assembly and it is with pleasure that I return the gavel into your care.

**(The following motions were passed in 2018 but were not published in the proceedings: )**

### **MOTIONS PASSED 2018**

1. 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.

2. C, L, & R, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 3, currently begins on page 25, add new committee: Service Dogs

The Service Dogs Committee shall promote and encourage support and recognition of Service Dogs, the permanent identifying charity of the Order of the Eastern Star. The members shall be knowledgeable, informative and well-spoken regarding Service Dogs and provide support to those involved in this effort throughout the jurisdiction. Members shall serve for three years in conjunction with the Triennial of General Grand Chapter.

3. Add as No. 3 to Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter: Article 9, Page 36  
"Honorary Memberships shall be given to all Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who visit our Grand Chapter during their appointment."  
This shall take place effective immediately,

4. Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters Article 8, Paragraph 3, Page 8  
Officers - Election and Appointment Delete this paragraph and re-word as follows:

Officers must be members of the Chapter at the time of election or appointment, provided said officer is not offering for the position of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, and Secretary in more than one Chapter at the same time.

If the foregoing Motion is carried, it will change the wording in the following sections:  
Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters Article 16, Paragraph 4b, Page 16a  
Plural Membership, Privileges:

Book of Instructions Subordinate Chapters Article 30, Paragraph 3, Page 59  
Election of Officers

5. CL&R Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 3 Section on Grand Chapter Committees, Page 30 and 31, "ESTARL"

Delete entire section on ESTARL and replace it with the following:  
ESTARL

1. The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) program is a permanent project of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of NS and PEI.
- 2.
3. The ESTARL committee shall consist of five members, on a rotating basis; one to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron each year for a five-year term. In the event of death, resignation, removal or inability to act as a member of the Committee the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint another member to fill the remaining term of the vacated appointment. The member with the longest service shall be the Chairperson. The Committee will receive applications for Awards, co-operate with the different Colleges, present the Awards and promote interest in this special project.

(C) The funds available to the ESTARL committee each year shall be known as the "ESTARL Fund" and shall be obtained in the previous business and current business year of Grand Chapter up to October 31st as follows: (Amendment was made)

1. the interest from the Permanent ESTARL fund (\$5000.00)
2. the interest from the J.W. McLellan Memorial Bursary (\$3000.00)
3. the interest from the following Chapter donations:  
Mae Chapter- \$3300.00  
Emerald Chapter-\$2000.00  
the interest from Parks bequest (\$18,000.00)
4. donations from Members, Chapters and other individuals excluding those intended for addition to permanent and restricted funds. (A.M. 2016)

5. 10% of the unused funds available in the ESTARL account in the previous year.

(D) The ESTARL Committee shall issue Awards as follows:

1. A minimum amount of \$1000.00 and a maximum amount of \$1,500.00 per student approved from the ESTARL Fund.
2. A Part Time Award shall be issued to part time students and will be proportional to the number of courses being taken within the school calendar year.
3. A Post Graduate Award of \$2000.00 for any previous recipient of the ESTARL Awards to further their education for a Master's or Doctorate degree if there are sufficient funds available in the excess in the ESTARL Fund.
4. The maximum amount shall be issued if there are excess funds in the ESTARL account. (An Award shall be an even amount i.e. \$1000 or \$1200 or \$1500). To raise the amount of a part time award will be at the discretion of the committee
5. In the event of an extraordinary funding occurrence, the ESTARL Committee shall call a meeting with the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, to decide on a course of action. (A.M. 2004)

Terms of Reference ESTARL Committee

(E) ESTARL Awards are available to students from this Jurisdiction for the religious ministry, religious leadership, religious education or church music, of a religious denomination recognized by the Canadian Council of Churches and attending a school, college, or university recognized by that denomination. Students must be in their second or higher year of full time theology study and who have not received more than one previous Award. Partial Awards are available to part time students enrolled in those programs as outlined, provided proof of completion of equivalent course requirements for first year of full time study is submitted by the University. Part time students may receive up to the equivalent of two full time Awards in more than two Awards.

(F) Those persons who have held the position of Church Musician for at least the past two years and are pursuing studies in Church Music under private tutoring from a qualified instructor recognized by the Royal Canadian College of Organists will also be considered for an ESTARL Award. Students in this category will be required to submit in writing a letter duly signed by the instructor stating that the applicant is currently taking this instruction. Students shall also include a letter from the Church where they are currently employed as a Church Musician. Students in this category may receive up to the equivalent of two full time Awards in more than two Awards. (A.M. 2002)

(G) To be eligible for an Award a completed application form must be received by the ESTARL Committee on or before October 31. The application may be submitted by a Chapter or an eligible student.

(H) If at the time of final Awards selection, the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available Awards, the committee shall respect the following order of preference: 1-Applications sponsored by a subordinate Chapter, 2- Applicants with a home address within the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, 3-Applicants with a home address where the Order of the Eastern Star is not recognized.

(I) Payment of Awards shall be made by cheque through the Grand Secretary not later than December 15th and be payable jointly to the applicant and a Qualified Instructor for School Music, or the school, college or university named which they are attending.

(J) The ESTARL Committee has the final authority in issuing Awards to qualifying applicants within the framework of these Terms of Reference.

6. Laws and Regulation of Grand Chapter Article 2 Duties of the Grand Secretary item #4 delete the words "Credentials and".

Laws and Regulation of Grand Chapter Article 3 Duties of the Grand Chapter Committees - Jurisprudence Committee #6 change "9" to "8".

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 3 Duties of Grand Chapter Committees add the following Committees:

Publicity Committee: The Publicity Committee shall consist of a member from each district appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron for a term of 1 (one) year. The Worthy Grand Matron shall designate one of these members as chair of the Committee.

It shall be the duty of the chair of the Committee to prepare, have the Worthy Grand Matron approve, and the Grand Secretary send out to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter a letter requesting the Chapters submit to their District Representative write ups, and pictures concerning members of their Chapter during the current Grand Chapter year. The members of the Committee will then get together and prepare a scrapbook for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to be presented when they make their official report at Grand Chapter.

Librarian: A Grand Chapter Librarian is to be selected each year by the Worthy Grand Matron.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Chapter Librarian to keep information concerning addendums, Honor Nights, Special Presentations, etc that would be of use to Subordinate Chapters or members. The Grand Chapter Librarian upon request provide this information to be used and then returned.

Chapters who create their own addendums etc. should offer such information to the Grand Chapter Librarian for inclusion in information to be used by others.

A report is to be presented at Grand Chapter.

Crafts and Treasures Committee: The Crafts and Treasures Committee shall consist of members from each district appointed yearly by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint one member to be chair of the committee.

The Committee shall decide ways to raise funds for Grand Chapter. The chair shall prepare a letter informing the Chapters how the funds will be raised as request a donation towards the project, have the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron, and have the Grand Secretary send the letter to all Subordinate Chapters. Members of

the Committee will collect donations from the Chapters and see that they are delivered to Grand Chapter prepared for the project.

The Committee has the power to decide, in consultation with the Worthy Grand Matron, to include a New to You Section which would sell clothes, accessories, books, etc. The Committee would notice the Chapters of this decision and collect donations from Chapters and members as in the paragraph above.

When making their official report at Grand Chapter, this Committee would inform the membership of any winners (if selling tickets is involved).

International Headquarters: The International Headquarters Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed yearly by the Worthy Grand Matron. She shall designate one member as chair of the Committee.

It is the duty of this Committee to send a letter to the Subordinate Chapters, with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron, informing the Chapters that a fee is to be remitted to the Grand Secretary for every initiated or affiliated new member to the Chapter.

The chair of the Committee should check with the Grand Secretary in the Spring of the year to see if this has been done and to send a reminder out to the Chapters. A report is to be presented at Grand Chapter.

WGM/WGP Special Project: The WGM/WGP Special Project Committee shall consist of members from each district appointed yearly by the Worthy Grand Matron. One member will be appointed chair of the Committee.

It is the responsibility of the chair of the Committee see that packages containing the items to be sold are passed out to all Chapters after the Installation of Officers, to open a bank account and deposit money as received from the Chapters, issue a cheque to the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron to reimburse them for the purchase of the items sold, issue a cheque to the charity on the Opening Night of Grand Chapter, and issue a final cheque to the charity when all donations have been received.

It will be the duty of this Committee to distribute to all Subordinate Chapters items (i.e. pins, calendars, etc) the Worthy Grand Matron has for sale to raise funds for her Special Project. Upon request, additional items are to be sent Chapters or members. Chapters will remit the money received for items sold making the cheque payable to the chair of the Committee.

A report is to be presented at Grand Chapter outlining the net proceeds from the sale of each item, donations, etc.

Webmaster: A Webmaster and anyone assisting will be appointed yearly by the Worthy Grand Matron.

It is the duty of the Webmaster to keep an updated Home Page for the Grand Chapter. Report to Grand Chapter any costs this might incur and receive

permission to purchase appropriate service to fulfil our needs. Information to be included could contain: names or Grand Family, names of Grand Representatives, names of members of Grand Chapter Committees, information concerning the next Grand Chapter Session (including forms), forms supplied by the Grand Secretary for Subordinate Chapter use, other publications approved by Grand Chapter. Some of this information may be stored in a "members only area" with passwords (if required) supplied by the Grand Secretary.

The Webmaster will present a report at Grand Chapter as to how the system is working, any problems, and recommendations.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 8 – Ceremonies add: Ceremonies included are Consolidation of two or more Chapters, Opening and Closing Ceremony for Grand Chapter (Book of Instruction of Grand Chapter Article 11), and Institution of a New Chapter.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 23 Amendments: Delete items 2 – 8 Add item 2 – see Constitution Article 12 Amendments items 3 – 11

Book of Instruction of Grand Chapter Article 14 Amendments: Delete items 2 – 8. Add item 2 – see Constitution Article 12 Amendments items 3 – 11

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 32: Delete items 2 – 8. Add item 2 – see Constitution Article 12 Amendments items 3 – 11

Book of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters Article 44 Amendments: Delete 2 – 8. Add item 2 – See Constitution Article 12 Amendments items 3 – 11

7 Laws and Regulations Subordinate Chapters delete Article 31A A Consolidation Ceremony and move to Book of Instruction Grand Chapter Article 14.

Renumber the current Book of Instruction Grand Chapter Article 14 - Amendments to Article 15.

Article 31 instructs the Subordinate Chapters what is to be done in order to consolidate with another Chapter(s).

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar

The Marshal proclaimed the session from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 pm.

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 9, 2019**

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

**WGM:** The Grand Chapter is opened for the transaction of business.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Silent Auction closes at 7 pm and the winners will be announced at the banquet this evening.

Incoming Officers and DDGMs are to go to Room 111 at 6 pm to pick up packages for next year.

Masonic cover button is on the Secretary's desk has been claimed.

### **INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS** (not previously introduced)

Sister Ann Wight Grand Representative of Texas in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

### **MINUTES OF TUESDAY MORNING**

Moved by Sister Diane Hayman PGM, Grand Secretary, seconded by Sister Mary Reid, PGM, and passed.

### **PARTIAL REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

Voting members	216
Visitors	110
Total registered	326

This report was moved for acceptance by Sister Carol Nielsen PM (61), Chair, and seconded by Brother Roy MacKinnon #19 Motion was carried.

**WGM** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our subordinate chapter secretaries to the West for introduction.

### **PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES**

The following 13 Subordinate Chapter Secretaries for 2018-2019 were presented: Brother Kirk MacLennan, Mayflower #2, Sister Marion Durling Cedar Atlantic #3, Bother Whit Giffin, PGP, Grace #8, Laverne Porter, Evangeline #15, Sisters Ann Wight, Myrtle #21, Carol Yates, Munro #26, Anna Carr, Crystal #1 PE, , Doreen Edgar Evening Star #28, Betty Ann Loughnan, Mystic Star #40, Fran Harding, Regent #52, Nora Moxsom, Elmsdale #55, Carol Nielsen Queen Esther #61, Peg Lipskey, Laurel #67.

**Welcome to Subordinate Chapter Secretaries by Grand Secretary**

**Sister Diane, PGM, and Grand Secretary:** Dear Chapter Secretaries: Thank you

again for attending Grand Chapter and it is always good to see you in the line of Chapter Secretaries.

To all who will be returning as Secretary and others who have agreed to take on this job, your dedication to your duties is greatly appreciated by this Grand Secretary and I look forward to another great year ahead together. Let me close with this little verse entitled "Secretary".

Endless phone calls, you will take  
Endless deadlines you will make  
Answering questions through the day  
Making sure nothing goes astray.

Our Subordinate Chapters are beyond compare  
With you knowing exactly what to find and where  
Your cheerful smiles reach far and near  
Telling all you meet they are welcome here.

Thank you, Chapter Secretaries for all you do.  
We surely would be at a loss without each one of you.

Diane Hayman PGM Grand Secretary

The response was given by, Sister Nora Moxsom, Secretary of Elmsdale #55.

**Sister Nora Moxsom:** Sister Diane, Grand Secretary on behalf of the secretaries of the subordinate chapters I would like to say thank you for your kind words and for all of the time and effort you give to us throughout the year. Without your help and guidance I am sure some of us would be very confused, but you are always available to answer questions and give us advise (when asked). Your encouragement and patience with our many questions helps us to carry on and do our best for our chapters. Your dedication to our Grand Chapter is unlimited and very awe inspiring. Although your health has not been good over this past year, you are still trying to answer emails and calls when necessary. Once again from the subordinate chapter secretaries "Thank you" and Good health in the future.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me and Elmsdale Chapter #55 by allowing me to respond.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

**Sister Diane Hayman P.G.M., Grand Secretary:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all:

It is hard to believe another year has passed and we are back here in Truro at Grand Chapter.

This year our own golden chain has been left unbroken and for this we are truly grateful. With fraternal sympathy once again I have recorded the death of many Brothers and Sisters in our Jurisdiction, as well as in other Jurisdictions, including Brothers Tom Benton, PGP of Oklahoma and Frank Fenner PGP Massachusetts. both frequent visitors to this Grand Chapter. Our Chapter numbers remained unchanged at 23.



### STATISTICS:

MEMBERSHIP 01 June 2018 to 31 May 2019	
No. of Members reported to 01 June 2017 –	1,381
No. of Members Initiated:	6
No. of Members Affiliated:	82
No. of Members Re-instated	0
No. corrected due to previously reported decrease	2
<b>Total – Increase in Membership</b>	<b>90</b>
No. of Members Died:	49
No. of Members Demitted:	153
No. of Members Deleted or Suspended	24
No. of Members Deleted and presumed dead	0
<b>Total – Decrease in Membership</b>	<b>226</b>
NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 31 MAY 2018	
No. of Chartered Chapters:	23
No. of Members paying full Per Capita	1,245
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation	19
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership	21

Please change the following in 2018 Proceedings on page 78:

#### Statistics: Membership

01 June 2015 should be 2016 and to May 2016 should be 2017.  
 Number of Members reported to 31 May 2016 should read 1423.

Just a reminder again to Chapter Secretaries and Members in general that we do have Membership Certificates at a cost of \$1.00, which make a nice gift to newly

Initiated members, or if you haven't one of your own, I could likely find one personally signed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron of that year; or if not, their names could be added.

Just a reminder to anyone writing cheques, make them out to Grand Chapter OES NS & PEI. Good to see so many using the memo line with information re cheques (ESTARL, invoice #, etc).

Appreciation: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all: Another Grand Chapter Year has ended and I hope that I have performed my duties in a satisfactory manner. Despite some health setbacks again this year, I have always tried my best to fulfill what is expected of me. To all the members being there with your Get Well Wishes and Good Thoughts, they were always very much appreciated. My family and friends are amazed by the number of cards decorating my kitchen walls. A special thanks to Sister Faye for patience and guidance.

Thanks for all you do for Grand Chapter and me – it is all very much appreciated. Another special thanks to Sister Mary for all her help throughout the year and always being on call.

Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ken, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you both for your friendship, during this "Treasured Memories" Session, and I hope that our friendships will continue as we move into the future. I am certain that you have enjoyed a great year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and I trust that the Treasured Memories made this year, will last forever. The lists of ESTARL and other donations will be printed in the proceedings.

I move the adoption of this report. The report was seconded by Sister Sheila MacDonald #26 and carried.

## **ESTARL DONATIONS 2018 – 2019**

### **Mayflower Chapter No. 2**

Chapter Donation In Memory of Brother Harry Rand

### **Cedar Atlantic No. 3**

Chapter Donation in memory of Catherine Durling  
Chapter Donation

### **Keystone Chapter No. 5**

Chapter Donation

### **Ceilidh Chapter No. 10**

Chapter Donation in memory of Sisters Bonnie Linklatter, Shirley McEwan, and Brother Allister Thompson  
Sister Diane Hayman, PGM in memory of Sisters Bonnie, Shirley and Brother Al  
Sister Sharon Ward in memory of Brother Allister Thompson  
Brother Bill and Sister Hilda Allen in memory of Brother Al  
Chapter Donation in memory of Brother Dan Thompson and Sister Oliver Munroe

Chapter Donation

**Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14**

Chapter Donation in memory of Sister Joyce Webster

Chapter Donation

Chapter Donation

Chapter Donation in memory of Sister Blanche Roper

**Evangeline Chapter No. 15**

Chapter Donation in memory of Sisters Helen Little, Lena McLean, Marg Murphy,  
and Brother Gill Grant

Sister Marg Brougan in memory of Sister Marg Murphy

**Celtic Star Chapter No. 19**

Chapter Donation

**Myrtle Chapter No. 21**

Sister Christine McGillivray in memory of Sister Eleanor Mitchell

Chapter Donation in memory of Brother Nelson McEwan

Sister Christine and Brother Mike in memory of Brother Nelson McEwan

Chapter Donation

**Crystal Chapter No. 1 PE**

Chapter Donation

**Munro Chapter No. 26**

Sister Sheila MacDonald in memory of Robert Conrod

**Evening Star Chapter No. 28**

Chapter Donation

**Arbutus Chapter No. 30**

Chapter Donation

**St. Mary's Chapter No. 35**

Chapter Donation

**Mystic Star Chapter No. 40**

Chapter Donation

**Elm Chapter No. 48**

ESTARLChurch Service

**Scotia Chapter No. 49**

Chapter Donation

**Regent Chapter No. 52**

Chapter Donation

Past Matron's Club

Sister Doris Paynter in memory of Sister Eleanor Mitchell  
Sister Helen MacEwen  
Sister Debbie Fox  
Worthy Matron's Special Project

**Elmsdale Chapter No. 55**

Chapter Donation

**Queen Esther Chapter No. 61**

Chapter Donation in memory of Sister Eleanor Mitchell  
Chapter Donation

**Laurel Chapter No. 67**

Chapter Donation  
In Memory of the Veterans

**Montague Chapter No. 69**

Chapter Donation  
Donations from Sister Donna and Brother Junior White

**Pearle Chapter No. 71**

Chapter Donation  
Eleanor Freeman in memory Sister Eleanor Mitchell  
Eleanor Freeman in memory of Sister Rhoda Tupper

**District ESTARL Church Services**

District No. 1	\$402.00
District No. 2	\$314.50
District No. 3	\$254.30
District No. 4	\$254.50
District No. 5	\$395.00
District No. 6	\$360.00

ESTARL Church Service at Grand Chapter 2019      \$928.16

**Past Grands Club**

In Honor of the Gail & Cook's 55<sup>th</sup> & Ward & Cunningham's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries  
In Honour of the Adrian & Belle Pearson's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Edgar & Marion Miller  
65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Memory of PGM Sister Eleanor Mitchell

**Grand Representatives Association**

**BENEVOLENT DONATIONS**

Monies from Silent Auction July 2019  
Laurel Chapter No. 67  
Laurel Chapter No. 67  
Ceilidh Chapter No. 10  
Elmsdale Chapter No. 55

Evangeline Chapter No. 15  
Grace Chapter No. 8  
St. Mary's Chapter No. 35  
Mayflower Chapter No. 2  
Grand Representatives Association

### **SCOTTISH RITE CHARITIES**

Grand Representatives Association  
Daniel Campbell, GGCCM donations received

### **INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE**

Celtic Star Chapter No. 19

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

At this time Sisters Elizabeth Moxsom and Ann Ross on Courtesy were introduced, welcomed, escorted to the East and warmly welcomed.

## **PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS**

Eight Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were introduced, and welcomed by the Grand Treasurer: Sisters Heather Matthews, Cedar Atlantic #3; Rosemary Hayter, Ceilidh #10, Irma Maxwell, Evangeline #15, Susan Wroe, Evening Star #28, Amelia Whalley, St. Mary's Chapter #35, Brother George Moxsom, Elmsdale #55, Sister Mary Smith, Queen Esther #61; Sister Marion Buchan, Laurel #67

### **Welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers**

**Sister Faye, Grand Treasurer:** On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I would like to welcome you to our "Treasured Memories Grand Session". I know we all have had a busy year in our chapters but I am sure a rewarding one. The Office of Treasurer is a very responsible job to making sure books are balanced and monies deposited plus record of all income and expenses. I know you all have done your best. We hope for you another successful year in 2019 – 2020.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene, and Brother Ken thank you for inviting me to give this welcome.

The response to the welcome was given by **Brother George Moxsom**, and Treasurer of Elmsdale Chapter #55.

**Brother George:** Sister Faye, on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers – I thank you for your kind words. I also wish to thank you for your dedication and service to our Grand Chapter.

Sister Darlene and Brother Ken, thank you for asking me to give this response. May you enjoy a successful session that will leave you with many wonderful memories.

## 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 very quickly and all things seem to be doing good. All bill have been approved by the Finance Committee and cheques forwarded. Monthly reports go out to the Finance Committee at the end of the month and since I have not had any responses I presume they are receiving them.

Still need to have some instructions as to ESTARL. As this past year things got very confusing when bursaries were to be sent. Hopefully Brother Bill will get this all straightened out.

Sister Diane has had a challenging year but still kept things running smoothly, we hope 2019 – 2020 is a better year for her health-wise. My health has settled down somewhat but guess the rest is due to my age so sometimes have to take it easy. Thanks, Diane for all your cooperation.

Many thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me to serve. They have done great work and I wish them all of the best in the future. Thanks to the Chapters I have visited for their many courtesies.

QuickBooks system is going better, many thanks to Brother James for being so prompt in helping us correct something or just explaining it to Sister Diane and I. Jamie we could not have done without you.

If elected, I look forward to serving another year as your Grand Treasurer. All the best to Sister Helen and Brother Ed in their coming year. Good health and happiness to all.

The Grand Council had approved the budget and the Finance Committee will present it along with the year-end reports that were in your registration packages.

Sister Faye moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Sister Mary MacLennan, Mayflower Chapter #2.. **Report Carried.**

**WGM:** Grand Conductress and Assoc. Grand Conductress, you will present our subordinate chapter Electa's to the West for introduction

## PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ELECTAS

At this time five Subordinate Chapter Electas were introduced: Sisters Millie Wagner, Mystic Star #40, Fran Bourgoyne-Jackson, Elm #48, Lucy Josey, Scotia #49, Nadine Savoury Elmsdale #55, Irma Maxwell, Laurel #57.

**Sister Rosemary Hayter**, Grand Electa welcomed the Sisters:

**Sister Rosemary:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy

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

It is an honour and a pleasure to extend a sincere welcome to our subordinate chapter Electa's who represent the honour station of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this year. Just as Electa was renowned for charity and hospitality, I hope that you are enjoying the hospitality of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at this Treasured Memories session. And as we all note in our Electa's charge, I also hope that your lives are indeed overflowing with blessings. Thank you for serving your chapters well as Star Point Electa's and for participating in this Grand Chapter session.

Thank you so much Sister Darlene and Brother Ken for the honour of welcoming our Sister Electa's and the honour of serving as part of your Grand family.

The response was given by **Sister Lucy Josey #49**.

**Sister Lucy:** On behalf of the subordinate chapter Electas I thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken for selecting the Mother station of Electa as your honor station this year. We, your Electas, wish for you a successful Grand Chapter Session may the love and kindness you both Have shown to all Sisters and Brothers be returned to you many times over and may your "Treasure Chest of Memories" that you have gathered this year bring you much joy and happiness.

On behalf of Scotia Chapter #49 and myself, I thank you for the privilege of responding to the warm welcome this evening given by Grand Electa.

**WGM:** There is always a group of people that take on the responsibilities for the work behind the scenes. Brother Ken and I were blessed with such a group. We called them the "Worker Bee's". They contacted chapters to supply food and to work in the hospitality suite. They looked after the decorations, and they made the ditty bags just to name a few things. They fun raised by selling tickets and sheets to cover some of the expense of these things. Brother Ken and I want Our "Worker Bee's" to stand so we can say Thank you for all your support and hard work that has made ours dreams come true.

### **2018 – 2019 Memory Makers**

**WGM:** Presented with pins were: Diane Hayman, Janet Johnson, Everal Armstrong, Margie Burhoe, Jean Beckwith, Margaret Melville, Grace Boyd, Larry Ingham, Cora MacKay, Edna Zinck, Charlotte Enman, Lorraine O'Neil, Barbara Bent and Irene Bent

**WGM:** We had so much fun this year with Memory Makers. We made new friends and got reacquainted with old friends. It was nice to see our membership travel more, and Worthy Grand Patron we have some results.

**WGP:** During the year we had 22 of our 23 Chapters participating in the program.

There were 111 members from those that submitted forms to DDGM Sister Christine Eidt.

From the 111 forms submitted, 89,155 total points were accumulated and average of over 800 points per member.

597 times a member took another member to a meeting

540 times members attended an official visit

153 times a member filled an office at another chapter

There were 523 visits to a chapter over 1 hour away; and

there were 459 visits to shut ins.

**WGM:** It gives me great pleasure to announce the member accumulating the most over the past 12 months was Sister Nora Teal, Worthy Matron of Evangeline Chapter #15 who accumulated 4015 points

Unfortunately, Sister Nora could not be with us today but I would as a representative of Evangeline Chapter to come forward and accept the award on behalf of Sister Nora

Sister Grand Conductress will you escort Worthy Matron Sister Jean Millet of Evangeline Chapter #15 to the East to receive a gift for Sister Nora.

Sister Grand Conductress will you escort Sister Jean Millet of Evangeline Chapter #15 back to her seat.

**WGP:** I also have statistics on the Chapters participating:

As mentioned 22 of our 23 Chapters participated in the program 17 members of a chapter submitted sheets totalling accumulated 13,380 points – an average of 787 ½ points per person

**WGM:** I would ask the members of Queen Esther Chapter #61 that participated in the program to rise

Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, could you escort the members of Queen Esther Chapter West of Esther's Station.

Sisters and Brothers of Queen Esther Chapter, Ken and I want to thank you for your chapters participation in the Memory Makers program

Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you escort Sister Lorraine, Worthy Matron to East and conduct the members of Queen Esther Chapter back to their seats.

Sister Lorraine, I want to present you with this Certificate of Appreciation for the Chapters participation in the program and a certificate for a half page ad in next years Program Booklet. Thank you and congratulations.

Sister Grand Conductress will you escort Sister Lorraine back to her seat.

**ADDRESS OF MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

## AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

**Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all.

WGM Darlene and WGP Ken, it is a wonderful pleasure to be a part of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island's "Treasured Memories" Grand Chapter Session. Your Grand Chapter Room is lovely. Thank you to those who have made it so nice for you, and for us.

Congratulations on the impressive donation given to the Shriners Children's Travel Fund. What a great job you did! Thank you to Brother Andrew for singing "Peace in the Valley." This is special to me because it was one of my Dad's favorites. I am so honored to be a member of the "Order of the Good Time." Thank you WGM Darlene and WGP Ken for taking care of getting my membership in this prestigious and oldest social Club in North America. I believe it would be accurate to say I am most likely the only member residing in Wyoming. I love that!

I would like to thank these fine Sisters and Brother who agreed to represent Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island and are serving the General Grand Chapter as Committee Members: Brother Fred Lipskey on Membership; Brother Dan Campbell, Scottish Rite Charities; Sister Jane Wooldridge on Service Dogs; and Sister Maxine Smith, my Special Appointment, my Campfire Friend for Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. Your service is appreciated and I am proud to have you as a part of the 2018-2021 team. I am also proud of the Tri-Line for this Triennium. They are enthusiastic leaders who are working to make a difference: Sister Darlene and Brother Ken; Sister Helen and Brother Ed; and Sister Beth and Brother "to be elected." Thank you for your leadership and dedication to our Order. Thank you to all these Sisters and Brothers for their commitment to serving.

Thank you to my Page, Sister Linda Foote. Sister Linda, I appreciate your help and thank you for being right there for anything I might need. Thank you for your warm welcome to the General Grand Chapter Officers who have come to share your Grand Chapter with you and also the General Grand Chapter Committee Members who are here. If I may, I would like to recognize my Wyoming Sisters and Brothers who are visiting. It is awesome to have them here.

It is a pleasure to be in the home Jurisdiction of Sister Margaret Clarke and the late Brother Fred Clarke. I have wonderful memories of being with Brother Fred and Sister Margaret in the beginning of this adventure. I still miss Brother Fred and I'm sure you all of you do too. It's great to be with you, Sister Margaret. I treasure your friendship.

I would like to report the terrific start we are getting with the Service Dogs Program. The wise and forwarding thinking voting delegates in Pittsburgh made service dogs our permanent, primary, on-going identifying charity. This was a giant step in the right direction. We had a wonderful kick-off for the Service Dogs Program in Orlando and things are going GREAT! Some of the fun things that are going on are

collecting dollar bills with the capital “D” on them; Dog Photo Calendar; Mutt Strut, a dog costume parade; 50/50 raffles; a golf tournament; Dice for Dogs; a Fur Ball. A cruise benefitting Service Dogs is scheduled for 2020. It is set to sail out of Port Canaveral on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and return March 14<sup>th</sup>. Information is available now on the website MWGM1821.com. I hope you will check it out and put this fun activity on your calendar.

The fundraising efforts are going well. The newest quarterly reports from Jurisdictions are coming in and nearly \$300,000 has been raised—and most Jurisdictions are just now getting started! With the first six months of activity showing just shy of \$300,000, we will raise over one million in three years and meeting our goal of two million is definitely within reach.

Along with Service Dogs, we have chosen to emphasize membership and our International Headquarters Building. Even though we’ve “gone to the dogs,” we also continue to support our long-standing General Grand Chapter charities such as ESTARL, Youth, Heart and Cancer as shown by the General Grand Chapter Committee appointments for these important charities. Your continued support is appreciated.

I would like to share with you some interesting information from a professional survey that was given to 650 people—the general public—by the Associate Grand Conductress of New Mexico, Sister Sabrina Pack. Sister Sabrina works for SkyWest Media and is a marketing whiz. She has a doctorate in marketing, with an emphasis in research, and a huge heart dedicated to Eastern Star. She has done extensive research work for New Mexico Eastern Star and their declining membership, which we all suffer from. She shared her findings with General Grand Chapter’s elected line and the Right Worthy Grand Trustees.

One of the emphasis of her survey was on the impression our traditional “corporate” or internal emblem or image makes on the public—those who do not understand its special meaning or what it represents. She asked what impression the emblem made, what they thought it meant. We love it because we understand it—it means everything to us. We hold it dear. This is very important for you to hear me when I say: we are NOT changing our traditional emblem or getting rid of it. We are adding a promotional logo. Here are some of the thoughts from the public about our emblem: 550 found it to be confusing and unclear; 240 thought it was a poor image; 115 thought it was Masonic; 90 thought it meant something about death because of the word “FATAL.” Over 320 said it referenced something negative. It has a pentagon; has the word FATAL; it’s evil; the devil; Satanic; Wiccan because the star has the white point down; the star is upside down; it’s a cult. We’ve all heard being referred to as a cult. I didn’t think about this misperception being connected to the emblem we present to the public. Sister Sabrina did extensive research about having an additional promotional brand logo to present to the public. A friendly, open, forward moving logo was developed and I want to share it with you. You are not required to use it and remember it is not replacing our traditional emblem—it is in addition to. The effort is to promote ourselves with this “brand” logo. This initiative has been endorsed by General Grand Chapter.

It's no secret our membership continues to decline. I believe we have to pull out all the stops and do what we can to rebuild our Order. Sister Sabrina asked this question on her survey: "If you are looking to belong to a service/charitable type organization, why?" and asked them to rank their responses. The top answers were: 35% to make a difference in the lives of others; 24% to experience fellowship/friendship; 23% to gain a better sense of purpose; and 22% to be a part of a family/team. My Sisters and Brothers, we are all of these things! We offer what people are looking for—they just don't know it. We need to get their attention without all the negative misconceptions. This is possible! Our Sister's research has shown a simple step of a promotional brand logo will help make a positive difference. Because you have been asked to have your phones turned off or silenced, I would ask you to take a look later when you have a chance at this website to see the logo: [oestools.org](http://oestools.org). I hope you will find this additional logo useful and helpful in your efforts to bring attention to our Order and to engage people who are interested in learning more about us. There is a Style Guide on the website to click on that has some helpful hints and suggestions for success.

I would like to share with you today a story told by a speaker from Texas named Ed Foreman, who borrowed it from Paul Harvey, and I'm borrowing it from the both of them so you're hearing it third hand, but I hope you will enjoy it just the same. It is about a set of circumstances and a newspaper headline. A young artist just received a commissioning to paint a portrait of a local builder. He was so excited and feeling so good, it was the first major commissioning he had ever received, so he went down to the local sidewalk café and bought a bottle of wine and he was drinking that wine in celebration of that commissioning that he had received to paint this portrait. And while he was sitting there drinking the wine, he looked over in this chair about ten foot away and there was a newspaper laying there with the headlines face up that said, "Hard Times Are Coming." And the more he looked at, the more he thought about it, the more uptight and the more frustrated and the more worried he became. And so the restaurant owner came by in a moment and he said, "Shall I get you another bottle of wine? Or maybe some snacks?" And he said, "No, bring me my check. I must go." He said, "Is something wrong?" He said, "Hard times are comin' and it's no time for me to be frivolously spending my time sitting here drinking wine. I've got to get to work." So he left.

And the restaurant owner got to thinking about it—Hard times are coming? And the more he thought about it, the more uptight and more frustrated and worried he became. And so he went over and picked up the phone, he called his wife and said, "Sweetheart, you know that new dress you've ordered for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet? He said, "That's an awfully expensive undertaking for a once or twice a year wearing and I understand hard times are coming." And he said, "Maybe if you could call them. Maybe we could put that off for a year or cancel it all together." She said, "Well, all right." So she went to the phone, she picked it up and she called this local dress shop. She said, "I certainly hate to call you about this. I know you've measured me up for that beautiful new dress, you ordered the material, but my husband, the restaurant owner, says hard times are coming and we need to pull in our purse strings, be a little more frugal and I'm going to have to put off at least a year or maybe cancel all together the order on the beautiful new dress that you're making up for me." He said, "Well, we certainly hate

to hear it, but we understand.” And so the dress shop owner got to thinking about it and the more he thought about it, the more uptight, the more frustrated and anxious he became. And so he went over and picked up the phone and he called his local builder. And he said, “I certainly hate to call you about this, but,” he said, “I understand that hard times are coming.” He said, “You know those plans we’ve been going over to double the size of my dress shop?” He said, “This is a terrible time for me to be taking on that type of obligation.” And he said, “I’m going to have to cancel those plans for you to add on to my dress shop.”

Well, some of you are already way ahead of me. The builder got to thinking about it and called this young artist. And he said, “I understand hard times are coming and this no time for me to be frivolously spending my money to have a commissioning for a portrait to be painted.” And he said, “I’m going to have to cancel that commissioning I gave you to paint my portrait.” So the young artist in desperation and sorrow, went down to the little sidewalk café to drown his sorrows in a bottle of wine. And there was he was sitting there drinking the wine and he looked over in this chair about ten foot away. And there was this newspaper with the headlines face up that said, “Hard Times Are Coming.” He walked over and he picked it up and he examined it very closely. And the dateline was TEN YEARS OLD. They had put the paper there from when they had been unpacking dishes for the restaurant. And yet the headline that it had conveyed had infected the entire thinking of that community and they were preparing for, and guaranteeing that, hard times were on the way.

When I think about this little story, it seems that we in Eastern Star may be preparing for and guaranteeing that we will cease to exist just like that community prepared for and guaranteed that hard times were on the way. It seems like we are spending time and energy worrying about the end when we could be using that same energy and time letting others know the good things that are happening in Eastern Star. Look at us—here we are today gathered with our family and friends, we’re enjoying each other, we have the comfort that our Ritualistic work offers us and being a part of the unique opportunity to contribute good works to the world. We are willing to spend our time, our energy and our money to come together for the special friendship and fellowship Eastern Star offers. Each one of us is making a difference by directing our energies toward the well-being of our Order. When you are feeling good about what you do and enjoying yourself, others will want to join you and be with you in what you do. I think it would be true for most of us that we would not be particularly interested in joining an organization if we thought it was dying. Let us enjoy what we have, tell those who are eligible about what we do and be willing to share with them how they can be a part of us. If each of us would bring in one new member, our membership picture would improve dramatically. The main reason why people don’t join? No one asks them to join. Ask them, my Sisters and Brothers.

It is my custom to end my talks with a laugh. Laughter is a universal language. Here’s a funny we can laugh at together (MWGM Marianne told a blonde joke).

I want to say again what a wonderful time I’ve had and thank you for the many generous courtesies you have extended to me and for having me as your guest.

My room is great, the meals have been delicious and your hospitality has been over the top. Frank and I enjoyed the Tattoo in Halifax—it was the best one yet. Nova Scotia is a wonderful and beautiful place, and I have had a terrific time! Thank you.

In closing, I want to leave you with this: “Let’s Do Our Best for OES!” and remember—I love you a bushel and a peck!

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron was given a standing ovation.

**Brother Henry Martin, MWGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It is certainly my pleasure to be with you and this membership at your Treasured Memories session. We visited you several times a few years ago during the 2009 – 2012 Triennium, and got to know many of you personally, and we really enjoyed those visits and friendships that we made. We have been looking forward to being with you during this Triennium.

We have been busy since the first of this year, traveling to Guam, Manila, Taiwan, Brazil, eleven states in the U.S., and two provinces of Canada, and it has been a remarkable experience. We have met many dedicated people, who love Eastern Star, and it has been a real pleasure. I often say that you meet the finest people in Eastern Star Chapters and these visits to subordinate chapters and Grand Chapters have verified my statement.

My focus during this Triennium is on membership. I am focusing on membership because our Order in the United States and Canada is facing a declining membership and we must take action to turn this decline around or at least slow it down. Now I don’t claim to have the total answer. But it seems apparent that we must take action to introduce our Order to outsiders and make it sound attractive.. We are facing a world that offers so many other attractions that compete for the attention of people. So the question we must answer and communicate to others is “why should someone join Eastern Star and spend their time, effort, and money going to meetings”? You and I know the answer, it’s fellowship with others, friendship that often becomes a lifetime relationship, and charitable activities that benefit others, among other reasons. And you can probably name many other reasons why we enjoy Eastern Star. Is the reason that less people are joining us because they don’t know about us or what we do? Sisters and Brothers, if that is the case, then the answer is to make more people aware of our Order.

Our Order, for many years, has supported ESTARL, Heart, Cancer, Scottish Rite charities, and Shrine charities. And these are all very worthwhile and we continue to support every one of them. But having several charities makes it difficult for non-members to know who we are and what we do. We have been the Shriners, who also have supported a number of charities, decide to focus on one charity, and that is the hospitals. They will tell you that having this one identifying charity has made a big difference in the number of people who know who they are and what they do.

And that is the primary reason why, at the General Grand Chapter Session in 2015, it was voted to make Service Dogs our primary and identifying charity. If we have one charity for which we are primarily known, it becomes easier for people to

recognize our Order. And today, Service Dogs and dogs in general are very popular. It's difficult to watch television and not see dogs in at least 40% of the commercials. And we believe that Service Dogs will capture the public's imagination and, with the right publicity and continued emphasis, I think that in 2 – 3 years, when people see a Service Dog, they will think of Eastern Star.

There is another aspect that may be a way to help. As we have traveled, we hear members everywhere who talk about initiating people and then after a few months, these people are no longer coming to Chapter or participating with us in any way. Why is this? The night they were initiated, they were excited about becoming a member of our Order and we were excited about having them as a member. So what happened? What made someone who was enthusiastic about our Order, who spent their month, and went through our investigation procedures, suddenly become so disillusioned that they no longer want to have anything to do with us? Well, I don't believe that it was because of something that they did. I think we should realize that they did not get out of the Order what they expected. And whose fault is that? I think we can find the reason by looking into the mirror. Did we take the time to teach them about our Order, what are the signs and when do we use them, do they know about the Secret Work, what is the Ritual and does it contain? Did we ask them to do something in the Chapter, like becoming an officer next year, or serve as a Pro Tem (even though they might have to read their part), like help in the kitchen, help with the decorations for that dinner next month? And when they were absent one meeting, did we call them and tell them they were missed, and ask what the reason was, and can we help, and we hope to see them at the next meeting?

So Sisters and Brothers, let's mentor these new members and make them a real part of our Chapters. Everyone wants to feel they are important and our new members are no exception. So, let's make them feel like they are an important part of our Chapter, because, Sisters and Brothers, they really are. Sisters and Brothers, General Grand Chapter is committed to doing everything we can to help the subordinate chapters and the Grand Chapters make progress with correcting this declining membership, but General Grand Chapter can't actually bring in new members. It is you, the subordinate Chapters who must attract, initiate, and retain the new members. So let's work together and I am convinced we can once again become the active and vibrant organization we all love.

In closing, let me tell you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron how much my wife and I have enjoyed being with you. I want to thank you for all of the courtesies that have been extended to the office I hold and to my wife and me personally. And we certainly look forward to being with you again.

Sister Mary Lou Higgins PGM and Brother Lawrin Armstrong PGP representing the Past Grand Clubs were invited to the East where they recommended that Honorary Memberships be given to: Sister Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM, Brother Henry Martin, MGPW, Sister Gail Sprague Of Maine, Brother Joseph PGP, and Sister Donna Russo, PGM of Massachusetts. Sister Mary Lou then moved we give these Honorary Memberships, seconded by Brother Lawrin, and passed.

These members were then escorted to the East where they received their Honorary Memberships.

The following Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Jurisdictions were also given Honorary Memberships in our Grand Chapter: Sisters June Carr, Alberta; Joyce Mathis, California; Constance Vick, Massachusetts and PGM; Barbara Bruhm, Minnesota; Dr. Karen Fields, Missouri; Dianne Fortier, New Hampshire,; Chris Nacheff Maneker, Oregon; Janelle Savage, West Virginia; Debra Bushee, Vermont; and Brothers Robert Starr PGP, District of Columbia; Bert Decker, New Jersey, Lyle Fry, Oklahoma; and Don Porter, Wyoming.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

On behalf of the Finance Committee: Sister Dorothy Powroz, PM, Brother Bob Turner PGP and Jamie Lynch PP, it is my honour to present to you the following report.

Finance Committee met with the Grand Council on two occasions: School of Instruction in September 2018 & in March 2019, to discuss financials and to prepare for the 2020 Budget. The 2020 Budget was approved April 4, 2019 by Grand Council for submission to Grand Chapter today, July 9, 2019. You have received copies of the 2020 Budget. A recommendation will follow the reading of this report to accept the adoption of the 2020 Budget. Thank you to all who participated in the process.

During the Grand Council meeting it was approved that the honorariums be reinstated to 2015-2016 amounts and a motion will follow this report. It was also approved at Grand Council to increase the per capita charge to the individual chapters from \$9.00 to 10.00 per active member. The Finance Committee recommends this change and a motion will follow the adoption of this report.

Per the CL&R; we as your finance committee are tasked with, among other things recommending measurers for the financial benefit of the Grand Chapter. QB online continues to prove beneficial to the Chapter, streamlining the accounting process and allowing prompt review when necessary.

The Finance Committee has approved all bills from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and found them in order and within budget.

Many thanks to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for all their extra efforts in the implementing a successful change to our accounting systems and for their support and knowledge. They are a pleasure to work with!

Finally, I would like to thank Sister Dorothy and Brother Bob for their guidance and support.

I, Jamie Lynch, on behalf of the Finance Committee would like to move the adoption of this report. The report was seconded by Brother Bob, and passed.

**Brother Jamie** moved “the adoption of the 2020 Budget.” seconded by Sister Dorothy, Passed.

Brother Jamie, seconded by Brother Robert Turner (30) PGP moved that the Honorariums be immediate be reinstated to the 2015/2016 levels.

Brother Bill Clark (10) PGP said that h was against this motion as the budget was already passed. Sister Marion Miller PGM (1PE) also objected to the motion. The Chairperson clarified that the members could adopt the motion provided that a motion to amend the budget to reflect the motion was moved, seconded, and carried. The motion was defeated.

Brother James then moved, seconded by Sister Dorothy, that effective January1, 2020 the per capita be increased from \$9 to \$10 per active member in a chapter. Sister Wilma Verge, PGJM (28) asked what and active member was and the Grand Secretary reported “any person on your membership list”. The motion was passed

Brother James then moved, seconded by Brother Robert Turner, PGP (30) that the budget be amended to reflect the increase in the per capita. The motion was carried.

**Sister Carol Atkinson**, GGCM #21 asked if there was any money for Service Dogs in the Budget as she had some projects in the planning stage.

**Brother Ken, WGP**, said it would be the same as any other project – the costs would be covered by the donations.



**GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 2020 BUDGET**

	December	2019	2020
	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$	BUDGET \$
<b>GRAND CHAPTER GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Per Capita Assessment	11,540.50	11,205.00	10,521.00
Sale of Supplies	2,923.51	2,400.00	2,400.00

Fines	40.00	-	-
Interest Income	1,885.46	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memorial Donations Other	-	-	-
Visa Card Income	166.27	200.00	200.00
Uncategorized Income	25.60	-	-
General Donations	-	50.00	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME - General Account</b>	<b>16,581.34</b>	<b>15,355.00</b>	<b>14,621.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Cost of Supplies	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Audit	-	-	-
Insurance & Bonding	687.00	700.00	700.00
Postage	1,069.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
Visa Card Expense	78.00	80.00	80.00
Bank Charges	215.55	250.00	250.00
Supplies & Sundries Costs	2,402.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
Grand Chaplain Supplies & Postage	68.43	500.00	500.00
Printing & Supplies	-	-	-
HONORARIUM: WGM	1,950.00	1,800.00	2,100.00
WGP	1,000.00	900.00	800.00
Grand Secretary	3,800.00	2,600.00	3,200.00
Grand Treasurer	1,900.00	1,800.00	1,600.00
DDGM	1,311.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
DDGM Church Services	300.00	400.00	600.00
Office Rent	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Phone & Internet	1,335.16	1,310.00	1,320.00
WGM & WGP Jewel	1,205.25	1,150.00	1,150.00
Grand Officer Badges	-	100.00	100.00
Per Capita General Grand Chapter	3,920.35	3,361.50	3,273.20
Amortization Expenses	-	-	-
Triennium Honorarium	-	-	560.00
Miscellaneous			

	235.00	250.00	200.00
Web Pages Update	-	-	360.00
Other Donations	-	-	-
Chapter Supplies	270.25	300.00	300.00
Quick Books	216.13	350.00	372.60
<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>23,464.16</b>	<b>23,851.50</b>	<b>24,465.80</b>
<b>PROFIT (LOSS) - General Account</b>	<b>- 6,882.82</b>	<b>- 8,496.50</b>	<b>- 9,844.80</b>

<b>GRAND CHAPTER SESSION</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Registration	6,022.43	7,000.00	7,000.00
Program Booklet	4,845.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Main Banquet Ticket Sales	16,590.34	19,500.00	17,000.00
Vendors	-	200.00	200.00
Craft Sales	1,796.53	2,500.00	2,000.00
Proceedings Sales	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME - Grand Chapter Session</b>	<b>29,254.30</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>31,100.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program Booklet	1,543.98	1,500.00	1,500.00
General Grand Distinguished Guests & Visitors Honour	663.20	900.00	540.00
Tribute 50+-Year Members	131.07	250.00	250.00
Minister & Church	150.00	150.00	150.00
Printing & Supplies	824.88	850.00	500.00
Proceedings Sales	2,507.22	2,250.00	2,250.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Moving Equipment	-	-	-
MWGM Accommodations	-	-	-
Main Banquet Expenses	15,018.62	15,000.00	14,000.00
Favor for Main Banquet	389.89	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hospitality Room	46.49	350.00	350.00
Courtesy	121.21	250.00	250.00
Entertainment for Main Banquet	1,388.38	1,400.00	1,400.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES - Grand Chapter Session</b>	<b>23,084.94</b>	<b>23,200.00</b>	<b>22,490.00</b>
<b>PROFIT (LOSS) - Grand Chapter Session</b>	<b>6,169.36</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>8,710.00</b>

<b>GENERAL &amp; GRAND CHAPTER SESSION ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>- 713.46</b>	<b>1,503.50</b>	<b>- 1,134.80</b>
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<b>ESTARL</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations from Members	10,931.12	11,000.00	11,000.00
Interest from Investments	949.89	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME - ESTARL Account</b>	<b>11,881.01</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
Awards	16,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Excess transferred to equity	4,118.00	-	-
<b>PROFIT OR LOSS - ESTARL Account</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>BENEVOLENT</b>			
Excess received from previous year	-	-	-
Interest on Long Term Investments	1,229.04	800.00	800.00
Donations from Members, Chapters & Other	5,677.48	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME - Benevolent Account</b>	<b>6,906.52</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>
Benevolent Assistance	1,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Excess transferred to equity	5,106.52	-	-
<b>PROFIT OR LOSS - Benevolent Account</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Transferred from general chequing Account	-	-	-
<b>GRAND CHAPTER TOTAL</b>	<b>- 713.46</b>	<b>1,502.50</b>	<b>- 1,134.80</b>

**Sister Margaret Clarke** asked the WGM Sister Darlene to remind the members to visit the Silent Auction.

**Sister Helen Nicholson**, AGM affirmed that packages for the Incoming Officers could be picked up in room 111 after 6pm.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

They are gone from our sight now, but their presence among us will live on. Their years of service to their chapters and our Grand Chapter have prepared the road for those of us who come after them. Their example of loving service has inspired us to follow.

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress draped the Altar and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

**Grand Chaplain Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
As our thoughts turn to our departed members,  
Give us the courage and strength to continue  
With unfaltering efforts to do the work which  
Is left for our hands to do.  
We thank thee for the lives of our departed  
Loved ones and in honor of their memory,  
We consecrate ourselves anew to Thy service.  
Comfort those who mourn and give them Faith  
To believe that there is no death, for after the  
Sunset comes the dawn of a new day with life everlasting. Amen

Grand sang "In the Garden".

The Grand Chaplain and Grand Star Point Officers paid tribute to our members who passed since our last Grand Session. Each Grand Star Point Officer told what the flower of her station symbolized and the flowers were placed in a vase.

**Grand Chaplain:** Sister Adah: What is your tribute, as symbolized by the blue ray?

**Adah:** Blue symbolized Fidelity and is appropriate to Jephthah's Daughter, who, in the morning of life, surrendered to the grave the brightest of earthly hopes, that she might be faithful to the convictions of right and preserve her father's honor. As a token of faithfulness to the memory of our departed members, I place this flower as a tribute of faithful love.

Grand Chaplain: Sister Ruth: What is your tribute, as symbolized by the yellow ray?

**Ruth:** Yellow symbolizes Constancy, teaching faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice. Ruth exemplified these virtues in humble station and sought society of the good and true. In token of appreciation of these virtues, I place this flower as a tribute of steadfast constancy.

**Grand Chaplain:** Sister Esther: What is your tribute as symbolized by the white ray?

**Esther:** White symbolized Light and Purity. The heroic Queen Esther evinced the purity of her motive and love of kindred and friends by her willingness to risk the loss of crown and life to save her people from death. In token of sincere affection for our departed members, I place this flower as a tribute of light and purity.

**Grand Chaplain:** Sister Martha: What is your tribute as symbolized by the green ray?

**Martha:** Green is an emblem of nature's life and beauty. The evergreen is a symbol of immortal life and teaches us that in the economy of God, there is no death, forms change, but the spirit survives. Martha beside the grave of her beloved brother, avowed her trustful faith and hope of immortal life. In the full assurance of our departed members' entrance upon a glorious immortality, I place this flower as a tribute of trustful faith.

**Grand Chaplain:** Sister Electa: What is your tribute as symbolized by the red ray?

**Electa:** Red symbolizes Fervency and Zeal. Electa represents those who have been pre-eminent in charity and heroic endurance in the wrongs of persecution. In token of the fervency of our affection for our departed loved ones, I place this flower as tribute of love.

**Grand Chaplain:** The five rays of our emblematic star have told of the virtues exemplified by those who were once of use, but who are now living in a Holy Realm and have made their tributes at the Altar.

The lessons and sentiments brought us by the flowers are sweet and beautiful, but they have for us another impressive lesson of greatest importance and the deepest significance. Year by year, we see the flowers bloom in all their beauty, live their life, and then wither, fade, and pass away. But we know they are not dead. We know that in God's own time, they will bloom again in a richer more abundant beauty. It is fitting that we place these flowers on the Altar for our departed members.

**Prayer:** Our Father, with a heart full of love for Thee and for all our members whom Thou have called to a higher plane of service. We know that because of Thy love, we all shall be united again: When this life of service is ended, their memory is Holy to us. The Golden circle is forming in Heaven. And when "one by one" we enter Thy portals may we again find in happy association those loved ones who have gone before us. All this we ask in love. Amen

The Grand Secretary read the names of those who departed during the past year. Brother Mike McGillivray #21 lit a candle on a beautiful marsh scene (painted by Brother Mike) as each name was read. Grand Marshall placed the scroll on the Altar.



*DEATHS*

*June 1, 2018– May 31, 2019*

**MAYFLOWER #2**

Sister Mary Van Buskirk  
Sister Alvena Inkpen  
Brother Harry Rand PP

**CEDAR ATLANTIC #3**

Sister Lottie Lloy  
Brother Donald Sutherland

**CELTIC STAR #19**

Sister Georgina Phillips PM  
Sister Noreen Hudson PM  
Sister Lana MacLean  
Sister Lillian MacAskill  
Brother James MacIntosh  
Sister Marcella Roberts PM  
Brother William MacKinnon  
Brother Gerald Gillis PP  
Sister Cheryl Gillis PM  
Sister Barbara Crosby PM  
Sister Barbara Garland

**MYRTLE #21**

Brother Nelson MacEwan PP

**CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)**

Sister Jean Proffitt  
Sister Virginia Judson PM

**CEILIDH #10**

Sister Bonnie Linkletter PM  
Sister Shirley MacEwan  
Brother Allister Thompson PP  
Brother Daniel Thompson PP  
Sister Olive Munro PM  
Sister Delthia MacLean PM

**QUEEN ELIZABETH #14**

Sister Joyce Webster  
Sister Joyce Keizer PM  
Sister Helen Stetson  
Sister Marjorie Fraser  
Sister Doris Atkinson

**MUNRO #26**

Sister Florence Morrison

**EVENING STAR #28**

Sister Lillian Symonds  
Sister Catherine Adams  
Brother Charles Bailey

**MYSTIC STAR #40**

Sister Rhoda Tupper PM

**SCOTIA #49**

Sister Rosamond Campbell PM

**EVANGELINE #15**

Sister Helen Little PM  
Sister Margaret Murphy PM  
Brother Guilford Grant  
Sister Lena McLean  
Brother Richard Pineo PP

Brother Bryan Campbell PP

Brother Owen Baker PP

Sister Clara Hines PM

**REGENT #52**

Brother William MacEwan PP

**QUEEN ESTHER #61**

Sister Lillian Randall  
Sister Judy Ferris  
Sister Wendie Russell  
Sister Eleanor Mitchell PGM

**LAUREL #67**

Brother Cyril Marsters PP

**MONTAGUE #69**

Sister Lillian MacDonald  
Sister Pearl Herring



**Grand Chaplain Prayer:**

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,  
In life, we loved you dearly; in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories; your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.  
Our golden chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the golden chain will link again. Amen

The Service closed with the Grand Choir singing "Go Now in Peace"

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar then the Grand Marshal

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this session of Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island called from labour to rest, to reconvene Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at 9:00 am. Sharp.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the members to leave the Grand Chapter Room quietly.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING  
JULY 10, 2019**

At 9:00 a.m. Grand Chapter called to Order: by Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69)  
And Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (10)

**Sister Suzanne, PGM:** I have the honor of opening today's session and serving in the Grand East with Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP. This is an important day as we elect and install our Grand Officers for 2019 - 2020.

We have been privileged to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin visiting our Grand Session. Along with their Worthy Grand Officers and General Grand Committee Members including our own Brothers Fred Lipskey on Membership, Daniel Campbell on Scottish Rite and Sister Jane Wooldridge on Service Dogs. What I love about this great organization is meeting old and new friends. Enjoy our meetings and I hope you get to visit Truro, Nova Scotia and of course the beautiful Prince Edward Island.

**Brother Adrian, PGP:** Sister Suzanne, forty years ago, Sister Belle and I made our first Eastern Star visit to Prince Edward Island. Among the first people to welcome us were your parents, Marjorie and Fred Aitken. We've been back frequently ever since. I'm therefore most pleased to share the East with you as we open the last day of the "Treasured Memories' Grand Chapter Session.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including our own Brothers Fred Lipskey – Membership; Dan Campbell – Scottish Rite Charities, and Sister Jane Wooldridge – Service Dogs: We are honoured by your presence. We hope you've enjoyed your time with us and will return again. A sincere welcome to all our visitors. Thank you for coming and Safe Home! To our own Members – this is an important day in the history of our Grand Chapter as we select those who will govern us for the ensuing year. Choose wisely, with consideration for all.

**Suzanne:** I now call Wednesday morning Session to order.

**Adrian:** Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

**Entrance of the Grand Officers.**

**Sister Suzanne, PGM:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress: our will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar for Proper introduction.

Sister Darlene and Brother Ken. Welcome to your final day of your “Treasured Memories” Session. Sister Darlene, I am very pleased to say you started your Grand East journey in my year. You were most welcome with your beautiful smile and infectious giggle. Brother Ken, I got to know you much better this past year and thank you for being at our Sister Darlene’s side this wonderful year.

**Brother Adrian, PGP:** Sister Darlene, WGM, you have been an active Member of the Order for many years and we hoped that you would, when time permitted, turn your interests and abilities to benefit our Grand Chapter. This you have done and we appreciate your service and your friendly demeanour. You have indeed added to the history of this Grand Chapter and we hope your “Treasured Memories” of this Year will remain with you always.

Brother Ken, WGP – Congratulations on your service to the Order. The special Project chosen by you and Sister Darlene should have a place in all our hearts. They Children’s Travel Fund of Philae Shriner’s of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island does so much for those children and their families in need, with compassion and privacy. Your sincerity of purpose was evident in your words to each Chapter as you supported our Worthy Grand Matron. Well done good and faithful Brother.

**Sister Suzanne, PGM:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you will now be escorted to the East. They were accorded Grand Honors.

Sister Darlene, it is with pride and pleasure I present you your gavel. I know you and Brother Ken will use it with wisdom.

Brothers Ray Horton, Shane MacFarlane, and Roy Mackinnon sang “Just A Closer Walk with Thee” for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**Sister Suzanne,** it has been a pleasure to get to know you a better over the past three years. You have always offered assistance to Darlene and I, and I am looking to growing our friendship.

**Brother Adrian,** since my initiation in the Order I have always admired and respected you. I knew that if I had a difficult question that I could always count on you for offering Sage advice – that has proved true this year through in your role as Parliamentarian. Thank you for your service to the order and for opening this important session. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter from rest to labour.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt was welcomed at the Altar, conducted to the East and received Grand Honors.

## INTRODUCTIONS

(not previously Introduced)

At this time Sister Annie May Waterbury, PGM was welcomed at the Altar, escorted to the East and received Grand Honors.

Grand Representatives Sister Roberta Hall, PGM Minnesota in Quebec and Brother Ralph Hall, PGP, Saskatchewan in Quebec were welcomed at the Altar, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

**WGM:** Sister Suzanne and Brother Adrian. Thank you for Opening this important morning session, when we will elect our future leaders. Sister Suzanne, thank you for all your encouragement and assistance you have given me as I have traveled to the East of our Grand Chapter. Thank you for presenting me with my Gavel and Please accept this small gift from Brother Ken and me.

**WGP:** Sister Suzanne and Brother Adrian. Thank you for Opening our Session today as we select those who will lead us in the years to come.

Please accept this token of appreciation on behalf of Darlene and me for opening our Session this morning.

### **ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS**

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ken, I now invite you to preside over the Election of Officers.

**WGP:** Anyone with a cell phone is asked to turn it off at this time.

We will now have a Partial Report of the Registration Committee: Sister Carol Nielsen, Chair, PM (61)

<b>Carol Nielsen</b> , Chair, PM (61):	Voting Members	223
	Visitors	111
	Total Registered	334

Carol moved her report, seconded by Sister Audrey Farquharson #1 PE, and carried

**WGP:** Spoiled ballots will not be replaced.

Grand Guards you will see that no one enters or leaves the Grand Chapter Room.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS**

Chair: Group A –Brother Allan Conrad, PGP (49)

Chair: Group B - Brother William Thompson, PGP (10)

Group A

Sister Maryann MacMillan, PM (3)

Sister Julie Hennessey, AM (1PEI)

Sister Patricia Armstrong, PM (71)

Brother Gerald Norman, AP (49)

Sister Jackie King, (28)

Sister Debbie Ryan, AM (61)

Group B

Sister Muriel States, (61)

Sister Linda MacKay (61)

Sister Ardith Downey (28)

Sister Bonnie Boutilier, PM (61)

Sister Anne Wight, PM (21)

Brother Richard Muise, PP (10)

**WGP:** Those making nominations will proceed to the microphone in the West, Give their name, title, chapter number and the name of the person and office for which they are nominating said person.

Nominations shall be called for 3 times after which the ballot will be declared closed.

If only 1 person is nominated for a specific office, no ballot shall be held and if that person accepts the office, she or he shall be declared elected by acclamation.

For those offices for which there is more than one person nominated those Nominated will go to the microphone in the West, give their name, title, Chapter and number and advise if they will accept the office if elected.

Officers shall be elected in the following order: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel.

### **Nomination and Election of Grand Officers, 2019-2020**

The following members were elected by acclamation:

Sister Helen Nicholson (Crystal #1) - Worthy Grand Matron  
Brother Ed MacLaren (Crystal #1) – Worthy Grand Patron  
Sister Beth Lois Brett (Celtic Star #19) - Associate Grand Matron  
Brother Shane MacFarlane (Celtic Star #19) – Associate Grand Patron  
Sister Diane Hayman, PGM (Ceilidh #10) - Grand Secretary  
Sister Faye Calder (Laurel #67) - Grand Treasurer.  
Sister Irene Beeler (Queen Esther #61) – Grand Conductress  
Brother George Moxsom (Elmsdale #55) – Grand Sentinel

Sister Deborah Fox and Sister Helen Szucs were nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

**WGP:** Sister Grand Secretary, can we have the Reading of Minutes of the Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Session

It was then announced that Sister Debbie Fox was elected Associate Grand Conductress.

The WGP continued with further business of this Grand Chapter

### **GRAND CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

**WGP:** The Report of the Grand Chaplain will be presented by Brother Kevin Conrod, Grand Chaplain (61)

**Brother Kevin Conrod, Grand Chaplain:** Worthy Grand Matron Sister Darlene, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ken, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: It is indeed an honor to serve as your Grand Chaplin this year. This year has been very rewarding for me, bring able to travel with the Grand Family throughout the jurisdiction and being able to take part in the "Treasured Memories" session. I will always cherish the memories of this year and the many friendships I have made. I would like to thank Queen Esther Chapter #61 for all their support.

It is with sadness that I report of sending 79 messages of condolence to other Grand Jurisdictions and 56 memorial cards to Chapters in our own Jurisdiction.

I extend sincere thanks to our Grand Secretary, Sister Diane PGM for her assistance which enabled me to carry out my duties.

Once again, it is been my sincere pleasure to have served as your Grand Chaplain.

Brother Kevin moved his report which was seconded Brother Dan Campbell, PGP and passed.

**Sister Christine McGillivray**, PGM reminded members who ordered the Triennium Anniversary Pins to pick them up from her.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you letters were received from several ESTARL recipients.

An invitation to the DeMolay Convention 2019

Reminder of Maritime Exchange on October 5, 2019.

Thank you was received from Brother A. J. Hilliar, PGP of Saskatchewan for the Honorary Membership presented to him at his Grand Chapter by Brother Fred Lipskey, GGCCM. This membership was given for all his assistance in helping us to set up our Grand Chapter Website.

At this time our MWGM Sister Marianne said how much she enjoyed the music. She had one oversight that needed to be corrected with our kindness and understanding. She announced that Sister Edith Conrod, PGP is now a Grand Chapter Committee Member on Credentials.

Sister Edith was then Introduced at the Altar, congratulated, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

### **C L & R REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Mary Reid, PGM (#10):** Moved that the concerning the CL&R Review Committee be dealt with at a Special Meeting in August, 2020. seconded by Brother Bob Turner, PGP, after some discussion the motion carried.

## JURISPRUDENCE

The following report was written by Sister Marion Miller PGM and Sister Mary Reid PGM.

Sister Marion Miller PGM: worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, We the Jurisprudence Committee submit this report for the year 2018 – 2019. Sisters Marion Miller, PGM (1PE), Mary Reid, PGM (10), Edith Conrod, PGM (61) present the following report.

I was not sure if I would want to thank Sister Darlene, WGM, or Brother Ken WGP, for this appointment as I took over the Chair when Brother Zeke had to give up the position after doing the two previous years of the appointment. I had great support and council from Sister Mary, PGM, and Sister Edith, PGM and we agreed on all issued that came before us, so I will thank you for making my position and year on the Jurisprudence Committee easy and enjoyable.

Sister Edith Conrod, PGM and Mary Reid, PGM attended the Grand Officer and District Deputy Grand Matron School of Instruction in Dartmouth on July 21, 2018.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron conducted a thorough school reviewing all aspects of the ritualistic Work. It was very obvious that the Officers were prepared. Any questions were looked up and answers discussed.

On 8 September, 2018 a School of Instruction for all Members was held in Halifax. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Officers demonstrated all the Ritualistic Work. At the question and answers periods all questions were answered and when required answers were in the form of demonstrations showing those attending exactly how to perform the act. There was a good attendance of members. There were quite a few questions asked showing that the members had an interest in learning.

The second school of Instruction for all Members was held in New Glasgow on September 29<sup>th</sup> with a good attendance. Again, the Ritualistic Work was executed very well and questions answered. Sisters Marion Miller and Mary Reid, PGM's attended.

It is apparent that there is a great need to change how the Schools are conducted – the same faithful members attend year after year while the rest of the members avoid attending. A good hard look should be reviewed on what information is provided and what the members really want and need to help them hold well planned and interesting meetings. Only when this occurs will see a change in how meetings are held – with better informed officers the meetings could be more efficient (therefore shorter).

We had a question on the ESTARL Awards and after communicating with the Committee a solution was found.

We were advised that a Chapter was going to hold a later Installation. There is no provision for this, only the later Installation of individual officers who could not be installed in June. The situation was addressed and a solution found.

The question of sending out Minutes to the members and not reading them at the meeting arose. It is written that the Minutes are always to be read at the next regular meeting. A better approach would be to send out a "newsletter" with the Notice advising all of what and when events are going to be held; interesting facts about members- death, special birthday, anniversary, etc.

Any questions asked any member of this committee were addressed immediately and answers provided. When a member sees something being done incorrectly – not only in the Ritualistic Work but according to the CL&R - /hey should immediately contact the Worthy Grand Matron. If, they are uncomfortable contacting her (or not available), a member for the Jurisprudence Committee should be contacted. Contacting us is not squealing or ratting out a Sister or Brother but rather a tool to help them do their work better. We all know that different people can read the same statement and all come to different conclusions. Hopefully we can arrive at true meaning as it was intended to be. We look forward to helping/solving any problems that may arise.

All required reports/information were sent to the Jurisprudence Committee by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in accordance to the CL&R for review or approval. Well done to both.

All correspondence sent out by any member that needs the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron, needs to be approved before sending it out, not after it has been done or in some cases not done at all.

The Notices of Motion were received and reviewed by our Committee and all were found to be in order to be presented at this Grand Chapter.

We welcome Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP (2), whom will replace Sister Edith Conrod who is resigning for medical reasons; who we thank for a good year working all together.

We congratulate Sister Helen Nicholson and Brother Ed McLaren who in a few short hours will take over the Leadership of this Grand Chapter. We look forward to working with you during your year of Wings in the Garden of Stars.

Sister Marion moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Mary, and passed.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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

The Membership Committee consists of:

Sister Jessica MacLennan,  
Sister Candace Reid  
Sister Mary Ann MacMillan  
Doug Tidgewell  
Sister Anna Carr  
Sister Anna Ford  
and myself, **Brother Kirk MacLennan** PGP (2) : on behalf of the Membership Committee, I submit the following report.

Grand Chapter has available MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, which make a very nice gift for new members.

Also available are Fraternal Heritage Certificates, which recognize three generations of family membership in the Order.

There have been several initiatives started or continued by General Grand Chapter for this 2018-2021 Triennium.

The Rob Morris Jewel will continue to be awarded to Sisters and Brothers who sign petitions.

The "Mother Hen" Program will recognize those who mentor new or returning members. A "Mother Hen" pin will be awarded to members who successfully utilized the program.

General Grand Chapter has developed an OES Promotional Brand Logo, which is suggested for use on posters, programs, etc. This promotional logo is not meant to replace our traditional emblem, but is in addition to it.

On November 2, 2019, at the International Weekend to be held in Farmington, CT, a Membership Forum will meet to discuss topics which will include RECRUITMENT and RETENTION, COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, LEADERSHIP.

Some chapters have established a program where members each take four or five names of members, who, for one reason or another, can't (or don't) come out to meetings, and make a point of contacting or visiting them every month or two during the year. This has proven to be very rewarding for both those who are visited and maybe even more so for those doing the visiting.

My thanks to the other members of the Membership Committee, and remember, Sisters and Brothers, we may be the official face of the Membership Committee, but we all, every one of us in this room, and those sisters and brothers who aren't here, are part of the membership effort.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing us to serve on this Committee, and, as your time in the Grand East comes to a close, we wish you both many Treasured Memories from this past year.

Respectfully submitted, Kirk MacLennan, Chair

I move acceptance of this report

The report was given by Brother Kirk MacLennan, PGP (2) and seconded by Sister Marianne MacMillan, PM (3) – carried

**Sister Marion Durling, PGM (3):** suggested that the Membership Pamphlet be updated. Sister Joan Oderkirk was working on it and Sister Carol Atkinson also worked on it.

### ESTARL

**Brother Bill Thompson, PGP (10):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: This is the ESTARL REPORT for 2018-2019

At the end of October, I received all the applications received by the Grand Secretary.

This year's ESTARL Committee received twenty (20) applications for consideration, and all were approved. Sincere thanks to the Chapters which sponsored students. Each applicant received an award of \$800.00, and they are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Sponsoring Chapter</b>
<b><u>Acadia Divinity College</u></b>				
Susan DeMont	Wolfville, NS	Baptist	1st	Evangeline #15
Wm. Royce Getson	Greenfield, NS	"	1st	Pearle #71 & Arbutus #30
Andrew Sutherland	Halifax, NS		1st	Arbutus #30
<b><u>Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax</u></b>				
Calvin Burt	Kensington, PE	United Church	2nd	Regent #52
Gary Carey	Yarmouth		1st	
Heather Cronhelm	St. John's NL		1st	Queen Esther #61
Richard Gunn	Halifax, NS		2nd	
April Hart	Guysborough, NS		2nd	
Kenneth MacIntosh	Halifax, NS		2nd	
Emma Seamone	Wallace, NS		2nd	Cedar Atlantic #3
Caitlin Smithers	Halifax, NS		1st	Queen Esther #61
Roxanne Sperry	Lawrencetown, NS		1st	Evening Star #28
Jordan Draper	Halifax, NS	Anglican Church	2nd	Evening Star #28
Debbie Fice	Dartmouth, NS		1st	Scotia #49
Nichola Fish-Cumine	Halifax, NS		1st	Evening Star #28
Dorothy Miller	Kentville, NS		1st	
Bonnie Skerritt	Timberlea, NS		2nd	Mystic Star #40
<b><u>Knox College, Toronto</u></b>				
Glynis Faith	Kinkora, PE	Presbyterian	1st	Regent #52

**Maritime Christian College, Charlottetown, PE**

Colby Stewart      Wood Islands, PE Church  
of Christ      1st      Montague #69

**St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, Sk.**

Marty Clark-Ettinger      Valley, NS      United  
Church      2nd      Elm #48

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

I know from the letters, emails and phone calls, the students are very thankful for the assistance they received in the awards.

I would like to thank Sister Darlene Amirault, WGM for my one-year appointment to complete a term of service and also a special thanks to the committee for being helpful in using emails and phone to communicate.

William A. Thompson, PGP (#10) Seconded by Sister Pat Canning-Selig (#71) and passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP (#40): There was no unfinished Business to report. The report was moved by Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP (40), seconded by Sister Wilma Verge, PGM, motion carried

The Unfinished Business said they will look into it updating the Membership Pamphlet.

**BENEVOLENT**

A letter was sent out to each Chapter this year, later in March, expressing our "Thanks" to you the members for your support during the year. We asked for your support in the future.

We were pleased to be able to provide assistance to a request received. Words of appreciation and thanks was received from the recipient.

We remind the membership to let us know of any need where we can be of assistance to our Sisters and Brothers. All requests must be in writing, stating the circumstances leading up to the request and presented to any member of the committee. All requests are kept in the strictest confidence.

The Financial report will be found in The Treasures Report. We would like to thank Sister Faye Calder, Grand Treasurer for her prompt attention to our requests.

We wish the incoming Officers a year of good Health and Happiness.

Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM (67) moved the adoption of the Benevolent Committee report, seconded by Sister Marion Buchan, PGM (67) – carried

### **LIBRARIAN**

**Sister Carol Clark, PGM (10):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: Unfortunately, due to work, I am unable to attend Grand Chapter; and want to thank Sister Carol Clark for presenting this report on my behalf.

During the year, I received two requests for addendas or programs, which were forwarded by mail or in person.

I would like to encourage more members to use items from the library, as there are many items available in the collection, and I can usually find something appropriate. Sister Darlene and Brother Ken, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Chapter Librarian. I wish for you both treasured memories, good health, and happiness in the years ahead.

To the incoming Officers, all the best for the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you on the Star Trail, and wish you safe travels as you represent our Sisters and Brothers in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally, Sister Janet Johnson PM

Sister Carol Clark, PGM (10) moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Suzanne Aitken PGM (69) and carried.

### **INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Sister Charlotte Enman, PM (#61): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: The Chairperson of the Committee sent a letter to all Chapters dated March 22, 2019 providing background information on the Perry Belmont House, our International Headquarters since 1935. An information sheet on the Perry Belmont House also accompanied the letter. The background information was asked to be provided to Chapter Members.

Additionally, the letter reminded all Chapters to remit the required fees (\$7.50) for each new member of the order, as well as for all affiliated members to their Chapter. This remittance would accompany the annual return filed with the Grand Secretary.

Sister Charlotte Enman, (61) moved the adoption of the report and Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69) seconded, and the report was carried.

### **FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Worthy Grand Matron Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand

Patrons, Sisters and Brothers, all: The following is the report from the various Grand Chapters throughout Canada and beyond.

#### ALABAMA

The 116<sup>th</sup> Grand Session of Grand Chapter of Alabama was held from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Birmingham, Alabama called On the Wings of a Dove with Janice Jennings Baldwin, WGM and C.D. Self, WGP presiding. Their special project was Hospices of all districts of Alabama. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Linda White and the Incoming Worthy Grand Patron is Gary Gay.

#### ARKANSAS

The 141<sup>st</sup> God's Beautiful Garden Session held in Little Rock Arkansas on December 7 – 9, 2016 under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Vickie Staggs and Worthy Grand Patron Richard Olmstead. The theme was to sow seeds of kindness. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron was Marilyn Whorton and Worthy Grand Patron Chuck Goodrich.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

The 104<sup>th</sup> grand session was held in Nanaimo, British Columbia May 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with Carmen Pierce as Worthy Grand Matron and Keith Glenn as Worthy Grand Patron. The session opened with the Worthy Grand Matron's mother and father, PGM Gladys Pierce and PGP Everett Pierce. The new Worthy Grand Matron will be Ann Lysholm and Jim Pound as Worthy Grand Patron.

#### COLORADO

The 124<sup>th</sup> Mountain Splendor session was held in Denver in September 2016 with Cherylann Craven-Lindblad as Worthy Grand Matron and Bryon Walker as Worthy Grand Patron. Denver's Children's home was their special project. Three \$500.00 ESTARL scholarships were given. The new Worthy Grand Matron will be Pat Mannmenga and the Worthy Grand Patron will be David Ramsay.

#### CONNECTICUT

The Grateful Hearts session was held at Farmington, Connecticut April 21 – 23, 2016 with the Worthy Grand Matron Madolyn Moran and Worthy Grand Patron Vincent Kalinauskas. Their Grand Conductress was a pro-tem being PGM Shirley Hungerford. One ESTARL scholarship was presented at their session. Special projects were Connecticut food banks, Habitat for Humanity and Mutts Mending Military. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be MaryAnn Pronsvost and Worthy Grand Patron is Jeffery Wayand.

#### DELAWARE

The Garden of Memories session was held in May 2015 under the guidance of Vickie Nicklas as Worthy Grand Matron and Eddie Morris as Worthy Grand Patron. Grand Representative Commissions were given including a first to the Grand Chapter of Italy. One ESTARL certificate was given to Dover Dawns in Dover, Delaware for three years.

#### FLORIDA

The 109<sup>th</sup> session was held at World Golf Village Renaissance Resort under the name Radiant Rays of Friendship under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Judy Covey and Worthy Grand Patron Joe Earnhardt with the aim to foster friendship and fellowship among their members. Special projects were Cancer Centre and Masonic Youth Organization. Floye Hyslop and Jim Marshall will be the incoming worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

#### GEORGIA

The 115<sup>th</sup> session was held June 9 -12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 called the Masterpiece of Life under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Margaret Mc Case and Worthy Patron Carl Stewart. The incoming session called Our Links of Friendship will be led by Worthy Grand Matron Tenna Culpepper and H.M. (Sonny) Dycus. They gave 6 ESTARL scholarships. One chapter lost its charter by a secret ballot during the session.

#### INDIANA

Journey of a Lifetime session of Grand Chapter of Indiana was held June 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Indianapolis, Indiana under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Elizabeth Lashley and Worthy Grand Patron, Darrell Arthur. Special projects were youth scholarships, ESTARL, service dogs, masonic home and others. Betty Swisher and H. Fred Smith will lead the 141<sup>th</sup> Grand session. A loss of 10,000 members of the period of 10 years.

#### KENTUCKY

The 114<sup>th</sup> session of Kentucky's Grand Chapter was held September 16 – 18, 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky called Sharing God's Love with Joellen Hope Perkins being the Worthy Grand Matron and Paul Mattingly as Worthy Grand Patron. Their special projects included OES home minivan, service dogs, Scottish Rite Charities, Shrine Charities and 20 other charities. Paula Coleman and James Hogue will be the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

#### LOUISIANA

March 21 – 23, 2016 The Stars in the Sky session of Grand Chapter was held in Alexandria, Louisiana with Kathy Warmack as Worthy Grand Matron and Pierre (Rocky) Schexneider as Worthy Grand Patron with the theme Christmas in March. Special projects included Mexico Shoes and Memorial Ministries. Rovenia McDonald and Gerald Houston will be the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Shoes, household items, toys, etc. are taken to the border and sorted and taken to communities, shelters and 2 prisons in Mexico.

#### MICHIGAN

The 147<sup>th</sup> Faith, Freedom and Friendship session was held October 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Battle Creek, Michigan under the leadership of Worthy Grand Matron Alma Hunnicutt and Worthy Grand Patron William J. Kennedy; They have a masonic relations committee of 3 and a committee for each special project. Special projects include Benevolence, education, service dogs and abuse shelters. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Norma A. Wojack and Worthy Grand Patron Frederick Miller.

#### MINNESOTA

The Garden of Peach Session (138<sup>th</sup>) Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held May 5 – 7, 2016 at St. Claude with Judy Lietjohann as Worthy Grand Matron and Marv Enslin as Worthy Grand Patron. The special projects were Cancel, Grand Chapter trip, and Grand Chapter jewellery. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Georgianna Johnson and Worthy Grand Patron will be Dale Pierce.

#### MISSOURI

The 140<sup>th</sup> annual session called Woven Memories was held October 12 – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with Mare Carney, as Worthy Grand Matron and Jerry Askren as Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron was installed in October 2013 however she died May 17, 2014. Cinda Reeder was the Acting Worthy Grand Matron. Wings of Love session 2014-1025 had Cinda Reeder as Worthy Grand Matron and Frank Jurstich as Worthy Grand Patron. Gary Eell, Grand Representative to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island introduced Sister Cora MacKay, his counterpart. There were 18 50-year membership certificates given out and a first a one 80-year pin presented. The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress carried flags and told each Grand Representative their counterpart. There are 168 chapters in Missouri and there were 560 members present at the session. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Patron and other OES sisters and brothers went on a cruise and were hosted by OES chapters in Halifax and Charlottetown during their shore time on the Maasdam cruise.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shining Stars session of Grand Chapter in New Hampshire was held at the Radisson Hotel on August 21, to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 under the guidance of Judi A. Lewis as Worthy Grand Matron and Michael Riphesger as Worthy Grand Patron with the motto Faith, Hope and Charity. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Susan Ferguson and Larry Gullet as Worthy Grand Patron.

#### NEW JERSEY

The 146<sup>th</sup> session of the New Jersey Grand Chapter was held in Atlantic City on May 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with JoAnn Bingenheimer as Worthy Grand Matron and Donald Robinson as Worthy Grand Patron. Incoming Worthy Grand Matron to be Diane Capel.

#### NEW YORK

There was nothing to report,

#### NORTH DAKOTA

The 122<sup>nd</sup> session of Grand Chapter held June 8 -11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Dickinson, North Dakota under the name A Moment in Time. Worthy Grand Matron is Muriel Hunter and the Worthy Grand Patron was Fred Larson. Special projects include Cancer, ESTARL, Overlook Shelter Alzheimer's and Youth. The 2017 session will be held in Fargo June 4, - 7<sup>th</sup> with Cindy Schwab as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Thomas Payne.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

The 113<sup>th</sup> Anchored in Hope session was held in Charleston, West Virginia October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with Fran Lemley as Worthy Grand Matron and Greg Kennedy as Worthy Grand Patron. Nancy Killen was the Grand Representative to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Jean Calhoun and Bill Hassell as Worthy Grand Patron. This report was very hard to read, their setup was not compatible with word.

#### OREGON

The 127<sup>th</sup> session of Grand Chapter of Oregon was held at Pendleton under the leadership of WGM Karen Beebe and WGP Kenneth Cochran. Smiles are Beacons from the Heart was the name of the session held June 19 – 22, 2016. This Grand Chapter has \$100,000. In their ESTARL fund however they only use the interest and any annual receipts to provide scholarships. Their special projects are youth groups, heart fund and Shrine patient Transportation. Michelle Combs and Alan Beebe are the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

The 121<sup>st</sup> Blessings of Autumn session was held June 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in York, Pennsylvania under the guidance of Worthy Grand Matron Helen Beth Vileek and Worthy Grand Patron Frank Einsel. Their special project was Caravan for Cancer plus others. This Grand Chapter owns several cemetery plots throughout the state where some are gifted by members to grand chapter and some were for the Eastern Star homes. Mary Stillman and Thomas Mason will be the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

#### MANITOBA

The 94<sup>th</sup> Believe Session of Grand Chapter of Manitoba was held in Potopark, Winnipeg May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1, 2016 with Carole McEthern as Worthy Grand Matron and Chibu Uson as Worthy Grand Patron. Special project was Eastern Star Cardiac Research at St. Boniface Hospital. Friendship and Happiness session in 2017 will have Helen Hodge as Worthy Grand Matron and Paul Drewniak as Worthy Grand Patron.

#### MISSISSIPPI

Our Amazing Stars 110<sup>th</sup> session of Grand Chapter of Mississippi was held in Pearl on April 17-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 with Carol Bradford as Worthy Grand Matron and Phillip Smith as Worthy Grand Patron. The Grand Conductress prepared the Fraternal Correspondence with the assistance of the Associate Grand Conductress. This Grand Chapter did not send proceeds for several years but now send a CD which is much cheaper. They gave 11 scholarships to ESTARL. Membership dues were increased from \$10.00 to \$11.00. Incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Judith Smith and Worthy Grand Patron will be Gerald Bagwell.

#### MONTANA

The 127<sup>th</sup> session called Montana Treasures was held at Kalispell, Montana from June 15 – 18, 2016 with Kaye Stam as Worthy Grand Matron and Denny Perry as Worthy Grand Patron. Helen Szucs was our Grand Representative. Special funds were Cancer, Masonic Home and Electa's Cup Fund. The incoming Worthy Grand

Matron Marilyn Pfaff and Worthy Grand Patron David Nielson will hold the next session in Billings Montana June 14 – 17, 2017.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Take time for Faith, Family and Friends session was held October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Pierre, South Dakota with Ruby S. Evergreen as Worthy Grand Matron and Tom Marsden, as Worthy Grand Patron. There were 37 chapters in attendance, 128 special distinguished visitors from 17 states and three provinces were in attendance. The Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Conductress do the fraternal correspondence. Two ESTARL scholarships of \$1000.00 were given. The incoming Sandy Vanneman and Worthy Grand Patron Max Jones immediately after being elected announced their appointed grand officers and asked for an open installation. Their DDGM's each gave a report of their journey during their year.

#### UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA

The 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial session of The United Grand Chapter of Australia under the guidance of Pamela Sangwell, Worthy Grand Matron and Sydney Down, Worthy Grand Patron was held June 4-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. This Grand Chapter is biennial and the worthy grand officers are as well. District Grand Chapters are held separately. The incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Sandra Davis and the Incoming Worthy Grand Patron will be George Taylor.

#### VERMONT

The 143<sup>rd</sup> Session of Vermont Grand Chapter called the Puzzle of Life was held June 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with Barbara White as Worthy Grand Matron and John E. Grobler as Worthy Grand Patron. Special Project is A.R.C.T.I.C. Center Vermont Achievement Center. Incoming Worthy Grand Matron will be Helen J. Westmoreland and Worthy Grand Patron Robert Penoyer.

#### VIRGINIA

Believe in Angels session of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held in Roanoke, Virginia on May 18 – 20, 2015 under the leadership of Kelly O'Malley as Worthy Grand Matron and William Rennagel as Worthy Grand Patron. Special Projects were 100 DD Angels Bags, Address labels, baby picture contest, make quarters count, memories quilt and pin project. Lynn Jones will be the new Worthy Grand Matron and Lee Sloppy Worthy Grand Patron.

#### WASHINGTON

One Sky One World session was held at Yakima on June 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Worthy Grand Matron was Kristine Ford, and Calvin Russell was Worthy Grand Patron. They presented 8 ESTARL\$1000.00 scholarships as well as 5 nursing scholarships. Special projects were Cancer, GCC Charities, Diabetic research. There were five P.M. 's. running for Associate Grand Conductress, 3 P.P.'s running for Grand Sentinel and one from the floor for Grand Secretary. Incoming Worthy Grand Matron is Peggy Mills and Worthy Grand Patron is Lynn (Pete) Peterson. Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress do the fraternal correspondence.

## WISCONSIN

The A Light in the Harbor session was held in 2016 with Joanne Freiman as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron John Dorsey. No other information on this.

This is the fraternal gleanings that has been prepared this year by your fraternal correspondence committee. The Grand Chapter reports received were mostly for the year 2016 so a little out of date. This fraternal correspondence report is information that was extracted from the many CD's, thumb drives, or hard copies delivered to the Conductress, Associate Conductress and I by the Grand Secretary. This has taken many hours of reading, note taking on the part of the Conductress and Associate Conductress and myself plus my compiling the information into this typed report. The Conductresses made notes on blank sheets provided regarding various grand chapters' proceedings and passed these notes on to me. This makes it hard to write up an interesting report of the proceedings of grand chapters from the information given by the Conductresses to me plus a lot of extra time for myself to type and prepare the entire report. I apologize for any misspelled names in this report, I could not make out some of the writing on the hand written reports.

Not all grand chapters do fraternal correspondence due to time and/or expense in the preparation of these reports. All Grand Chapters reported a loss of members and loss/closing of subordinate chapters. There were many and varied charities that the individual grand chapters supported during their year. It was interesting that a few of the grand chapters had several people running for election of offices. A few Grand Chapters did something special in their year, such as a cruise, a bus trip, or picnics.

There are four independent Grand Chapters which are not members of General Grand Chapter and they are Australia, Scotland, New Jersey and New York. 58 Grand Chapters comprise General Grand Chapter. It takes 10 subordinate chapters and 400 members to form a Grand Chapter. New York only jurisdiction with the white point directed up. I noted that 32 Grand Chapters proceedings were not received by the Grand Chapter of Delaware including Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Nicholson, AGM; Beth Brett, Cond.; Irene Beeler, Assoc. Cond. I MOVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REPORT.

Sister Helen Nicholson, AGM (1PEI) moved that the Fraternal Correspondence Committee report be adopted, seconded by Sister Beth Lois Brett, Grand Conductress (19) and carried

## **SERVICE DOGS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members of this Grand Jurisdiction: Your Service Dog Committee is pleased to accept new responsibilities and to work for the Good of the Order.

We are Sisters Carol Atkinson (Chair), Midge Medicraft and Arlene McKeigan and we have accepted the responsibility of bringing awareness to the members of this

jurisdiction that the Order of the Eastern Star is dedicated to enriching the lives of others by providing financial support to qualified service dogs organizations.

Chosen Service Dog Organizations must be accredited by Assistance Dogs International and/or the International Guide Dog Federation. One of these organizations is the Lions Club of Canada Foundation Dog Guides. They not only meet the criteria, but offer a sponsorship program that makes the possibility of purchasing a Dog Guide an attainable reality for our Order. All money forwarded to Dog Guides by this Grand Chapter will purchase a dog for a client on the Nova Scotia / Prince Edward Island waiting list. Dog Guides provide seven highly skilled service dogs, namely, Seizure Response, Service, Diabetic Alert, Support, Autism Assistance, Hearing and Canine Vision. All of these dogs provide special care to those in need. Clients with a medical or physical disability will be provided with a Dog Guide at no cost. This is an amazing deal when we know the cost from birth to fostering and training costs many thousands of dollars. A letter from this Committee was distributed to all Chapters in this jurisdiction with details about the Program and donation forms.

A process had to be established to receive money and so a donation form was created by altering the Foundations Donation Form. An agreement was put in place that the Foundation will issue tax receipts for donations of twenty dollars or more. Our Grand Chapter is unable to do this, as we do not have a charitable tax account. We have also been raising money selling the Dog Bone pins, Service Dog lapel pins and Decals. Ideas for other fund-raising projects are still in the discussion phase.

I would like to remind you it is not solely the duty of this Committee to promote the Service Dog Program. This is a responsibility we all share, and I'm sure you have one or more dog lovers in your Chapter. Make your Chapter known in your community! It is a fact that Chapters initiating many new members are working / donating / helping within their community. We have a Service Dog Poster Puppy "Spirit" and an official program logo that we can use on promotional materials to inform the public that the Order of the Eastern Star supports Service Dogs.

On Monday, July 8, there will be two service dog teams on site, Shelly with Vienna (Hearing) and Tony with Hero (Vision). They have come to assist this committee in educating our members of how service dogs can make a dramatic difference in someone's life. I also hope you have dropped by our Service Dog Booth and met a Board member of Dog Guides, who was here to share lots of information about service dogs.

July 5, 2019, I received an updated waiting list from Dog Guides. Clients in our jurisdiction currently waiting are 1 for Canine Vision, 7 for Hearing, 5 for Service and 1 for Autism Assistance.

I am happy to announce that we have raised just over two thousand dollars thus far. That's half way to a hearing assistance dog. Let's keep the momentum going and bring a highly skilled service dog to our jurisdiction and rock someone's world!

To quote Roger Caras – “Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made.”

Sister Carol moved the adoption of her report which was seconded by Sister Jane Wooldridge, GGCCM, (1 PEI) and carried

## **PROGRAM BOOKLET REPORT**

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Darlene Amirault and Worthy Grand Patron Ken Conrod, Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Henry S. Martin, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers ALL, the following is the Program Booklet Committee Report for 2019

The members of the committee this year were Allison MacDonald, Caryl Yates, Tony Szucs, Millie Aker, Rhonda Fader and I. I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to these Sisters and Brothers for their help in providing the contributions to our Program Booklet.

This is my second kick at the can as the Program Booklet chair and I was humbled and gratified to be asked by our Worthy Grand Matron to take the helm of this committee. Knowing now FULL WELL what was involved in putting this project together, after a short reflection of the task at hand, I accepted the invitation to steer this group and bring it to its logical conclusion. Surely one of the greatest benefits to doing it again is the contact with the membership as a whole which I enjoy very much and being able to call many of you not just Sister or Brother but friends.

I will confess to a little bit of cheating in the production of the Program Booklet this year. Having on hand, ALL of last year's digital files, templates, images and pictures and most importantly, accurate contact information for most of this Grand Jurisdiction's membership saved several weeks of formatting time and effort. This time, I was able to spend more time on the composition of the ads with the goal of making them more appealing and eye friendly. As I did last year, I have kept a complete digital and hard copy record of all submissions, including any correspondence relating to ads, which can be drawn upon by future Program Chairs

One concern I do have, which manifested itself more this year than last is money handling. I found it extremely cumbersome to receive it and then pass it on to the Grand Secretary. I understand and appreciate that when a brother or sister has a set of submissions for me, it is more convenient to pass me any cash or cheques right then and there than to send it to our Grand Secretary or Treasurer. Therefore, I insist that any monies be handed to our Grand Secretary either directly by hand or through snail mail. I did have requests to do e-Transfers which I did accept twice for small ads only for the convenience of the member, and maybe perhaps this might be something that is appealing to our Grand Secretary or Treasurer. I do recommend that e-Transfers be seriously considered as a viable option for Program Booklet ad payments. As the Secretary of my Masonic Lodge, I have put in place a protocol for the recording of these transactions which has served me well and might here also.

I don't wish to understate the level of commitment and work involved in assembling the booklet – it is A LOT of work and even though I had a big head start with the materials from last year, I still spent many an evening (some of them quite late!), and also a couple of rainy weekends putting it all together and I hope that the fruits of my labour are acceptable and pleasing to you all.

There were approximately \$2,767.00 in sales for ads and I am unsure if all the numbers are in, but the printing costs, like last year were much less expensive than in previous years with a total of \$1063.94 being spent leaving a net gain to the Grand Chapter of \$1703.06. The revenue from sales is down but I feel the costs savings in the printing more than offset the difference.

I wish to reiterate a couple of the points brought up from my report from last year:

- 1) The importance of recruiting someone able to produce print ready ads.
  - a) This is pretty important in being able to save money on printing and typesetting fees. I was able to give a fully prepped file ready for the publisher who had no work to perform on the document except print it. PDF is the preferred format and is easily provided on most modern computers.
- 2) To cut down on time crunch
  - a) It is vital that chapters are prompt in submitting their ads, and I feel that this year in particular, most of the Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction were conscious about the deadline and were punctual. I did encounter a pair of chapters that didn't make any submissions by the due date, but I was able to get in touch with them and give them an extension and assisted them as much as was needed to provide for their members and still had time to spare
- 3) A record of ads has been assembled for the current booklet and will be submitted to the Grand Secretary as well as saved on a USB drive for future use.

Unfortunately, I do have a concern in think needs to be addressed. I must admit to being a little disappointed with the lack of response to the purchase of fun symbols this year. These are the bread and butter of the booklet and you will see in it that they are down in number from previous years. When the letter comes from the Chair of the Program Booklet in the fall for advertisement for the coming Grand Chapter in 2020, I ask that the Secretaries of the Chapters read it again a couple months after to remind the members that this is going on, and a reminder will be sent out. It doesn't have to be the responsibility of the secretary to document what each member wants, but I will say that assigning one member of your chapter to collect ads would go a long way to lighten the burden of our dedicated scribes! That member could then give the list to their Program Booklet Committee member for their district to forward to the chair or even send it in themselves.

It is with much satisfaction that again this year, ALL chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction submitted an ad. It is a testament to the dedication that our members have for our beautiful order and you all should be proud!

Before I sum up, I would like to announce to you that I have been asked to continue as your Chair of the Program Booklet Committee for the next two years, which I have agreed to do, and I am deeply humbled by the trust and faith you all have placed in me. I pray that I may maintain the same through the Grace of God.

Working on the Program Booklet this year has been rewarding, not just because I enjoyed it (which I did), but because I was able to fulfill the need and call of one who is not just a Worthy Grand Sister, her Grand Family and her Grand Chapter but one whom I consider a friend.

### **ESTERN STAR JOURNAL**

First of all, I am very happy to be back on Journal. I am sure many of you are aware that the Journal is behind in its issues for the past couple of years. We all fully understood when Sister Kathy Miller resigned over the death to her husband Bro Gary Miller who was General Grand Chapter Secretary. A few months later a Sister was appointed but resigned after a few months and General Grand was on the lookout again for someone new to fill the shoes. We now have Sister Nancy Ford whom I have made myself known to and have had several conversations. So far this year I have submitted 5 articles and have another 11 ready to finish up when I go home. I urge all members to participate in this venture. If you are not sure as to "How" reach out to me and we will make it happen for you.

My last communication with Nancy was as follows and I quote "

"Just wanted to say Hi and let you know I am thinking of you on this special day for you and your Country (July 1st). We were there in 2016 and had no idea why we stuck in traffic in Moncton heading for the bridge to PEI and your session. Keep the articles coming. There are several in this edition that just went to print!"

Moved by Sister Doreen Edgar - chair Eastern Star Journal, seconded by Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69), passed.

### **COURTESY**

**Christine McGillivray**, PGM (21):

Introductions for Grand Chapter 2019  
Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron

Marianne Shenefelt – Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Henry Martin - Most Worthy Grand Patron

Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers and Right Worthy Grand Trustees: Kimberly Dellinger – Worthy Grand Ruth

General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee

Members: Sisters: Eileen Palmeri – on Eastern Star Journal  
Lynne Lambert – Canadian Chair on Service Dogs  
Jane Wooldridge – on Service Dogs  
Donna Russo - on Service Dogs  
Cynthia Lewis – Youth  
Betty St. Onge - Ambassador to New Jersey

Brothers: Fred Lipskey- on Membership  
Richard Ashby – Parliamentarian  
Larry Gullett – Scottish Rite in New Hampshire  
Don Heiser – Co-Chair on Finance

Presentation of 50 + members

Sisters: Edith Taylor – Grace Chapter # 8  
JoAnne Giffin – Grace # 8  
Mary Crouch – Evangeline # 15  
Goldie Chisholm – Myrtle # 21  
Iris Newman – Evening Star # 28  
Jean Beckwith – St Mary's # 35  
Mildred Wagner – Mystic Star # 40  
Cora MacKay – Elm # 48  
Melda Johnston – Regent # 52  
Marjorie Conrod – Queen Esther # 61

Brothers: Earl Chisholm – Myrtle #21

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

Sisters: Susan MacArthur – in Alberta  
Lori Thomson – in Manitoba  
Judy Donnelly – in New Brunswick  
Barbara Gaskell – New Hampshire  
Rita Hauser – in New York  
Janet Patch - Quebec

Brothers: Gerald (Jerry) Hauser – in New York  
Richard Fortier – New Hampshire  
Robert Weidner – Quebec

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Sisters: Diane Hayman (Grand Secretary)  
Margaret Clarke  
Sheila MacDonald  
Marian Durling  
Cheryl Denton

Carol Clark  
Isabelle M. Pearson  
Marylyn Swinamer  
Edith Conrod  
Marion Buchan  
Jane Wooldridge  
Mary Lou Higgins  
Mary Reid  
Irma Maxwell  
Suzanne Aitken  
Wilma Verge  
Christine McGillivray

Brothers: Lawrin Armstrong  
William Clark  
Adrian Pearson  
Murray Gardner  
Allan Conrad  
Ron Boudreau  
Whitman Giffin  
Zeke Eaton  
John Lorimer  
Kirk MacLennan  
Robert Turner  
Arnold Dempsey

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters:	Vickie Starr –	of District of Columbia
	Anne Kellner –	of Connecticut
	Kimberly Dellinger –	of Kansas
	Rebecca Johnson –	of Maine
	Cynthia Lewis –	of Maine
	Carole McElheran –	of Manitoba
	Constance Vick –	of Massachusetts
	Joan Atkinson –	of Massachusetts
	Joyce McCurdy –	of Minnesota
	Betty St. Onge -	of Ontario
	Roberta Hall –	of Quebec
	Llynne Lambert –	of Saskatchewan
	Virginia Porter –	of Wyoming

Brothers: Robert Starr – of District of Columbia  
J. Arthur Carbonaro – of Connecticut  
Bruce Burke – of Manitoba  
Stephen Donahue - of Massachusetts  
Joseph Russo - of Massachusetts  
Glen Carlson – of Minnesota  
Ralph Hall – of Quebec

Bruce Lambert – of Saskatchewan  
James Savage – of West Virginia

Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters: Cynthia (Cindy) Chadwell – Associate Grand Conductress of Ohio  
Carol Girling – Worthy Grand Electa in Manitoba & Past Grand Matron of  
Manitoba  
Barbara Wiberg – Grand Ruth of Massachusetts

Brothers: Charles Jones – Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts  
George Supernault – Associate Grand Patron of Vermont

Grand Officers Emeritus of this and other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters: Betty Ann Loughnan – Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Chris Nacheff Maneker – Grand Secretary Emeritus of Oregon  
Virginia Porter - Grand Secretary Emeritus of Wyoming

General Grand Chapter Special Appointments (Campfire Friend, Top Hat Pride and personal secretary to the MWGM & MWGP:

Sisters: Opal Martin - Escort to Most Worthy Grand Patron  
Darlene Bunch – Escort to Worthy Grand Electa of Manitoba  
B. Judith Fenner – Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Rio De  
Janeiro  
Delma Davis – M.W.G.M. Special Appt - Chair - Campfire Friend  
Shelia Martin – Most Worthy Grand Matron Special Appt Campfire Friend  
Regina Gahr - Most Worthy Grand Matron Special Appt Campfire Friend  
Grettie Bondy – Escort to MO Campfire Friend

Grand Representatives in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

Sisters: Debbie Ryan – of Australia  
Susan Eaton – of California  
Dorothy Powroz - of Italy  
Edna MacLean – of Manitoba  
Irene Bent – of Minnesota  
Violet Cameron - of New Jersey  
Grace Boudreau – of BC and Yukon  
Patricia Armstrong – of Utah  
Carrie Dawn Moxsom – of Vermont  
Janice Cleveland – of Montana

Brothers: George Moxsom – of Arizona  
Wendell Dawson - of Connecticut  
Gerald Norman – of Florida  
Lloyd Brown – of Mississippi  
Brian Loughnan – of Oregon

Jack Walley – of Virginia

Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

Sisters: June Carr – in Alberta  
Elsie Preedy – in BC & Yukon  
Janyce Mathis – in California  
Constance Vick – in Massachusetts  
Barbara Brihn - in Minnesota  
Dr Karen Fields – in Montana  
Diane Fortier – New Hampshire  
Chris Nacheff Maneker – in Oregon  
Janelle Savage – West Virginia  
Debra Bushee - in Vermont

Brothers: Stephan Kellner - - in Connecticut  
Robert Starr – in District of Columbia  
Lyle Fry – in Oklahoma  
Bert Decker – in New Jersey  
Gerald H. (Jerry) Hauser - in New York  
Don Porter – in Wyoming

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters: Eleanor Carbonaro - Grand Representative of Ontario in Connecticut  
Margaret Dyer – Grand Representative of Ontario in Maine and PGM  
Brenda Slay - Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Ohio  
Charlotte Milbert - Grand Representative of New Jersey in West Virginia  
Kathy Moss - Grand Representative of New Brunswick in West Virginia  
Janet Patch - Grand Representative of Vermont in New Brunswick  
Lillian Fry - Grand Representative of Maine in Oklahoma  
Akiko Decker – Grand Representative of Wisconsin in New Jersey

Brothers: Glen Carlson - Grand Representative of Italy in Minnesota  
Thomas Ricks - Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Virginia  
Rioderick McWilliam - Grand Representative of Maine in Quebec

District Deputy Grand Matrons of this and other Grand Jurisdictions:

Carol Atkinson – District #2  
Deborah Fox – District # 6

In Other Jurisdictions:

Karen Skelton – District #4 in California  
Hazel Grant - DD Grand Instructor in Vermont  
B. Judith Fenner – Deputy for the MWGM for Rio de Janerio, Brazil in Massachusetts  
Steven Moss – Deputy Instructor District # 5 in West Virginia

Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sisters: Linda Foote – ESTARL  
Joan Mills - ESTARL  
Carol Nielsen – Chair of Registration;  
Audrey Farquharson – Registration  
Anna Carr – on Membership  
Jessica MacLennan - Membership  
Doreen Edgar – on Courtesy and Eastern Star Journal  
Ann Ross – on Courtesy;  
Elizabeth Moxsom – Courtesy  
Michelle Gallant – Publicity  
Jean Millet - Publicity  
Rhonda Fader – Program Booklet  
Allison MacDonald – Program Booklet  
Cheryl Ann Dempsey – Crafts & Treasures  
Velda Forrest – Crafts & Treasures

Brothers: William (Bill) Thompson – Chair of ESTARL  
Willard Nicholson – ESTARL  
Roy MacKinnon - Registration  
Craig Savoury – Chair of Program Booklet  
Tony Szucs - on Program Booklet

Presentation of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2018-2019:  
Sisters: Marilyn Farrow – Cedar Atlantic # 3  
JoAnne Giffin – Grace # 8  
Carole Newell – Queen Elizabeth # 14  
Julie Hennessey – Crystal # 1  
Sheila MacDonald – Munro # 26  
Anna Ford – Pearle Chapter # 71

Brothers: Harold Farrow - Cedar Atlantic # 3  
Larry Ingham – Elm # 48

Presentation of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2018-2019

In Other Jurisdictions:

Sisters: Ruth Jones – Worthy Matron of Jessamine Chapter #75 in  
Massachusetts  
Priscilla Ricks – Worthy Matron of Berkley Chapter # 52 in  
Virginia

Brothers: Jesse Carr - Worthy Patron of Queen Esther Chapter # 22 in  
Alberta  
Denis St. Onge – Worthy Patron of Hope Chapter # 184 in  
Ontario

Chapter Electa's: Lucy Josey – Scotia Chapter # 49

The report was presented by Sister Christine McGillivray PGP (#21), seconded by Brother Arnold Dempsey, passed.

### **WGM AND WGP 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 Children's Travel Fund of Philae Shriner's of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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 Truro. Many Chapters sold the entire number of Calendars and Pins given, and some Chapters requested more, and we thank them for those additional sales.

Pins 322 @ \$5.00 = \$1610.00 (1 not sold) for a total of 323  
Cost of pins \$250.00 for a total profit of \$1360.00

Calendars 298 @\$5.00 = \$1490.00 (1 replaced @\$5.00) for a total of \$1490.00 less printing cost of \$525.00 for a grand total of \$965.00. Calendars not sold 41.  
Expense for the cost of 2 cheques and 1 draft \$10.50.  
Total profit from Committee Sales was \$2147.50

Total in Bank \$3057. Profit from Chapter Sales \$2147.50. Profit from the sale of Pins and Calendars by our Worthy Grand Patron \$909.50.  
Total Profit from all sales \$3057.00

I want to thank all the Chapters for a job well done in meeting our deadline 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:  
Wilma Verge, PGM (28) Co Chair; Marjorie Buffett, PM (26); Phyllis Munroe, Past Matron (8); Jane Wooldridge, PGM (1); Doris Cullen, PM (10); Vicki Levy, PM (40)  
And myself Jackie King (28)

Jackie King, Chair moved the adoption of this report, Sister Wilma Verge PGM (28) seconded report, and carried.

### **GRAND CHAPTER ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

Good morning Sisters and Brothers listed is the report of the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee. The committee consists of the following:  
Sister Margaret Clarke PGM- Social and ticket chair  
Sister Edith Conrad- PGM Housing  
Sister Carol Clark PGM- Set Up and Decorations  
Brother Bill Clark- General Chair

Worth Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron it has been our pleasure to work with you to help make this a successful Grand Chapter session.

We are working with the General Manager and new owners of the Glengarry Hotel on several items that will make our stay here even more enjoyable. I met with the new owner last evening and he is advised that we are welcome here as long as we want to stay.

The new owners want to make sure that our stay here is very enjoyable. If you have any concerns or issues about your stay here this year please send them to me at [billadcarolclark@gmail.com](mailto:billadcarolclark@gmail.com)

One item we would like to point out is to bring you hotel reservation form with you in case there is a mix up on your room or reservation.

The room rates for next year is \$112.99, the following year \$112.99 plus CPI. And the same the following year plus of course the government's share HST.

Sister Helen and Brother Ed, we are looking forward to working with you and your team. The meeting we had with you in PEI last September was very beneficial and are looking forward to putting your ideas into place.

Sister Carol and I also met with Sister Beth and Brother Shane last September in the Masonic Hall in Baddeck to go over several questions they had regarding the set up at Grand Chapter.

Special thanks to Mike McGillivray and Allison Macdonald for their work with the sound system. If there are others who would like to assist with this, please let us know.

As information the duties of this committee were passed as a notice of motion at our Grand Chapter Session in 2015.

Sister Darlene and Brother Ken, we hope everything was to your satisfaction and that you both have many "Treasured Memories of your year and this Grand chapter Session.

Respectively submitted: Sisters Margaret Clarke, Edith Conrod, Carol Clark and Brother William Clark

Arrangements Committee – PGP Brother William Clarke (10) presented the Arrangements Committee report, seconded by Sister Carol Clarke, PGM (10) and carried

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from labour to refreshments to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

## JULY 10, 2019

The Wednesday Afternoon Session started promptly at 1:30 pm with the Grand Marshall calling the session from refreshment to labor.

The Associate Grand Matron and Grand Sentinel proved the Grand Chapter room, the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy grand Matron declared the Grand Chapter opened for the transaction of business.

### MINUTES OF MORNING

The Grand Secretary read the Minutes of the Wednesday Morning Session. They were seconded by Sister Mary Reid, PGM, and passed.

### REGISTRATION REPORT

Sister Carol Nielsen reported for the Registration Committee:

Our Jurisdiction 223      Other Jurisdictions      111      Total 334

Brother Roy MacKinnon seconded the report and it was passed.

At this time the Worthy Grand Patron announced that Sisters Carolyn Galley-Card and Bonnie Boutilier were celebrating birthdays today. The members sang Happy Birthday to the Sisters.

**Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP (1 PE):** stated that a man should never forget a woman's birthday and never ask how old.

### CRAFTS AND TREASURES

Sisters Velda Forrest PM (#71), Marion Durling, PGM (#3), and Cheryl Ann Dempsey PM (2) announced that \$1,395 was raised by their committee.

Baskets raised	\$1,077.50
Clothing raised	317.50
TOTAL	\$1,395.00

Winners of the baskets were:

Linda MacKay	Marlene Clyde
Ken Conrod	Diane Hayman
DiAnne Campbell	Anna Carr
Janette Vreeland	Marion Buchan
Doreen Edgar	Michelle Boutilier
Cathy Shears	Cheryl a. Dempsey

Their motion was seconded by Sister Cheryl A. Dempsey, PM (#2) and passed.

### HISTORIAN REPORT

**Sister Margie Allen, PM (#3),** Grand Historian read her report

71<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
“LIGHT OF THE STARS”  
GLENGARRY HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER  
TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA  
JULY 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron, Christine McGillivray (21 & 28)  
Worthy Grand Patron, Arnold Dempsey (2)  
Associate Grand Matron, Darlene Amirault (49)  
Associate Grand Patron, Kenneth Conrod (61)  
Grand Secretary, Diane Hayman (24)  
Grand Treasurer, Faye Calder (67)  
Grand Conductress, Helen Nicholson (1 PEI)  
Associate Grand Conductress, Beth Brett (19)  
Grand Chaplain, Linda Foote (67)  
Grand Marshall, Richard Preeper (55)  
Grand Organist, Whit Giffin (40)  
Grand Adah, Cheryl Ann Dempsey (2)  
Grand Ruth, Anna Ford (71)  
Grand Esther, Heather Matthews (3)  
Grand Martha, Heather Boyd (21)  
Grand Electa, Christine Eidt (49)  
Grand Warder, Allen Reid (10)  
Grand Sentinel, Ed McLaren (1PEI)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District 1, Helen Nicholson	(1PEI)
Beverly Wentzell	(28)
Darlene Amirault	(49)
Helen Szucs	(49)
Marjorie Medicraft	(2)
Beth Brett	(19)

DEDICATION: “The Light of Our Stars” session is dedicated to my Maternal Grandmother who was my light and introduction to the Eastern Star.

AIM: To help bring the “Light of our Stars” to all those we meet.

MOTTO: Let the principles of our order shine, like the stars, through our lives.

HONOR STATIONS: Martha and Marshal

SCRIPTURES: WGM – John 11, Verse 25: Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

WGP – Psalm 23, “The Lord is My Shepherd”

WATCHWORDS: Faith, in tomorrow  
Love, with all your heart  
Believe: in yourself

FLOWERS: WGM – Orchid WGP - May Flower

BIRDS : WGM – Pheasants WGP – Cardinals

SYMBOLS: Stars and Angels

FUN SYMBOLS: WGM – Dragonflies WGP – School Bus

SPECIAL PROJECT: Brigadoon Camp for Kids

MUSIC

WGM: Arms of an Angel in the Garden The Prayer I Believe  
When You Wish Upon a Star Go Now in Peace

WGP: How Great Thou Art When the Storm Passes By  
God of the Mountain Here I Am, Lord

FAVORITE QUOTE: “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

ESTARL SERVICE: The ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at the Glengarry Hotel and Convention Centre, Truro. Former recipient Brother Rev. Andrew MacDonald was the Guest Speaker. The offering from this Service amounted to \$866.60 and was given to ESTARL.

GRAND FAMILY 2018: The Grand Family 2018 introductions and Emblem Ceremony narrated by Jane Wooldridge took place followed by presentation of flags under the direction of Brother Kirk MacLennan.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED QUESTS

GGCCMS - Bonnie Studley, Ambassador to Hawaii, Clifford Brightman, Deputy of the MWGP in Italy, Stella Trask: Cancer, Whitman Giffin: Scottish Rite Charities, Tabor Caulier: Shrine Charities, Irma Maxwell: Support First Responders

PRESENTATION OF 50 PLUS & 60 PLUS MEMBERS: Sister Vesta Allen received her 70<sup>th</sup> Year Jewel and Sister Virginia Cameron and Sister June Cameron received 60-Year Jewels.



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DISTINGUISHED GUEST - Joyce Roode Canadian Liaison for International Grand Representative Association on Membership  
 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WERE READ BY BROTHER ADRIAN PEARSON, PAST GRAND PATRON.

REPORTS OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON WERE GIVEN AND ACCEPTED.  
 NOTICES OF MOTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND CHAPTER AND CAN BE FOUND IN THE PROCEEDINGS.  
 PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE SECRETARYS 15  
 FOLLOWED BY REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE TREASURER 7  
 FOLLOWED BY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MARTHA'S 6  
 PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MARSHALL'S 6

REMARKS FROM GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER'S Stella Trask, Cancer; Irma Maxwell; Support First Responders; Whitman Giffin, Scottish Rite Charities; Ted Caulier, Shrine Charities.

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#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The report of the Grand Chaplain was given by Grand Chaplain, Sister Susan Eaton. Tributes were given to Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Maxine Flint Justice; Past Grand Matron's Helen Connors, Jessie Nutter, June MacDonald and Past Grand Patron, Frank Cullen. The Altar was draped in Loving Memory of our departed members. The Star Points, Grand Chaplain and District Deputy Grand Matron's led the Grand Chapter in a beautiful service.

Sister Margie moved the adoption of her report, Sister Shirley Blair PM (#3) seconded the report and it was carried.

#### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

**WGM:** Presentation by the Publicity Committee – Sister Bev Wentzell, PM (28)

**Sister Beverley Wentzell:** The Publicity Committee sent a letter asking the Chapters to take pictures of events in their chapters and send to members of the committee. Most of these were sent via e-mails and not the physical picture. The Committee had a lot of printing to do.

The pictures were compiled in Scrapbooks. As some of the information arrived late, we would keep the scrapbooks and pass them along to Sister Diane and Brother Ken when completed.

Sister Bev moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Sister Michele Gallant and passed.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron said they would look forward to receiving the scrapbooks.

### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT**

Brother Fred reported that the Web Site was up and running. Changes are being made as they occur. Brother Fred Lipskey PGP (#67)

**Brother Craig Savoury, Chair Program Booklet:** said he would like to see more of the Fun Symbols being sponsored in the Program Booklet. He suggested that perhaps a competition would be helpful.

**Sister Margaret Clarke,** PGM said that in Orlando she spoke with the DDGM of Romania and offered her two sets of Chapter Badges. Sister Diane, Grand Secretary was able to provide these from the stored items. Sister Margaret has forwarded these to Romania.

Sister Margaret moved that the actions be ratified. This was seconded by Brother Dan Campbell and passed.

It was moved by Sister Diane, Grand Secretary, seconded by Brother Dan Campbell, PGP that Sister Margaret be reimbursed for sending the badges to Romania. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM that as other sets become available, they be sent to Romania. Seconded by Sister Marian Durling, PGM and passed.

**Sister Marian Durling, PGM:** reported that Cedar Atlantic No. 3 had two sets of badges they were not using.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND CHOIR**

The Grand Organist and Grand Choir were escorted to the West while Brother Ed MacLaren A.G.P. provided the music.

**WGM:** Sister Eleanor, Sister Louise, Sister Kay, Brother Ray, and Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Choir. Each of you have a very special talent, and I am very jealous, because I cannot carry a tune to save my soul, but I love music. Thank you for sharing your talent with us these last few days.

**WGP:** Sister Eleanor, Sister Louise, Sister Kay Brother Ray and the members of our Grand Choir: Your musical selections for our “Treasured Memories” Session have moved us and thank you for sharing your talents and with us. What would our ceremonies and gatherings be without music to “stir ever gentle and ennobling emotion of the soul”?

Sister Kay and Brother Ray, thank you for spearheading our Choir again this year, Choir directors are hard to find and we are blessed in this jurisdiction to have you both.

Sister Eleanor and Sister Louise, we are lucky to have organists with the talents that you each possess. We were so happy when you both agreed to be our organist this year and thank you.

Sister Eleanor Decker, Grand Organist thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their beautiful words in tribute of the music provided during this session.

The Grand Choir sang “Soft Kitty”.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Sister Jane Wooldridge, PGM:** gave notice that the next session she would move that Constitution Article 9 after the Grand Chapter Arrangement Committee insert “Service Dogs Committee”.

Sister Helen Nicholson, A.G.M. moved that due to circumstances the 1<sup>st</sup> School of Instruction be rescheduled to August 24 at Myrtle Chapter No 21, in Truro. Seconded by Brother Ed McLaren and passed.

Sister Helen Nicholson, A.G.M. moved that Laws and Regulations Grand Chapter Article 2 Duties of Officers Worthy Grand Matron #9 “(B) added “if at all possible” at the end. This would then read hold two Schools of Instruction at which all ritualistic work will be exemplified by the Grand Officers. These Schools of Instruction to be held in two central locations in the Jurisdiction in September if at all possible. Seconded by Sister Faye Calder, Grand Treasurer and passed.

Sister Edith Conrod moved that the following be added to the Arrangements Committee Report: “Housing reservation sent by mail or e-mail will be accepted – phone calls will not be accepted. Any changes must be made through Sister Edith and not the hotel. Seconded by Brother Bill Clark and passed.

Brother Dan Campbell, GCCM moved that the Notices of Motions (4, 9, 11, 12) published in the spring be brought up at the next regular or special meeting of the Grand Chapter. Seconded by Brother Robert Turner, PGP and passed.

I Daniel G. Campbell, Past Grand Patron will move or cause to be moved the following bodices of motion to be dealt with at the next Regular or Special Session of the Grand Chapter – it was noted that s Special Session of Grand Chapter had already been set to deal specifically with these notices of motion

**Article 5: Membership of Grand Chapter**, page 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which presently reads:

1. The membership of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the officers thereof, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons, while they are members of a Chapter within its Jurisdiction, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons, and all other members of subordinate Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who have a valid dues card, including those Chapters under dispensation, each of whom if present at Grand Chapter shall be entitled to one vote. (A.M. 1999)
2. The Grand Chapter shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members.

**Be amended to read as follows:**

1. 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.”
2. All members of this Jurisdiction registered and present at Grand Chapter shall be entitled to vote.
3. The Grand Chapter shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members. (AM 2018)

**10 Article 7, Sessions number 4**, page 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which presently reads:

4. Notice of session shall be mailed to members at least ten days before the date thereof.

**Be replaced with the following wording:** 4. Notice of Special session(s) shall be mailed, via Canada Post or Electronically to Chapter

Secretaries for distribution to their members at least ten days before the date thereof.

**11. Article 9, Committees, No. 1**, Page 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which presently reads:

1. The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, Registration, Membership, Program Booklet, and Grand Chapter

Arrangements Committee (to take effect in 2017). (A.M. 2013)

**Be amended to read as:** 1. The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be Finance, Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee, Jurisprudence, Membership, Program Booklet and, Registration. (A.M. 2018) The standing Committee on Membership shall consist of 9 members, three members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each Annual Session for a period of three years. All other standing committees shall consist of three members, one member to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each Annual Session for a period of three years. A chairperson is to be appointed each year by the Worthy Grand Matron (A. M 2010)

**12. Article 11, Subordinate Chapters; sub-paragraph By-Laws**, page 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which reads:

3. Every Chapter has the right to make its own By-Laws, provided that such laws are not in violation of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter. Each Chapter must provide the most recent copy of their By-Laws with all amendments to the Grand Secretary and to the Worthy Grand Patron for retention and use.

Move Article 11 Subordinate Chapter Membership to the Bottom of this Article.

**Have the following sections added:**

(b) All changes to the By-Laws of a subordinate Chapter must be approved by the Worthy Grand Patron.

(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.

(d) The Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron shall pass these By-Laws on to their successor.

**13. Article 11, Subordinate Chapters, sub-paragraph Officers**, page 4, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which reads:

The officers of a Chapter shall be those prescribed by the laws of the General Grand Chapter.

Be moved to Article 5 no. 4.

**14. Article 12, Amendments**, page 4, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which reads: This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter by a two-thirds vote, provided that any proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a previous regular session and printed copies thereof sent to the members at least sixty days before the regular or special session at which action is to be taken.

1. All amendments to any section of this Constitution be identified by margin lines and footnote of the year at the bottom of each page so affected. If a subsequent amendment or addition is made to the same page at a later time the new change would be so marked and footnoted and the previous margin line(s) and footnote(s) would be erased. (A.M. 2002)

**Be deleted and replaced 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 45 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 a footnote of the year approved at the end of each new approved section. (Removed "Margin Lines")
  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. (AM 2018)
  12. Amendments to The Book of Instruction, and Laws and Regulations may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter provided that all proposed amendments, alterations or additions as promulgated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall have been submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter Session. (A.M. 2007).
  13. Amendments to the Constitution, Book of Instruction, Laws and Regulations can only be submitted every three years starting in 2022.

Sister Carol Atkinson, GCCM: moved that Grand Chapter look into setting a CRA Charity account to be used to raise funds. Sister Michelle Boutilier (#61) seconded the motion. After much discussion and noting the extra work involved for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer the motion was defeated.

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Darlene:** The quilts made and decorating our Grand Chapter room were made by Sister Laverne Porter (#15) and will be sent to the Children's Hospital in Montreal.

Flowers on the pedestals for the Grand Officers were bought by the Worker Bees.

Practice for the outgoing Grand Officers will be held after this Session.

Practice for the incoming Grand Officers will follow the outgoing Grand Chapter Officer practice

**Sister Helen Nicholson, A.G.M.:** moved an open installation be held this evening. Seconded by Brother Ed McLaren and passed.

Sister Helen asked that the first 2 rows on either side be kept for the family and chapters of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Craig Savoury (#55): asked the Incoming Officers to go get their pictures as soon as they change.

Sister Roberta Hall, PGM congratulated us on what we are doing with the quilts for the children.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session from labor to refreshments to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 10, 2019**

**6:30 p.m. Grand Chapter called to order:** Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) and Brother William Clark, PGP (10)

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter Room. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Matron were presented at the Altar, welcomed, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors. The Grand Choir sang "One More Step Along the Way I Go".

**WGM:** Sister Marion and Brother Bill, thank you for calling to order this Final Session of our "Treasured Memories" Grand Chapter session.

Sister Marion you have always been there with a positive attitude and a willingness to help. Thank you for presenting me with my mother's Gavel for the last time as Worthy Grand Matron. Please accept this small gift from Brother Ken and I.

Brother Bill, you have always been there encouraging me and asking me about my note taking. Thank you for all that you have done to make this Grand Chapter filled with memories that I will treasure for a lifetime.

**WGP:** Sister Marian and Brother Bill, thank you so much for opening for the final time the "Treasured Memories" Grand Chapter session.

I've known both of you since shortly after my initiation into the order in 1983 and you both have been "True Star Friends" ever since.

Sister Marian, you have offered assistance anytime that I have asked – always willing to help and offering encouragement, and for that I say thanks.

Brother Bill, you are just like the ever-ready bunny – where you find the energy I don't know. You have bent over backwards fulfilling our requests and helping to make our "Treasured Memories" Grand Chapter Session, the best it could be – I thank you.

**Please accept this token of appreciation on behalf of Darlene and I for opening our Session this morning.**

The Associate Grand Matron and Grand Sentinel proved the Chapter. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the session from refreshments to labour and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

**Sister Darlene, WGM:** Declared the Grand Chapter opened for the transaction of business. She paid tribute to her Mom and thanked Brother Bill and Sister Marion.  
**WGM:** Sister Grand Secretary can we have the Reading of Minutes of the Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon Session

**Sister Diane,** PGM and Grand Secretary read the highlights of the afternoon session. Seconded by Sister Mary Reid, PGM and passed.

She reported that a chain with a heart and PG inscribed had been turned in and is at her desk.

Brother Ward Cunningham, PGP sent his regrets.

**WGM:** Can we now have the Final Report from the Registration Committee.

Registration Committee Final Report by **Sister Carol Nielsen,** PM (61) Chair:

Voting Members 223 Visitors 111 Total Registered 334  
Of the total 272 members were pre-registered.

Carol Moved her report – seconded by: Sister Audrey Farquharson, PM (1PEI) carried.

**WGM:** Sister Carol Thank you so much for your and your committee's work. I can't Thank you enough for everything that you have done and for the support that you shown over the last few years. You are a true friend.

**Your Kitty Cat Quote:** There are few things in life more heart warming than to be welcomed by a cat.

Sister Mabb Cole-Smith (8) was escorted to the East and presented a donation of \$100 to the Special Project in memory of her parents.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As we close this 72<sup>nd</sup> “Treasured Memories” Grand Chapter Session. I want to thank you the membership, for an incredible year and for the honor to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron, your support, and friendship have Memories that I will Treasure for a lifetime.

Brother Ken, thank you for all the support you have given me. You have made my load lighter by being by my side.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:  
We come to the close of what I think has been, and I hope that you agree, a very successful Grand Chapter Session.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you as your Worthy Grand Patron and I thank you for the trust that you placed in me a year ago.

It has been a rewarding year – meeting new Star Friends and rekindling old friendships as we travelled on the Star Trail. I must say that that is the most rewarding part of being a star member – the Fraternalism that we share from sea to shining sea.

To Sister Helen and Brother Ed, in a few short hours you will take the reins of our Grand Chapter. I wish for you a successful year and hope that your year will be as memorable and rewarding as ours has been.

Sister Darlene, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron this year. I can only hope that I have been able to take some of the “Load Off” your plate. We have been friends for a while and this year has made that bond even greater.

As I depart to join the ranks of the “Past’s” I hope that I have earned those welcomed words – “Well done good and Faithful Servant”.

Until we meet again – Farewell

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

**WGM:** Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, (67) will you come forward and preside during the Badge Ceremony.

**Sister Margaret Clarke, PBM (67)** presided over the Badge Ceremony. She asked that the doors be left open.

As the Grand Officers took their place around the Altar, the Grand Choir sang “Precious Memories”.

**Sister Margaret:** (as the Grand Officers placed their Badges on the Altar)

The sunlight now is waning, as their Chapter year now ends,  
Our Officers return their Jewels, to the Altar they attend

It's been their joy to serve you, and wear these badges true;  
And, a privilege for them to walk the starry path with you  
Here they lay their Jewels shining fair,  
Leaving them with reverence and with prayer.

The Crossed Swords within a Star, an emblem of protection.  
The Dove within the Star an emblem of Peace.  
The Cup within the Triangle an emblem of Charity and Hospitality.  
The Broken Column within the Triangle, an emblem of Nature's life and beauty.  
The Crown and Sceptre within the Triangle, an emblem of Royalty and Power.  
The Sheaf within the Triangle, an emblem of Plenty.  
The Sword and Veil within the Triangle an emblem of Heroic Conduct.  
The Lyre within the Star an emblem of Music and Poetry.  
The Cross Batons within the Star an emblem of Direction.  
The Open Bible within the Star, an emblem of the Word of God.  
The Baton within the Star an emblem of Leadership.  
The Scroll and Baton within the Star an emblem of Prepared Plans and their fulfillment.  
The Crossed Keys within the Star an emblem of Security.  
The Crossed Pens within the Star an emblem of Intelligence.  
The Star within the Star an emblem of divine Guidance.  
The Effulgent Sun within the Star an emblem of Light.  
The Square and compass within the Star, an emblem of his relationship to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.  
The Gavel within the Star an emblem of Authority.

From the altar they received them. On the Altar they now leave them.  
The Bible which has led them aright has been closed as they say Good Night.

The Grand Choir sang "Go Now in Peace" as the Grand Officers retired led by the Grand Chaplain carrying the Bible.

**Sister Marian Miller**, PGM (1 PE) as the Installing Grand Officer, named those assisting her with the Installation. She called a short recess to prepare for the ceremony.

Installing Grand Officer,	Sister Marion Miller, PG1 (1 PE)
Installing Grand Marshal:	Sister Suzanne Aitken, PGM (69)
Installing Grand Chaplain:	Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP (49)
Installing Grand Conductress:	Sister Marion Buchan, PGM (67)
Installing Grand Organist:	Brother Whitman Giffin, PMP (8)
Installing Grand Warder:	Brother Zeke Eaton, PGP (1 PE)
Installing Grand Sentinel:	Brother Allan Conrad, PGP (49)

Assisting in the East:

**Sister Edith Conrod**, PGM (61), installing the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer

**Sister Jane Wooldridge**, PGM (1 PE) installing the Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Organist, Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel

**Sister Marian Miller**, PGM (1 PE) installing the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, and Star Points

Sister Marian Miller, PGM (1 PE) called the session to order and explained the meaning of the raps of the gavel – 3 raps everyone stands up, 1 rap everyone sits down.

The Installing Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Installing Grand Marshal invited the Incoming Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sister Helen Nicholson (1 PE) was installed as Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East through an arch of red and white roses. She was accorded Grand Honors.

Brother Ed McLaren (1 PE) was escorted to the East, through an arch of pansies and humming birds, after he was installed. He was accorded Grand Honors.

The Installing Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Officers of 2019 – 2020 regularly installed.

Sister Helen, WGM, asked the Brothers to remove the chairs.

The Grand Conductress escorted the District Deputy Grand Matrons to the East. They each were introduced and were pinned with their jewel and wished all the best in the performance of their duties.

### **INTRODUCTION OF 2019-2020 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

District No. 4– Sister DiAnne Campbell, PM (40)

District No. 5 – Sister Peg Lipskey, PM (67)

District No. 5 – Sister Connie MacDonald, PM (1 PE)

Sister Louise Seeley PM (#5) was introduced as Assistant Grand Organist for the year.

### **INTRODUCTION OF 2019-2020 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**

The following 2019 – 2020 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were introduced.

Cedar Atlantic #3 – Sister Marian Durling, PGM

Keystone #5 – Sister Louise Seeley

Grace #8 – Sister JoAnne Giffin and Brother Robert Turner, PGP

Ceilidh #10 – Sister Diane Patterson and Brother Murray Gardner PGP

Evangeline #15 – Sister Jean Millet

Myrtle #21 – Sister Carol Atkinson, GGCM and Brother Lawrin Armstrong PGP

Crystal #1 PE – Sister Julia Hennesey

Munro #26 – Sister Sheila MacDonald PGM  
Arbutus #30 – Sister Dawn Wamboldt  
St. Mary's #35 – Sister Veldt Forrest  
Mystic Star #40 – Sister Dorothy Powroz, GTE and Brother Whit Giffin PGP  
Elm#48 – Sister Grand Boyd  
Elmsdale #55 – Sister Carry Ann Moxsom  
Laurel #67 – Brother Fred Lipskey, GGCCM  
Montague #69 – Sister Mary MacDonald  
Pearle #71 – Sister Patricia Wamboldt

### **Worthy Grand Matron's Acceptance Speech**

Sister Helen Nicholson, WGM: Wow - what a beautiful sight .... you are our **Garden of Stars**.

I can't believe that three years ago I was elected as Associate Grand Conductress - the time has flown very fast especially this past year.

My Mom is looking down upon us tonight with a huge smile. It was her dream that I would take this giant step. This session is dedicated to her memory. She was a 50 plus member of Eastern Star having joined Victoria Chapter in Quebec and later affiliated with Crystal Chapter # 1.

I stand here tonight both humble and proud to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and I pray that I will carry out my duties to your satisfaction. However, it will take cooperation, support and love from all you in order to achieve a success. There are a few thank yous I need to acknowledge.

A special thank you to our Installing Officers. You did a great job and provided a memorable evening for Brother Ed and myself and our team of Grand Officers. Thank you for doing this for us. Each of you have been in this position before and laid the path for us to follow.

To the elected Grand Officers, enjoy your journey and thank you for your support and being a part of our Grand Family.

To the appointed Grand Officers, you are all special people and we thank you for agreeing to accept your appointment. We look forward to a great year full of fun and fellowship.

To our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Debbie and Brother George newly elected Sentinel, welcome and congratulations as you start your journey.

To our District Deputies, special thanks to special sisters, all the best as you carry out your duties – enjoy your year.

To the members of Crystal Chapter # 1 (PLEASE STAND) A sincere thank you to all of you for your continuing support and encouragement. I appreciate all that you have done for me I hope to make Crystal Chapter proud.

Also, to the members of Regent # 52 and Montague # 69, (PLEASE STAND) A special thank you to all of you for your love and support. There is such a wonderful bond among our three Island Chapters with everyone lending a helping hand at any time and whenever needed.

To Brother Ed, thank you for sharing the East with me this year and a special thank you to Irene, your better half, for allowing you to take this journey.

To our Grand Chapter Committee Members – we appreciate all the work and dedication you give to our Order. Thank you for agreeing to take on the work of carrying out the various committees to keep Grand Chapter operational. Your support is very much appreciated.

To Sister Darlene and Brother Ken, you had a wonderful year. Congratulations on a job well done, you have left big shoes for us to fill.

To my husband, Brother Willard, I cannot thank you enough for all your love and support over the past 46 years. You have been my rock and for keeping me grounded. We have done a lot and have enjoyed many good times; many being related to Masonic and Eastern Star. You are the one that made it possible for me to join Eastern Star. Neither of us ever dreamed that I would be standing here tonight as Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you love, it is going to be a hectic year. Unfortunately, because of work schedules and distance our immediate family, daughter Kathy, her husband Derek and two grandsons, Garrett and Spencer and our son, Andrew, and his daughter Ella and son Carter are unable to be here tonight. This is one time when this Grand Chapter should have been held on Prince Edward Island - personally it would have made things much more pleasant and I would be afforded the pleasure of having family relatives and many of my friends present to witness this impressive installation ceremony.

The name of our session is **Wings in the Garden of Stars**. I grew up surrounded by vegetable and flower gardens, and Willard and I planted and cared for vegetable and flower gardens from the time we were married. Also, I live on the beautiful Island called the Garden of the Gulf. From the time I can remember I loved seeing butterflies and hummingbirds among the flowers so it is fitting that Brother Ed and I came up with the name of our session.

My honour station is **Electa**, one of my first star point offices. The watch words, **TRUTH, LOVE, FAITH** and **FRIENDSHIP**.

**AIM:** Take time for all the little things.

The proceeds will go to our special project, Camp Triumph. Brother Ed will elaborate a little more on this project.

All other information you will find in the calendars which will be available after the closing, Debbie Fox and others on the WGM and WGP's Project, have a place set up for the representatives of each subordinate chapter to pick up the calendars and pins to take back to your respective chapters to be sold.

Also, for the new Worthy Matrons, Brother Willard and a couple of our sisters will have a table set up for you to pick up your scarves to wear for the next year. I close with this poem that I have carried in my day timer for several years:

The Little Things  
These are the little things of life  
The thoughtful word gently spoken,  
The loving smile, same small token,  
Or just an extra friendly touch.  
They make a better life for all  
And yet to us the cost is small  
For little things that mean a lot  
Are just the things that can't be bought.

Thank you.

### **Worthy Grand Patron's Acceptance Speech**

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

Well I MADE IT. There were a few times I wondered if I would make it and I am sure you as well. Thanks to all your prayers and support I stand before you as your Worthy Grand Patron and I am very proud and honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It is an honor to serve in the Grand East with Sister Helen, Worthy Grand Matron who I have known for years.

To the elected officers, I offer my congratulations and I wish you a great journey to the Grand East.

I also want to thank all those members who agreed to take Appointed Offices and those who agreed to go on the various committees.

My Honor Station is organist which, with exception of a few trips between Associate Patron and Worthy Patron in both Montague and Crystal Chapters, I have been all these years as well as Grand Organist and Assistant Grand Organist on numerous occasions. I know that music plays a very important part in our work and it's becoming a more difficult Office to fill as the membership ages. Some of us have been around a long time and you are truly appreciated for your dedication.

To the members of Crystal Chapter, No 1, Montague Chapter No 69 and Regent Chapter No 52, I value and thank you for your support and encouragement you have given me over the years. Would you please stand and be recognized.

My year as Worthy Grand Patron, and the “Wings in the Garden of Stars” session is dedicated to three very important influential women in my life. My Sister, Sister Anna Hill, PGM, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. was an inspiration in both my musical life (we played great music together) and my Eastern Star life. My wife, Sister Joan Yerby, also a Quebec member, joined me in all my Eastern Star endeavors until her death in 1996 and my wife Irene Renaud, although not interested in joining Eastern Star, continues to support me, and push me to fulfil my dreams.

Our special project, Camp Triumph, is very dear to me as I had two Grand Nieces attend a few years back. You will hear more about this on our travels and I would like to thank Dr. Jordan Sheriko for his talk during the intermission. As you know our pins and calendars will be available during the reception. as well, please have someone from your chapter pick up the music books for our year.

I would now like to introduce my family and friends: My wife Irene Renaud, my daughter Heather Mullen and two of our Grandchildren, Roisin and Eamonn.

My son Douglas, Dawn and our other two grandchildren, Emily and Molly cannot be with me to-night but send their love and support.

My brother Don and his wife Elizabeth, some of you may know them as they live here in Truro, .and my brother Stewart and his wife Joan are all unable to be here because of health reasons.

Also present tonight is Joan's sister, my sister in law, Janet Eperson, Honored Lady Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court Amaranth Order in Ontario. Thank you for making the journey to Nova Scotia as I know you are quite busy with your own travels

Sister Helen and I are very honored to have Grand Master Doug Morton of the Grand Lodge of Masons, PEI present as well as MW Bro George Grant, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia and Lady Winnie,

MW Bro Allison Coles PGM of PEI and his Lady Linda,

MW Bro George O'Leary, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia and Lady Sharon.

Special friends Bro John and Linda Gibson of Charlottetown and Calvin Burt, a two-time recipient of our ESTARL awards and presently Student Minister of Upper Musquodobit United Church and Dean Presbyterian Church

And last but not least two very special friends of my Sister Anna Hill and myself, Sister Roberta Hall, PGM and Bro Ralph Hall, PGP of the Grand Chapter of Quebec who have come from Ontario to be with me tonight.

Thank you, Sister Helen, for allowing me to share the East this year with you and I

wish you every success on your continued journey. Brother Willard, I promise to take good care of her for you and just maybe we will get left turns and right turns straightened out. I would like to leave with a Creed to Live By which Sister Debbie Fox read at her Installation

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me these few words.

**The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted the Installing Officers to the East where Sister Helen thanked them and presented each with a gift of appreciation.**

#### **PRESENTATION OF JEWELS**

Sister Shirley Conrad was escorted to the East where she presented Sister Darlene with the Past Grand Matron's jewel that previously belonged to Sister Marion Conrad, PGM. Sister Darlene thanked Grand Chapter for her jewel.

Sister Edith Conrod presented Brother Ken with the Past Grand Patron's jewel previously belonging to Brother Everett Mosely, PGP. Sister Marjorie Conrod pinned the jewel on her son.

The Grand Secretary mentioned that Sister Darlene's jewel previously belonged to Sister Leaha Conn and has a diamond chip in it.

#### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

Sister Susan Eaton WM presented a Bible case to Sister Helen from Crystal Chapter No. 1.

Brother Zeke Eaton PGP presented a Bible case to Brother Ed from Crystal Chapter No. 1.

Brother Heber Ross presented both Sister Helen and Brother Ed with a pen from Montague Chapter No. 69.

Sister Connie MacDonald (#1 PE) presented Sister Helen with a Bible Marker from the Past Matron's Club.

Sister Roberta Hall PGM presented Brother Ed with a Bible Marker on behalf of his Sister Anna Hall.

#### **SIGNING OF THE BIBLE**

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing. Sister Darlene, PGM and Brother Ken, PGP were escorted to the Altar where they signed the Bible and then returned to the East.

#### **PRESENTATION OF TRAVELING JEWEL**

Sister Darlene, PGM presented Worthy Grand Matron Sister Helen with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel. Sister Annie was our first Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Ken PGP presented Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ed with our first Worthy Grand Patron J. William MacLellan Traveling Jewel.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar, the Mizpah Benediction was repeated, and the session declared from work to recess to reconvene in Truro, Nova Scotia on July 6, 2020.

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GRAND CHAPTER 2019**

Monday, 7 July, 2019

11:00 am Past Grands Meeting  
12:30 pm Past Grands Luncheon  
2:30 pm Grand Representatives Meeting  
4:45 pm ESTARL Church Service, Grand Chapter Room

**Tuesday 8, July 2019**

7:30 am PAGOS Breakfast and Meeting  
12:30 pm Grand Representatives Luncheon  
6:00 pm "Light of Our Stars" Main Banquet - Entertainment to follow

**Wednesday, 10, July 2019**

7:15 am Grand Family Breakfast  
12:30 pm All Members Luncheon, Honouring Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron

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*Mr. Tom Delay, Past Patron of Tennessee	July 1990
*Mr. Dick Flashenburg, P.G.P. & Grand Secretary of Nevada	July 1991
Mrs. Florence Flashenburg, Past Matron of Nevada	July 1991
*Mrs. Mary Jane Noyes, Past Grand Organist of Florida	July 1991
*Mrs. Irene Campbell, Gr Rep of N.S. & P.E.I. (82-84) Ohio	July 1991
*Mr. Charles Campbell, Past Patron of Ohio	July 1991
*Mrs. Hazel B. Luisgnan, Past Matron, Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Christie Peterson, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota	July 1992
*Mrs. Bette Macintosh, Past Grand Matron of Ontario	July 1992
Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Gr Rep of NS & PEI(88-90) New Brunswick	July 1992
*Mr. Joseph Potter, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1992
Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Gr Representative of N.S.& P.E.I. (68-70)	July 1992
*Mrs. Virginia M. Painter, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1993
*Mr. Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1993
*Mrs. Anna Hill, Past Grand Matron of Quebec	July 1993
*Mrs. Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of NB	July 1993
Miss Pauline Allan, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
Mrs. Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	July 1993
*Mr. DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick	July 1993
*Mrs. Lottie MacCallum, Past Grand Matron of New 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
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	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
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
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 & 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 Chrisopoulos, 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, PGP, New Hampshire	July 2014
Mr. Michael Meeks, PP, South Dakota	July 2014
Mr. Philip Hubbard, PGP, Maine	July 2014
Mrs. Jean Hubbard, PM	July 2014
Mr. John E. Grobler MWGP	July 2015
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
Ms. Elsie Preedy, Gr Rep of NS&PEI in British Columbia & the	July 2018

Yukon	
Ms R. J. Steyerman, Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Louisiana	July 2018
Mr. Gerald Hauser, Gr Rep of NS & PEI in New York	July 2018
Mr. Ron Amme, Gr Rep of NS & PEI in New Jersey	July 2019
Mrs. Marianne Shenefeld, MWGM & PGM of Wyoming	July 2019
Mr. Henry S. Martin MWGP & PGP of Texas	July 2019
Ms. Gail Sprague PGM of Maine	July 2019
Mr. Joseph Russo GP of Massachusetts	July 2019
Mrs. Donna Russo PGM of Massachusetts	July 2019
Ms. June Carr Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Alberta	July 2019
Mrs. Joyce Mathis, Gr Rep. of NS & PEI in California	July 2019
Ms. Constance Vick, Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Massachusetts	July 2019
Ms. Barbara Bruhm PGM Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Minnesota	July 2019
Dr. Karen Fields Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Missouri	July 2019
Ms Dianne Fortier Gr Rep of NS & PEI in New Hampshire	July 2019
Ms Nacheff Maneker Gr rep of NS & PEI in Oregon	July 2019
Ms Janelle Savage Gr Rep of NS & PEI in West Virginia	July 2019
Ms Debra Bushee Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Vermont	July 2019
Mr Robert Starr PGP Gr Rep of NS & PEI in District of Columbia	July 2019
Mr. Bert Decker Gr Rep of NS & PEI in New Jersey	July 2019
Mr Lyle Fry Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Oklahoma	July 2019
Mr. Don Porter Gr Rep of NS & PEI in Wyoming	July 2019

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS  
ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 24, 1947  
PAST GRAND MATRONS**

*Mrs. Annie Patterson	1947-48
*Mrs. M. Edna Browne	1948-49
*Mrs. Queenie J. Moseley	1949-50
*Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1950-51
*Miss Maude Layton	1951-52
*Mrs. Adline Purves	1952-53
*Mrs. Eva May Kohler	1953-54
*Mrs. Luceba Mosher	1954-55
*Mrs. Hazel Muggah	1955-56
*Miss Jessie C. Moss	1956-57
*Mrs. Gladys Horton	1957-58
*Mrs. Helen Herring,	1958-59
*Mrs. Helen Reid	1959-60
*Mrs. Hildred Graham	1960-61
*Mrs. Annie Horton	1961-62
*Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1962-63
*Mrs. Eulalia MacLeod-Robertson	1963-64
*Mrs. Ethel Corkum	1964-65

*Mrs. Olive Croft	1965-66
*Mrs. May Cotter	1966-67
*Mrs. Claretta Palmer	1967-68
*Mrs. Leah Conn	1968-69
*Mrs. Agnes Hallyburton	1969-70
*Mrs. E. Megan Church	1970-71
*Mrs. Ada Bayers	1971-72
*Mrs. Sarah Doty	1972-73
*Mrs. Ethel Lovett	1973-74
*Mrs. Dorothy Hill	1974-75
*Mrs. Jessie Nutter	1975-76
*Mrs. Helen Connors	1976-77
*Mrs. Alice Cole	1977-78
*Mrs. Eleanor J Mitchell	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,	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
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
Mrs. Christine McGillivray, 62 Harris St., Truro, N.S. B2N 3N2	2017-18
Ms Darlene Amirault, 5595 Hwy 207 Head of Chezzetcook, NS B0J 1N0	2018-19

### PAST GRAND PATRONS

*Mr. J. William McLellan	1947-48
*Mr. A.J.W. MacKeigan	1948-49
*Mr. Laurie Gibson	1949-50
*Mr. Floyd Smith	1950-51
*Mr. Douglas Horton	1951-52
*Mr. Willard V. Longley	1952-53
*Mr. Maxwell Wharton	1953-54
*Mr. Joseph Steadman	1954-55
*Mr. J. Alburne Ruffee	1955-56
*Mr. Ray Schwartz	1956-57
*Mr. Lauchie Johnson	1957-58
*Mr. W. Everett Moseley	1958-59
*Mr. Jephtha Munro	1959-60
*Mr. Walter Hines	1960-61
*Mr. Mert MacLellan	1961-62
*Mr. Chesterton Davies	1962-63
*Mr. Hector Grimley	1963-64
*Mr. Vernon Robart	1964-65
*Mr. Frank Ripley	1965-66
*Mr. Winthrop Doty	1966-67
*Rev. Bruce Atkinson	1967-68
*Mr. Edward Brown	1968-69
*Mr. Robert Fraser	1969-70
*Mr. Keith MacKinnon	1970-71
*Mr. Wilfred Cole	1971-72
*Mr. Charles Thompson	1972-73
*Mr. William Ross	1973-74
*Mr. Royce Hefler	1974-75
*Mr. Kenneth Henderson	1975-76
*Mr. William Anderson	1976-77
*Mr. Warren Walker	1977-78
*Mr. Harold Spencer	1978-79
*Mr. Cyril MacIntosh	1979-80
*Mr. Chester Turnbull	1980-81
*Mr. Kenneth Smith	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,	1988-89
*Mr. Vincent Ells	1989-90
Mr. William F Clark 41 Settler's P, RR2 Pictou NS B0K 1H0	1990-91
*Mr. A. Allison Mitchell	1991-92
Mr. Adrian A Pearson PO Box 704 Stellarton, NS, B0K 1S0	1992-93
*Mr. James Dickie	1993-94
*Mr. Lewis Smith	1994-95
*Mr. J. Howard MacInnis	1995-96
Mr. David JC Waterbury 15 School St Mahone Bay NS B0J 2E0	1996-97
*Mr. William M. Thompson	1997-98
*Mr. Ervin T. Miller	1998-99
Mr. John Newell, 49 Hebrides Drive, Sydney, NS B1R 2A3	1999-00
Mr. Murray F Gardner 316 Hollis St New Glasgow NS B2H 1P4	2000-01
*Mr. George E. Crouch	2002-03
Mr. C Allen Denton, 5127 Rte. 217, Little River, N.S., Digby Co., B0V 1C0	2003-04
Mr. Allan R. Conrad, 300 Royale Blvd, Apt 310, Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 0R7	2004-05
*Rev. John Patterson	2005-06
Mr. Ronald Boudreau PO Box 342 Shelburne NS B0T1W0	2006-07
Mr. .Whitman J. Giffin, PO Box 494, Chester, NS B0J 1J0	2007-08
Mr. Tabor J Caulier, 40 Chelton Woods Ln, #105, Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	2008-09
Mr. R. Zeke Eaton, 18804 Malpeque Rd., RR4, North Wiltshire, 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
Mr. Arnold Dempsey, 103A Pleasant St., Berwick, N.S. B0P 1E0	2017-18
Mr. Kenneth Conrod, 2 Lexington Ave. Dartmouth, NS B2X 3L8	2018-19

### 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
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\*Mrs. Mary Walker 1951-55  
 \*Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox 1955-59  
 \*Mrs. Mary Walker 1959-64  
 \*Mrs. Eunice Davies 1964-68  
 \*Mrs. Mabel Johnson 1968-88  
 Mrs. Margaret Clarke 1988-92  
 \*Mr. Cecil E. Decker 1992-03  
 Miss Dorothy Powroz 2003-13  
 Mrs. Faye Calder 2013-

**GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS**

\*Mrs. Gertrude Dowell 1977-82  
 \* Mrs. Hazel MacLeod 1994-13  
 \*Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz 1998-01  
 Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan 2013-

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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	Ms. Janice Lambert Epp, PGM, 208 Ashford Dr., Gardendale, Ala 35071
ALBERTA	June	Mrs. Mary Lynn Smith, #434, 51110 Range Rd., 212, Sherwood Pk., AB T8G 1E7
ARIZONA	Aug	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	July	Ms. Vannia Arze Justinino, Calle, Morales #564, entre calles, Cobija y Tarija, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	May	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 Mattoon, 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. Kathy Rigoli, 1260 E. Stetson Ave., Post Falls, Idaho 83854
ILLINOIS	Oct	Mr. Damon Stotts, P O Box 317, Macon, Illinois 62544-0317
INDIANA	June	Mrs. Jonny D. Beeler, 523 Archway, Franklin, IN, 46131
IOWA	Oct.	Mrs. Nancy Niday, P.O. Box 72, 303 ½ East Marion St., Knoxville, IA, 50138
ITALY	Sep	Ms. Anna Maria Ruffini, Piazza Principe Umberto 35, 80142 Napoli, Italy
KANSAS	Apr	Ms Christine M. Hard, 320 SW 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Floor 2, Topeka, Ks 66603-3912
KENTUCKY	Sep	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	Ms. Jan S. Cross, 13464 Preston Dr., Suite 250, Marshall, MI 49068-9684
MINNESOTA	May	Ms. Joyce McCurdy, PGM, 11501 Masonic Home Dr., Bloomington, MN, 55437-9998
MISSISSIPPI-	Apr	Mr. Larry Woodward, PGP, PO Box 1071-13130 Hwy 14 West, Louisville, MI 39339-1071
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	Sep	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	Aug	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 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. South, Grand Forks, ND 58201
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	July	Ms. Diane R. Hayman, PGM, PO Box 853, Westville, NS B9K 2A9
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VIRGINIA	May	Ms. Linda M. Pearce, York Rite Bldg., 500 Masonic Lane, Suite B, Henrico, VA 23223- 5560
WASHINGTON	June	Ms. Irene Jacobs, 615 North St. ,SE, Tumwater WA, 98501-3438
WEST VIRGINIA	Oct.	Mrs. Pat Kennedy, PO Box 148, 12N Kanawha St., Buckhannon, WV 26201
WISCONSIN	May	Ms. Nancy Ryburn, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI, 53118-9349
WYOMING	Aug	Ms. Margie George, 3819 Snyder Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001-1164
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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS  
IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 2018 - 2019**

Joan MacKenzie (19)

Alabama

Dec. 31, 2019

Claude Shears (49)

Alberta

Dec. 31, 2020

George Moxsom (55)	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2020
Corinne Neil (61)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2021
Debbie Ryan	Australia	Dec. 31, 2020
Alexander Nicholson (26)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2021
Grace Boudreau (49)	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2020
Susan Eaton (1 PE))	California	Dec. 31, 2019
Marianne MacMillan (3)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2020
Wendell Dawson (1 PE)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2019
Daniel MacLaren (30)	Delaware	Mar. 31, 2020
William Hilden (35)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2020
Gerald Norman (49)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2020
Rev. Andrew MacDonald (10)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2019
Mab Cole-Smith (8)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2020
Beverley Cooper (14)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2020
Arnold Dempsey	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2020
Clara Nieforth (40)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2021
Dorothy Powroz (28)	Italy	Aug. 01, 2020
Margaret MacDonald (3)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2020
Wayne Newsom (1 PEI)	Kentucky	Dec 31, 2020
John Lorimer (28)	Louisiana	July 01, 2020
Muriel States (28)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2021
Edna MacLean (10)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2019
Kenneth Langille (10)	Maryland	June 15, 2020
Lawrin Armstrong (21)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2020
Penny Parker (67)	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2019
Irene Bent (67)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2020
Lloyd Brown (3)	Mississippi	Dec 31, 2019
Karyn Grant (55)	Missouri	June 16, 2021
Janice Cleveland (48)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2021
James Franey (67)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2019
Brian McKeigan (26)	Nevada	Dec 31, 2020
Hazel Franey (2)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2019
Jamie Lynch (71)	New Hampshire	Dec. 31, 2019
Violet Cameron (10)	New Jersey	Dec 31, 2020
Kevin Rickets (61)	New Mexico	Dec 31, 2020
Lynn Simpson (10)	New York	April 30, 2020
Darlene Richard (28)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2021
Pauline Router (71)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2019
LaVerne Porter (15)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2019
Mary MacDnald (69)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2021
Vera Jean Cavicchi (40)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2020
Brian Loughnan (40)	Oregon	May 01, 2020
Anna Ford (71)	Pennsylvania	Dec 31, 2020
Parker Morris (21)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2021
Darroch Fagan (52)	Quebec	July 11, 2021
Inez Daye (3)	Rhode Island	Dec 31, 2019

Yvonne Stephenson (14)	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2021
Betty Amey (2)	Saskatchewan	June 30, 2021
Phyllis Munroe (8)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2019
Gayle Smith (21)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2020
Fran Burgoyne-Jackson (10)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2019
Charles Teal (8)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2019
Ann Wight (21)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2020
Patricia Armstrong (71)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2020
Carrie Dawn Moxsom (55)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2019
Jack Whaley (35)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2020
William Roberts (14)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2020
Ruby MacKenzie (15)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2020
Raymond Nicholson (26)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2019
Elinor Clark (19)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2020

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

Reannon Wilkerson	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2020
June Carr	Alberta	Mar. 30, 2020
Gayle Tidwell	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2020
Joe Weatherford	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2019
Jennifer Fawns	Australia	Dec. 31, 2020
Monica Sea de Rubin de Celis	Bolivia	April 10, 2020
Elsie Preedy	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2019
Janyce Mathis	California	Dec. 31, 2019
Russell Mason, PGP	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2020
Stephan M. Kellner	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2020
Phyllis Ann Bowman, PGM	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2019
Robert H. Starr, PGP	District of Columbia	June 30, 2021
Shirley Harman	Florida	Dec. 31, 2019
Virginia Tibbetts	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2019
Jean Etter	Idaho	Jan. 01, 2021
Karon Mills	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2020
Steve Brown	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2019
Lorraine Sindelar	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2019
Gigliola Marchi	Italy	Sep. 30, 2020
Margaret Paddock	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2020
Lannie Julian	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2020
Rex Randall Jones	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2020
Sheila Buckingham	Maine	May 31, 2020
David English, PGP	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2020
Jeanne M. Gunn	Maryland	June 01, 2019
Constance E. Vick, PGM	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2019
Sharon Joupji	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2019
Barb Brihn	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2020

Gloria MacKenzie	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2021
Karen Fields	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2020
Raymond Shaukleford (deceased)	Montana	Dec. 31, 2019
Dora Redwine	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2019
Sonya Newton	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2019
Olive Trevors	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2020
Diane Fortier	New Hampshire	Oct. 31, 2020
Bert Decker	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2020
Karen Zahn	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2021
Gerald Hauser	New York	Dec. 31, 2019
John Lawrence	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2021
Chad Kainz	North Dakota	July 31, 2019
Pamela Blanknenhorn	Ohio	Jan. 30, 2021
Lyle Fry	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2019
Phillis Wickham	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2019
Chris Nacheff Maneker	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2019
Bette A. Kagarise	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2020
Nelson J. Lugo	Puerto Rico	June 30, 2019
Heather Larocque	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2020
Eunice Oglivie	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2019
Fernanda S. C. Anholato	Sao Paulo	May 01, 2021
Karen Catterall	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2020
Margaret Pettigrew	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2019
Carol Lovece	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2020
Lillie Palmer	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2019
Linda Tester	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2020
Joy James	Texas	Nov. 18, 2020
Deanna Phillips	Utah	Dec. 31, 2020
Debra Bushee	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2020
Paul Cook	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2020
Deanna Ross	Washington	Dec. 31, 2020
Janelle Savage	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2020
Bonnie Clark	Wisconsin	May 01, 2021
Don Porter	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2020

**SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS  
2018-2019**

CHAPTER #	LOCATION	SECRETARY	MEETING
Mayflower #2	Middleton	Mr. Kirk MacLennan PGP, 1278 Forest St., RR3, Aylesford, NS B0P 1C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Cedar Atlantic #3	Wallace	Mrs. Heather Matthews, 14312 Hwy 4, Wentworth NS, B0M 1Z0	2nd Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Ms. Brenda Clarke 41 Huntington St. Yarmouth, NS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

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Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mr. Whit Giffin, PGP, Box 494, Chester, NS B0J 1J0	3rd Wednesday
Ceilidh #10	New Glasgow	Ms. Nancy Doyle 1905 Munro St., RR2, Westville, NS B0K 2A0	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mr. David Cooper, 15 Carriage Hill Dr., Sydney, NS B1S 3V1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Ms. Laverne Porter 36 Pelton Mountain Rd Kentville, N.S., B4N 3V7	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Celtic Star #19	Blues Mills	Ms Marilyn MacLeod, PO Box 314, Whycocomagh, NS B0E 3M0	4th Thursday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Ann Wight, 26 Saywood Dr Truro, NS, B6L 4G7	3rd Tuesday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Cres. Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday
Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Caryl Yates, 2 Stacey Ave., North Sydney, NS B2A 3P4	1st Thursday
Evening Star #28	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Cres. Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1C9	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Emily White Box 277, Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. Charlene Davis 11727 Hwy 217, RR4, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan 2375 Roosevelt Dr. Halifax, NS B3L 3H8	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Ms. Mary Ann White 830 Meadowvale Rd Upper Stewiacke, N.S. B0N 2P0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis 31 Russell Lake Dr., Dartmouth, NS B2W 0K7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Regent #52	Central, Bedeque, PEI	Mrs. Fran Harding 2710 Rte. 20, Darnley Kensington, RR#1, PEI, COB 1M0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom	2 <sup>nd</sup>

		8565 Hwy 14 Hardwoodlands, N.S., B0N 1Y0	Wednesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Carol Nielsen, 217- 275 Prince Albert Rd., Dartmouth, NS B2Y 1M9	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Peg Lipskey, 89 Nichols Ave., Kentville, NS B4N 2G9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague P.E.I	Ms Bonnie Bertelsen, PO Box 722, Souris, PE C0A 2B0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Velda Forrest 12190 Kempt RR2 Caledonia, N.S., B0T 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday



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