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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*Grand Chapter*

OF

DELAWARE

*Order of the Eastern Star*

FAMILY SESSION

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

1954

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"FAMILY SESSION"

*Dedicated to*

My Family  
My Mother and Father  
Mrs. Elizabeth Sabra and Mr. John Anderson  
My Husband  
Mr. L. Clark Ziegler  
My two daughters  
Mrs. Evelyn E. Stricklin and Miss Miriam D. Ziegler  
My Sister  
Mrs. Mabel E. Young  

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Mrs. Adelle Gibbs  

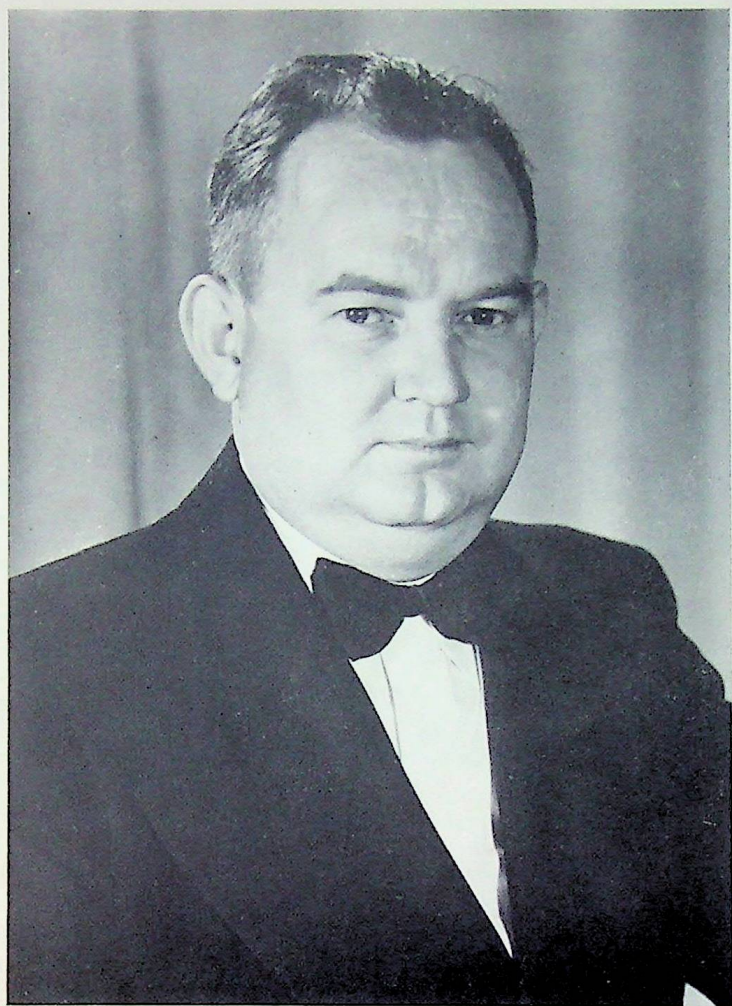
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Worthy Grand Patron's two Mothers  
Mrs. John J. Gibbs  
Mrs. John C. Hassell, Sr.

May 10th and 11th, 1954



ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER  
Worthy Grand Matron



I. KENDALL GIBBS  
Worthy Grand Patron

## SATURDAY EVENING

May 8, 1954

A banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers was held in the Gold Ball Room of the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware at 6:30 P. M.

## SUNDAY EVENING

May 9, 1954

Divine Service was held in the First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware at 8:00 P. M. The evening message was given by Reverend J. Wesley Rennie.

## INFORMAL OPENING

Monday Morning, May 10, 1954 10:00 A. M.

Grand Chapter was called to order by Past Matron, Sister Mildred W. Bryan, presenting Past Grand Matron, Sister Clara A. Reuter and Past Grand Patron, Brother Robert W. Larrimore who welcomed the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Elvira J. Ziegler and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs.

Sister CLARA A. REUTER:—

Good Morning Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

*"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm 133."*

Another year has passed and we meet today to review our yesterdays and plan for our tomorrows.

As the hands of the clock point to the hour of ten, Brother Larry and I rejoice in the privilege of calling to order this 33rd session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star and extending a hearty welcome to our members and visitors.

Our Worthy Grand Matron has lovingly called this the "Family Session" dedicated to faith and love, inspired by her two daughters who have been her "rod and staff" during this journey to the Grand East, and her good husband who served at her side until God called him home. We are truly a family order; for here eligible fathers, mothers, daughters, sisters, brothers, husbands and wives, may share in our privileges and responsibilities. So, now, as a happy family who trust in God and believe in our fellow-men, we assemble here to finish the old year and bring in the new one.

I am grateful for this opportunity to greet you all and say "I am glad you are here."

It is the will of our Worthy Grand Matron that this Session be in order for the reception of the officers of this Grand Chapter. If there be any present who are not members of the Order, they will retire. Grand Marshal and Grand Organist, you will assume your respective stations. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Worthy Grand Matron, to be the one chosen to call this 33rd Session to order is an honor for which I am deeply grateful. We have been friends for many years and I have cherished that friendship:

“What made us friends in the long ago  
When first we met?  
Well I think I know;  
The best in me and the best in you  
Hailed each other because they knew  
That always and always since life began  
Our being friends was part of God's plan.”

I rejoice today that you have had the strength to carry on the affairs of our Grand Chapter for your allotted year. You have served our Order well and have labored to uphold the high ideals. May the All-seeing Eye watch over you and the All-powerful Hand guide you on your way as you preside over this Grand Session. Jesus said “Lo! I am with you always.” He will be your Guide and give you strength.

Worthy Grand Patron: You have not been a member of the Order as long as I have, but you have proven yourself to be a laborer worthy of his hire, one who needeth not to be ashamed. We are proud of you. I want to thank you personally for being so nice to our Worthy Grand Matron. I wanted her to have a happy year and you and Sister Adelle have helped to make it so. God will surely bless you both for as you have brought sunshine into another's life, it will be reflected back to you.

You will be called upon from time to time during the Session to preside for the Worthy Grand Matron, and we know that you will help to make her session most fruitful and inspiring.

“There is a destiny that makes us brothers  
None of us goes his way alone  
All that we put into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.”

We bid you a hearty welcome.

Past Grand Patron, Brother Robert W. Larrimore expressed his pleasure in the privilege of having a share in opening the first part of the Grand Session of 1954 and extended a warm welcome to both Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

After the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, Sister Clara said:

"Worthy Grand Matron, all good things come in threes. This is the third time I have presented your gavel. First in 1944 when I installed you as Worthy Matron of our Chapter, then last year when I installed you as Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter and now as you assume the role of presiding officer. All the things I said to you on those other two occasions hold good now, plus one more wish that this will be the most fruitful session in the history of our Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron thanked Sister Reuter and Brother Larrimore for opening the first session.

Worthy Grand Patron, BROTHER I. KENDALL GIBBS:

It is fitting that you, Sister Clara, and your Grand Patron, Brother Bob, should open this first session. Sister Elvira and I appreciate it. Since you installed us, it is more than fitting that you start us out this morning. I thank you for your kind words of welcome and will do everything I can to make you both proud of me. Thanks again for starting us off on the right foot.

Entrance of Pages.

Entrance of Grand Officers.

Greetings were extended to all by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Roll call of Constituent Chapters—11 Chapters represented.

Roll call of Grand Officers. All officers present.

Opening Ceremony (Ritualistic)

Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag.

Singing—"America"

Guests from New Jersey and other Grand Jurisdictions were invited to the Grand East.

Singing by Assembly—"In the Garden."

Minutes of the 1953 Grand Session were called for.

Motion by Grand Secretary that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as printed in the Proceedings. Seconded by P. Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Clara A. Reuter asked to point out a few corrections which should be made before they were accepted as follows:

On Page 60 in 1953 Proceedings the following is shown on two lines, Grand Lecturer \$50.00, one under the other. As the Grand Lecturer receives only \$50.00 the second line should be deleted.

On Page 76 at the close of the report on Triennial Assembly the name of Associate Grand Matron, Sister Elvira J. Ziegler should appear.

An account of the Installation ceremony was omitted and this should be corrected in 1954 Proceedings, as follows:

Past Grand Matron, Sister Clara A. Reuter was the Installing Grand Officer.

A beautiful solo was rendered by Past Matron of Victory Chapter No. 15—Sister Florence Williams.

The following were installed:

Elvira J. Ziegler.....	Worthy Grand Matron
I. Kendall Gibbs.....	Worthy Grand Patron
Lillian Larimore.....	Associate Grand Matron
George Ostendarp, Sr.....	Associate Grand Patron
Elizabeth M. Fisher.....	Grand Secretary
Virida Simpler.....	Grand Treasurer
Ruth Laws.....	Grand Conductress
Mary Bevis.....	Associate Grand Conductress
Lorraine Putzier.....	Grand Lecturer
J. Albert Kumpel.....	Grand Trustee
Adelle Gibbs.....	Grand Chaplain
Miriam Ziegler.....	Grand Marshal
Lanah Milbourn.....	Grand Organist
Dorothy Quillen.....	Grand Adah
Elsie Conley.....	Grand Ruth
Sarah Cordrey.....	Grand Esther
Mabel Guthrie.....	Grand Martha
Mary P. Garton.....	Grand Electa
Anna M. Harrington.....	Grand Warder
Ross Lanius.....	Grand Sentinel

In the "Report of Unfinished Business" on Page 92. Item 4 refers to Article V., Sec. 1, Page 9 of the Constitution and By-Laws. On Page 96 this is referred to as Article V, but does not state Item 4 of the Report on Page 92.

With these corrections, the minutes were accepted.

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Number of Chapters represented.....	18
Number of voting delegates.....	112

WALTER O. BRYAN, *Chairman*

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

On Constitution & Laws Committee—Brother Walter E. Sawdon replaced by Past Grand Matron, Sister Jane C. Zebley.



On Registration Committee—Past Matron, Sister Myra Robinson replaced by Sister Mildred K. Lee.

## REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

SISTER ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER

To the Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Today marks the culmination of my efforts in behalf of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. We are assembled here to review the records of the past year and to plan greater things for the future. It has been a short and pleasant journey, all because of your kind friendship, the hearty handclaps and ready smiles. Your willingness to make my sojourn with you filled with ease and comfort, will be a lasting memory. You have spared yourselves nothing in preparing for my coming. Please accept my loving thanks.

May the golden links of our fraternal chain be strengthened by the things we strive to accomplish and may each one receive joy, courage and inspiration, and may peace and harmony be with us during the entire session.

I extend a sincere and hearty welcome to all in attendance. To our distinguished guests who traveled so far to be in this session we express our joy because of your presence. To our Past Grands, I extend a loving and friendly greeting and to all who have attended Grand Chapter in the past—"Welcome back." To those attending their first session—"Welcome and do come again."

### IN MEMORIAM

"Lest we Forget"

In the midst of our Happiness and in the joy of reunion, comes a deep sadness, as we are reminded of those who have entered the garden of "Peace and Rest." We are grateful to our Heavenly Father that in his infinite wisdom he has kept the chain of Grand Officers unbroken. We grieve with all who have suffered the loss of loved ones, our hearts go out to you in sympathy, understanding and love. We also extend our sympathy to all Sister Jurisdictions, in their bereavements. We will pay tribute to our Sisters and Brothers who have passed on, later this evening.

May 21, 1953—Attended the funeral of P.G.P. Brother Harlan L. Cloud.

### OFFICIAL ACTS

Your Worthy Grand Patron and I did not have an easy assignment in selecting our Grand Officers and Committee Members. It was our desire to distribute the honors over the State as fairly as

possible. It has been our happy privilege to work very successfully with the Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Lecturers and Committee Members.

The appointed Grand Officers follow:

Grand Chaplain.....	Mrs. Adele Gibbs (15)
Grand Lecturer.....	Mrs. Lorraine Putzier (13)
Grand Marshal.....	Miss Miriam D. Ziegler (1)
Grand Organist.....	Mrs. Lanah Milbourn (11)
Grand Adah.....	Mrs. Dorothy Quillen (12)
Grand Ruth.....	Mrs. Elsie Conley (1)
Grand Esther.....	Mrs. Sarah Cordrey (6)
Grand Martha.....	Mrs. Mabel Guthrie (16)
Grand Electa.....	Mrs. Mary P. Garton (7)
Grand Warder.....	Mrs. Anna M. Harrington (8)
Grand Sentinel.....	Mr. Ross Lanus (3)

#### DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

Mrs. Madeline Litchfield (1)	Mrs. Arzie Lewis (10)
Miss Eliza Crossland (2)	Mrs. Emma Vinyard (11)
Mrs. Sylvia Knox (3)	Mrs. Ethel Derrickson (12)
Mrs. Alice Allbrittain (4)	Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson (13)
Mrs. Ida C. Lowe (5)	Miss Edith Shinn (14)
Mrs. Katherine Marshall (6)	Mrs. Julia Slaughter (15)
Mrs. Anna R. White (7)	Mrs. Dorothy Larrimore (16)
	assisted by Mrs. Ruth Roberts
Mrs. Vera Snedeker (8)	Mrs. Beulah Rodway (17)
Mrs. Mildred Minner (9)	Mrs. Rita C. Wilkinson (18).

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

##### *Credentials*

Walter O. Bryan, Chairman.....	(16)	1 Year
Sylvia Knox.....	(3)	2 Years
Sue Cardwell.....	(4)	3 Years

##### *Jurisprudence*

Charles V. Cleaver, Chairman.....	(3)	1 Year
Irma O. Le Compte.....	(9)	2 Years
Elizabeth E. Pierce.....	(13)	3 Years

##### *Constitution and Laws*

Edna Gifford, Chairman.....	(14)	1 Year
Jane C. Zebley.....	(6)	2 Years
Thomas C. Rodway.....	(11)	3 Years

##### *Chapters Under Charters and Dispensation*

Martha Mackay, Chairman.....	(13)	1 Year
Elizabeth Correll.....	(10)	2 Years
Ivah Ostendarp.....	(14)	3 Years

*Educational Loan*

Mamie Wendling, Chairman	(1)	1 Year
Mabel Johnston	(2)	2 Years
Dr. Jay W. Miller	(3)	3 Years
John L. LeCompte	(9)	4 Years
Bessie M. Warrington	(9)	5 Years

*Eastern Star Home*

Jonathan Burris, Chairman	(2)	1 Year
Ruth Stiggins	(14)	2 Years
Adelle Gibbs	(15)	3 Years
Dorothy Quillen	(12)	4 Years
John A. Kennedy	(15)	5 Years

*Grievance and Appeals*

Mildred Kitchen, Chairman	(1)	1 Year
Goldia Palmer	(16)	2 Years
Marion Simpson	(2)	3 Years

*Registration*

Samuel Richeson, Chairman	(13)	1 Year
Mildred K. Lee	(1)	2 Years
Alma Long	(10)	3 Years

*Unfinished Business*

Horace K. Fulmer, Chairman	(2)
Edith McLean	(6)
Myrtle Mitchell	(12)

*Necrology*

Dorothea S. Werner, Chairman	(5)
Ruth Stiggins	(14)
Marian Hearn	(5)
Alvin Rementer	(13)
Ralph Nichols	(5)
Emma Wheeler	(2)

*Printing*

Elizabeth M. Fisher, Chairman	(4)
Ella F. Cleaver	(3)
Bertha Williams	(1)

*Job's Daughters*

Emma Gehret, Chairman	(14)
Vera Hughes	(13)
Florence Gilbert	(14)

*Examining*

M. Etta Keys, Chairman	(1)
Sarah Hoffman	(14)
Frederick H. Warrington	(9)

*Sessions*

Mildred W. Bryan, Chairman

Blanche Milbourn.....	(1)
Laura Fulmer.....	(2)
Mabel Gibney.....	(2)
Mabel Johnston.....	(2)
Mabel Stirlith.....	(3)
Mary Fiorelli.....	(4)
Ida Lowe.....	(5)
Louise Mortlock.....	(6)
Morris Tull.....	(7)
William Tubbs.....	(8)
Ida Kapp.....	(9)
Martha Davis.....	(10)
Earl Williams.....	(11)
Irene Watson.....	(12)
Bertha Smith.....	(13)
Reynard Jensen.....	(14)
Katherine Smith.....	(15)
Ruth Bryan.....	(16)
Grace Cochran.....	(17)
Mary Woerner.....	(18)

*Hospitality*

Sara MacNamee, Chairman

Mary McWilliams.....	(15)
Clara A. Reuter.....	(1)
Helen C. West.....	(12)
Harold G. Shaub.....	(2)

*V. A. Hospital Rehabilitation*

Sadie Conly, Chairman.....	(13)
Robert W. Larrimore, Co-Chairman.....	(8)
Sophonra O. Harmon.....	(1)
Marie Burris.....	(2)
Bessie Borglin.....	(3)
Laurel Erdman.....	(4)
Clemmie West.....	(5)
Mary King.....	(6)
Kathleen Pollitt.....	(7)
Florence Ballard.....	(8)
Minnie Hitchens.....	(9)
Esther Schaefer.....	(10)
Henrietta Williams.....	(11)
Mae Phillips.....	(12)
Gertrude Grubb.....	(13)
Frances Warren.....	(14)
Earl Smith.....	(15)
Clarence Rickards.....	(16)
Winfield Cochran.....	(17)
Minnie Kytte.....	(18)

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

*Red Cross*

Bertha Kelley, Chairman..... (1)

*Masonic Home Church Service*

Cheston R. McCormick.....(14)  
Assisted by Grand Officers

*Masonic Home Christmas Party*

Miriam Ziegler, Grand Marshal..... (1)  
and all Grand Officers

*Handicapped Children of Delaware*

Elsie I. Conley, General Chairman..... (1)  
Worthy Matrons and Patrons, Associate Matrons and Patrons,  
Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Lecturers of the Subordinate  
Chapters.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

One of the pleasant duties this year was to recommend those for appointment as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware.

Mrs. Edith Zeyher.....	Nova Scotia
Mrs. Margaret Wicks.....	New Brunswick
Mrs. Odell Guy.....	Ohio
Mrs. Grace S. Allen.....	Idaho
Mrs. Alice Paulson.....	Illinois
Mrs. Mary R. Miller.....	Kansas
Mrs. Sara E. Mitchell.....	Michigan
Mrs. Edith McLennan.....	Minnesota
Mrs. Blanche Williams.....	Nebraska
Mrs. C. Linda Sammons.....	New Jersey
Mrs. Frances Warren.....	North Carolina
Mrs. Anna Fryling.....	Oklahoma
Mrs. Eugenia Hall.....	South Carolina
Mrs. Ruth Layton.....	Alabama
Miss M. Ella Steele.....	South Dakota
Mrs. Ruth Bryan.....	Louisiana
Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle.....	Virginia
Mrs. Mary Woerner.....	Maryland
Mrs. Grace Cochran.....	Saskatchewan

Many letters of appreciation were received from those for whom I had the pleasure of signing commissions as Grand Representatives of Delaware in other Grand Jurisdictions when requested to do so by their Worthy Grand Matron:

New Brunswick.....	Mrs. Lucille Northrup
British Columbia.....	Mrs. Annie Knowles
Connecticut.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Leland

Florida.....	Mrs. Margaret Carlton
Idaho.....	Mrs. Gladys Lutes
Indiana.....	Mrs. Betty Lamb
Louisiana.....	Mrs. Marie F. Case
Michigan.....	Mrs. Viberta Martin
Minnesota.....	Mrs. Frances King
Missouri.....	Mrs. Anna Burgart
Nebraska.....	Mrs. Ruthine Solomon
New Jersey.....	Mrs. Martha F. Doughty
New Mexico.....	Mrs. Mildred Sipe
North Dakota.....	Mrs. Hazel Casemont
Ohio.....	Mrs. Marguerite Carmen
Oklahoma.....	Mrs. Edith Grout
Pennsylvania.....	Mrs. Christy Nellis
Virginia.....	Mrs. Blanche Butler
Scotland.....	Mrs. Isabelle McCullough

### OFFICIAL VISITS

I was able to attend all official visits which brought me much happiness and joy and they will be long remembered. I will always cherish the friendliness, the beautiful ceremonies, banquets, the unique decorations, gifts and the beautiful flowers. Words are inadequate to express my thanks for the many courtesies.

June 15.....	Adah Chapter No. 5
June 23.....	Unity Chapter No. 16
September 3.....	Sussex Chapter No. 7
September 9.....	Frankford Chapter No. 12
September 18.....	Georgetown Chapter No. 9
September 22.....	Laurel Chapter No. 18
September 28.....	Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
October 1.....	St. John's Chapter No. 4
October 6.....	Brandywine Chapter No. 14
October 8.....	Five Points Chapter No. 13
October 20.....	Radiant Chapter No. 6
October 21.....	Kent Chapter No. 11
October 26.....	Victory Chapter No. 15
November 4.....	Esther Chapter No. 17
November 12.....	Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8
November 19.....	Newark Chapter No. 10
November 20.....	Mizpah Chapter No. 2
November 24.....	Delaware Chapter No. 1

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Family for making nearly all of our Grand Visitations 100%. Thanks also, for those who journeyed with us.

### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

May 19, 1953—The Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chaplain, and members of Victory Chapter and myself attended the Grand Session of New Jersey, held in Atlantic City.

June 11, 1953—Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chaplain and I, along with other members from Delaware attended the Grand Session of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia.

June 13, 1953—The Worthy Grand Patron and I were invited to the Grand Masters' day at the Masonic Home. It was my happy privilege to present to Sister Pauline and Brother Robert Davis the movie camera which each chapter had a part in giving to them on their tenth anniversary at the home.

Dec. 23, 1953—Worthy Grand Patron and I were invited to the Christmas Party at the Masonic Home, given for the guests, directors, staff and masters of the Masonic Lodges of Delaware. A wonderful entertainment was presented by Miss Mildred W. Bryan and some of her pupils. The camera man was busy all evening taking candid shots of all present. If you have an opportunity, see these pictures.

Jan. 2, 1954—Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chaplain and I, along with other members of Victory Chapter attended Banquet and Reception for Sister Bertha Weir, Grand Representative to Delaware at Penn Chapter, Chester, Pa.

Feb. 26, 1954—Our Grand Family paid a visit to Elkton Chapter No. 84. It was the event of their Grand Visitation.

March 13, 1954—Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chaplain, Matron of Victory Chapter and I journeyed to Grand Visitation and District Meeting of District No. 8, Woodbridge, N. J. which was held in the Masonic temple. Quite a delegation from Delaware were in attendance.

April 26, 1954—Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and I attended the opening of the Grand Session of Maryland. This was a very inspiring meeting.

April 30, 1954—Worthy Grand Patron and I, with many of the Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Lecturers attended the Mid-Triennial Assembly in Washington, D. C. with the General Grand Chapter officers exemplifying the work. This was held in the Scottish Rite Temple.

May 1, 1954—Time spent in round table discussion in the morning, sight-seeing in the afternoon and a Reception in the evening at the International Temple.

#### INSTALLATIONS

I was indeed honored when I was invited to install three Chapters:

January 12, 1954—Delaware Chapter No. 1. With exception of Chaplain, Organist and Sentinel.

January 14, 1954—Five Points Chapter No. 13. All except Star Point Martha.

January 25, 1954—Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3. All officers installed.

Thank you Grand Officers for your assistance. This gave me much pleasure and happiness as Worthy Grand Matron.

#### SCHOOL FOR DEPUTIES

May 23, 1953—School for instruction of Deputies and all Grand Officers who cared to attend was held in Odd Fellows Building, 10th & King Streets, Wilmington. Many thanks to you Deputies, for the service you have given to our chapters this year. With such a capable Lecturer this year I am sure your work has been made easier and most pleasant.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I appreciate the friendly spirit extended to me when the different chapters made me one of you through honorary membership. This vote of confidence and esteem will always be a loving remembrance.

Adah Chapter No. 5	Five Points Chapter No. 13
Sussex Chapter No. 7	Brandywine Chapter No. 14
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	Victory Chapter No. 15
Georgetown Chapter No. 9	Laurel Chapter No. 18
Kent Chapter No. 11	Bethel No. 1, Job's Daughters
Frankford Chapter No. 12	Bethel No. 2, Job's Daughters
Also The Grand Chapter of Maryland.	

#### JOB'S DAUGHTERS

I accepted invitations from Bethel No. 1 for March 3rd, and Bethel No. 2 for March 23rd, International Order of Job's Daughters, for the Grand Chapter Officers to be their Guests. Both Bethels had initiation, the work was beautifully exemplified. Bethel No. 1 and Bethel No. 2 were entertaining the Supreme Guardian on the 23rd. This meeting was very well attended as all Eastern Star Chapters in the State had been invited. Gifts of money were given both Bethels from the Grand Officers.

#### MASONIC HOME

I have enjoyed visiting the guests of the Masonic Home from time to time. On Dec. 10, 1953 the Officers of the Grand Chapter had a Christmas Party for the Guests at the home, with Kay Lanus, daughter of our Grand Sentinel, Richard Cordrey, son of our Grand Esther, giving piano solos. Brother Ira Cordrey accompanied Sister Sarah Cordrey with a vocal solo. Brother Cordrey assisted with the singing of Christmas Carols.

Refreshments were served and gifts given each guest.



### MASONIC HOME SERVICE

On Sunday, November 29, 1953, divine service was held at the home. Past Grand Patron Brother Cheston R. McCormick was in charge, assisted by Sister Lorraine Putzier, accompanying Sister Ruth Laws with a solo. The Rev. George W. Goodley brought the message.

### HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF DELAWARE

The project this year was conducted by each chapter to raise funds as they saw fit for the handicapped children and adults of Delaware. Thanks to each chapter for taking part so wholeheartedly in this project. A final report will be given by the chairman, Sister Elsie I. Conley.

### EASTERN STAR HOME FUND

The chairman, Brother Jonathan Burriss sent a letter to each chapter asking their continuance of the support of the fund.

### WAIVERS OF TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION REQUESTED

Sept. 28—Requested of Worthy Grand Matron of Maryland over the petition of Mrs. Helen W. Calloway, 208 E. State St., Delmar, Md. in favor of Adah Chapter No. 5, Delmar, Del. Request granted September 30, 1953.

Oct. 20—Requested of Worthy Grand Matron of Maryland over the petition of Mrs. Mildred A. Wooten, W. State St., Delmar, Md. in favor of Adah Chapter No. 5 of Delmar, Del. Request granted October 30, 1953.

Feb. 1—Requested of Worthy Grand Matron of Maryland over the petition of Marion H. Calloway, 208 E. State St., Delmar, Md. in favor of Adah Chapter No. 5, Delmar, Del. Request granted February 9, 1954.

### WAIVERS OF TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION GRANTED

Nov. 21—Over the petition of Mrs. Ethel Hunt Townes, nee Jones, 39 Green St., Claymont, Del. in favor of Prospect Chapter No. 301, Prospect Park, Pa.

### CHECKS SIGNED

I have signed checks from 756 to 833 inclusive.

### CONTINGENT FUND

A copy of the report of my contingent fund has been filed with the Grand Trustees.

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

The following dispensations have been granted and the fee for \$1.00 for each has been sent to the Grand Secretary.

June 8, 1953—To Victory Chapter No. 15, moving charter and paraphernalia to Grange Hall for stated meeting.

June 19, 1953—To Georgetown Chapter No. 9, moving charter and paraphernalia to V.F.W. Hall for the stated meeting and birthday party.

Sept. 3, 1953—To Sussex Chapter No. 7, moving charter and paraphernalia for Grand Visitation.

Sept. 18, 1953—To Georgetown Chapter No. 9, moving charter and paraphernalia to the Country Club for stated meeting and Grand Visitation.

Nov. 6, 1953—To Georgetown Chapter No. 9, moving charter and all paraphernalia to V.F.W. Hall for a permanent meeting place.

Dec. 15, 1953—To Brandywine Chapter No. 14, for the purpose of electing an Associate Patron and Trustee.

Jan. 6, 1954—Esther Chapter No. 17, for electing a secretary and installing all officers.

Jan. 11, 1954—To Victory Chapter No. 15, for electing and installing a secretary.

Jan. 18, 1954—To Adah Chapter No. 5, installing Brother Ralph E. Nichols as Associate Patron and Sister Lois Baker as Martha.

Jan. 20, 1954—To Esther Chapter No. 17, for installing all officers.

Jan. 25, 1954—To Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3, for installing all officers.

Jan. 26, 1954—To Laurel Chapter No. 18, installing Sister Estella Flood and Sister Pauline White.

Jan. 28, 1954—To Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, electing an Associate Patron and install all officers.

Jan. 28, 1954—To Five Points Chapter No. 13, installing Martha's Station.

Feb. 4, 1954—To Sussex Chapter No. 7, installing Brother Norman West as Sentinel.

Feb. 5, 1954—Mizpah Chapter No. 2, installing Star Point Adah.

Feb. 5, 1954—To Georgetown Chapter No. 9, installing Sister Edna W. Lynch as Martha.

Feb. 9, 1954—Delaware Chapter No. 1, installing Chaplain, Organist and Sentinel.

Feb. 22, 1954—To Victory Chapter No. 15, installing Secretary, Warder and Sentinel.

March 5, 1954—To Mizpah Chapter No. 2, installing Sister Myrtle E. Shaub as Associate Matron.

March 29, 1954—To Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3, moving charter and all paraphernalia to Odd Fellows Hall for permanent meeting place.

April 1, 1954—Unity Chapter No. 16, moving charter, furniture and paraphernalia from Lewes Fire Hall to Social Hall of the Presbyterian Church in Lewes. This to be used as a permanent meeting place.

April 15, 1954—To Sussex Chapter No. 7, for stated meeting and Birthday Party in Mt. Olivet Recreation Hall.

April 27, 1954—To Unity Chapter No. 16, installing Sister Naomi Adams as Chaplain.

#### AMENDMENTS TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTER BY-LAWS

I approved the following changes in the subordinate chapters' By-Laws.

1—June 13, 1953—Unity Chapter No. 16. Section 1, Article V shall read as follows:

"The fee for conferring the degrees in this Chapter shall be Ten (10) dollars and for affiliation Two (2) dollars which must accompany the petition."

2—Dec. 5, 1953—Victory Chapter No. 15, Article 6, Sec. 2. That Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) be left in the treasury at the end of each current year as a contingent fund for the incoming Worthy Matron.

Changed to read: "That Seventy-five dollars (75.00) be left in the treasury at the end of each current year as a contingent fund for the incoming Worthy Matron."

#### APPOINTMENTS

Feb. 8, 1954—Appointed Sister Jane C. Zebley, P.G.M., to fill unexpired term of Brother Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P. on the constitution and laws committee. Brother Sawdon asked to be released due to the fact that he did not have time to give this committee the attention it should have.

March 26, 1954—Appointed Sister Mildred K. Lee on Registration Committee replacing Sister Myra D. Robinson who resigned.

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS

These social events were outstanding and it gave me much pleasure to be able to attend.

May 26, 1953—Reception of Delaware Chapter honoring the grand officers in my own chapter. This was a lovely affair, thanks to my home chapter.

June 8, 1953—Reception of Victory Chapter honoring their grand officers. This was well attended and I am sure, pleased the Worthy Grand Patron.

I attended the following Birthday Parties: Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, Victory Chapter No. 15, Georgetown Chapter No. 9, Esther Chapter No. 17, Mizpah Chapter No. 2, Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3, Laurel Chapter No. 18, Frankford Chapter No. 12, Sussex Chapter No. 7, Newark Chapter No. 10, Brandywine Chapter No. 14, Five Points Chapter No. 13, Delaware Chapter No. 1, Kent Chapter No. 11.

I attended the following Banquets: Georgetown Chapter No. 9, Five Points Chapter No. 13, Brandywine Chapter No. 14, Victory Chapter No. 15, Unity Chapter No. 16, St. John's Chapter No. 4, Newark Chapter No. 10, Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, Laurel Chapter No. 18, Mizpah Chapter No. 2, Delaware Chapter No. 1, Adah Chapter No. 5, Georgetown Chapter No. 9, Kent Chapter No. 11.

Due to conflicting dates I was unable to attend the banquets of Julia M. Story Chapter, Sussex Chapter and Radiant Chapter.

## REHABILITATION

May 17, 1953—Spent the afternoon with Victory Chapter at the Veterans Hospital while they served the refreshments.

June 4, 1953—Went to Veterans Hospital with Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Chaplain to accept a Certificate of Award which was presented to the Order of the Eastern Star, in recognition of volunteer service given the hospital by our own member of Five Points Chapter, Sister Sadie C. Conly. Sister Conly gave 1000 hours service. Then another of Five Points members gave 300 hours service, Sister Helen Welch. When Sister Conly and Sister Welch signed up for this work at the hospital they pledged themselves to unselfish, service, kindness, thoughtfulness, sacrifice, sincerity, appreciation, humility, loyalty, perseverance and interest. These two members need no safe or cabinet in which to keep their treasures, they only have to look around and they discover some opportunity to follow through on their pledge and give of themselves to the Veterans Hospital. Let each subordinate chapter think of their obligation to this committee. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote "Rings and Jewels are not gifts, but apologies of gifts. The only gift is a portion of Thyself."

Dec. 20, 1953—Grand Officers served refreshments at the Veterans Hospital.

I gave Sister Conly permission to pay for refreshments at the Veterans Hospital on July 19, 1953 and April 18, 1954, due to Esther Chapter and Sussex Chapter not being able to service at the time specified.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Since I am a Trustee in my own chapter, is it permissible for me to be a Deputy Grand Lecturer?
  - A. Yes. The Trustee is an elective office in your Chapter while the Deputy Grand Lecturer is an appointed office in the Grand Chapter.
2. At our recent election of Officers for 1954, through an error, a trustee was elected for a three year term of office who still had a year left to serve of their present term. How can we go about correcting this error? We also have an Associate Patron to elect. Can both of these officers be elected at our last meeting in December so that they may be installed with the rest of the officers at our first meeting in January?
  - A. Error can be corrected by getting a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron and holding another election at the time specified on the dispensation, however, members of the chapter must be notified ten days in advance of said election. Yes, both officers can be elected with one dispensation.
3. We had no election of an Associate Patron. A motion was made and seconded that the election of the Associate Patron be laid over until a later date and have the station declared vacant.
  - A. It is not necessary at this time to declare the station of Associate Patron vacant since you have sufficient time to elect an Associate Patron and install all officers at the same time.
4. Is it permissible to hold an auction sale in our chapter room after all paraphernalia has been removed?
  - A. I would say yes, since an auction sale is not gambling, however, if I felt that it would cause contention among the members, I would not do it, because we are to labor for the peace and harmony of the chapter.
5. Can a Worthy Matron discharge a committee without the consent of the chapter?
  - A. Yes.
6. Can a member be four years in arrears in dues?
  - A. Our law says two years, but I feel that in many cases circumstances should govern.

## IRREGULARITIES

Substitute officers filling stations in street clothes.

Petition for membership not being filled out in full by petitioner.

Sentinels slipping into the chapter room, (this is just a courtesy extended to them).

If the sentinel desires to take part in the order of business, he must enter the chapter room in the regular manner and someone replace him in the ante-room. The ritual states that the station of the sentinel is outside the closed door.

Officers and members speaking out in the chapter room without addressing the presiding officer.

Chapter balloting on petitions without the signatures of the investigating committee, and permitting others on the side lines to act on the investigating committee without being appointed by the Worthy Matron.

Chapter calling a special meeting for initiation without notifying its members of said meeting.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Treasurer of each chapter be the one to prompt the officers, thus leaving the Deputy Grand Lecturer free to observe the work of the officers.

## CORRESPONDENCE

May 22, 1953

To the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is with joy that we greet you and acknowledge the high honor and privilege of serving you as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thus bringing honor to our home chapters, Delaware Chapter No. 1 and Victory Chapter No. 15. May we labor together in serving others with no thought of fame, but only for the good of our sisters and brothers.

To keep the spirit of a true Eastern Star let us renew our faith in our absent members and be particularly interested in them. Contact them and make them feel that they are each one of the links in the golden chain. And when one link is missing the chain is weak. Strengthen the golden chain. Let us bring cheer to our shut-ins.

We ask that you give a more earnest study of our Ritual, Rules and Regulations, Constitution and Book of Instruction, also the By-

Laws of your own chapter, become familiar with the fine print of your Ritual and the land marks. Keep the brothers busy. We need men-folk, encourage them to study the Worthy Patron's addresses and share the initiatory work with them. Let us remember that in striving for perfection we have another goal toward which each member should strive in each of our home communities. We are known to those who are not members, not by our ritualistic work, but by our deeds of fraternalism. Let us perform acts of kindness and good so that our order will be esteemed for our attainments, revered for its purpose and loved for its womanhood and manhood.

Let us remember the Most Worthy Grand Matrons' project, good used clothing for the refugees fleeing to the Western Zone of Germany. Will the Associate Patrons of each chapter, please package and mail these articles and make a report at the end of the year to Brother Cleaver. The package to be mailed to Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons, 12/15 Emverstrasse, Berlin, Wilmersdorf, Germany.

We have scheduled two Grand Visitations in June, Adah Chapter No. 5 on June 15th and Unity Chapter No. 16 on June 23rd. We hope to see as many as possible at these two visitations.

We wish your chapter success throughout the year and are looking forward to much co-operation in the activities during July and August for the Benefit of the Handicapped Children of Delaware, Our Project.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER

*Worthy Grand Matron*

I. KENDALL GIBBS

*Worthy Grand Patron*

October 31, 1953

To the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Again Thanksgiving is approaching and we are counting our many blessings and giving thanks to Him from whom cometh all good and perfect gifts.

Let us remember our friends, the guests at the Masonic Home with canned goods, jams and jelly. We have always been most generous so let our donations be as they have been in the past. Please place a card with the name and number of your chapter in each package so that Sister and Brother Davis will have no difficulty in acknowledging them.

The Grand Chapter will hold divine worship at the Masonic Home on Sunday, November 29th, from three to four o'clock and we hope to greet many of you there. How nice it would be to have all eighteen chapters represented at this service.

With sincere thanks for your generous response and a Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
 ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER  
*Worthy Grand Matron*  
 I. KENDALL GIBBS  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM  
 THE ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

2705 9th Street  
 Rock Island, Illinois  
 September 15, 1953

Dear Worthy Grand Matron:

I believe you do have, or have had, legislation prohibiting members of the Star from joining, or belonging to, any other Order, **BASING ITS MEMBERSHIP ON THE STAR**, which unfortunately included the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

You may know that we changed our base as to men back in 1933 from the Star to the Masonic Lodge. At our last Supreme Convention in May of this year, we eliminated the Star as a base for women. We now base their eligibility on relationship to Master Masons. In short, we have eliminated all reference to the Eastern Star. Having complied with your request, I take it that your Law no longer prohibits any one from joining or belonging to the White Shrine, and at the same time belong to the Star in your State.

Both of our Orders have the same precepts and founded on the same Bible. Both exist to help and uplift mankind, and I see no reason why we should not be able to work, side by side, and get along in perfect harmony.

You have my every good wish for your growth and prosperity.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
 LAVERNE M. MYERS  
*Supreme Worthy High Priestess*

MY REPLY TO MRS. MYERS OF THE WHITE SHRINE

November 30, 1953

Mrs. LaVerne M. Myers,  
 Supreme Worthy High Priestess,  
 2705 9th St.,  
 Rock Island, Ill.

Dear Supreme Worthy High Priestess:

Your letter of September 15th reached me about two weeks ago, and the contents regarding the White Shrine in Delaware noted.



To my knowledge no change has been made in the Rules and Regulations in the Eastern Star in Delaware. When this change has been made I will be very glad to take up the matter with you.

You have my every good wish for your growth and prosperity and a Happy Holiday Season to you all.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER

*Worthy Grand Matron*

LETTER RECEIVED FROM BERLIN-TEMPELHOF,  
ALBRECHT STR. 39, WHICH IS SELF EXPLANATORY

April 5, 1954

Dear Mrs. Ziegler:

In our women-circle "Für Humanität", Berlin-Wilmersford, Guiser Str. 12/13, we have had so great joy in last week. The parcels you and your friends sent to our address we have opened it and all fine clothing, coats, garments, shoes, underwear and so many other things for men, women and children came to distribution. I wished you had heard by yourself all shouts with joy and delight about the fine things we could seek for ourselves. Named all our members of women circle "Für Humanität" especially named our matron, Mrs. Margarete Knoepfke. Let me say to you my heartiest thanks for loving us so much. Please, be so kind to tell something about our joy to all your friends you know who sent to us parcels too.

With heartiest greetings in love, yours thankfully,

JOHANNA LAEKE

P.S. Excuse my mistakes, please, I am not perfect in your languages.

APPRECIATION

All I can say is "Thank You." My greatest desire has been to render service and to apply the precepts of the Order in my everyday life. I have tried to bring before you the responsibilities involved in being an Eastern Star. There is need for us to remember the principles on which our Order is founded, Truth, Light and Love. Let us live by them, for we cannot improve on them.

The world in which we live needs men and women who practice fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. Discouragements and failures must not deter us. The Order of the Eastern Star can have a part in the great drama of life. Each individual member, whether in an exalted or in a humble position, has the opportunity to share and to have a part therein. Let each of us resolve to follow the Star and to perform our respective part with credit to ourselves and honor to our Order.

To the Soloists: You have added much to the beauty of the session, it was very kind of you to come and sing for us, I appreciate the time you have given us and enjoyed each number so very much.

I shall always be grateful to my own chapter for the many courtesies extended to me. To the Sessions Chairman, Sister Mildred, you have worked hard and diligently to make this session a happy one for all of us. You have planned for months and I am so pleased with everything. It was just as I knew it would be with you at the helm. To all those who helped you I say Thanks.

All those working on committees this year have worked untiringly to make this a very successful year, for which I am truly grateful.

To the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kendall: You and your good wife Adelle, have strewn my pathway this year with happiness and success. Your kind understanding and sound advice when we were selecting our Grand Officers and Committee Members have made our year together one of pleasure and tranquility. It has been a joy to share the pleasures and the work of this office with you.

May the best of all your plans be realized, and may you have the love and co-operation of all your officers and the members throughout the State, is my wish for our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Who would want a more conscientious Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. Sister Elizabeth, no Worthy Grand Matron could get through the year, not even this report, without your help. Thanks for everything.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, may you have good health and happiness on your way to the Grand East.

Grand Lecturer: you have made my work easy this year, you have done all my thinking for me. Whenever a question came up you were able to take care of it and I say Thank You.

To the Appointive Officers: There is a certain something, about Appointive Officers that is extra special. They always appeal to the membership and this year is no exception. You have performed your duties with dignity and graciousness. I am thankful that our paths crossed, for you have brought me great joy and happiness. I hope you have enjoyed your appointment, for, from reports, it has pleased the members of the Order in this State.

I would be remiss if I should forget my Grand Marshal, my daughter, my chauffeur. I bow in genuine humility when I reflect upon the good she has done me. She has made almost all the trips with me and has contributed unmeasurably to the happiness and enjoyment of the year's responsibility, appropriately I quote from Proverbs: "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is

the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

Sincerely and fraternally,

ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER  
*Worthy Grand Matron*

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Bessie M. Warrington, Seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles V. Cleaver, that the report be accepted and referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

Motion adopted.

Announcement was made by Worthy Grand Patron regarding the luncheon on Tuesday. Ticket to be secured from Past Matron Sister Ivah Ostendarp.

Past Grand Matron (who is also secretary of Kent Chapter No. 11) presented the following resolution:

"To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

'As Secretary of Kent Chapter No. 11, I have been authorized to present the following Resolution for action by this Grand Body:

Kent Chapter No. 11 has cooperated with the Committee for the Eastern Star Home Fund each year since the project started, and at the present time have placed \$250.00 in this fund. We are in accord with the project but feel that it is a dream at present, and we should like to have it clearly understood and specifically passed upon by this assembly that:—

IN THE EVENT THIS PROJECT FAILS TO BECOME A REALITY AT THE EXPIRATION OF A TEN OR FIFTEEN YEAR PERIOD, ALL MONIES CONTRIBUTED BY THE VARIOUS CHAPTERS FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE CHAPTERS MAKING THE CONTRIBUTION WITH INTEREST ACCUMULATED OVER THE PERIOD OF TIME SUCH MONIES ARE HELD BY THIS GRAND CHAPTER AND, FURTHERMORE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL IT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OR CONVERTED INTO ANY OTHER CHANNEL THAN THAT FOR WHICH IT WAS SOLICITED'

(Signed) MARIE L. ROBERTS, P.G.M.

*Secretary Kent Chapter No. 11*

Grand Marshal called Grand Chapter from labor to recess, to reconvene at 1:30 P. M.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to order by Sessions Chairman, Sister Mildred W. Bryan, presenting Past Grand Matron, Sister Bessie M. Warrington and Past Grand Patron, Brother Frederick H. Warrington. Both welcomed the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Elvira J. Ziegler and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs.

Worthy Grand Matron thanked Sister Bessie and Brother Fred for opening the afternoon Session.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON—BROTHER I. KENDALL GIBBS:

What can one say to such a fine pair of beautiful stars? Sister Bess and Brother Fred, I think you know how dear I think you both are. For you to open one of our sessions was one of my fondest dreams. I thank God for his wisdom and you for your guidance during the past year. A million, yes two million thanks to you both.

### OPENING CEREMONY:

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from recess to labor.

Distinguished guests were invited to the Grand East.

Solo by Sister Mabel H. Dukes "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Past Grand Matron and Grand Sentinel of New Jersey were escorted to the Grand East.

### REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

BROTHER I. KENDALL GIBBS

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers:

Just a year ago, I accepted the high honor you conferred upon me with many misgivings as to my ability to live up to the requirements of the office of Worthy Grand Patron. As required by rules and regulations of this Grand Chapter, it is my duty to submit a report of my official acts as your Worthy Grand Patron. A review of my activities will enable you to judge whether or not I have lived up to your expectations.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I join with the Worthy Grand Matron in welcoming you to the Thirty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, our "Family Session."

This has been the happiest year of my life and I have endeavored to give to you the best there is in me, and in this, I hope that I have not failed you.

#### NEW CHAPTERS

During my year in the Grand East, I have received no inquiries concerning new chapters.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Among my most cherished gifts are the privileges of Honorary Memberships. I am proud to know that some of our subordinate chapters claim me as their own, and that my name is inscribed upon their records.

Perhaps the highest tribute of friendship a Chapter can bestow upon one is this very personal gift of fraternalism.

I appreciate the courtesy and it will be my purpose to so live that I may prove worthy of this mark of esteem.

Chapters:

Delaware No. 1  
 Adah No. 5  
 Sussex No. 7  
 Caesar Rodney No. 8  
 Kent No. 11

Frankford No. 12  
 Five Points No. 13  
 Brandywine No. 14  
 Laurel No. 18  
 Georgetown No. 9

I have, also, been privileged to receive Honorary Memberships from Bethel No. 2, of Job's Daughters and the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS

It was my privilege to attend with the Worthy Grand Matron all of the official visits as scheduled with the exception of Brandywine Chapter No. 14. However, I made up this visit on the night they honored their Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

#### OUT OF STATE VISITS

Accompanied by my Worthy Grand Matron, I have made numerous out of State visits. We attended the following Grand Chapter Sessions:

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.  
 Grand Chapter of New Jersey at Atlantic City.  
 Grand Chapter of Maryland at Baltimore.

I attended the Grand Visitation of the Acting Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Maryland at Elkton, Maryland.

I, also, attended a reception in honor of the homecoming of the Most Worthy Grand Patron of New Jersey, Brother Kermit DeVoe at Woodbridge, New Jersey. Sister Elvira accompanied me on this trip.

Accompanied by my wife, the Grand Chaplain, I attended a reception in honor of Sister Martha Doughty, Grand Representative of Delaware in New Jersey at the Glassboro State Teachers' College, Glassboro, New Jersey. We, also, attended the installation of officers by the Worthy Grand Chaplain of New Jersey, Sister Lillian Hope, at Beverly Marquada Chapter No. 276 at Beverly, New Jersey.

We were also present at the Mid-Triennial Session held in Washington, D. C., where all of us had a most pleasant time. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ruth Jones and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wilbur Cramblet and the General Grand Chapter Officers did an excellent job of exemplifying the work of our new ritual. It was an inspirational session, and I was very happy to be able to help represent Delaware. There were 32 Delawareans present. This number was topped only by the District of Columbia. I was mighty proud of our Delaware.

#### BANQUETS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES

I attended all of the birthday parties and banquets that time would allow and I want to thank all of the Chapters for their many kindnesses to me. I am sorry that I could not attend each affair that I received invitations to, but my work kept me away from home on some of these occasions.

#### INSTALLATIONS

I wish to thank the Chapters who asked me to assist the Worthy Grand Matron in their installations. However, Old Man Winter came along at installation time, and due to icy roads, I was able to attend only one, and that was at Julia M. Story No. 3.

#### GIFTS

I have received many useful and beautiful gifts and I wish to now thank the donors once again for their kindness and thoughtfulness to me.

#### MASONIC HOME

The home is close to us all and we have made several visits there. We attended an affair arranged by Brother Clough, who was Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware, in honor of Brother Bob and Sister Pauline Davis. At this time, the subordinate chapters of the Star presented a motion picture camera to the Davis' and the Masons gave them the projector. They were very happy and appreciative of our thoughtfulness. We held church services at the home as well as a Christmas

Party given by the Grand Officers. While we are on the subject of parties at the home, I think we should use much more discretion in taking parties to the Home. They should be spaced out a little bit so that all of the parties do not occur in the same month. This leaves some weeks that there are no parties at the home for our old folks. I think in our kindness to our friends there we are really doing them harm, by taking the parties so close together. I think it would be nice if we could work out a system with the Davis' to have the parties at intervals throughout the year instead of just at the holiday season.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S PROJECT

A very hearty thank you and well done to all of the Chapters for their help in our project. The Crippled Children of Delaware and the needy overseas will long remember your many kindnesses.

#### APPRECIATION

I find this the most difficult part of my report to put into words, because words are such limited things. May I say to this Grand Chapter how grateful I am to you for the honor and trust you gave me in electing me as your Worthy Grand Patron. It is an honor I shall never forget. It has been my constant prayer that God would make me strong enough to never bring disappointment to you. I would like to offer my prayerful thanks to God who has watched over me for the past year and blessed me with good health and strength to carry on in this service of love.

To my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Elvira:

This has been the first year in my life that I have tried to give my loyalty to two lovely ladies—my wife and you. I shall always think of you as one of the finest persons that has ever come into my life. I have always been exceedingly proud of you as my Worthy Grand Matron. Your grace and charm, your devotion to this Grand Jurisdiction, your inspiring leadership have brought out the best in us, but above all, your loyalty to our Order has made a lasting impression on our lives. To you and your lovely daughters, Miriam and Evelyn, I wish life's best and God's Blessing always.

To the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron:

Sister Lil and Brother George, this year has been a happy one to share with you and a little later when you take over the reigns of this Grand Chapter I wish for you both a year of sunshine and happiness. I pledge to you my wholehearted support and if I can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call upon me. I would like to add

May the Star the Wise Men followed  
 Guide your footsteps all the way;  
 May it shine in blessings on you  
 Every hour of every day.

To our Grand Conductress:

As you travel towards the Grand East my wish for you is that your officers may be as faithful and kind and considerate to you as you have been to me. I trust our friendships will continue and I will be able to show you in deeds, not words, how much I appreciate you.

To our other Grand Officers:

My association with you has been most pleasant and I have enjoyed our year together. You have been most thoughtful and kind and I want to say "thanks."

There is a little way about you that is very, very dear;  
A pleasant way, that always makes one glad to have you near.  
That brings a smile to welcome you, a sigh when you depart;  
And that little way about you has endeared you to our hearts.

To Grand Chapter Committee Members:

You have been true and faithful to your duties and I have appreciated your work far more than words can ever say. I offer you my sincere thanks for your work this year.

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS

I wish to make note of all the help received from you all this year. A very special thank you goes to Sister Irma LeCompte and Brother Tommy Rodway for my first appointment in Grand Chapter as their Grand Sentinel. I was very grateful for your expression of faith in my ability. May I add to all of you this little verse

I will pray a little prayer,  
That all your years may be,  
Filled with days of happiness,  
Like those you brought to me.

To my home Chapter—Victory No. 15:

You have always been so wonderful to me. I will always remember my initiation by Brother Jim McWilliams and my year as Worthy Patron with his wife, Sister Mary McWilliams. My very best and dearest friends are in my own chapter. I sincerely thank you for your many kindnesses to me. Whatever honor has been mine this year, I have been happy to share with all of you. To sister Mary Miller and Brother Joe Miller, Jr. Past Matron and Patron and to Sister Jennie Thompson and Brother Dick Chambers, Worthy Matron and Patron, I say thanks for your loyal support. It was deeply appreciated.

God bless you, each and everyone  
Best of friends beneath the sun;  
Where'er I go, whate'er I do,  
My heart will hold warm thoughts and love for you.



To all of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

My heart speaks to you with love and thankfulness for the wonderful year you have given me. I shall never be able to express my appreciation for the many courtesies that have been bestowed upon me this year. Your hospitality, your gifts and many social affairs were all appreciated. I shall always cherish the friendships I have made and I thank you for your love and loyalty.

To my wife:

My final tribute is to the one who knows better than anyone else the many responsibilities that have been mine during the past year. My heart is filled with gratitude for the many sacrifices you have made this year, and whatever success has been mine, we will share the honor together. You are the one who stood steadfastly near me this year. You know me and love me for just what I am. My prayer is that we may have many more happy years together.

#### CONCLUSION

As I complete my report it is the sincere wish of your Worthy Grand Patron that each and everyone of you will enjoy throughout your lives, greater peace and happiness, in your home life, your business life and your spiritual life for having been a member of the Eastern Star.

If I have brought a little sunshine,  
If I've helped to lift a care;  
Made the way a little brighter,  
or a burden helped to share.

Then I'll feel that God has blessed me,  
That he surely heard my prayer;  
When I asked that He would lead me  
and Would use me everywhere.

Fraternally submitted,

I. KENDALL GIBBS  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

Motion by Past Grand Patron, Brother Frederick H. Warrington that the report be accepted and referred to Jurisprudence Committee. Seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles V. Cleaver.

Motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

ELIZABETH M. FISHER

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

The report of the Grand Secretary, with the exception of the Financial Statements is invariably the same each year. The many routine duties of the office have been taken care of to the best of my ability and I hope, satisfactorily to all.

At the close of Grand Session May 1953, flowers were sent to Brother Harlan L. Cloud, who was ill in Reynolds Convalescent Home.

Flowers were sent to Sister Irene Bauer, Past Grand Matron who is ill at her home.

Flowers were sent to Sister Anna Stausebach, Grand Treasurer, Emeritus.

500 New Rituals were ordered for our Jurisdiction, also a supply of the new Secret Work Sheets and Diagrams of Labyrinth.

General Grand Chapter was notified of the names of incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and of the date of the Session to be held in May 1954.

Jewels were ordered for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Bank was notified of change in names authorized for checks drawn on account of Grand Chapter.

Letter of thanks was written to Reverend Goodley, Minister of Hillcrest Methodist Church.

Letter of thanks to Five Points Chapter for use of Crown and Sceptre; to Mizpah Chapter for use of their paraphernalia.

Brother Harlan L. Cloud passed away at 7:00 P. M. May 18th and flowers were sent to the Funeral Home in name of Grand Chapter.

Memorial Card was prepared and mailed to all Grand Jurisdictions, all subordinate chapters, all Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and to General Grand Chapter in Washington, D. C.

Letters were written to the following subordinate chapters regarding disapproval by the Constitution and Law Committee, of amendments to their respective By-Laws: Kent Chapter No. 11, Five Points Chapter No. 13 and St. John's Chapter No. 4

List of Grand Officers and Committees for year 1953-54 were compiled and mailed to all those entitled to receive them.

Advised Sister Pauline Davis of her appointment as representative of Grand Chapter to the Delaware O. E. S. Building Corporation. Also advised the President of the Corporation of this appointment.

Wrote letters to subordinate chapters advising them of change in Deputy Grand Lecturer for their respective chapters.

Wrote Laurel Chapter No. 18 about changes required by Constitution & Law Committee in their By-Laws.

Made copies of all letters received from General Grand Chapter Committee of Public Relations Department and mailed them to each subordinate chapter.

Requested from Sister Grand Jurisdictions, nineteen Certificates for Grand Representatives in Delaware, recorded same and mailed with a letter to secretaries of subordinate chapters to be presented to recipient in open chapter.

Signed, sealed and recorded twenty certificates for Grand Representatives of Delaware in other Jurisdictions.

Signed, sealed and recorded ten "A" Certificates, twenty-four "B" certificates and twenty Star cards.

Sent sympathy cards to Sister Grand Jurisdictions for thirty-five Past Grand Patrons and 18 Past Grand Matrons.

Also to the Grand Chapter of Maryland on the passing of their Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wiley and Grand Secretary, Sister Cora E. Weider, who was also a Past Grand Matron.

Acknowledged all invitations to Grand Sessions of:

District of Columbia	Nebraska
Indiana	Tennessee
Georgia	Puerto Rico
Kansas	Nova Scotia
Louisiana	New Brunswick
Manitoba	Saskatchewan
North Carolina	Virginia
Washington	New Jersey
Vermont	Massachusetts

Received acknowledgment and good wishes for our Grand Session from all Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Received letters of regret from nineteen Distinguished Guests including:

Brother Wilbur Cramblet, Most Worthy Grand Patron  
 Brother Lloyd K. McRae, Rt. W. Associate Grand Patron  
 Brother Hugh J. Tamisiea, Rt. Worthy Grand Sentinel  
 Sister Josephine Browning, Chairman, Rt. W. Grand Trustees  
 Sister Juanita Killion, Rt. W. Grand Conductress  
 Sister Kathryn Gravins, Rt. W. Grand Treasurer  
 Sister Grace M. Johnson, Worthy Grand Matron of Washington  
 Sister Willie J. Delaney, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma  
 Brother Fred DeWald, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas  
 Sister Margaret Carmen, Gr. Rep. of Delaware in Ohio  
 Sister A. L. Kenyon, Worthy Grand Ruth General Gr. Chapter  
 Sister Mildred K. Collins, Worthy Grand Martha Gen. Gr. Chap.  
 Brother Henry O. Hartman, W. G. Patron of Louisiana  
 Brother W. Merton Atkin, Worthy Gr. Patron Alberta, Canada

Sister Margaret B. Alexander, P. G. Matron Penna.  
 Sister Margaret Whitlock, P. G. Matron Virginia  
 Sister Maud McWilliams, P. G. Matron California  
 Brother C. Lawrence Coy, W. G. Patron Michigan  
 Sister Ethel S. Hill, P. G. Matron Vermont

Mailed copy of Active Legislation to all Subordinate Chapters in Delaware.

Mailed Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions to Gr. Representatives in Delaware.

Attended School of Instruction and distributed new copies of Secret Work to those entitled to receive them.

Proceedings of 1953 Grand Session were compiled and 400 copies mailed to Sister Grand Jurisdictions, etc.

700 Programs of 1954 Session printed and more than 500 mailed to members in Delaware.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on Hand April 30, 1953..... \$ 4,870.61

#### RECEIPTS:

Bibles.....	\$ 236.62	
Misc.....	1.37	
Per Capita Tax.....	3087.00	
Initiation Fees.....	65.50	
Estarl.....	307.60	
Rituals.....	905.20	
Surety Bond.....	92.50	
Dispensations.....	25.00	
Cash Past Grand's Dinner.....	102.00	
Hotel Reservation J. A. Kumpel.....	36.00	
Hotel Reservation Chas. V. Cleaver.....	11.00	
Hotel Reserv. Fisher & LeCompte.....	42.50	
Proceedings.....	11.00	
Refund W. G. M. Cont. Fund.....	21.11	
Inst. Books.....	16.80	
Supplies.....	707.15	
Receipt Books.....	50.05	
Constitution & By-Laws.....	3.35	
Fund Crippled Children.....	1,000.00	
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Int. Eastern Star Temple.....	3.00	
Refund on Supplies.....	4.81	
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	6,729.56	6,729.56
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Total.....		11,600.17

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Cont. Fund W. G. Matron E. J. Ziegler . . . . .	\$ 125.00
Cont. Fund W. G. Patron I. Kendall Gibbs . . . . .	25.00
Cont. Fund Gr. Lecturer L. Putzier . . . . .	50.00
Cont. Fund Gr. Treas. Virda Simpler . . . . .	5.00
Cont. Fund Chairman V A Hospital S. Conley . . . . .	10.00
Cont. Fund Sec. E. M. Fisher . . . . .	150.00
V A Hosp. Mother's Day . . . . .	5.00
V A Hosp. Nat'l. Bisc. Co. . . . .	4.90
V A Hosp. S. Conley, Chairman . . . . .	2.00
V A Hosp. Fulton Paper Co. . . . .	15.63
V A Hosp. Fulton Paper Co. . . . .	10.50
Storage—E. Maxwell . . . . .	50.00
Wick & Wick Supplies . . . . .	103.04
Lehmborg & Sons, Inc. Paraphernalia . . . . .	11.47
Butlers, Supplies . . . . .	11.40
Surety Bonds—Highfield & Watkins . . . . .	100.00
Edna J. Carter Necrology . . . . .	32.75
Myra Robinson Flowers . . . . .	5.00
Ella F. Cleaver (Stenographer) . . . . .	20.00
Mimeographing . . . . .	11.00
Culvers—Flowers . . . . .	25.00
M. Kumpel Session Chairman . . . . .	25.19
W. A. Larmore (Hauling) . . . . .	18.54
Marie Burris (Star Decor) . . . . .	7.85
Elvira J. Ziegler Auto Stickers . . . . .	4.50
Sommer Badge Co. . . . .	26.85
Hotel DuPont . . . . .	652.70
C. L. Story Co. Prtg. & Supplies . . . . .	1,660.57
General Grand Chapter Supplies . . . . .	1,529.49
Cedar Tree Press . . . . .	52.00
Howard Collins (Diamond) . . . . .	66.00
Union Press Prtg. . . . .	60.00
Macoy Pub. Co. . . . .	44.10
T. B. Seals . . . . .	2.00
Elmer Betty Flowers . . . . .	10.50
Gilbert Pub. Co. . . . .	3.39
Elvira J. Ziegler (Christmas Cards) . . . . .	18.00
Prompt Printers . . . . .	8.00
C. E. Ward Co. . . . .	11.39
ESTARL . . . . .	307.60
Virda Simpler Gr. Treas. . . . .	10.00
Lanah Milbourn . . . . .	5.00
E. M. Fisher Gr. Sec. . . . .	200.00
E. M. Fisher Gr. Ch. Expense . . . . .	25.00
Refund to Chapter #12-13 and #18 . . . . .	10.30

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Total Disbursements . . . . . \$ 5,534.65

Total Receipts.....	\$11,600.17	
Total Disbursements.....	5,534.65	
	<u>6,065.52</u>	
Balance April 30, 1954.....	\$ 6,065.52	
Bank Balance.....	\$6,159.46	
Outstanding		93.94
Checks.....	93.94	<u>93.94</u>
Actual Balance.....		\$ 6,065.52

### VETERAN'S HOSPITAL FUND

Amount in Fund April 30, 1954:

\$157.43 (Carried in  
Checking Acct.)

May 18, 1953 Stamp Fund	
Sadie Conly, Chairman.....	\$ 10.00
May 1953, Mother's Day	
Expense.....	5.00
August 10, 1953 Juices.....	2.00
October 28, 1953 Cups	
Fulton Paper Co.....	15.63
July 25, 1953 Cookies	
Nat'l. Biscuit Co.....	4.90
March 17, Napkins.....	10.50

48.03      48.03

On Hand April 30, 1954..... \$109.40  
Plus \$25.00 Bond maturing in 1958

Approved 5-2-54  
JULIA ABBOTT  
PAULINE DAVIS  
J. ALBERT KUMPEL

### EASTERN STAR HOME FUND AMOUNT IN WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY

April 30, 1953.....	\$ 2,985.88
Rec'd May 1, 1953:	
Lillian McKinley.....	25.00
Interest Dec. 31, 1953.....	67.25
3/15/54 Adah Chapter No. 5.....	50.00
3/27/54 Esther Chapter No. 17.....	5.00
3/24/54 Laurel Chapter No. 18.....	50.00
4/18/54 Sussex Chapter No. 7.....	50.00

Total 4/30/54..... \$ 3,233.13

Approved 5/2/54  
JULIA ABBOTT  
PAULINE DAVIS  
J. ALBERT KUMPEL

ESTARL FUND EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARD  
RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

## ARTISANS' SAVINGS BANK:

April 30, 1954..... \$ 307.60

Approved 5/2/54

J. W. ABBOTT

PAULINE DAVIS

J. ALBERT KUMPEL

Motion by Grand Secretary. These financial reports having been audited and approved by the Board of Grand Trustees, be accepted and printed in the Proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Bessie M. Warrington.

Motion Adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

VIRDA SIMPLER

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of Eastern Star:

I submit the following report of my official transactions for the Grand Chapter year ending April 30, 1954.

Balance on hand April 30, 1953..... \$ 4,870.61

## RECEIVED FROM GRAND SECRETARY:

July 6, 1953.....	\$	435.09	
September 25, 1953.....		877.44	
December 10, 1953.....		444.04	
January 25, 1954.....	\$	1,675.35	
March 10, 1954.....		2,069.16	
April 19, 1954.....		1,228.48	
		6,729.56	6,729.56

Total Receipts..... \$11,600.17

Disbursements April 30, 1953 to April 30, 1954..... 5,534.65

Balance April 30, 1954..... 6,065.52

Bank Balance.....\$6,159.46      \$ 6,159.46

Outstanding Checks #825...		\$40.98
826...		29.50
827...		2.00
828...		8.00

829...	11.39	
830...	2.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 93.94

Actual Balance..... \$ 6,065.52

VIRDA SIMPLER  
Grand Treasurer

Approved 5/2/54  
J. W. ABBOTT  
PAULINE DAVIS  
J. ALBERT KUMPEL

Motion by Grand Treasurer this report, having been audited and approved by Board of Grand Trustees, be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Frederick H. Warrington.

Motion Adopted.

## REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

PAST MATRON ADAH CHAPTER No. 5

SISTER DOROTHEA WERNER, Chairman

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star.

We, your Necrology Committee, wish to submit the following report:

The Memorial Service in memory of our deceased members, was held in First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, at 7:45 P. M. Sunday, May 9, 1954.

Preceding the Memorial Service, the Rev. E. Rennie gave an impressive message on a great Beatitude.

Solos for the service were provided by Brother Ralph Nichols of Adah Chapter No. 5, accompanied by Sister Lanah Milbourn, Grand Organist.

The tribute was given by Worthy Grand Patron, I. Kendall Gibbs, followed by a prayer by Sister Adelle Gibbs, Grand Chaplain.

Meditation on "Life Abundant" was given by Sister Dorothea Werner, followed by the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Worthy Matrons, assisted by their Worthy Patrons, presenting their flowers to form a floral star in memory of their departed friends.

There were 38 deaths reported in 14 chapters, 4 chapters reporting no deaths. There was one death in the General Grand Chapter, and one in the Grand Chapter of Delaware.



We extend our sincerest sympathy to the families of the deceased members and to their Subordinate Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

RUTH STIGGINS  
 MARIAN HEARN  
 EMMA WHEELER  
 ALVIN REMENTER  
 RALPH NICHOLS  
 DOROTHEA WERNER,  
*Chairman*

Motion by Past Matron, Sister Adelle Gibbs, report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Cheston McCormick.

Motion Adopted.

## REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER

PAST MATRON FIVE POINTS CHAPTER No. 13

SISTER LORRAINE PUTZIER

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

Serving as Grand Lecturer has indeed been an honor and privilege and Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, at this time may I thank you publicly for my appointment this past year. Your kindness to me has been appreciated more than words can express. I know that friendships have been made that will last for years.

On May 23rd, 1953 with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron present, conducted school of instructions for Deputies in Delaware Chapter's Meeting Room at 10th and King Streets.

On my visits to each subordinate Chapter found the Ritualistic Work exemplified very well in most Chapters, and thank each Deputy Grand Lecturer for being so courteous to me and receiving corrections so pleasantly.

I tried to attend all rehearsals to which I was invited and attended Chapters when requested by the Deputies.

The report of my contingent fund has been filed with the Grand Secretary.

On November 19th, 1953 gave examination on 20 questions to Associate Grand Patron, Brother George H. Ostendarp as requested by this Grand Jurisdiction.

I have examined the following and issued Class "A" Certificates to:—

Dorothy Larrimore	Sept. 3rd, 1953	Lewes, Del.
George H. Ostendarp	Jan. 16th, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Isabelle Allen	Feb. 3rd, 1954	Northfield, Del.
Ruth Bryan	April 3rd, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
William Nutter	April 7th, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Bertha Smith	April 12th, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Edna Johnson	April 13th, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Adelle Gibbs	April 19th, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Helen Weldie	April 21st, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Vera Ellis	April 26th, 1954	Woodcrest, Del.
Ruth Nutter	May 7th, 1954	Wilmington Manor Gardens, Del.

Those examined for Worthy Matrons are as follows:—

Ruth D. Loveless, Delaware No. 1	Jan. 6th, 1954
Myrtle E. Shaub, Mizpah No. 2	Nov. 13th, 1953
Isabelle Allen, Julia M. Story No. 3	Nov. 2nd, 1953
Dorothy D. Sweeney, St. Johns No. 4	Dec. 10th, 1953
Anna Hudson, Adah No. 5	Feb. 2nd, 1953
Ethel D. Hudson, Adah No. 5	Sept. 7th, 1953
Katherine Bradley, Sussex No. 7	Dec. 19th, 1953
Marcella DeMoss, Georgetown No. 9	Dec. 18th, 1953
Eleanor Tyler, Newark No. 10	Dec. 17th, 1953
Edith Harcum, Kent No. 11	Dec. 14th, 1953
Mary Cobb, Frankford No. 12	Nov. 25th, 1953
Vera Ellis, Five Points No. 13	Nov. 19th, 1953
Jane Livermore, Five Points No. 13	Dec. 20th, 1953
Marjorie Ward, Brandywine No. 14	Dec. 28th, 1953
Sue Baynard, Victory No. 15	Jan. 4th, 1954
Sinah Palham, Five Points No. 13	April 26th, 1954
Jane Brittingham, Unity No. 16	Jan. 4th, 1954
Edith Labour, Esther No. 17	Jan. 3rd, 1953
Catherine Ruston, Laurel No. 18	Nov. 30th, 1953

Those examined in "Class B" are as follows:—

Ruth O. Walls, Delaware No. 1	Jan. 7th, 1954
Emily B. Crossland, Mizpah No. 2	Nov. 10th, 1953
Julia H. Dawson, Julia M. Story No. 3	Nov. 12th, 1953
Margaret O. Holloway, St. Johns No. 4	Dec. 8th, 1953
Mary Ellison, Radiant No. 6	Dec. 21st, 1953
Benjamin Cooper, Radiant No. 6	Dec. 11th, 1953
Beatrice Gilbert, Sussex No. 7	Nov. 16th, 1953
Edgar Bradley, Sussex No. 7	Dec. 28th, 1953
Ruth Steele, Caesar Rodney No. 8	Jan. 25th, 1954
Myrtle Stevenson, Georgetown No. 9	Dec. 30th, 1953
Ruth Porter, Georgetown No. 9	Dec. 13th, 1953
Emerson Keeler, Georgetown No. 9	Dec. 13th, 1953

Pauline Sheaffer, Newark No. 10	Jan. 4th,	1954
Robert Major, Newark No. 10	April 6th,	1954
Mary Sipple, Kent No. 11	Jan. 1st,	1954
Fulton J. Dowling, Kent No. 11	Jan. 1st,	1954
Viola Burton, Frankford No. 12	Dec. 1st,	1953
Neal Evans, Frankford No. 12	Nov. 25th,	1953
Vera Ellis, Five Points No. 13	Nov. 19th,	1953
Sinah Pelham, Five Points No. 13	April 26th,	1954
Rebecca Hagenbuch, Brandywine No. 14	Dec. 28th,	1953
Margaret Cregar, Victory No. 15	Jan. 4th,	1954
Margaret Russell, Unity No. 16	Jan. 4th,	1954
Evelyn H. Reynolds, Esther No. 17	Jan. 3rd,	1954
Groome Mears, Esther No. 17	Jan. 26th,	1954
Marilyn Miller, Laurel No. 18	Nov. 30th,	1954

As this year comes to a close, may I say I tried to carry out your instructions to the best of my ability and hope I have filled my station to your complete satisfaction.

I noticed several irregularities in various chapters which I in turn took up with the Deputies. In one Chapter I observed, and in another I was informed by the Deputy, that the Sentinels were leaving outside stations and coming into the Chapter Room, taking active part in the meeting, without being invited to do so by the Worthy Matron.

Correspondence being put in minute book with Scotch Tape instead of being written in for permanent record.

Officers going to other persons instead of Deputies for instructions, and Past Deputies interfering with instructions as given by this Worthy Grand Matron.

May I again say, as has been previously discussed, but no action taken, this Grand Chapter is in dire need of a workable instruction book for the use of the Grand Lecturer and Deputies. There are so many unwritten rules and different interpretations of the work that there should be some written instructions in black and white before we can have uniform work in Delaware.

May I again thank you both for the confidence you had in me a year ago and for a year which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,  
LORRAINE C. PUTZIER  
*Grand Lecturer*

Motion by Past Matron Sister Sarah Cordrey report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lillian Larrimore.

Motion adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES  
 PAST PATRON NEWARK CHAPTER NO. 10  
 BROTHER J. NELSON ABBOTT, Chairman

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, your Grand Trustees, have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and found them to be correct.

Following is a statement covering the period from April 30, 1953 to April 30, 1954.

Cash Balance on hand April 30, 1953.....	\$ 4,870.61
Receipts for the year.....	6,729.56
Total.....	\$11,600.17
Disbursements from April 30, 1953 to April 30, 1954..	\$ 5,534.65
Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 6,065.52
Bank balance April 25, 1954.....	\$ 6,159.46
Less outstanding checks 825 to 830.....	93.94
Actual balance.....	\$ 6,065.52

Assets of Grand Chapter of Delaware:

- Jewels
  - 1 Steel Safe
  - 3 Utility Cabinets
  - 1 Brief Case
  - 1 O. E. S. Seal of Delaware
  - 1 Typewriter
  - 1 Wooden Gavel
  - 1 Metal Gavel in possession of presiding Worthy Grand Patron
  - 1 Letter File
  - 1 Charter
  - 1 Altar Bible
  - 2 Small Bibles
  - 1 Christian Flag
  - 1 State Flag
  - 1 American Flag
  - 1 O. E. S. Jewel
- } In custody of Grand Trustees
- W. G. Matron's Pedestal (Kept by Julia M. Story Chapter)
  - 11 Bound Volumes of Proceedings in possession of present Worthy Grand Matron
  - 11 Bound Volumes of Proceedings in possession of Grand Sec'y.
  - 1 Baton in possession of Grand Marshal

2 Traveling Jewels in possession of presiding Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron  
 2 Shares of O. E. S. Building Corp. Stock  
 Records  
 Subordinate Chapter Supplies including 100 Rituals valued at \$2.25 each.

Respectfully submitted

J. N. ABBOTT  
 PAULINE DAVIS  
 J. ALBERT KUMPEL

Motion by Past Patron, Brother J. Nelson Abbott, report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Bessie M. Warrington.

Motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER  
 CHARTERS AND DISPENSATION

PAST MATRON FIVE POINTS CHAPTER No. 13

SISTER MARTHA MACKEY, Chairman

We, the undersigned, Committee on Chartered Chapters and Chapters under Dispensation, have verified the membership reports of the eighteen subordinate Chapters of Delaware.

The following is a summation of our findings for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Lost by Death.....	39	Gained by Reinstatement..	4
Lost by Demit.....	20	Gained by Initiation.....	131
Lost by Suspension.....	46	Gained by Affiliation.....	25
	—	Gained by Omission from	
Total Loss.....	105	Former Yrs.....	3
		(Del. Chapter No. 1)	—
		Total Gain.....	163

Membership December 31, 1953.....3083

Membership December 31, 1952.....3025

Net Gain..... 58

Fraternally submitted,  
 MARTHA D. MACKEY, Chairman  
 ELIZABETH CORRELL  
 IVAH O. OSTENDARP

Motion by Past Matron, Sister Ruth Stiggins, report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Helen West.

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

Associate Grand Matron, Sister LILLIAN LARRIMORE, Chairman

As Chairman of your committee on Fraternal Correspondence, I wish to thank Sister Ruth and Sister Mary for their assistance and cooperation in our imaginary journey along the Eastern Star Highway.

It has been our good fortune to be an unseen guest at the various Grand Chapter Sessions, this has been made possible through the many proceedings reviewed.

I hope that our members and those attending Grand Chapter for the first time will enjoy the knowledge gained. To those who have heard it many times before we ask your indulgence.

The Order of the Eastern Star is dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

It was organized in 1850 by Robert Morris at Le Grange, Kentucky.

At that time he said, "It matters not what men say, if the Eastern Star satisfies the demands of the age, it will live and take its place among the Institutions of the Land." How true were his words. The Eastern Star has become one of the largest organizations in the world to which men and women both belong.

The Order is divided into four bodies namely, the General Grand Chapter, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the Independent Grand Chapter of New York and New Jersey.

The General Grand Chapter was organized in Indiana Nov. 1876.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland organized 1904.

The Independent Grand Chapter of New York and New Jersey organized 1869 and 1870.

The New York Grand Chapter uses the McCoy ritual, New Jersey has one of their own.

Masons in good standing, who are not members of the order of the Eastern Star, may attend meetings by taking a pledge of secrecy.

The obligation is the same the world over.

The Holy Bible, source of all wisdom and strength is open upon the Altar at all sessions. All meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

The Grand Chapter Sessions convene in Church, Temples, Hotels and Auditoriums, which have been transformed into beautiful gardens and settings.

Wherever the Order of the Eastern Star may meet, the flags of the country are presented as the first guest of honor in all Grand Jurisdictions.

In many of our bordering states to the north "Old Glory" and the Union Jack share honor and dignity.

The State, O. E. S. and Christian Flags also hold places of honor in the chapter Rooms.

No flag flies over the Eastern Star Temple in Washington, D. C. as it is international. High over its entrance burns a five-pointed Electric Star in a Pentagon, surrounded by a circle, a symbol of love and a guiding light to all.

Many of the Sessions are preceded by a worship service.

The Memory Hours are touching and beautiful, when loving tributes are paid to those who have answered the call to come home.

Millions of dollars are contributed annually for the maintenance of relief, hospital, home, school and welfares.

Masonic and Eastern Star Homes are maintained for the care of the aged and distressed members.

Youth projects are active in all Grand Jurisdictions.

Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters, De Molay

The granting of Educational loans helps to guide our young people today, that their leadership tomorrow may be more beautiful and understanding because of these teachings.

Many Grand Chapters collect registration fees from all who attend the Sessions. This fee is usually \$1.00 although some collect fifty cents.

To our Grand Secretary Sister Elizabeth, may I express my sincere appreciation for your promptness in sending me the proceedings.

Perhaps you might enjoy hearing a few remarks taken from some of the proceedings.

Alabama.

Traveling gavel made from red wood at the Little White House, Warm Springs, Georgia.

It has been used by each presiding Matron at the Worthy Grand Matrons' official visits.

We now have Three million members.

Michigan being the oldest. Ohio the largest and Rhode Island the smallest.

Indiana.

Presented pins to one hundred eighteen sisters and brothers for fifty years of loyal service.

Tennessee

Contributed \$2,102.44 to Cancer Research.

Nebraska.

Two sisters drove several miles to deliver two calves to the Childrens Home for their "4H" Project.

A brother served as Grand Marshal in 1953.

The Governor of Nebraska was initiated into the Order.

New Jersey.

Sponsored two Charity Balls netting \$8,150. This was used for their Eastern Star Home Fund.

West Virginia.

One Chapter has 1,015 Members.

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a real pleasure to serve you as your Fraternal Correspondent. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. It has been a most interesting way of increasing my Eastern Star education.

The knowledge I have gained I shall never forget and the inspiration I have received I will always cherish.

My sincere appreciation to Sisters Ruth and Mary. You were splendid companions and I thank you for your excellent reviews and promptness with which you sent them. I wish we could make this a real journey together.

And now may the spirit of harmony, cooperation, good will and fellowship which is so apparent, continue to prevail throughout the Eastern Star world.

And may we remain so firmly united that our influence will be deeply felt on "that which is good."

Fraternally submitted,

LILLIAN LARRIMORE

RUTH M. LAWS

MARY H. BEVIS

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Clara A. Reuter report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott.

Motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

ELIZABETH M. FISHER, Chairman

Nothing to report.



## REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL LOAN COMMITTEE

PAST MATRON DELAWARE CHAPTER NO. 1

SISTER MAMIE WENDLING, Chairman

May, 1954

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

The Chairman of the Educational Committee submits the following Report.

January 30/54—Bal. in the Wilmington Savings Fund Soc...	\$2,311.89
April 4/54—Interest for the year 1953 .....	69.33
Total assets .....	<u>\$2,381.22</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

April 4/54—To Grand Chapter O. E. S. for Religious Education for General Grand Chapter.....	\$ 307.60
Balance 4/4/54.....	<u>\$2,073.62</u>

SISTER MAMIE P. WENDLING,  
Chairman  
SISTER MABEL C. JOHNSTON  
BRO. JOHN L. Lecompte  
SISTER BESSIE M. WARRINGTON

Approved 5/10/54

J. N. ABBOTT

PAULINE DAVIS

J. ALBERT KUMPEL

Motion by Past Grand Patron, Brother Frederick H. Warrington report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Matron, Sister Ruth Laws

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

PAST MATRON DELAWARE CHAPTER NO. 1

SISTER MILDRED LEE, Chairman

Everything harmonious. No grievances nor appeals to report.

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Clara Reuter, report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Thomas Rodway.

Motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EASTERN STAR HOME  
 PAST PATRON, MIZPAH CHAPTER No. 2  
 BROTHER JONATHAN J. BURRIS, Chairman

Wilmington, Delaware  
 May 11th, 1954.

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

We your Committee of the Eastern Star Home Fund desire to report the following progress of this fund for the past year.

Cash amount in the fund 4/15/53.....	\$2,985.88	\$2,985.88
Cash contributions received since the above date from:—		
Adah Chapter No. 5.....	50.00	
Sussex Chapter No. 7.....	50.00	
Victory Chapter No. 15.....	5.00	
Esther Chapter No. 17.....	5.00	
Laurel Chapter No. 18.....	50.00	
Lillian McKinley.....	25.00	
Total cash contributions received from 4/15/53 —————		
to 5/1/54 inclusive.....	185.00	
Interest received from Wil. Savings Fund.....	67.25	
Total Cash Balance in the Wil. Savings Fund Society as of May 1st, 1954.....		\$3,238.13

The following named Chapters have subscribed to Building and Loan Shares and other methods of support:

Mizpah Chapter No. 2.....	5 Shares B/L Stock
St. Johns Chapter No. 4.....	5 Shares B/L Stock
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8.....	5 Shares B/L Stock
Newark Chapter No. 10.....	5 Shares B/L Stock
Georgetown Chapter No. 9.....	5 Shares B/L Stock
Unity Chapter No. 16.....	5 Shares B/L Stock
Radiant Chapter No. 6.....	2 Shares B/L Stock
Brandywine Chapter No. 14.....	3 Shares B/L Stock
Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3.....	5 Shares B/L Stock

Frankford Chapter No. 12 report that they have subscribed to one Five Hundred Dollar Bond of ten year maturity which is to be contributed to this fund at it's maturity.

Five Points Chapter No. 13 have pledged \$25.00 per year toward this fund, the same to be held in escroe by their treasury.

Faternally submitted by the  
 Eastern Star Home Fund Committee

JONATHAN J. BURRIS, Chairman  
 ADELLE GIBBS, P. M.  
 DOROTHY QUILLAN, P. M.  
 RUTH M. STIGGINS, P. M.  
 JOHN A. KENNEDY, P. P.

Motion by Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles V. Cleaver, report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Frederick H. Warrington.

Motion adopted.

Past Grand Matron turned over to Grand Secretary \$2.00 which she had earned for the Eastern Star Home Fund.

THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EASTERN STAR HOME FUND WHICH WAS PRESENTED DURING THE MORNING SESSION WAS RE-READ.

Past Matron, Sister Jane Krauss moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Bessie M. Warrington.

After a lengthy discussion the motion was adopted.

Past Grand Patron, Brother Herbert Neutze, then made a motion that the time limit in the resolution be made specific and changed to read fifteen years instead of ten to fifteen years.

This motion was seconded by Past Patron, Brother J. Harry Allbrittain.

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUND FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF DELAWARE

PAST MATRON DELAWARE CHAPTER NO. 1

SISTER ELSIE CONLEY, Chairman

*Nothing has for Shriners*

Money received from subordinate Chapters.

Delaware Chapter No. 1.....	\$ 125.62
Mizpah Chapter No. 2.....	50.00
Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3.....	50.00
St. Johns Chapter No. 4.....	50.00
Adah Chapter No. 5.....	50.00
Radiant Chapter No. 6.....	50.00
Sussex Chapter No. 7.....	50.00
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8.....	70.00
Georgetown Chapter No. 9.....	50.00
Newark Chapter No. 10.....	50.00
Kent Chapter No. 11.....	50.00
Frankford Chapter No. 12.....	50.00
Five Points Chapter No. 13.....	50.00
Brandywine Chapter No. 14.....	50.00
Victory Chapter No. 15.....	50.00

Unity Chapter No. 16.....	50.00
Esther Chapter No. 17.....	50.00
Laurel Chapter No. 18.....	50.00
Interest from Bank.....	4.38
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	\$1,000.00

ELSIE I. CONLEY, Chairman  
Handicapped Children of Del.

Motion by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs that the report be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Past Matron, Sister Sarah Cordrey.

Motion adopted.

Grand Officers from Pennsylvania were escorted to Grand East.

Minutes of Morning session were read.

Motion by Past Grand Patron, Brother Cheston McCormick, that minutes be accepted and printed in proceedings. Seconded by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs.

Motion adopted.

A reminder of the luncheon on Tuesday was made by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs.

Grand Marshal declared the Grand Chapter called from labor to recess to reconvene at 8:00 P. M.

## MONDAY EVENING

8:00 P. M.

Informal Opening.

A welcome was extended by Sessions Chairman, Past Matron, Sister Mildred W. Bryan.

Those to whom this Session is dedicated assembled in the west—Miss Miriam Ziegler, Mrs. Evelyn Stricklin, Mrs. Mabel Young, Mrs. Adelle Gibbs and Mrs. John C. Hassel, Jr., mother of Sister Gibbs. They were seated in Grand East.

Entrance of Flags

American Flag—carried by Brother Richard Chambers, Worthy Patron Victory Chapter No. 15.

Christian Flag—carried by Brother John Conley, Worthy Patron, Delaware Chapter No. 1.

State Flag—carried by Brother Wm. E. Hall, Worthy Patron, Laurel Chapter No. 18.

Eastern Star Flag—carried by Brother Robert P. Major, Worthy Patron, Newark Chapter No. 10.

A drill by Pages, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 1953 and Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 1954. They displayed in formation, the words "Welcome Delaware," which showed the same from the Grand East as the West.

Invocation by Rev. A. H. Kleffman, DD.

Solo—The Lord's Prayer—Mrs. Eleanor Evans  
Accompanied by Mrs. Mabel B. Pierce.

Honorable J. Caleb Boggs, Governor of Delaware was presented by Sister Bryan and brought greetings.

"Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Mayor Walz, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Delaware:

On behalf of the State of Delaware it is a privilege and pleasure to bring greetings to the Order of the Eastern Star on this occasion of thirty-three years in Delaware. Thirty-Three years of an organization of such high purpose and dedicated to spiritual strength and community service has meant a lot to Delaware and our community in serving our fellow-man. The many things done to serve others and bring happiness to others is indeed a matter of great strength to the community and the state at large and I wish to express appreciation. May I call attention to the fact that this is an Anniversary Year in Delaware. We may not have too many celebrations but there will be times when we will have time to reflect on the 250 years of representative government in Delaware. We have continued in times of peace and war to labor for the preservation and strengthening of the privilege of christian freedom on which our happiness is built. We can measure our accomplishments better by looking back than by looking forward; but by looking back we can look forward and endeavor to continue in good work in the future. I thank you again for the privilege and honor of being here on this occasion."

*His Honor the Mayor, August F. Walz* was presented by Sister Bryan and brought a welcome from the City of Wilmington.

"Governor Boggs, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and Friends:

I feel I have a double honor and privilege in extending to all of you, greetings from the City of Wilmington. I had that privilege at your banquet on Saturday night. Mrs. Walz and I are grateful for the kind hospitality extended to us at that time.

I am again honored to extend the greetings of the City and my own personal greetings. We appreciate the fact that your organization has selected Wilmington as the place to hold your meeting this year and we trust we will have the opportunity of being your host again.

Deputy Grand Master, Brother Horace S. Allen, Sr. was presented by Sister Mildred Bryan and gave the following remarks.

Madam Chairman, distinguished guests, officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

After having heard the greetings from the former distinguished guests preceding me, there is not too much that I can add at this time.

I am aware of the fact that it is customary for speakers to tell a little story in connection with their thoughts. Sometimes we find it rather difficult to find an appropriate story for a particular audience.

I am reminded of one Mae West story that relates that our friend Mae was interested in purchasing a new home. One of Hollywood's outstanding realtors was conducting her through a home that she was considering buying and as she passed through the building, she exclaimed about its many beautiful features.

She came to a particularly beautiful bathroom all done in peach-colored tile and most attractive in every detail. She was so enraptured with this bathroom that she insisted on being left alone so that she could take a bath before continuing the rest of the inspection.

After she had finished her bath, she went on still further through the house and came to a second bathroom all finished in white marble, which was truly exquisite and even surpassed the first one. Again she insisted that she must be allowed to take a bath. After this episode they continued on and lo and behold they came to a third gorgeous bathroom all done in black onyx and truly the most beautiful of the three, and the story goes that the tub was even filled with warm milk.

This was too much for Mae to resist and a third time she insisted that she be allowed to take a bath. She did so and after finishing, walked out of the bathroom, tripped on the doorsill and fell flat on her face. So you see, my friends, when you get Mae West cleaned up too much, the story is bound to fall flat.

I have another story of a little different nature in mind that has to do with a carnival in a small town. I am not sure, but it may have been in one of our own Delaware towns. One of the feature acts of the carnival was a strong man act. This gorgeous bit of masculinity came out on the platform duly clothed in his leopard skin and performed a number of feats which displayed his great strength. He took great pride in flexing his muscles and expanding his chest and in numerous other ways calling attention to his powerful physique.

As a climax to his act, he took a lemon, gripped it vigorously in his fist and squeezed as only he was able to do. He squeezed and squeezed until every drop of juice was apparently out of the lemon skin. He then in disgust threw the empty lemon skin to the floor and challenged anyone in the audience to show their superior strength by extracting another drop of lemon juice from the lemon. He offered a reward of \$25.00 for every drop of juice that could be squeezed from the skin and defied all and sundry to have a try at it.

No one approached and he almost insultingly taunted the group for their lack of spirit. After a short period of time, as no one came to the platform to make the try, a meek little motherly type lady made her way forward and ascended the platform. The strong man in a very disgusted manner inquired why she should come to the platform, since she was obviously not able to surpass his strength. She replied that since none of the strong men of the town had come up, that she be allowed at least to try to squeeze the lemon. Since our strong man had no alternative, he allowed her to try and after a very strenuous effort, she succeeded in extracting four drops from the lemon.

This thoroughly infuriated the strong man who explained that this had never happened before and that no one to his knowledge had surpassed his strength. He said that he would pay the \$100. so earned but demanded to know who she was and how she had the ability to squeeze the lemon so vigorously.

She replied that she had been used to squeezing for money, that this was the easiest \$100 she had ever earned and that she was the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the local Chapter of the Eastern Star.

It is my pleasure to bring greetings to the Grand Chapter from your many friends in the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware. We are very conscious of the good work that you are doing and wish you every success for its continuation.

We recognize the great service that your order is giving to the guests of our Masonic Home and I know from personal experience that our folks out there thoroughly enjoy your religious and entertainment programs.

In closing I would just leave this thought with you that I truly hope that each and every one of you will consider it your individual responsibility to be sure that not a single link in your golden chain should be allowed to be tarnished or weakened with the venom or acid of malice or gossip, but will be truly brightened and strengthened and polished to a high lustre with the love and service that characterizes your fine order.

Checks were presented by Mrs. Elsie I. Conley to the Mancus Club and the Kutner School.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, Visitors to our Grand Chapter Session.

During the past year our Worthy Grand Matron's Project has been that of raising funds for the Handicapped Children of Delaware, and with the cooperation of all eighteen subordinate chapters I am happy to report this evening that we have \$1000.00. After much investigating and careful consideration, our Worthy Grand Matron chose the Mancus Club of Delaware and the Kutner School for retarded children to be the recipients of this money.

I would like to introduce to you Miss Mary Ann Wright, president and founder of the Mancus Club of Delaware. Miss Wright, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, this check for \$300.00 with the sincere hope that it will in some small measure help you realize the building for which you are planning.

Miss Mary Ann Wright—I wish to thank you ladies of the Eastern Star for this check which is most generous. We wish to do something for others less fortunate than ourselves. We are planning for a building where we can go for recreation and which will be a social center for all handicapped in Delaware. On behalf of the members of our organization I want to thank you for this gift. May God bless you.

Mrs. Elsie Conley—Now, I would like to introduce Mr. James W. Williams, president of the Board of the Kutner School, Delaware Association, for retarded children. Our Worthy Grand Matron and I visited the Kutner school and it is truly worthy of any support we can give them. Mr. Williams, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, I am happy to present to you this check for \$700 and if it should help some small child to have a brighter life, we feel that our efforts have been worth while.

Mr. Williams—It gives me great pleasure to accept this check in the name of the thirty-four children who are being given education for the first time in their lives and for their parents and I wish to express my personal thanks for your assistance. We are just one year old. We have established a school and paid all of our bills to this date. This check puts us over the year and we are extremely grateful. It is a tremendous pleasure to be here and again I thank you for your interest and help.

Address by Rev. A. H. Kleffman, DD., Pastor of West Presbyterian Church.

“You have had a very delightful program so far. I am reminded of a story of a visiting speaker and the presiding officer said to him—“Shall we have your address now, or shall we let the people continue to enjoy themselves?”

It is a great privilege to be with you again and with all of these distinguished visitors. It brought to my mind a verse of Proverbs 22-29 “Seeth thou a man diligent in his business. He shall stand before kings.” This is the first time in my life I have stood before the King of Delaware and the King of Wilmington. It is a real pleasure to say a few things to a Presbyterian, a Lutheran and two republicans. I once heard a story of a little boy whose father owned a grocery store and the little boy had a habit of going into the store and putting his fingers into the molasses barrel. One day as the molasses was getting low in the barrel he leaned over too far and he fell in. His mother helped him out. The little boy thought what a great opportunity it was for him—he was so fond of molasses and he had quite a lot of it.



The thought came to me "May we be equal to our opportunity so when we have the opportunity to come before our fellow-citizens and join in a celebration of such an organization as the Order of the Eastern Star we say, 'Make us equal to the opportunity.'"

There is a story of a beggar who sat on a store corner and sang the same song and begged for a number of years. Someone said to him, 'Is it not monotonous singing the same song?' The beggar answered, "My father sat on this corner and sang the same song for fifty years. Perhaps it was not as monotonous to him as it is to me because he knew the words."

We also struggle with the problem of monotony. To us comes the challenge of how to get out of routine, how to get the best of it and get the best out of it. Do not think you are a member of a minority group, it is universal. How many of you would like to throw the dishes out of the window; there is the clerk in the store; the doctor who hears all the pains and the aches and those who have to listen to all the cute things the grandchildren do and say.

All of us to some extent lead a Merry-go-round existence. But routine can be means of increased efficiency. We are able to do quickly things that we do many times over. How much time would be consumed in doing all the little things we now do with increased speed, because of the fact that they are routine in our lives. Repetition leads to increased efficiency. How skilled a doctor becomes and how our confidence increases because of his efficiency.

I became ill on the first Saturday of February a year ago. I called in the doctor. He examined me and said "I have had 38 cases in the last few days." I felt much better. I had confidence in him. Think of the routine in his life. Thirty-eight cases in the last few days. Think of the experience that came with that routine. When routine develops into monotony and boredom, then it becomes dangerous. Our problem is how to outwit, how to get the best out of it without succumbing to the dangers and pitfalls. We should resist the routine of this world in which we live. There is a story of a paper bag manufacturer, when asked if it was not monotonous said "No, when I walk down the street and see the ladies carrying food home I feel I have had a part in placing clean food on the tables in the homes in my community. He could have thought of the routine of his work, the small compensation, but he saw how his work was touching the lives of others. If we think of others and follow our task through, we will see that we are making a valuable contribution to life.

There were two graduates from college, one became a great financier, his whole thought was the accumulation of wealth. The other one was a teacher in a Prep school. They met one day and the wealthy one said "So, you are still teaching Greek, are you?" The answer was, No, I am teaching boys. When we interpret our jobs in the highest possible way, I am sure it will help us outwit the routine.

Two men were breaking stones. One said I am earning so many dollars, the other said I am helping to build a cathedral. He interpreted his task in high terms and followed it through and so it helped him to outwit routine.

There was a professor at Princeton who would go to the colored porter in the station each day and ask him to give his bible verse each day. This was rather routine for a busy professor, but there was something that put a zest into it; seeing if he knew his verse for that day. Someone who has that outlook will outwit routine. A deed of kindness, an errand of mercy, something unusual and different, a smile as we pass by will outwit routine. Say, here is where I am to make my contribution, this is my appointed task. Let us do with our mind what our hands find to do. It is a great thing to so live that we could say Yes, if I had life to live over I would live the same way. If we want to say Yes, we must do our best to outwit routine, to get the best of it and to get the best out of it. Find joy and happiness in outwitting routine by doing something for others at every opportunity.

Benediction: Rev. A. H. Kleffman.

Those not members of the Order were escorted from the room before the Formal opening of the Evening Session.

## FORMAL OPENING

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Meeting called to order by Sessions Chairman, Past Matron, Sister Mildred W. Bryan, presenting Past Grand Matron, Sister Helen West and Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles V. Cleaver who opened the session, welcomed the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and invited them to the Grand East.

Worthy Grand Matron thanked Sister Helen and Brother Charles for opening the evening session.

Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Helen and Brother Charles, I want to thank you for opening this session. You both have served our order well and we hope your lives will be blessed with health and continued happiness.

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS.

OPENING CEREMONY

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from recess to resume labor.

## TRIBUTE TO THE FLAGS BY GRAND MARSHAL

SISTER MIRIAM ZIEGLER

- American Flag* —Many years ago, President Woodrow Wilson declared. "This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choice is ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute these choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent it speaks to us—speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it." And it is up to us and those who follow us to carry on these traditions and keep our precious flag flying for freedom.
- Christian Flag* —The Christian Flag so fair, teaching us these lessons, to be kind, thoughtful, helpful and patient, the beautiful banner of our Christian faith, the symbol of true brotherly love. The white of its background symbolizes purity of thought, word and deed. The blue of its field represents fidelity and obedience to the word of God. The red of the cross is a constant reminder to us of the supreme sacrifice of Jesus and His promise of eternal life.
- Delaware Flag* —We pledge allegiance to the flag of Delaware whether our native state or our adopted state. Though small this commonwealth proved an important factor in the very being of our country and has since that time become a state of which we can be justly proud—"Our Delaware".
- Eastern Star Flag*—A tribute to our own Eastern Star Flag. They took the blue of courage and fashioned a point for our Star—To this they added humility and made a yellow bar—They took the white of loyalty to kindred, country, friend—And added faith and unfaltering trust in God's love to the end. For faith they made a green ray and for love a bright red bar—And so they fashioned the banner of our beautiful Eastern Star. Keep faith, be just, be pure, have hope and loyalty—this is the message we read today in our four beautiful flags. And this is the message we must heed if we would be "Fair-est Among Thousands Altogether Lovely."

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Singing by Assembly—National Anthem

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME

WORTHY MATRON, DELAWARE CHAPTER NO. 1

SISTER FLORENCE E. WALLS

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

As Worthy Matron of Delaware Chapter No. 1, I have, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, been given the honor and the happy privilege of extending to you greetings, and a sincere and heartfelt welcome to this the thirty-third session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

We have looked forward with great anticipation to your coming to this session. May our deeds as well as our words show the pleasure we feel in having you with us. I know every one present will join in making this session one to be remembered. Let me assure you that we meet you in truth, greet you in faith and welcome you in love.

We hope your visit will be a most pleasant one and that you will carry away with you sweet memories of the Family Session.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, I bid you one and all a most cordial welcome.

## RESPONSE

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON, SISTER LILLIAN LARRIMORE

On behalf of the Members of this Grand Chapter, I am happy to respond to your words of welcome, and thank you as well as the other presiding Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for all you have done for our pleasure and comfort which we shall enjoy during this Grand Chapter Session. The banquet on Saturday night was a most enjoyable one for which we do thank you. As we return to our Home Chapters, may we take with us many kind thoughts of this Grand Session. Again on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Members of this Grand Body, we thank you for your gracious words of welcome.

## PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron to Sister Plummer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron: it is always a pleasure to receive you into our inner circle.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs—The word "welcome" contains seven important letters, and each letter stands for a friendly thought—

W stands for the warmth of our hearts  
 E tells how eagerly we do our part  
 L is the love we hold for you  
 C stands for comradeship, loyal and true  
 O is the Order to which we all belong  
 M for the Members, so steady and strong  
 E is for everything else we would say

In the very glad "welcome" we give you today.

Sister Florence, you, with your gracious manner and charm are an inspiration to all members of our Beautiful Order wherever we meet you. I have been in your presence on several occasions and I have never failed to gain something from the meeting. I am most happy to welcome you in the name of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. I hope that your stay in our midst will be most pleasant. Thank you for coming to our Family Session.

### WELCOME TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

It is always a privilege for a Worthy Grand Matron to welcome distinguished guests to her Grand Session. Tonight is no exception. I am very happy to have so many in attendance and I hope you can stay all through our session.

SISTER EDNA CAMPBELL, Worthy Grand Esther  
 SISTER ADELINE KENYON, Worthy Grand Ruth  
 SISTER ETHEL S. HILL, Worthy Grand Warder

The simple word "welcome" cannot express all that is in our hearts today, but it is the one word in our language which is oftenest used to voice gladness and joy at one's coming.

May you find the true spirit of hospitality in our midst and may you take with you the memory of inspiring friendships and fraternal fellowship. I am happy to have the privilege of welcoming you in the name of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

They were presented at the Altar and escorted to the Grand East and given Grand Honors.

General Grand Chapter Committee members, Sister Anna Yeager, Chairman of Welfare Committee and Brother Charles V. Cleaver a member of the same committee, presented at the Altar, escorted to the Grand East and given grand honors.

Worthy Grand Matron to General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

It makes me very happy indeed to welcome General Grand Chapter Committee Members to our Session. We are grateful to our Most Worthy Grand Matron for giving us a Committee appointment. Needless to say Brother Cleaver, that the Order of the Eastern Star of Delaware is very proud of you and the good work you have done for our order and are still doing through your welfare work in the General Grand Chapter.

## WELCOME TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WORTHY GRAND PATRON, I. KENDALL GIBBS

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I as Worthy Grand Patron of Delaware welcome you to this our Family Session. We know the office you hold gives you great personal satisfaction and I trust that you will enjoy it for many days to come.

To our own Brother Charles Cleaver: Brother Charles, it is with a great deal of humility that I welcome you tonight. You are respected naturally in Delaware as a fine fellow and friend. But now your friendship extends to many people in distant lands. We of the Grand Chapter of Delaware are eternally grateful for the recognition you have brought to us. So we say to you our warmest official thanks.

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

BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

We are very glad to have you with us tonight. We have enjoyed our visits with you in your jurisdiction and we hope you will enjoy our session and stay just as long as you can.

## WELCOME BY WORTHY GRAND PATRON

A special kind of welcome is reserved for you in my heart. You have been chosen by your Grand Chapter to be their representatives and I have many friends among you. I hope your visit to Delaware is as nice as I have had with many of you and I most sincerely say to you "welcome".

Welcome to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, by Worthy Grand Matron:

I am sure your coming gives our Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Delaware as much of a thrill as it does me, as it brings back fond memories to them. We are always happy to receive you so come real often.

Welcome Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, By Worthy Grand Patron:

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this our Family Session. You have served your own Grand Chapters faithfully and well. There are many things one could say to you folks, but right now they are far away. However, everyone in Delaware knows what our Past Grands mean to us. I'm sure your own Jurisdictions feel the same way about you. We sure wish you all a very pleasant stay and trust you will return again some day. Thanks for honoring us with your presence.

Welcome to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Delaware, by Worthy Grand Matron:

"Look out Past Grands, here come Kendall and Elvira." We know that when the time comes for us to join your group it will be a most happy occasion for us. I want to thank you for being invited to break bread with you tonight, nothing so fills the heart as getting around the festive table together.

The past is gone, the future to come, but friends of Delaware's Eastern Star Grand Chapter all of you are. I feel honored to be able to welcome you here tonight. There are many among you whom I have learned to lean on very much. Your wise counsel was very much appreciated. I do hope you can find a place for me among you after Tuesday evening, but for tonight I, as Grand Patron do wish for you much happiness and pleasure from this our "Family Session."

The flowers on the Grand Treasurers' desk are in memory of Past Grand Patron Harlan Cloud from Past Grand Matrons' and Past Grand Patrons' dinner.

Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Delaware were presented at the Altar, escorted to the Grand East and given grand honors.

#### RESPONSE BY PAST GRAND MATRON

SISTER M. ETTA KEYS

AND DR. JAY W. MILLER, Past Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron:

It is my happy privilege to respond to your gracious words of welcome so generously extended by you.

I sincerely trust as we meet in this session, God, in his Wisdom, may lead us onward and upward to greater heights of service, and may we strive to do something that will show to the community the strength, beauty and glory of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for this courtesy and may your session be one of harmony and happiness and may God's richest blessing brighten your path.

Worthy Grand Matron when your session is over we will be very happy to welcome you into the Past Grand Matrons.

Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced at the Altar, escorted to the Grand East and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions:

We sure thank you for coming to visit our Grand Chapter. We also know that you represent the best from your Jurisdictions and about the only thing left for us to offer you is our very best wishes for a pleasant stay.

Welcome to Grand Trustees, by Worthy Grand Matron:

Grand Trustees you are a patient group. Seeing money spent and not saying a word about it for one whole year, that is being calm. We thank you for your effort and all the time and thought you have put into your work for the Grand Chapter.

Welcome to Grand Trustees, by Worthy Grand Patron:

It is an honor and a pleasure for me to welcome you here tonight. Your long and distinguished service entitles you to the esteem we are pleased to accord you. We extend to you our fraternal good wishes and our warmest hospitality. You come to us as co-workers, following the same "Star", and we are most happy to welcome you. To sister Pauline, a member of my own Chapter, I am especially happy to have the opportunity of greeting you from the East. Thanks for your kindness to me this year.

Response by Past Patron J. Nelson Abbott—Chairman of Board of Grand Trustees.

Welcome to Deputy Grand Lecturers, By Worthy Grand Matron:

There are no words in the dictionary that could express my gratitude for all the work you have put into your subordinate chapters this year. Harmony has reigned in every chapter, what more could we ask. Where unity of thought and love exist, we go forward.

To Deputy Grand Lecturers, by Worthy Grand Patron:

I especially want to welcome you and to congratulate you on the work you have done this year. Our work in my estimation was well done and this is with thanks to you. I offer you my sincerest thanks.

Response by Past Matron Sylvia Knox, Deputy Lecturer, Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3.

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

Next to the privilege of bringing words of welcome is the joy of responding to them.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that we listened to your cordial words of welcome Worthy Grand Matron, and I assure you it is a real joy, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, in behalf of my co-workers to be privileged to respond to your gracious greeting.

Worthy Grand Matron we wish to thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon us and our respective Chapters in our appointments as your Deputy Grand Lecturers. Those of us who were privileged to attend the School of Instruction in Washington, D. C. a week ago, will recall the words of our Most Worthy Grand Matron. "The Lord gave us a heart to love with and a brain to use. The human brain is something that starts to work the minute we are born.



and never stops until we are asked to Speak in Public. We are human and make mistakes." Worthy Grand Matron we hope that for each mistake we have made you will plant in your heart a flower of forgetfulness, and for the assistance and constructive criticism to our officers, a flower of remembrance.

We sincerely hope that every member fully realizes that the work of our Order is worthy of our earnest labors as we strive for uniformity of the work.

Worthy Grand Matron I thank you most sincerely for this privilege and may our Heavenly Father whose watchful eye is ever upon us, be with you and guide you during this session.

Welcome to Junior Past Matrons and Patrons, by Worthy Grand Matron.

Junior Past Matrons and Patrons, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to welcome you here at our 33rd Grand Session. Last year we had such pleasant times in your Chapter rooms and we want to welcome you in the same spirit in which you welcomed us and that is quite an assignment. Thanks for all the courtesies.

Welcome to Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 1953, by Worthy Grand Patron:

It is our turn to greet you now. I wish I were as gifted as some of you are, and could give you the beautiful words of welcome you gave me when I visited with you, but I'm not, so you will have to be satisfied with just an old fashioned welcome and a warm hello.

Response from the Worthy Matrons of 1953—Margaret Wicks, Delaware Chapter No. 1:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. I thank you for the privilege of responding to your welcome to the Worthy Matrons of 1953. I deem it a personal honor to have been so chosen.

I think I speak for each one of us when I say it was a pleasure to have served with both of you and now that you are soon to join us in the ranks of the past we are happy to add two more members to the ever growing list. We have enjoyed traveling with you and hope we will continue to be fellow travelers. May you both enjoy the best of health and happiness in the future and may we continue to see your smiling faces in the chapters throughout the State.

Response for Worthy Patrons of 1953 by Joseph Miller, Victory Chapter No. 15.

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

I deem it an honor that I have been asked to respond to your words of welcome to the Patrons of 1953. Words cannot express how much we thank you. The spontaneous warmth of your welcome has

made us not only feel that we are among friends but that we are at Home. True, our years of active leadership as Patrons are over but never for one moment have we given up our interest. May the years ahead be as fruitful for Delaware's Eastern Star as the year just past.

Welcome, by Worthy Grand Matron to Matrons and Patrons of the subordinate chapters:

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, it is so nice to see so many of you out tonight. I will always remember the happy times we have spent together at your birthday parties. You did a splendid job at the banquet and every one had lots of fun and I am sure they said well done. Thanks so very much.

Welcome to Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 1954, by Worthy Grand Patron:

Again it is our turn to welcome those who are now the guiding stars of their respective Chapters. It is with a keen sense of pride that I especially welcome you tonight.

Response by Groome Mears, Jr., Worthy Patron, Easter Chapter No. 17.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

I deem it a great honor and privilege to respond, for the Patrons of 1954, to your most cordial welcome. With privileges come responsibility—the responsibility of culminating the thoughts of each of us into one message for you.

During the past year, you have exemplified devotion and inspiration to our Order, leadership and guidance to our Chapters. From this came friendships made new, old ones continued.

I trust your year in the Grand East has been a memorable one, and may the lustre of your past shine in the Star of the future.

Response for Worthy Matrons of 1954 by Helen D. Weldie, Worthy Matron, Five Points Chapter No. 13:

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

In behalf of the Worthy Matrons of 1954 it is indeed a pleasure to respond to such gracious words of welcome.

I am sure all those visiting this Grand Chapter Session will take home to their respective Chapters, pleasant memories of your hospitality and wonderful spirit of fraternalism.

Your kindly thoughts, and friendly words  
Warm every heart with cheer;  
And with brimming hearts we tell you now,  
We are happy indeed to be here.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for extending to me the honor and privilege of responding to this gracious welcome.

We wish for you both a successful and harmonious session, a fitting climax to the year of service you have given to us.

Welcome to Grand Chapter Committee Members, by Worthy Grand Matron:

Grand Committee Members you have worked diligently to keep our Grand Chapter going along on an even keel. For one person to have handled every situation would have been impossible, but with all working together in harmony it has been a pleasure I am sure. Thanks to all of you.

Response by Past Matron, Sister Ruth M. Stiggins:

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

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of responding to your gracious words of welcome.

On behalf of your Committee Members, may I say that if our combined efforts have been instrumental in making your year more pleasurable and your Grand Chapter Session one of the very best, we are happy.

'Tis said "many hands make light the work," and you may be sure those were sincere and loving hands extended to you, "Our Worthy Grand Matron" and "Our Worthy Grand Patron!" Thank you again for this courtesy.

Sister Margaret Dulaney, Worthy Matron of Penn Chapter No. 16, Chester, Pa. was introduced in the West, welcomed by Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, escorted East and given a hand of welcome.

## WELCOME TO SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

BY ELIZABETH M. FISHER, GRAND SECRETARY

It is always a very happy privilege to welcome my co-workers, the secretaries of the subordinate chapters of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star.

Each year there are one or two changes in our group of workers, but this year we have seven new secretaries and I think I should tell you just who they are and where they are serving:—

Delaware Chapter No. 1	Sister Miriam Ziegler
Sussex Chapter No. 7	" —Elizabeth Tull
Brandywine Chapter No. 14	" —Florence Gilbert
Victory Chapter No. 15	" —Mary Miller

Unity Chapter No. 16  
 Esther Chapter No. 17  
 Laurel Chapter No. 18

“ Gladys Lynch  
 “ Edna J. Carpenter  
 “ Frances Tulloch

To each of our Secretaries my sincere thanks for your willing cooperation and for your promptness in sending in your Annual Reports and for the carefulness with which they have been compiled.

*“All of us have a road to take  
 That road is the Road of Life  
 Each of us has a share of joy  
 And each a share of strife  
 But since we all must travel that road  
 In sunny or stormy weather  
 We each may lighten the other's load  
 If we all pull along together.”*

Welcome again and have a happy time at your Grand Session.

Response by Secretary of Frankford Chapter, Past Matron,  
 Sister Florence Burbage.

#### ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	Ruth C. Layton
Arizona	Edith Galloway
Arkansas	Minnie Kytte
Alberta, Canada	Isabelle Klabe
British Columbia	Miriam Ziegler
California	Virginia Newth
Colorado	Frances Warren of No. 14
Connecticut	Eliza Crossland
Dist. of Columbia	Katherine Schroeder
Florida	Claire Address
Georgia	Sophie Harmon
Idaho	Grace S. Allen
Indiana	Anna White
Iowa	Eleanor Smith
Illinois	Alice Paulson
Kansas	Mary R. Miller
Kentucky	Marian Hearn
Louisiana	Ruth Bryan
Maine	Dorothy Larrimore
Maryland	Mary E. Woerner
Massachusetts	Sarah Cordrey
Michigan	Sara Mitchell
Minnesota	Edith McLennan
Missouri	Mabel Johnston
Montana	Bertha Smith
Nebraska	Blanche Williams
Nevada	Mary P. Garton
New Hampshire	Emma Thomas

New Jersey.....	C. Linda Sammons
New Mexico.....	Adella Holt
New York.....	Elizabeth Foster
New Brunswick.....	Margaret Wicks
North Carolina.....	Frances Warren, Georgetown #9
North Dakota.....	Sarah B. Howell
Nova Scotia.....	Edith Zeyher
Ohio.....	Odelle Guy
Oklahoma.....	Anna Fryling
Ontario.....	Alma Long
Oregon.....	Cordella Rodenheiser
Pennsylvania.....	Edward Livermore
Rhode Island.....	Dorothy Quillen
South Carolina.....	Eugenia Hall
South Dakota.....	M. Ella Steele
Tennessee.....	Goldia Palmer
Texas.....	Dorothea Werner
Utah.....	Bessie Borglin
Vermont.....	Lillian Wheeler
Virginia.....	Jacqueline Kyle
Washington.....	Adelle Gibbs
West Virginia.....	Susan Cardwell
Wisconsin.....	Edith McLean
Scotland.....	Beda Lentz
Saskatchewan.....	Grace Cochran
Wyoming.....	Mabel Guthrie
Puerto Rico.....	Florence Mannering
Quebec.....	Margaret Wilkinson
Mississippi.....	Florence Gilbert
Manitoba.....	Olivia Enright

Welcome by Associate Grand Patron, George Ostendarp:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers and Grand Representatives:

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome such a fine group of Grand Representatives to this 33rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware and a very special goes to our Sisters present who represent Delaware in neighboring states and provinces. We extend the good wishes and the fraternal love of Delaware to your Grand Jurisdictions. With the presence of so many Grand Representatives we feel the nearness of thousands of fellow members of our order throughout the world whose aims, objectives and purposes are one and the same as ours.

Your appointments are not merely honors conferred, you are important links in the chain of Fraternal friendship, helping to cement good relationship between your own Grand Jurisdiction and the one you represent.

As envoys of good will you will speed the day when all the world will come to realize the importance of the commandment that 'Ye love one another' and your presence here reminds us that we are united by the closest fraternal ties to a multitude of Sisters and Brothers not only in our own country, but in many foreign lands as well, who have seen His star in the East.

Worthy Grand Matron thank you for the privilege of extending this welcome.

Response by Past Matron, Grand Representative of State of Washington, Sister Adelle Gibbs, Victory Chapter No. 15:

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

I know that I express the thoughts and wishes of the other Grand Representatives when I thank our Associate Grand Patron, Brother George, for those warm words of welcome. For me, and I know for all of us, those words hold a special meaning which we shall cherish through the years.

It matters not where we may go nor whom we chance to meet, there is no greater joy than when someone greets us with the fraternal handclasp, and as Grand Representatives there is no greater joy for us than to extend that handclasp which we hope will lengthen and strengthen the hand of fraternalism over land and sea. Our aim is to widen and cement the ties which bind us, one with another.

"As we go forth into this world, gathering here a little and there a little" let us measure our achievements by the principles of "truth and love, unity and peace". May our accomplishments lend their light to that biggest and brightest Star, the Eastern Star, the Star of Brotherly Love.

"In friendship devoted, in duty untiring, in service, a follower of Him, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

For this honor and privilege of responding and thereby having a small part in your and my husband's "Family Session", Worthy Grand Matron, I sincerely thank you. May your session be one of happiness for you both.

Pages Presented in the West. Welcomed by Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Welcome to Pages, your work has been greatly appreciated by all I am sure. This is just one of your first duties in the Grand Chapter and on your way to the East in your chapter you will have many duties to perform and along with those duties will come honors which I sincerely hope will make you become more interested in the Order of the Eastern Star. Much success to you.

Response by Sister Mary Sipple, Conductress, Kent Chapter No. 11:

Worthy Grand Matron:

On behalf of the Pages, I thank you for your gracious words of welcome and your best wishes.

It is with pleasure that we accepted the honor and privilege of serving as Pages during this Grand Chapter "Family Session."

We hope all will feel free to call upon us at any time and that we can be of assistance.

Our wish for you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, is for the remainder of your session to be pleasant and successful.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the courtesy extended to me to respond for the Pages.

Motion by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs, seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Elizabeth E. Pierce, that all General Grand Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of other Jurisdictions in attendance at this Grand Session be made honorary members of this Grand Chapter.

Motion adopted.

Grand Representative, Sister Betty Lamb from Arizona to Delaware was welcomed, escorted East and given Grand Honors.

Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters, Sister Clare Hurst, Associate Guardian, Brother Walter Gehret, Guardian of Bethel No. 2 Sister Bernice Grubb, Associate Guardian, Brother George Richeson, were presented in the west, welcomed by Worthy Grand Matron:

"Our visits with both of the Bethels this year were much enjoyed and very informative. The girls are doing splendid work. Thanks so much for your interest.

Response by Sister Clare Hurst:

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your gracious words of welcome. In the lessons of Job's Daughters, the girls are taught to be fair, to do good, reverence to God, loyalty to the Flag, to honor their parents and guardians and love for all the world. The Order of Job's Daughters is a guiding light to the youth of the world.

We are happy to have the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as "Members of Honor" of Job's Daughters. On behalf of Job's Daughters, thank you for your welcome.

Mrs. Pauline Davis, Matron and Mr. Robert Davis, Superintendent of Masonic Home were presented in the west, escorted to the Grand East and given a hand of welcome.

Worthy Grand Matron: It is a distinct honor for me to welcome you to our Grand Chapter Session. The folks who have spent the past ten years in making the hearts of the aged glad, what could be

more worth while. Your efforts speak for themselves when one enters the Home and when it is time for the visitor to leave, he leaves with a calm serenity, knowing that the guests are happy and contented. Thanks to both of you.

Brother Davis replied and spoke of the fine work the Grand Chapter and other Star members have been doing at the Home.

### REPORT OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS — 1954

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: We submit the following report for Job's Daughters:

	Bethel #1	Bethel #2
Membership, June 30, 1953.....	81	111
Lost by Demit, Suspension, reaching 20 yrs...	18	11
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	63	100
Initiated.....	15	18
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Membership to date.....	78	118

The Worthy Grand Matron and her staff visited both Bethels and was awarded a Member of Honor Certificate from each Honored Queen.

The Supreme Guardian, Mrs. Eva Slater, visited both Bethels in a joint meeting in the Masonic Hall, Newport on March 23 and was very pleased with our Delaware Daughters.

The Ways and Means Committee of both Bethels have done very well, Bethel # 1 has cleared \$410.00 and Bethel #2 has cleared \$345.12 since June 1953, by having bake sales, rummage sales, dinners, a traveling pig and taking care of cloak room for Masonic Lodges on the occasion of their Ladies Nights.

Bethel #1 organized its first robed choir in November under the leadership of Sister Adelaide Martin, Director of Music with 12 members.

Both Bethels have an annual banquet and each Honored Queen has had her church service in her own respective church and have been well attended.

Both Bethels have taken a party to the Masonic Home and Bethel #1 was invited to sing for St. John's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons at their church service at the Home on March 14.

Bethel #1 has an aged shut-in whom they remember on her birthday and holidays.

In April, Bethel #2 enjoyed a bus trip to Washington, D. C. for sight-seeing and while there visited their Bethel #1, it was Supreme Visitation.



The Jr. Princess of Bethel #2, Nancy Williams who attends Conrad High School was awarded a citation for her essay, "I speak for Democracy" and has been invited by the Supreme Guardian to give her essay at the Supreme Sessions in Indianapolis in August which will be a great honor for our small state.

Respectfully submitted,  
 FLORENCE E. GILBERT  
 VERA HUGHES  
 EMMA M. GEHRET, *Chairman*

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Alice Abbott, seconded by Grace S. Allen, report be accepted and printed in proceedings.

Motion adopted.

## MEMBERS DECEASED IN YEAR 1953

### DELAWARE CHAPTER NO. 1

Mrs. Bessie Banks.....	Oct. 16, 1953
Mrs. Anna Landing.....	May 23, 1953
Mrs. H. Isabelle Mills.....	Jan. 30, 1953
Mrs. Ella Mink.....	Feb. 16, 1953
Mrs. Anna L. Swanson.....	Jan. 5, 1953
Henry E. Werner.....	Feb. 11, 1953
Mrs. Sarah B. Willis.....	Feb. 20, 1953
Mrs. Bertha B. Woodstock.....	Feb. 22, 1953

### MIZPAH CHAPTER NO. 2

Mrs. Marie L. Shaul.....	April 3, 1953
Mrs. Sadie C. Ridings, P. M.....	April 17, 1953
Mrs. Jessie Stidham.....	June 5, 1953
Mrs. T. W. Smith.....	June 19, 1953
Mrs. Enda L. Lofland.....	Sept. 11, 1953

### JULIA M. STORY CHAPTER NO. 3

Harlan L. Cloud, P. G. P.....	May 18, 1953
Mrs. Mary L. Ingram.....	Mar. 17, 1953
Mrs. Beatrice V. Nah, P. M.....	Nov. 1, 1953
Miss Martha M. White, P. M.....	July 9, 1953

### ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4

Mrs. Beatrice P. Hurd.....	June 20, 1953
Mrs. Maud B. Spicer.....	Jan. 23, 1953

### ADAH CHAPTER NO. 5

Mrs. Elsie M. Chapman.....	April 11, 1953
Mrs. Lelah H. Freeney, P. M.....	May 19, 1953
Mrs. Jennie G. Taylor.....	Aug. 31, 1953

### RADIANT CHAPTER NO. 6

Mrs. Madelene Lauer.....	Nov. 6, 1953
Mrs. Mabel M. Moody.....	April 9, 1953
Mrs. Mary A. Desmond.....	Feb. 7, 1953
George W. Richards, P. P.....	Aug. 23, 1953

## SUSSEX CHAPTER No. 7 — NO DEATHS

## CAESAR RODNEY CHAPTER No. 8

Mrs. Elizabeth Bratton.....	Feb. 1, 1953
Edward Bratton.....	Nov. 29, 1953
Mrs. Helen Kilvington.....	June 20, 1953
Mrs. Edna Mahan.....	Aug. 14, 1953

## GEORGETOWN CHAPTER No. 9

Mrs. Estelle F. Knowles.....	Oct. 6, 1953
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## NEWARK CHAPTER No. 10

Mrs. Mary L. Gallagher.....	May 31, 1953
Mrs. Mabel L. Pearson.....	June 13, 1953

## KENT CHAPTER No. 11

Mrs. Eugenia B. Simpson.....	Feb. 18, 1953
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## FRANKFORD CHAPTER No. 12

George Townsend.....	July 23, 1953
Paul West.....	Jan. 11, 1953

## FIVE POINTS CHAPTER No. 13

George D. Baldwin.....	Jan. 22, 1953
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## BRANDYWINE CHAPTER No. 14

Mrs. Elsie R. Banta.....	Feb. 9, 1953
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## VICTORY CHAPTER No. 15 — NO DEATHS

## UNITY CHAPTER No. 16 — NO DEATHS

## ESTHER CHAPTER No. 17 — NO DEATHS

## LAUREL CHAPTER No. 18

Mrs. Mildred O. Hoffecker.....	June 30, 1953
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## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Sister Ida B. Nixon, Worthy Grand Marshal

Draping of the Altar by Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, assisted by Grand Chaplain.

Worthy Grand Matron read the following:

We pause tonight in loving remembrance of those loved ones who have passed into a higher understanding of life. At every session of Grand Chapter we pay our tribute of love and respect to those members who have finished their course, who have kept faith and have passed on to the Grand Chapter above:

*"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed  
Through the shadow of death to the sunlight above.  
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast  
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."*

Inspired by the love taught in the Holy Book upon which this Order is builded, we grasp the full meaning of the broken earthly chain. We are born for a higher destiny than earth. Christ said, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may also be." In these words we find assurance and full realization that Truth is eternal, and that love is triumphant over death. All life is shrouded in mystery and death is only one of the mysteries of life.

*"And some who were here a year ago  
Have stepped through a shining door  
The door has closed behind them  
Their faces we see no more  
But the noble deeds they have done  
And the love they bore, lives on  
For the memory has builded a monument  
To the loved ones we called our own,  
And the rose still blooms beyond the wall."*

The Worthy Grand Matron bearing a spray of white carnations and the Grand Secretary bearing the Scroll with names of deceased members thereon, approached the Altar, the flowers were placed at the base of the altar and the Scroll upon the top of the Altar.

Sister Mabel Dukes, member of Frankford Chapter No. 12 sang: "My God and I".

Remarks by Sister EDNA C. MOAG of North Carolina, Worthy Grand Esther:

I would feel very ungrateful if I did not say a few words to you before returning to North Carolina. I felt when I stood in the receiving line in Washington, D. C. that I knew thirty-two of your members. This is my first visit to Delaware. I have already learned to love Delaware. I notice you have a Past Grand Matron named Elizabeth Pierce; that is also the name of my niece. Our Grand Session will be held in North Carolina in June. We will be very happy to have each and everyone of you present at that session. I want to thank you for the honorary membership in your Grand Chapter and hope I shall always merit the honor and return many times to Delaware.

Remarks by Sister ADELINE KENYON of Montreal, Canada, Worthy Grand Ruth:

I wish to bring greetings from your neighbor in the North, the Grand Chapter of Quebec. I have enjoyed meeting again the many friends we met in Washington, D. C. and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I want to thank the Grand Chapter of Delaware for including my name in your list of honorary members. I shall always remember my visit to Delaware.

Remarks by Sister ETHEL HILL, of Vermont, Worthy Grand Warder:

It seems that at this late hour the less I say the more you will love me. You might be interested to know that our Grand Chapter

project is an Eastern Star Home. We have about twenty members in a home. It is a real home. One of our members was asked how she liked it. She replied "It is like going to heaven before you die." But building the home is just the first step. Maintaining it year after year is the real burden. Our members pay 25c a member. I don't want to discourage you by telling you what the situation is in one small jurisdiction. I just thought you would be interested to know that it is a real job.

I appreciate the honor of being a member of your Grand Jurisdiction. Our Grand Session will be held in June, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Come and visit us. We will try to return the hospitality we have enjoyed here.

Remarks by Sister ANNA BELLE FENTON, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of New Jersey:

It is indeed a pleasure to come back again this year to visit with the members of your Jurisdiction. You treated me so royally last year. I thank you for the courtesies extended. I bring greetings from New Jersey and an invitation to our Grand Session in Asbury Park. You will all be welcome.

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Labor to recess until 10:00 A. M. Tuesday morning.

## TUESDAY MORNING

10:00 A. M.

Grand Chapter called to order by Sessions Chairman, Sister Mildred W. Bryan, presenting Sister Marie L. Roberts, Past Grand Matron and Brother Horace K. Fulmer, Past Grand Patron, who opened the morning session and welcomed the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you Sister Mildred and Good Morning, to everyone.

There is a time and place for everything and NOW is the time for the Tuesday morning opening of the 33rd session of our Grand Chapter. This is the "Family Session" and may all our business of today be enacted for the good of our Eastern Star family. I appreciate, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your asking me to open this session and congratulate you both upon a year of service to our Order. On behalf of the Past Grands Association, of which I am president, may I say:

*We're wishing for you a wonderful session  
Hoping all your plans and dreams come true  
And into the line of "Has Beens"  
We're holding a place for both of you.*

Worthy Grand Matron thanked them both for opening the morning session.

Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Marie and Brother Horace, thanks so much for opening this morning's session. Your kind words of greeting are sincerely appreciated. Thanks again.

Opening Ceremony:

Prayer by Chaplain

Opening Ode—Living for Jesus

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from recess to resume labor.

DELAWARE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
BUILDING CORPORATION

912 West Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

November 30, 1953

The Thirty-first Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Order of the Eastern Star Building Corporation was held at the office, 912 West Street, November 30, 1953. A quorum not being present, meeting was called to recess until December 7, 1953 at 8:00 P. M.

Meeting of the Corporation was called from recess December 7 by the President. The following Directors were unanimously elected to serve until November 30, 1954—

Grand Chapter of Delaware . . . . .	Mrs. Pauline Davis
Delaware Chapter No. 1 . . . . .	Mrs. M. Etta Keys
Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3 . . . . .	Mrs. Phoebe Sharpley
Radiant Chapter No. 6 . . . . .	Mrs. Jane C. Zebley

The election of Officers resulted as follows—

President	—Mrs. Jane C. Zebley, Radiant Chapter No. 6
Vice-President	—Mrs. M. Etta Keys, Delaware Chapter No. 1
Secretary	—Mrs. Phoebe Sharpley, Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
Treasurer	—Mrs. Pauline Davis, Grand Chapter of Delaware

The Treasurer reported the total worth of the Delaware Order of the Eastern Star Building Corporation, November 30, 1953—

Balance Wilmington Savings Fund, Nov. 30, 1953 . . .	\$2,372.70
Interest, Nov. 30, 1953 . . . . .	59.30
Total . . . . .	\$2,432.00
Balance Security Trust Co, Nov. 30, 1953 . . . . .	\$2,463.85
Deposit 2/13/53 and 9/4/53 (Int. on Bonds) . . . . .	50.00
Total . . . . .	\$2,513.85

Disbursements—Check #69 Eugene Savery . . . . .	\$100.00
“ #70 Secretary of State . . . . .	5.00
“ #72 Security Tr. Co. . . . .	7.20
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	\$112.20
Balance—Security Trust Company . . . . .	\$2,401.45
Balance—Wilmington Savings Fund . . . . .	2,432.00
2 \$1,000 U. S. Bonds . . . . .	2,000.00
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Total worth of Corporation . . . . .	\$6,833.45

PAULINE DAVIS, Treasurer

With best wishes for your success in the coming year, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,  
MABEL L. STIRLITH

JANE C. ZEBLEY, President

October, 1953  
2615 Market Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, of the Delaware Order of the Eastern Star Building Corporation, will be held at the office of the Corporation, 912 West St., Wilmington, Delaware on November 30th, 1953—8:30 P. M.

At this time Directors will be elected for the ensuing year. Will you please elect a Director, and instruct them how to vote your shares of stock, at this coming election.

Fraternally yours,

Delaware Order of the Eastern Star Building Corporation

JANE C. ZEBLEY  
President

MABEL L. STIRLITH  
Secretary

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Irma O. Le Compte seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott, report be accepted and printed in proceedings.

Motion adopted.

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Elizabeth E. Pierce, seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Irma O. LeCompte that Sister Pauline Davis be re-appointed as Representative of Grand Chapter of Delaware on the Delaware Order of Eastern Star Building Corporation and vote our shares of stock at the Annual Meeting in November, 1954.

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We your Committee on Unfinished Business wish to report that we have two items of unfinished business to be considered at this Grand Chapter Session:

1. We recommend that Article 7, Sec. 1 of our Constitution be changed to read:

Representatives or their proxies, regularly appointed of eleven subordinate chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter and one of the first four elected officers shall be considered to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. Change first line of Article IV, Section 7 to read:

The first ten officers above named shall be elected annually.

Fraternally submitted,  
 EDITH MCLEAN  
 MYRTLE MITCHELL  
 HORACE K. FULMER,  
 Chairman

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Jane C. Zebley, seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Thomas C. Rodway, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws in conjunction with the Jurisprudence Committee have reviewed the amendments to the By-Laws of the Subordinate Chapters, as previously approved by the Worthy Grand Matron, and report as follows:

### VICTORY CHAPTER No. 15, O. E. S.

Article VI, Section 2. That Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) be left in the treasury at the end of each current year as a contingent fund for the incoming Worthy Matron.

Changed to read:

That Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) be left in the Treasury at the end of each current year as a contingent fund for the incoming Worthy Matron.

### UNITY CHAPTER No. 16, O. E. S.

Article V, Section 1. The fee for conferring the degrees in this Chapter shall be Five (5) dollars, and for affiliation one (\$1) dollar which must accompany the petition.

Changed to read:

The fee for conferring the degrees in this Chapter shall be Ten (\$10) dollars, and for affiliation Two (2) dollars which must accompany the petition.

Committee,

JANE C. ZEBLEY, P.G.M.  
 THOMAS C. RODWAY, P.G.P.  
 EDNA L. GIFFORD, P.G.M.  
 Chairman

Second reading of Article IV, Section 7, to read:

The first line to read: The first ten officers above named shall be elected annually.

Second reading of Article VII, Section I of the Constitution be changed to read:—

Representatives or their proxies regularly appointed, of eleven Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and one of the first four elected Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

First reading:

We recommend that Article XIV, Section I of the Constitution be Changed to read:—

The minimum fee for initiation in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) but each Chapter may provide in its By-Laws for any larger that it may wish.

First Reading:

We recommend that:—

The Grand Lecturer be elected for a term of three years instead of being elected annually.

Committee,

JANE C. ZEBLEY, P.G.M.  
 THOMAS C. RODWAY, P.G.P.  
 EDNA L. GIFFORD, P. G.M.  
 Chairman

Motion by Charles Cleaver, seconded by Thomas Rodway, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.



## REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Your Jurisprudence Committee commends the Worthy Grand Patron for the earnest and conscientious manner in which he has performed his duties. His suggestion regarding entertainment for the Masonic Home we feel should be given careful consideration and we feel all chapters should try to arrange to spread their visits throughout the year.

We commend both the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their efforts to promote the work of our Order in our own jurisdiction and for their many good-will trips to our sister jurisdictions.

Motion by Brother Horace K. Fulmer, seconded by Brother J. Nelson Abbott report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

## REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Your Jurisprudence Committee has carefully reviewed the report of the Worthy Grand Matron and submit the following:

In conjunction with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee we approve and concur in their report and various changes in By-Laws of subordinate chapters.

We approve Dispensations granted.

On Questions and Answers we approve Nos. 1 and 2.

Regarding Question No. 3. It so happened that this chapter had sufficient time to hold an election before installation, but it might happen that this would not be possible, and then this station should have been declared vacant.

We approve No. 4.

We approve No. 5 in part. Since this matter was brought to the direct attention of this committee, we understand that this discharged committee was ordered by a motion from the floor of the chapter and therefore such a committee is subject to Chapter orders and can only be dismissed by the Chapter.

No. 6 regarding member being four years in arrears in dues. We feel that all Chapters should adhere to Article 1, Section. 28 of our Constitution which states "After one year a member shall be notified and at the end of two years, by a two-third vote of the membership present, the member shall be dropped. The proper time being at the end of the fiscal year; viz., December 31st.

### IRREGULARITIES:

We approve these as such, but feel that the matter of balloting without a report of the Investigating Committee as appointed by the presiding officer at the time this petition was received, is a violation

of the law and petition should not be balloted upon until committee makes a report or a new committee is appointed and reports. Also calling a special meeting requires that the membership be notified ten days in advance and such a meeting without this notice is held in violation of our laws.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1—Treasurer to be Prompter.

We feel that having the same person do all prompting is in the best interest of our work, but we do not feel that we should stipulate whom the Chapter shall have to do this prompting, since they know who is best qualified in their own chapter. We know of some chapters where the Treasurer could not do this work efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES V. CLEAVER, Chairman  
IRMA O. LECOMPTE  
ELIZABETH E. PIERCE

Motion by Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles V. Cleaver, seconded by Past Matron Sister Cordrey, report of the Jurisprudence Committee as a whole be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER CHARTERS AND DISPENSATION

We, the undersigned committee on Chartered Chapters and Chapters under Suspension, have verified the membership reports of the eighteen subordinate chapters of Delaware.

The following is a summation of our findings for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Lost by Death . . . . .	39
Lost by Demit . . . . .	20
Lost by Suspension . . . . .	46
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Total Loss . . . . .	105
Gained by Reinstatement . . . . .	4
Gained by Initiation . . . . .	131
Gained by Affiliation . . . . .	25
Gained by Omission from Former Years . . . . .	3
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Total Gain . . . . .	163
Membership December 31, 1953 . . . . .	3083
Membership December 31, 1952 . . . . .	3025
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Net Gain . . . . .	58

Fraternally submitted,  
MARTHA MACKEY, Chairman  
ELIZABETH CORRELL  
IVAH OSTENDARP

## READING OF MINUTES OF MONDAY EVENING

Grand Secretary, Sister Elizabeth M. Fisher moved that since Monday evening session consisted mostly of introductions, welcomes, and responses that we dispense with the reading of same as they will be printed in the Proceedings. Seconded by Past Matron, Sister Mildred W. Bryan.

Motion adopted.

Sister Patricia Mears, Worthy Matron of Esther Chapter No. 17 asked if she might report 13 hours working time and a contribution of \$5.00 to the Red Cross Report for her chapter.

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Marie L. Roberts, seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott, request be granted and the addition of hours and money be added to the Report in name of Esther Chapter No. 17.

Motion adopted.

Remarks by Past Grand Matron, Sister Irma O. LeCompte, chairman of Jurisprudence Committee:

As a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, I attended the Mid-triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter in Washington, D.C. and in order to have the work in our State as uniform as possible, the incoming Worthy Grand Matron will hold a School of Instruction, (date to be announced later). She will make several changes in our work as exemplified in Washington, D.C. by General Grand Chapter Officers and our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ruth Jones.

We do hope the Chapters in our State will cooperate 100 per cent, as these changes were suggested by the General Grand Chapter.

## REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

Your Committee has registered 68 guests representing 11 states and Canada. 137 Delaware Members. A total of 205.

MAY M. PAYNE  
SAMUEL R. RICHESON  
MILDRED R. LEE

Motion by Sister Ruth Stiggins, seconded by Sister Miriam Ziegler, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

Greetings were extended by Guests from Canada and New Jersey.

Greetings from Sister Emilie Coyne, Worthy Grand Matron of Pennsylvania:

My sincere gratitude to you the members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware for your many acts of kindness to me. I have enjoyed your Session very much and feel that I benefitted much by attending it.

I enjoyed the dinner with the Past Grand Officers and felt their genuine hospitality most keenly. I am especially grateful for the Honorary membership which you conferred upon me and I assure you that I look forward with keen anticipation to another visit in your Jurisdiction.

May I extend to you in Delaware a most sincere invitation to be with us at our Session in June in Philadelphia. I would be most happy to have many of you with us then.

Past Grand Matron of Pennsylvania, Sister Daisy Henderson:

I have a very warm feeling in my heart for Delaware because the appointment of Grand Representative of Delaware was my first appointment, sixteen years ago. I appreciate all the courtesies that have been shown to me and I would like to congratulate the Grand Chapter of Delaware upon the successful year they have had and wish you continued success in the years ahead.

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called to recess to reconvene at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to order by Sessions Committee, Sister Mildred Bryan presenting Past Grand Matron, Sister Amy E. Meyer, Past Grand Patron Brother C. Herbert Neutze who opened this Session and invited the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the room.

Worthy Grand Matron:

It is very nice Sister Amy and Brother Herbert for you to honor us by opening this afternoon session. Thank you for being so kind.

Opening Ceremony:

Grand Marshal proclaimed Grand Chapter called from recess to resume Labor.

Reading of minutes of Monday afternoon session.

Motion by Fred Warrington, seconded by J. Nelson Abbott minutes be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF SESSIONS COMMITTEE

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

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you at this your "Family Session". If our efforts have pleased you we are happy.

We wish to thank the Worthy Matrons of subordinate chapters for the lovely banquet on Saturday evening.

Sister Dorothy Werner and her committee for that very impressive memorial service on Sunday evening and Sister Ivah Ostendarp for very capably taking care of our luncheon on Tuesday.

The Stars carried by our Pages were made by Sisters Laura Fulmer, Mabel Johnston, Ann Ellis and Jeanette Wilson, all members of Mizpah Chapter No. 2.

To my Committee members for their work in making artificial roses and those who furnished flowers for the session, to Brother Horace Fulmer for his help on Sunday afternoon and all who helped in preparing this ballroom in order that we might open this session at our new hour of 10:00 A. M. I am deeply grateful.

Your Committee suggests that a letter of thanks be sent to First and Central Presbyterian Church. To Delaware Chapter No. 1 for use of their paraphernalia and to the Past Matrons and Patrons for the check sent to us by them to help entertain our guests at this session.

We have been honored to serve this Grand Chapter Session attended by City and State officials and such a large delegation of guests at our informal opening.

I thank not only my committee but everyone, for their splendid cooperation. It has been wonderful and makes me realize more than ever that the only wealth worth having is found in human hearts.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
MILDRED W. BRYAN  
Sessions Chairman

Motion by Past Grand Patron, Brother Horace Fulmer, seconded by Past Grand Patron, Brother Thomas C. Rodway, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

## REPORT OF V. A. HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

May 11, 1954

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Members of the Order of Eastern Star in Delaware:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Another year has gone by and time for another report from your Hospital Rehabilitation Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish to thank you for reappointing us to this wonderful office which does so much for our veterans who are hospitalized. It is with pleasure that your chairman is starting on her eighth year as a volunteer at our Veterans' Administration Hospital in Elsmere. Sister Helen M. Welsh, a member of Five Points Chapter No. 13, and a friend who gives her hours of service to O. E. S. credit, Mrs. Edith M. Payne, also share that honor.

One of our duties is to serve refreshments to the patients and their guests on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and this we have done, not missing one Sunday since November of 1946. The Subordinate Chapters serve numerically and the Grand Chapter serves each December. The past year the Grand Chapter served also in July and in April on Easter Sunday due to a down State Chapter being unable to serve on that date. Thank you Grand Chapter, for your ever ready 'helping hand.'

On Sunday May 17th the first Sunday after our Grand Chapter Session, our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Elvira and Brother Kendall, attended our Refreshment Program, which pleased the committee very much as it was the first time this had happened. The programs are greatly appreciated by the patients, their guests, also by the Hospital Staff, and letters of thanks are always received from Dr. Major W. Gasper, manager, and copies sent to each Chapter Chairman.

Newark Chapter No. 10 has been very active in hospital work this past year having taken parties to the 7th floor patients at the V. A. Hospital on June 12th and July 26th, and on October 5th a party to the T. B. patients, and on October 27th they took a wonderful Halloween Dance-party for 150 patients at the State Hospital at Farnhurst. Cider, doughnuts and candy were served and the pleasure derived by the patients was beyond our expectation. Many veterans were in this hospitalized group also. Thank you, Newark Chapter.

On October 15th six members of Five Points Chapter No. 13, acted as chauffeurs for 28 members of the B & O Mens Glee Club of Baltimore who presented a concert for the patients of our V. A. Hospital. This was at the request of Brother William Edmunds, the Masonic Service Worker at the hospital who is also a member of our Order.

On June 4th your chairman was honored to receive a Certificate of appreciation for having served over 1,000 hours as a volunteer at the V. A. Hospital, and Sister Helen M. Welsh received one for over 300 hours. We wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister and Brother Wyatt and Brother Raymond Smith of Five Points Chapter, and Sister and Brother Bryan of Mizpah Chapter for their interest and attendance at this time. Your chairman was also in charge of refreshments for the evening. One of the high-lights was several solos rendered by a "7 E" patient as his way of saying "Thank you" to the volunteers.

Again, on May 19th, your chairman served as a page at a conference of the Delaware Medical Association. Approximately 150 doctors attended this Conference.

On February 4th the Staff of the V. A. Hospital entertained the V. A. V. S. (Veterans Administration Volunteer Service) group. The refreshments were lovely, and beautifully and graciously served. A mammoth cake beautifully iced, and decorated with real flowers, and having the inscription "We Salute You, V. A. V. S." written across the top. All this was served, and paid for, by the Hospital Staff members, and not by "Uncle Sam."

On February 24th, Sister Helen M. Welsh, your chairman and our friend Mrs. Edith Payne, acted as Receptionists at a V. A. Hospital Managers Conference at which time 35 Managers and Assistants were in attendance. We feel that our Order is greatly honored in being asked to take part in these affairs.

On April 26th, Radiant Chapter No. 6 took a party to our hospital. The boys on "7E" enjoyed an evening of games. Many lovely prizes were given and ice cream, home made cake and candy were served. The boys want to know when you are going out there again. The patients and staff were very appreciative, which made those in charge very happy. Radiant Chapter also took magazines and a number of neck-ties for the "Prize" cup-board.

Again this year May 9th, your chairman had the pleasure of serving as Reception Chairman for the Annual "Hospital and Mothers' Day Open House" at our V. A. Hospital; also was in charge of the "Booklet" payment, and again made 300 boutonniers to be given to the women visitors, and as an assistant to the Chief of Special Services, Mr. J. Joseph Crowe.

Letters were sent in the Fall to each Chapter asking for gifts or checks to be used for patients at the hospital, and to date \$159.00 was received, as most of the Chapters sent checks. The money was used to purchase gifts for games and for "Hobby" materials. The amounts contributed by each Chapter, supplies on hand, and expenditures, are listed on a separate sheet.

There have been many other gifts given, such as magazines, books, cards, pieces of ceramics, plastic bags, cigarettes and old spectacles, which Brother William Edmunds uses to repair eye glasses for the patients. Many thanks to all who have contributed gifts, money and time. Without your help your committee would have little to report. Over 900 hours of service were given.

Again we say "God bless you" for your help and interest in our V. A. Hospital patients and for your wonderful cooperation with your Hospital Rehabilitation Committee.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
SADIE C. CONLY, P.M.  
Chairman

## CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS IN REPLY TO LETTER

#1 Delaware.....	\$ 5.00
#2 Mizpah.....	10.00
#3 Julia M. Story.....	10.00
#4 St. John's.....	5.00
#5 Adah.....	5.00
#6 Radiant..... Gifts and	6.00
#7 Sussex.....	5.00
#8 Caesar Rodney.....	10.00
#9 Georgetown.....	10.00
#10 Newark.....	10.00
#11 Kent..... Books and	5.00
#12 Frankford.....	5.00
#13 Five Points..... Gifts, Books and	38.00
#14 Brandywine.....	10.00
#15 Victory.....	5.00
#16 Unity.....	10.00
#17 Esther.....	5.00
#18 Laurel.....	5.00
Total.....	\$159.00

5/11/54—P.S. Over 900 hrs. were served by O.E.S. Volunteers.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
SADIE C. CONLY,  
Hospital Chairman

5/11/54

### My Expenses:

100 Stamped envelopes	\$3.65
1 Writing Tablet	.25
A new Pen	2.50
Gift for Joseph Renz	.50
Disbursement	\$6.90

### Contingent Fund:

1953 Balance	\$ 8.89
" Check	10.00
1953 Total	\$18.89
Disbursement	\$ 6.90
1954 Balance	\$12.99

### Purchased for Refreshment Sunday Parties:

1 case (2,500) paper cups.....	\$15.63
1 case (10,000) paper napkins.....	\$10.50

2 gals. Fruit juice, candy and 4 boxes cookies.  
Bills were sent to Grand Secretary.



## Supplies on Hand:

- 1,500 paper cups
- 10,000 paper napkins
- 600 paper plates
- 1 Table cloth
- 2 Towels
- 2 Trays
- 2 Openers

Respectfully submitted,  
 SADIE C. CONLY, P.M.  
 Hospital Chairman

A request was made by Sister Sadie Conly that she be given a check to help defray expenses at Hospital on Mother's Day. She would also appreciate financial assistance in purchasing prizes for the carnival to be held for pleasure of the veterans.

A motion was made by Sister Miriam Ziegler, seconded by Sister Mary P. Garton, that a check for \$5.00 be sent to Sister Conly to help with the expenses on Mothers Day.

Motion adopted.

A motion was made by Sister Alice C. Abbott, Past Grand Matron, seconded by Sister Miriam Ziegler that a check for \$15.00 be given to Sister Conly to purchase prizes for the carnival.

Motion adopted.

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sara S. MacNamee, seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Irma O. LeCompte, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother I. Kendall Gibbs stated that Worthy Grand Matron of Maryland, Sister Bond, had called him to thank this Grand Chapter for her honorary membership and also expressed the thanks of Brother Richard Fisher for honorary membership. Sister Bond said this is the first Honorary Membership she has received.

## REPORT OF RED CROSS COMMITTEE

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware: I wish to submit the following report of the Red Cross work from May, 1953 to May, 1954:—

Delaware Chapter No. 1.....	120 hours sewing 80 hours Hospital work 30 Night Shirts 14 Bibs
Mizpah Chapter No. 2.....	107 Hours 4 Blood Doners
Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3.....	No report
St. John's Chapter No. 4.....	No report
Adah Chapter No. 5.....	No report
Radiant Chapter No. 6.....	160 Hours Sewing 56 Hours Va. Hospital
Sussex Chapter No. 7.....	Donation \$5.00
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8.....	No Report
Georgetown Chapter No. 9.....	Helped to Collect for Funds
Newark Chapter No. 10.....	50 Hours
Kent Chapter No. 11.....	No report
Frankford Chapter No. 12.....	212 Hours
Five Points Chapter No. 13.....	1,000 Hours
Brandywine Chapter No. 14.....	No report
Victory Chapter No. 15.....	No report
Unity Chapter No. 16.....	30 Hours Nursing 33 Hours Soliciting
Esther Chapter No. 17.....	Donation \$5.00 13 Hours work
Laurel Chapter No. 18.....	Donation \$10.00

BERTHA KELLEY,  
Chairman

Motion by Sister Grace S. Allen, seconded by Sister Alice Abbott, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We, your Hospitality Committee appreciate the privilege that has been ours. To greet our sisters and brothers who traveled from Quebec, Indiana, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Iowa, North Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland to attend our Grand Chapter Session has been most pleasant and our hand of fellowship has been extended to them in a hearty welcome.

Memory is one of God's most precious gifts and we, your committee will always cherish the memory of greeting our distinguished guests and feel they too will cherish the memory of their visit to our Grand Chapter Session in the little State of Delaware.

Fraternally submitted,  
CLARA A. REUTER  
HAROLD SHAUB  
SARA S. MACNAMEE  
HELEN C. WEST

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Bessie Warrington, seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Irma O. LeCompte, report be accepted and printed in proceedings.

Motion adopted.

Reading of minutes of Morning Session.

Motion by Brother Fred Warrington, seconded by Brother J. Nelson Abbott, minutes be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

#### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

18 Chapters represented  
 194 Voting members  
 12 Proxies

Total of . . . . . 206

Motion by Sister Jane C. Zebley, seconded by Sister Amy E. Meyer, report be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.

Lewes, Delaware  
May 12, 1954

Miss Elizabeth M. Fisher  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Chapter of Delaware  
Order of the Eastern Star  
1614 North Union Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Sister Elizabeth:—

The business of the Thirty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter is what is usually referred to as "history". It is a "grand and glorious feeling" to have had an active part in it and also that the Credentials Committee can report that the Final Report has been checked and found to be correct as reported, viz., one hundred ninety-four (194) delegates and twelve (12) proxies, for a total of two hundred six (206) votes.

In a great measure this is due to your guidance and assistance and also the cooperation that Sister Ella Cleaver gave us in our work. To Sisters Sylvia Knox and Sue Cardwell, members of the committee, my sincere gratitude and appreciation for their ability and cooperation. If Noah Webster had lived in an era a hundred years later, I would be sure that he had them in mind when he defined the words "exemplary" and "commendable." We worked together as a unit and either of us felt free to offer advice or suggestions to any of the others. Sister Arzie Lewis, who served as Chairman at the Grand Chapter Session in 1953, gave of her knowledge and past experience and helpful advice; this means a great deal to members who serve on committees in years following.

The original and carbon copy of a supplementary report is submitted as inclosure. It is hoped that it may be of assistance to you when you compile your records.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
WALTER O. BRYAN

cc to: SYLVIA KNOX  
SUE CARDWELL  
ARZIE LEWIS

Incl: Sup. report

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION of the GRAND CHAPTER of DELAWARE, O. E. S.  
Supplementary report of Credentials Committee to the Grand Secretary

Chapter	PGM's	PGP's	WM's	WP's	Prox. For WM's	Prox. For WP's	PM's	PP's	AM's	AP's	TOTAL
No. 1	3	2	1	0	0	1	11	2	1	0	21
No. 2	1	1	1	0	0	1	7	1	1	1	14
No. 3	1	1*	1	0	0	0	14	2	1	1	21
No. 4	2	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	1	0	12
No. 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	6
No. 6	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	12
No. 7	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	1	1	10
No. 8	0	1*	0	1	1	0	11	0	1	0	15
No. 9	2	1	1	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	12
No. 10	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	1	1	1	13
No. 11	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	1	1	1	11
No. 12	1	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	1	0	11
No. 13	1	1	1	0	0	1	8	3	1	1	16
No. 14	0	0*	1	1	0	0	9	1	1	0	13
No. 15	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	5
No. 16	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	8
No. 17	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4
No. 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	15	8*	15	4	2	10	117	16	12	7	206

May 10-11, 1954

\*It should be noted that there were eleven Past Grand Patrons present at one or more of the sessions. Of this number (11), one PGP was present at one or more of the sessions but was not present at the Tuesday afternoon session for voting. Two Past Grand Patrons, (Robert W. Larrimore, Chapter No. 8, and Cheston R. McCormick, Chapter No. 14) are Worthy Patrons in their respective chapters and their votes are indicated in the column "WP's". The figure "1" in the column "PGP's" indicates Chapter No. 3 in the column "PGP's" indicates Charles V. Cleaver, PGP; the figure "1" opposite Chapter No. 8, also in the column "PGP's", indicates J. Albert Kumpel, PGP.

WALTER O. BRYAN (16), Chrmn.

SYLVIA M. KNOX (3)

SUE D. CARDWELL (4)

VOTING DELEGATES: 194

PROXIES: 12

TOTAL VOTES: 206

The following memorandum shows:

1) The order of the twelve (12) proxies.

2) In some cases the delegate was entitled to a vote as a Past Patron, but due to the fact that he is serving again as Worthy Patron or Associate Patron in his chapter, he voted under his present or currently held office, e.g., Ellsworth Jones, PP (Chapter No. 3), voted as Associate Patron, etc.

	PROXIES
# 1 John Conly, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Elsie Conly, PM.....	1
# 2 John E. King, PP: Voted as WP and voted by proxy, carried by Margaret King, WM.....	1
# 3 Ellsworth Jones, PP: Voted as Associate Patron.....	1
# 4 Straight voting, no proxies.....	
# 5 Straight voting, no proxies.....	
# 6 Benjamin H. Cooper, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Jane C. Zebley, PGM.....	1
# 7 Elwood Coulbourn, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Katherine Bradley, AM.....	1
# 8 Grace Moore, WM: Voted by proxy, carried by Robert W. Larrimore, PGP, WP.....	1
# 9 Theodore Jester, PP: Voted as WP and voted by proxy, carried by Minnie C. Hitchens, PM.....	1
# 10 Straight voting, no proxies.....	
# 11 M. Catherine Downing, WM: Voted by proxy, carried by Marie L. Roberts, PGM. W. Clifford Raughtley, PP: Voted as AP.....	1
# 12 Stephen C. Evans, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Hilda Wood, WM.....	1
# 13 C. Maurice Weldie, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Helen D. Weldie, WM.....	1
# 14 Cheston R. McCormick, PGP: Voted as WP.....	1
# 15 Richard E. Chambers, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Jennie Thompson, WM.....	1
# 16 Clarence E. Rickards, PP: Voted as WP and voted by proxy, carried by Helen T. Joseph, WM.....	1
Walter O. Bryan, PP: Voted as AP.....	
# 17 Groome Mears, WP: Voted by proxy, carried by Patricia Mears, WM.....	1
# 18 Straight voting, no proxies.....	
TOTAL.....	12

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Patron read Article from the Constitution regarding election procedure;

The following Judges were appointed:  
 Brother Samuel Weldie  
 Brother Joseph Ellis

Tellers:  
 Sister Callie Wood  
 Sister Odell Guy  
 Sister Helen Joseph  
 Sister Jennie Thompson

Grand Secretary read telegrams and letters received expressing good wishes to all.

Result of election:

Worthy Grand Matron.....	Lillian Larrimore
Worthy Grand Patron.....	George H. Ostendarp
Associate Grand Matron.....	Ruth Laws
Associate Grand Patron.....	Norris Tull
Grand Secretary.....	Elizabeth M. Fisher
Grand Treasurer.....	Virda Simpler
Grand Conductress.....	Mary Bevis
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Sarah Hoffman
Grand Lecturer.....	Mildred Minner
Grand Sentinel.....	William Nutter
Grand Trustee.....	J. Nelson Abbott

Worthy Grand Patron dismissed the Judges and Tellers with thanks.

Grand Marshal called Grand Chapter from labor to recess to resume order at 8:00 P. M.

## TUESDAY EVENING

8:00 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to order by Sessions Chairman, Sister Mildred W. Bryan, presenting Past Grand Matron Sister Jane C. Zebley and Past Grand Patron Brother William B. Derrickson who opened the evening session and invited the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to enter the Chapter Room.

Sister Jane C. Zebley:

Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of calling to order this session.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed a great privilege and a greater pleasure to be here in the Grand East and share with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Derrickson, in the joy of welcoming you both to this evening session, and for this I say thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, not many years ago I recall when you were Electa in your Chapter, and I Grand Instructor and I assisted you in the work of the Point you represented ever teaching us to love one another. I know you have a great love for our beautiful Order, and have always kept in mind the many lessons learned in our Chapter Room.

You have come this evening to the end of your regime as Worthy Grand Matron, you have rendered an accounting of your stewardship, and I am sure that our Membership appreciate and honor you for the service you have rendered this year.

To both of you I know that this year will ever stand out as a memorable one in your "Eastern Star Lives", and if in this year there has been any cloud to mar your happiness, may your memories grow brighter as time marches until only the nicest happenings and pleasant memories remain.

My sincere thanks for the privilege of having a part in your Grand Session, and in a few short weeks we will be happy to welcome you to the ranks of Past Grand Matrons and Patrons.

Brother Derrickson, I know you too have greetings for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress preceded by the Grand Marshal you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East.

Worthy Grand Matron may I return your gavel so that you may again assume the duties of your station. Again I thank you for this Honor.

Worthy Grand Matron thanked them both for opening the evening session.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you Sister Jane and Brother William for opening our last session. We have enjoyed all of the sessions so far and hope tonight will be no different. Thank you again for your kindness.

Entrance of Grand Officers:

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Recess to resume labor.

Reading of the minutes of the Afternoon session.

Motion by Past Grand Matron, Sister Jane C. Zebly, seconded by Brother J. Nelson Abbott, minutes be accepted and printed in Proceedings.

Motion adopted.



Grand Trustee of New Jersey, Sister Emily Wilson was welcomed.

Sister Edna Carter, Past Matron of Mizpah Chapter No. 2, sang a solo "I walked today where Jesus walked."

Sister Jane C. Zebley, added a recommendation to her report on Constitution and By-Laws, which is that the Grand Lecturer be elected for a three year period instead of annually.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Elizabeth Pierce made a motion seconded by Sister Irma O. LeCompte that the recommendation be adopted. A standing vote was taken and the recommendation adopted.

This is the first reading.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Bessie Warrington made a motion that all bills of the Grand Session be paid. Seconded by Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott.

Motion adopted.

Announcement that Sister Anna Stausebach, Grand Treasurer Emeritus had passed away a short time ago. An expression of sympathy has been sent from the Grand Chapter to her son with whom she made her home.

Sister Florence Plummer, Rt. Worthy Associate Grand Matron left a cheer card to be signed and sent to Rt. Worthy Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Minnie Keyes, who is in the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

Sister Clara Reuter made a motion that a gift of remembrance be sent to Sister Keyes, seconded by Sister Jane Krauss.

Motion adopted.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Elvira J. Ziegler, said she and Sister M. Etta Keys would work together on this project.

Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles V. Cleaver spoke of the good work Sister Emma Wheeler had done with the Star Treble Chorus in the past and suggested that some recognition be sent to her to let her know that we missed her and are thinking of her many sad hours this past year.

Motion was made that flowers be sent to her at close of the session, seconded and adopted.

Visitors from Pittman, Glassboro, Winona and Swedesboro, New Jersey were welcomed, also guests from Easton and West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania were welcomed.

During the Undraping of the Altar, Sister Edna Carter, Past Matron of Mizpah Chapter No. 2, sang, "O Guiding Star."

Farewell address:

Worthy Grand Matron, Elvira J. Ziegler, just said "Lookout Past Grands here come Elvira and Kendall. Good-bye Everybody".

## WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Sisters and Brothers:

As the year rolls away from us, I pause to reflect on all the joy and happiness and kindness shown to me. I feel my words inadequate to fully express my sentiments of appreciation. I have tried to dedicate myself to service and I have found that only with the kind of loving cooperation given me by all of you, could I achieve my aim.

*The love you gave me, one and all,  
In my heart has found a place  
And in future memory I'll recall  
Each loving, smiling, happy face.*

And now to the Past Grands, I would like to read this little piece of poetry, which caught my fancy when I read it:

*Ship ahoy! Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, too,  
For soon I'll help to steer the boat that's been  
steered by you.  
Many dangers you have faced, when the boat was  
small and frail,  
And long ago you dropped the oars, and used  
instead a sail.  
As time passed on the sailing boat, with small  
but fearless crew,  
Became a splendid steamship, whose mast our  
banner flew  
Keeping time with progress, the steamship passed  
from sight,  
"til now, a monster battleship, Our Eastern Star  
shines bright.  
While Sisters, holding firm the helm, steer clear from  
every wreck,  
And Brothers sit in easy chairs, or lounge around  
the deck*

Brothers, I hope you have my easy chair ready. Thank you and farewell.

### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS OF 1954 - 55

Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott was installing officer assisted by Past Grand Patron, Brother Robert W. Larrimore, husband of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron.

Grand Chaplain, Sister Adelle Gibbs  
Grand Marshal, Sister Miriam Ziegler  
Grand Organist, Sister Lanah Milbourn

The following Grand Officers were installed:

Worthy Grand Matron, Lillian Larrimore, installed by her husband, Past Grand Patron, Brother Robert W. Larrimore.

The following Grand Officers installed by Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice C. Abbott:

Worthy Grand Patron.....	George H. Ostendarp
Associate Grand Matron.....	Ruth Laws
Associate Grand Patron.....	Norris Tull
Grand Secretary.....	Elizabeth M. Fisher
Grand Treasurer.....	Virda Simpler
Grand Conductress.....	Mary Bevis
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Sara Hoffman
Grand Lecturer.....	Mildred Minner
Grand Trustee.....	J. Nelson Abbott
Grand Chaplain.....	Ivah Ostendarp
Grand Marshal.....	Vera Snedeker
Grand Organist.....	Marian Kumpel
Grand Adah.....	Catherine Gibbs
Grand Ruth.....	Edith McLennan
Grand Esther.....	Alice Paulson
Grand Martha.....	Frances Warren
Grand Electa.....	Bessie Borglin
Grand Warder.....	Anna Fryling
Grand Sentinel.....	William Nutter

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lillian Larrimore thanked Sister Alice C. Abbott for installing 1954-55 officers.

Sister Alice Abbott, requested Sister Lillian to use her gavel which her mother and sister had given her when she was installed as Worthy Grand Matron.

Acceptance speech of Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lillian Larrimore:

Worthy Grand Patron, Installing Officer, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Tonight I stand humbly in your presence, entrusted with the most sacred gift that is in your power to bestow. Words are inadequate to express the deep gratitude I have for the privilege of assuming the leadership in this Grand Chapter. Leadership is a challenge to do one's best. With the welfare of our Order uppermost in my mind, I shall endeavor to deal justly and fairly with each problem and to hold before me always, the high ideals and principles for which we stand, and to keep the vows I made at our sacred altar.

My thanks to you Installing Grand Officers for such a beautiful ceremony.

It will be a pleasure to serve in the Grand East with Brother George. I am looking forward with much pleasure to my association with you and your good wife. I sincerely hope all our acts will be acceptable to the members of this Grand Chapter.

Grand Officers, this year is not mine, but ours, and it holds a wonderful opportunity for us to share our work and pleasures together.

I shall rejoice when you join me on our official visits, for I am proud of you, my Grand Family, and I need your cooperation. May this be the happiest year of our lives, remembering that it does not matter what office we fill, but how well we fill it, for our order deserves our very best.

To my Home Chapter, I cannot find sufficient words to express all I feel for you. It is a great pleasure to share this honor with you, for it was your faith and confidence that gave me this opportunity. You have stood by and encouraged me. I pray that I shall always merit your love and esteem.

We have chosen as our Theme this year—"Sunshine". "Sunshine" from the sun which is appropriate to Esther—my first appointment in the Eastern Star.

Our summer project will be a benefit for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children which will be held Saturday, July 17th, at the Delaware Shrine Club.

I am looking forward to successful Schools of Instruction, where it will be our pleasure to meet and to know and understand each other better. I want to be a friend. I do not pretend to know all the answers, but with your friendly cooperation and charitable understanding, I know we shall have a harmonious and successful year.

Our Motto:—"A smile, a deed, a prayer."

Have a smile for your neighbor, a kindly word of encouragement for someone, and a prayer for peace in the world.

This is my creed for every day:

*To do my best as I go my way,  
To meet what comes with an upturned face,  
And bring to my duty a touch of Grace,  
To do what I can to scatter cheer  
And brighten the lives of my Sisters here;  
To speak in kindness, and now and then,  
Give service to others as best I can.*

LILLIAN LARRIMORE

## ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

BROTHER GEORGE OSTENDARP

It is with a great deal of gratitude that I face the duties of the coming year with so many faithful friends behind me. However, I feel through it all, very humble, knowing that you have accorded me the greatest honor within your power to bestow upon a brother. I thank you sincerely for the confidence you have placed in me, and I can assure you that I shall be willing at all times to render any assistance that is within my power. It will be my purpose to promote to the best of my ability, the welfare of our Order throughout the

coming year. I cannot hope to surpass the standards that have been set by other Worthy Grand Patrons before me, but I shall try to emulate them so that this year will not only be one of prosperity, but will be one filled with fellowship and pleasant memories for us all. I trust that my service will be worthy of the heritage which has been handed down to us by those who have served in the past. I thank you for the honor given me, and I hope that I will prove worthy of your trust. Thank you.

Sister Evelyn Stricklin and Sister Miriam Ziegler, Jr. Past Grand Matron's daughters presented her jewel. One presented it, the other pinned it on her.

Sister Adelle Gibbs, presented Jr. Past Grand Patron (her husband) with his jewel.

Sister Elvira J. Ziegler, Jr. Past Grand Matron presented the "Traveling Jewel" to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lillian Larrimore.

Brother I. Kendall Gibbs, Jr. Past Grand Patron, presented the "Traveling Jewel" to the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Ostendarp.

Sister Florence Walls, Worthy Matron of Delaware Chapter No. 1 (our Jr. Past Worthy Grand Matron's own chapter) with a gift from Delaware Chapter.

Sister Pauline Davis, Past Matron of Victory Chapter No. 15 (our Jr. Past Patron's own chapter) with a gift from Victory Chapter.

Officers of Brandywine Chapter No. 14 (our Worthy Grand Patron's Home Chapter and officers of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 (our Worthy Grand Matron's Home Chapter) put on a combined ceremony for the two chapters and presented each of them with a cornucopia, which they filled with flowers and also presented them with a gift.

Worthy Grand Matron's three sisters, presented a beautiful bouquet of red roses, symbolic of their love and pride in her.

Worthy Grand Matron read her list of Committees, Deputy Grand Lecturers and Official Visits.

#### DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

DELAWARE CHAPTER No. 1.....	Mrs. Madeline Litchfield 415 DuPont Road, Richardson Park, Wilmington, Del.
MIZPAH CHAPTER No. 2.....	Miss Eliza Crossland Claymont Garden Apts., Claymont, Del.
JULIA M. STORY CHAPTER No. 3.....	Mrs. Sylvia Knox 3110 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, Del.
ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 4.....	Mrs. Alice Allbrittain 1921 Washington St., Wilmington, Del.
ADAH CHAPTER No. 5.....	Mrs. Rita Wilkinson Delmar, Delaware

RADIANT CHAPTER No. 6.....	Mrs. Katherine P. Marshall 104 West 38th St., Wilmington, Del.
SUSSEX CHAPTER No. 7.....	Mrs. Anna White Seaford, Delaware
CAESAR RODNEY CHAPTER No. 8.....	Mrs. Bessie Miles No. 4 2d Ave., Midvale, New Castle, Del.
GEORGETOWN CHAPTER No. 9.....	Mrs. Mildred Minner Harbeson, Delaware
NEWARK CHAPTER No. 10.....	Mrs. Arzie Lewis 150 Academy Ave., Newark, Del.
KENT CHAPTER No. 11.....	Mrs. Mildred Snowberger South Walnut St., Milford, Del.
FRANKFORD CHAPTER No. 12.....	Mrs. Edna Johnson Dagsboro, Delaware
FIVE POINTS CHAPTER No. 13.....	Mrs. Sadie Conly No. 23 Reamer Ave., Richardson Park, Wilmington, Del.
BRANDYWINE CHAPTER No. 14.....	Miss Edith Shinn No. 1 West Court St., Claymont, Del.
VICTORY CHAPTER No. 15.....	Mrs. Adelle Gibbs P. O. Box 548, Dover, Delaware
UNITY CHAPTER No. 16.....	Mrs. Dorothy Larrimore Rehoboth, Delaware
ESTHER CHAPTER No. 17.....	Mrs. Bessie Miles No. 4 2d Ave., Midvale, New Castle, Del.
LAUREL CHAPTER No. 18.....	Mrs. Minnie Kytte Laurel, Delaware

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### *Credentials*

Mrs. Sylvia Knox, Chairman.....	1 Yr. (3)
Mrs. Sue Cardwell.....	2 Yrs. (4)
Mr. Gordon Kyle.....	3 Yrs. (13)

### *Jurisprudence*

Mrs. Irma O. LeCompte.....	1 Yr. (9)
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pierce.....	2 Yrs. (13)
Mr. Charles V. Cleaver.....	3 Yrs. (3)

### *Constitution & Laws*

Mrs. Jane C. Zebley, Chairman.....	1 Yr. (6)
Mr. Thomas C. Rodway.....	2 Yrs. (11)
Mr. Robert W. Larrimore.....	3 Yrs. (8)

### *Chapters Under Charters & Dispensation*

Mrs. Elizabeth Correll.....	1 Yr. (10)
Mrs. Ivah Ostendarp.....	2 Yrs. (13)
Mrs. Marie Burris.....	3 Yrs. (2)

*Educational Loan*

Mrs. Mabel Johnson.....	1 Yr.	(2)
Dr. Jay W. Miller.....	2 Yrs.	(3)
Mr. John L. LeCompte.....	3 Yrs.	(9)
Mrs. Bessie M. Warrington.....	4 Yrs.	(9)
Mrs. M. Etta Keys.....	5 Yrs.	(1)

*Eastern Star Home Fund*

Mrs. Ruth Stiggins.....	1 Yr.	(14)
Mrs. Adelle Gibbs.....	2 Yrs.	(15)
Mrs. Dorothy Quillen.....	3 Yrs.	(12)
Mr. John A. Kennedy.....	4 Yrs.	(15)
Mrs. Dora Fitzgerald.....	5 Yrs.	(5)

*Grievance & Appeals*

Mrs. Goldia Palmer.....	1 Yr.	(16)
Mrs. Marian Simpson.....	2 Yrs.	(2)
Mrs. Eleanor Smith.....	3 Yrs.	(6)

*Registration*

Mr. Samuel Richeson.....	1 Yr.	(13)
Mrs. Mildred K. Lee.....	2 Yrs.	(2)
Mrs. Alma Long.....	3 Yrs.	(10)

*Unfinished Business*

Mrs. Edith McLean.....	(6)
Mrs. Katie Boyer.....	(11)
Mr. Percy C. Cotty.....	(1)

*Necrology*

Mrs. Jean Cottman, Chairman.....	(3)
Mrs. Ruth Layton.....	(14)
Mrs. Florence Mannering.....	(17)
Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle.....	(13)
Mr. Boyd Hambright.....	(6)

*Printing*

Miss Elizabeth M. Fisher, Chairman.....	(4)
Mrs. Ella F. Cleaver.....	(3)
Mrs. Helen Helbing.....	(1)

*Job's Daughters*

Mrs. Gertrude Grubb, Chairman.....	(13)
Mrs. Laura Fulmer.....	(2)
Mrs. Edith Zeyher.....	(3)

*Examining*

Mrs. Sara S. MacNamee, Chairman.....	(4)
Mrs. Marian Simpson.....	(2)
Mr. Frederick H. Warrington.....	(9)

*Sessions*

	(10)
Mrs. Alice Abbott, Chairman	(1)
Mrs. Elsie Conley	(2)
Mrs. Edith Galloway	(3)
Mrs. Beneta Meenan	(4)
Mr. Jacob S. Allen	(5)
Mrs. Clemmie C. West	(6)
Mrs. Mary A King	(7)
Mrs. Clara Smith	(8)
Mr. R. W. Larrimore	(9)
Mrs. Ida Kopp	(10)
Mr. J. Nelson Abbott	(11)
Mrs. Edna Williams	(12)
Mrs. Blanche Williams	(13)
Mrs. Jane White	(14)
Mr. Walter Gehret	(15)
Mrs. Adelle Gibbs	(16)
Mrs. Goldia Palmer	(17)
Mr. Samuel Carpenter	(18)
Mrs. Minnie Kytte	(18)

*Hospitality*

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pierce, Chairman	(13)
Mr. Ross Lanus	(3)
Mr. William Hall	(18)
Mrs. Callie Woods	(6)
Mrs. Dorothy Diehl	(10)
Mr. Paul Fleming	(13)
Mrs. Ruth Layton	(14)

*V. A. Hospital*

Mrs. Sadie Conly, Chairman	(13)
Mr. Robert W. Larrimore, Co-Chairman	(8)
Mrs. Virginia Newth	(1)
Mr. Jack Paulson	(2)
Mrs. Mabel Stirlith	(3)
Mr. William Nutter	(4)
Mrs. Bertha Marvel	(5)
Mr. Benjamin Cooper	(6)
Mrs. Clara Smith	(7)
Mrs. Grace Moore	(8)
Mrs. Minnie Hitchens	(9)
Mrs. Esther Sheaffer	(10)
Mrs. Henrietta Williams	(11)
Mrs. Mae Phillips	(12)
Mr. Samuel Richeson	(13)
Mrs. Alice Frederick	(14)
Mr. Earl Smith	(15)
Mrs. Ruth Bryan	(16)
Mrs. Patricia Mears	(17)
Mrs. Mary Woerner	(18)



## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

## Red Cross

Mrs. Mary A. King..... (6)

## Masonic Home Church Service

Mrs. Ivah Ostendarp, Grand Chaplain.....(14)

## Masonic Home Party

Mrs. Vera Snedeker, Grand Marshal..... (8)

*Summer Benefit*

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pierce, Chairman.....(13)

Mrs. Bessie Miles, Kitchen Chairman..... (8)

Mrs. Ruth Laws, Dining Room Chairman.....(13)

Mr. Robert W. Larrimore, Soft Drinks..... (8)

Mr. George Ostendarp, Hot Dogs.....(14)

Mr. William Nutter, Grab Bags..... (4)

Mrs. Ivah Ostendarp, Iced Tea.....(14)

Assisted by Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons of ALL SUBORDINATE Chapters.

## OFFICIAL VISITS

Secretaries Will Please Read in Open Chapter.

## JUNE

June 1st..... Brandywine No. 14  
 June 8th..... Laurel No. 18  
 June 17th..... Sussex No. 7  
 June 22d..... Unity No. 16

## SEPTEMBER

September 8th..... Frankford No. 12  
 September 14th..... Delaware No. 1  
 September 17th..... Georgetown No. 9  
 September 27th..... Victory No. 15

## OCTOBER

October 4th..... Adah No. 5  
 October 5th..... Radiant No. 6  
 October 7th..... St. John's No. 4  
 October 15th..... Mizpah No. 2  
 October 20th..... Kent No. 11  
 October 28th..... Five Points No. 13

## NOVEMBER

November 8th..... Esther No. 17  
 November 4th..... Newark No. 10  
 November 8th..... Julia M. Story No. 3  
 November 11th..... Caesar Rodney No. 8

## SUMMER BENEFIT

Past Grand Matron, Sister Elizabeth E. Pierce spoke briefly about the Summer Benefit

Not much we can say at this time. We will be sending a letter to your Chapter. We are planning to have a meeting of Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons on June 6th. Our goal is \$2,000.00. Just keep the date open, Saturday July 17th. We only have a month to get ready, but if everyone will just go right along with us, we are sure we can reach it.

Sister Miriam Ziegler, presented the Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron with gifts from the Grand Officers, Deputies and Grand Trustees of 1953 - 1954.

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Ziegler. Thank you for the gift. You will remember when I started out my year with certificates. I said I would save them and buy something I needed and wanted. So, the other day I went down into my vault and counted and I have \$122.00 in money and certificates. That will get the desk I want when I move and get more room and then perhaps I'll have to get a Rocking Chair.

Worthy Grand Patron, I. Kendall Gibbs, said when he received his gift. "It looks like you want me to take a trip, but I guarantee you, I will come home".

Grand Marshal, Sister Vera Snedeker, presented Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lillian Larrimore and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Ostendarp with gifts from the 1954 - 55 Grand Officers, Deputies and Grand Trustees.

Closing Ceremony of Grand Chapter. Closing Ode "God be with you."

Grand Marshal proclaimed the Thirty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter closed.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Session will be held May 23d and 24th, 1955 in the Gold Ball Room of Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware.



ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER,  
Worthy Grand Matron

I. KENDALL GIBBS  
Worthy Grand Patron

Attest:  
ELIZABETH M. FISHER  
Grand Secretary



*Front Row:* Worthy Grand Patron—J. Kendall Gibbs, Worthy Grand Matron—Elvira J. Ziegler, Associate Grand Matron—Lillian Larri-  
 more, Associate Grand Patron—George H. Ostendarp, Sr., *Second Row:* Grand Organist—Lanah Milburn, Grand Electa—Mary Garton,  
 Grand Adah—Dorothy Quillen; *Third Row:* Grand Treasurer—Virda Simpler, Grand Lecturer—Lorraine Putzier, Grand Warder—  
 Ann Harrington, Associate Grand Conductress—Mary Bevis, Grand Secretary—Elizabeth M. Fisher; *Fourth Row:* Grand Sentinel—Ross  
 Lanius, Grand Ruth—Elsie Conly, Grand Chaplain—Adelle Gibbs, Grand Conductress—Ruth Laws, Grand Trustee—J. Nelson Abbott;  
*Fifth Row:* Grand Esther—Sarah Cordrey, Grand Trustee—Pauline Davis, Grand Martha—Mabel Guthrie, Grand Marshal—Miriam Zeigler

## STATISTICAL REPORT

CHAPTERS	No. of Members	Initiated	Reinstated	Affiliated	Died	De-mitted	Suspended	Omitted from former years
Delaware No. 1.....	352	11		3	8	3	7	3
Mizpah No. 2.....	236	2		3	5	4	3	
Julia M. Story No. 3.....	151	1			4	1	2	
St. John's No. 4.....	158	4		1	2		4	
Adah No. 5.....	153	4			3	1		
Radiant No. 6.....	136	7			4		1	
Sussex No. 7.....	145	5		4		6		
Caesar Rodney No. 8.....	173	10			4		8	
Georgetown No. 9.....	139	3	1	1	1			
Newark No. 10.....	151	6		2	2			
Kent No. 11.....	157	9		1	1	1		
Frankford No. 12.....	222	6		3	2			
Five Points No. 13.....	318	29	3	1	1	1	3	
Brandywine No. 14.....	184	7		1	1	2	5	
Victory No. 15.....	144	9		3	1		12	
Unity No. 16.....	152	6		2			1	
Esther No. 17.....	50	2						
Laurel No. 18.....	62	10		1	1			
	3083	131	4	25	39	20	46	3

Lost by Death.....	39	Gained by Reinstatement.....	4
Lost by Demit.....	20	Gained by Initiation.....	131
Lost by Suspension.....	46	Gained by Affiliation.....	25
	<u>105</u>	Gained by Omission from former yrs.....	3
Total Loss.....	105	(Delaware Chapter No. 1)	

Total Gain..... 163

Membership December 31st, 1953..... 3083

Membership December 31st, 1952..... 3025

Net Gain..... 58

In memory of

HARLAN L. CLOUD

*The chain of fraternal friendship  
Is made of links of Gold  
Which we fondly hold and cherish  
Our friends both new and old*

*Then one by one they sever  
Just why we cannot tell  
But we trust our Heavenly Father  
Who doeth all things well.*



HARLAN L. CLOUD  
Worthy Grand Patron  
1948 - 1949

This page is dedicated to  
**THE MEMORY OF**  
OUR BELOVED DEAD  
of the  
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF DELAWARE

*"Those who bring beauty to the lives of men  
Need no tribute from the recording pen  
Their deeds are graven in a place apart  
On the enduring tablet of the human heart"*

IN MEMORY OF  
THE BELOVED DEAD  
of  
SISTER JURISDICTIONS

*"As leaves upon the passing stream  
Are wasted on and on  
As gentle dews of summertime  
Disperse with coming dawn,  
And as the Sun in Golden Sheen  
Sinks nightly in the west,  
So has our dear departed one,  
Gone silently to rest."*



## DELAWARE CHAPTER No. 1

Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays (except July and August) 7.45 P. M.

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Mar. 10, 1914. Date of Charter Apr. 18, 1914

Meets in Odd Fellows Hall, 10th & King Sts.

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Florence E. Walls, 23 So. Union St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. John Conly, 3001 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Ruth D. Loveless, 2308 Market St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Raymond H. Wilhelm, Green Gables Farm, Newark, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Miss Miriam Ziegler, 20 Clifton Park Drive, Clifton Park Manor, Wilmington, Del.  
 Secretary

## PAST MATRONS

\*Mrs. Julia M. Story, P.G.M.  
 \*Mrs. Julia M. Story, P.G.M.  
 \*Mrs. Margaret J. Redmile  
 Mrs. Louise W. Green, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Celia K. Pierson  
 \*Mrs. Mary N. H. Unruh  
 \*Mrs. Laura V. McKay  
 Mrs. M. Etta Keys, P.G.M.  
 \*Mrs. Jean H. Kaufman, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Ruth A. Neutze  
 \*\* Mrs. Jeanette L. White  
 \*Mrs. Estelle Holt  
 \*Mrs. Ella M. Fisher  
 \*\*Mrs. Mary E. H. Carpenter  
 Mrs. Marguerite D. Pyle  
 Mrs. Bertha B. Jones  
 Mrs. Bertha B. Williams  
 Mrs. Florence C. Bodamer  
 Mrs. Edna H. Watson  
 Mrs. Jane Brinton Krauss  
 Mrs. Ida N. McGinnis  
 \*Mrs. Hallie Coleman  
 Mrs. Blanche N. Milbourn  
 Mrs. Clara A. Reuter, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Innes I. Escott  
 Mrs. Catharine E. Weaver  
 Mrs. Mildred S. Martin  
 Mrs. Charlotte A. Venn  
 Mrs. Eva M. Moulton  
 Mrs. Mamie P. Wendling  
 Mrs. Elvira J. Ziegler  
 Mrs. Madeline Litchfield  
 Mrs. Bertha Kelly  
 Mrs. Mildred Kitchen  
 Mrs. Helen Helbing  
 Mrs. Sophronia Harmon  
 Mrs. Elsie Conly  
 Miss Miriam Ziegler  
 Mrs. Virginia Newth  
 Mrs. Margaret Wicks

## PAST PATRONS

\*Col. Enoch Moore  
 \*Frank L. Howard, P.G.P.  
 \*\*J. Edward Truitt  
 \*\*J. Edward Truitt  
 \*\*William E. Simon  
 \*\*\*Oscar W. Steigler  
 C. Herbert Neutze, P.G.P.  
 \*\*Rev. Edmund Stevens  
 \*William H. Redmile, P.G.P.  
 \*David J. Jones  
 \*Frederick Lang, Jr.  
 \*Charles H. Blaine  
 \*\*Cornelius E. Beatty  
 Robert W. Johnson  
 Samuel H. Kaufman  
 \*Harry H. Stiles  
 Harvey Sanderson  
 \*\*G. Randall Carpenter  
 \*Frank P. Keys  
 Ferd L. Reuter  
 \*\*Calvin M. Whitesall  
 Walter A. Schueler  
 \*Clarence R. Holt  
 Percy C. Cotty, P.G.P.  
 Wm. D. Venn, Jr.  
 Raymond H. Wilhelm  
 Ferd L. Reuter  
 Harry A. Roberts  
 Percy C. Cotty, P.G.P.  
 \*Robert J. Oliver  
 \*L. Clark Ziegler  
 Percy C. Cotty, P.G.P.  
 Raymond Wilhelm  
 \*John Oliver  
 Otto Helbing  
 Wm. Mutscheler  
 Percy Cotty, P.G.P.  
 James Kitchen  
 Wm. Mutscheler  
 Samuel L. Wildie

James K. Shinn, P.P., Demitted from Adah Chapter No. 5

\*Deceased

\*\*Dropped

\*\*\*Demitted

## MIZPAH CHAPTER No. 2

Meets First and Third Fridays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under General Grand Chapter Feb. 5, 1918. Date of Charter Apr. 18, 1918  
 Meets in Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall, 907 Tatnall St.

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Margaret King, 127 W. 18th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. John E. King, 127 W. 18th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Myrtle Shaub, 224 W. 26th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Harold Shaub, 224 W. 26th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Florence M. Hanby, 401 So. Holly Oak Rd., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Secretary

## PAST MATRONS

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 \*\*\*Mrs. Ethel M. Draine  
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 Mrs. Florence P. McCullough  
 \*\*Mrs. Carrie H. Wright  
 \*Mrs. Rose E. Newlin, P.G.M.  
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 Mrs. Mabel M. Gibney  
 Mrs. Sarah MacLachlan  
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 Mrs. Myra D. Robinson  
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 Mrs. Ethel Adams  
 Mrs. Edna Carter  
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 Mrs. Emma Wheeler  
 Mrs. Edith Galloway  
 Mrs. Eliza Crossland  
 Mrs. Alice Paulson

## PAST PATRONS

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 \*Harry F. Newlin, P.G.P.  
 \*George A. Hodgson  
 \*Jacob R. Koffenberger  
 \*Oscar D. Ridings  
 \*Howard E. Sheppard  
 \*George H. Larrimore  
 \*Leroy W. Beatty  
 \*\*\*Sewell K. Lynch  
 \*George M. Tattersall  
 \*\*Harry L. Rash  
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 Robert M. Rogers, P.G.P.  
 Horace K. Fulmer, P.G.P.  
 \*\*\*Orville M. Steele  
 \*Leroy W. Beatty  
 \*\*\*Orville M. Steele  
 Horace K. Fulmer, P.G.P.  
 \*George M. Tattersall  
 Horace K. Fulmer, P.G.P.  
 \*Leroy Beatty  
 Jonathan J. Burris  
 \*Leroy Beatty  
 Jonathan J. Burris  
 Charles E. Bryan, Jr.  
 John Paulson  
 John E. King  
 Harold G. Shaub  
 John Paulson

## JULIA M. STORY CHAPTER No. 3

Meets Second and Fourth Mondays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under General Grand Chapter Mar. 11, 1918. Date of Charter July 22, 1918  
 Meets in Odd Fellows Building, 10th and King Sts., Wilmington, Del.

## OFFICERS

Mrs. J. Virginia Holdway, 502 Essex St., Bellemoor, Wil, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Charles E. Sharpley, Hagley, Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Isabelle Allen, East Dale Rd., Northfield, Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Ellsworth Jones, 514 Brighton Rd. North Hills, Wil. Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Mabel L. Nixon, 120 Champlain Ave., Richardson Park, Wil. Del. . . . . Secretary

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Mrs. Amy E. Meyer, P.G.M.  
 \*Mrs. Lilly Ann H. Pyle  
 Mrs. Ann T. Hamilton

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 \*Elhanan B. Wilson, P.G.P.

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- Mrs. Annabelle Sauter, P.G.M.
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- Mrs. Helen C. E. Brown
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- Mrs. Catherine B. Jones
- Mrs. Beulah G. Backus
- \*Mrs. Elizabeth P. Frederick
- \*Mrs. Ellen H. Robinson
- \*Mrs. Beatrice C. Nah
- Mrs. Frances M. Shorter
- Mrs. E. Lillian Miller
- Mrs. Mabel L. Nixon
- Mrs. Ella F. Cleaver
- Mrs. Helen R. Anderson
- Mrs. Mary P. Frame
- Mrs. Harriet V. Scott
- Mrs. Alice M. Jones
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- Mrs. Marian Frederick
- Mrs. Beneta I. Meenan
- Mrs. Jean B. Cottman
- Mrs. Ruth V. Jenkins
- Mrs. Mabel Stirlith
- Mrs. May Pople
- Mrs. Phoebe E. Sharpley
- Mrs. Sara Schafer
- Mrs. Sylvia Knox
- Mrs. Bessie Borglin
- Mrs. Katherine Schroeder
- Mrs. Edith Zeyher
- Mr. James Duncan, P.G.P., Dimited to organize Five Points No. 13.

- \*\*\*Fred Macklin
- \*Andrew Cathcart
- Dr. Jay W. Miller, P.G.P.
- \*John Frederick, P.G.P.
- \*\*\*James Duncan, P.G.P.
- \*\*\*James Duncan, P.G.P.
- Ellsworth L. Jones
- \*William L. Nixon
- \*John Frederick, P.G.P.
- Ellsworth L. Jones
- Dr. Jay W. Miller, P.G.P.
- \*\*\*J. Calvin Hastings
- E. Everett Ragan
- Charles V. Cleaver, P.G.P.
- Charles V. Cleaver, P.G.P.
- E. Everett Ragan
- Ellsworth L. Jones
- William L. Meenan
- \*William L. Nixon
- Charles V. Cleaver, P.G.P.
- \*Harlan L. Cloud, P.G.P.
- William L. Meenan
- Charles V. Cleaver, P.G.P.
- \*Harlan L. Cloud, P.G.P.
- Wm. L. Meenan
- \*Harlan L. Cloud, P.G.P.
- Joseph E. Nesbitt
- Joseph N. Borglin
- William Meenan
- Charles C. Sharpley
- Joseph Borglin
- Ross Lanius
- William Meenan

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 4

Meets First and Third Thursdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M  
 Instituted under General Grand Chapter Nov. 18, 1918. Date of Charter Mar. 28, 1919  
 Meets in Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall, 907 Tatnall Street

OFFICERS

- Mrs. Ruth Nutter, 81 University Ave., Wil. Mr., New Castle, Del., Worthy Matron
- Mr. J. Harry Allbrittain, 1921 Washington St., Wil. Del. . . . . Worthy Patron
- Mrs. Dorothy Sweeney, 4632 Weldin Rd., Wil. 3, Del. . . . . Associate Matron
- Mr. John F. Campbell, 11 Bayard Dr., Brookview Apts., Claymont, Del. . . . . Associate Patron
- Mrs. Sue D. Cardwell, 413 W. 30th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Secretary

PAST MATRONS

- Mrs. Mattie Pyle Horn, P.G.M.
- \*Mrs. Bertha M. Smith, P.G.M.
- Mrs. Minnie A. Riley
- Mrs. Mary M. Clower, P.G.M.
- Mrs. Sara S. MacNamee, P.G.M.
- Mrs. Hattie Wainwright
- \*Mrs. Martha J. McMullen
- Mrs. Alice D. Allbrittain
- \*Mrs. Bertha E. M. Harrar
- Mrs. Anna G. Hirlinger
- \*Mrs. Margaret Peters
- Mrs. Helen B. Money
- Miss Elizabeth M. Woodrow
- Miss K. Isabel Krause
- Mrs. Madeline D. Bailey

\*Deceased

\*\*Dropped

PAST PATRONS

- \*Stuart J. Horn
- \*Harvey F. Smith
- \*Alfred M. Clower, P.G.P.
- \*Willard T. Loreman
- \*Frank G. Bartram
- \*Frank L. Harrar, P.G.P.
- \*Nicholas A. Grubb
- George E. Hirlinger
- \*Horace K. Brown
- \*Grover C. MacNamee, P.G.P.
- \*Herbert D. Peters
- \*\*J. Paul Adams
- \*Charles T. Wainwright
- \*Edward J. Livermore
- \*\*\*Elmer D. Howell
- \*\*\*Demitted

Mrs. Elva W. Lang  
 Mrs. Jane Griffith  
 \*\*Mrs. Anne Stout  
 \*Mrs. Elizabeth E. George  
 Miss Elizabeth M. Fisher  
 Mrs. Bella B. Gray  
 Mrs. Mary A. Fiorelli  
 \*Mrs. Florence G. Craig  
 \*\*Mrs. Ella V. Smack  
 Mrs. Emma G. Thomas  
 \*\*Mrs. Maude G. Ames  
 Mrs. Lois Ayres  
 Mrs. Alice Minner  
 Mrs. Olivia Enright  
 Mrs. Helen Camperson  
 Mrs. Isabelle Minto  
 Mrs. Marian J. Craig  
 Mrs. Susan Cardwell  
 Miss Laurel Erdman  
 Mrs. Grace Allen

\*\*Frederick Stout, P.G.P.  
 J. Harry Allbrittain  
 George E. Hirlinger  
 \*Grover C. MacNamee, P.G.P.  
 Joseph T. Maxwell  
 \*Alfred T. Crossland  
 \*Willard T. Loreman  
 \*\*Frederick Stout, P.G.P.  
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 J. Harry Allbrittain  
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 W. D. Ayres  
 Eugene Hackendorn  
 Jacob S. Allen, Jr.  
 J. Harry Allbrittain  
 Jacob S. Allen, Jr.  
 John H. Campbell  
 John Crossland  
 William Nutter

### ADAH CHAPTER No. 5—DELMAR

Meets First and Third Mondays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Sept. 3, 1918. Date of Charter Dec. 31, 1918

Meets in Masonic Temple, Delmar, Md.

#### OFFICERS

Mrs. Doris E. Truitt, 709 Grove St., Delmar, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Ralph Baker, 300 Maryland Ave., Delmar, Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Anna Hudson, Delmar, Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Ralph Nichols, 305 Pine St., Delmar, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Mabel Venables, Box 405, Delmar, Del. . . . . Secretary

#### PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Susie Marsh  
 \*Mrs. Anna T. Ellis  
 \*Miss Rose L. Freeney  
 \*Mrs. Fannie V. Hickman  
 \*Mrs. Annie S. Parker  
 \*Mrs. Lelah H. Freeney  
 Mrs. Irma Baker Barr, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Charlotte Lear  
 \*Mrs. Flora Culver  
 Mrs. Ella Carmine  
 \*Mrs. Anna D. Peters  
 \*Mrs. Anna Lee Waller  
 Mrs. Dora Fitzgerald, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Mattie E. Kirk  
 Mrs. Blanche L. Melson  
 \*Mrs. Alice P. Hutchinson  
 Mrs. Daisy B. Dunn  
 Mrs. Mattie W. Ritchie  
 Mrs. Maria Lobdell  
 Mrs. Mary L. Nichols  
 Mrs. Bertha G. Marvel  
 Mrs. Addie Mae Snowden  
 Mrs. Georgia G. Jones  
 Mrs. Annie O. Elliott  
 Mrs. Mabel R. Hearne  
 Mrs. Hettie P. Hall  
 Mrs. E. Paris Bounds  
 Mrs. Clemmie C. West  
 Mrs. Ida C. Lowe

\*Deceased

\*\*Dropped

#### PAST PATRONS

\*\*Joshua Ellegood  
 \*Harry T. Hickey, P.G.P.  
 J. Albert Hearn  
 \*James H. Conway  
 \*\*Ira F. Hearn  
 Thomas H. Esham  
 Wm. F. Hickey  
 Carroll S. Barr  
 \*Samuel M. Ellis  
 Victor J. Carmine, P.G.P.  
 \*\*\*James K. Shinn  
 \*\*Paul K. Ellis  
 \*Walter H. Whayland  
 Ralph A. Baker  
 \*\*Paul K. Ellis  
 Ralph E. Nichols  
 Levin R. Lowe  
 Ralph E. Nichols  
 Ralph A. Baker  
 Ralph E. Nichols  
 Ralph E. Nichols  
 \*David J. Snowden  
 Ralph A. Baker  
 Ralph E. Nichols  
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 Ralph E. Nichols  
 Ralph A. Baker  
 Ralph E. Nichols  
 Ralph Baker

\*\*\*Demitted

Mrs. Rita C. Wilkinson  
 Mrs. Mabel Venables  
 Mrs. Margie Stokes  
 Miss Dorothea Werner  
 Mrs. Marian L. Hearn  
 Mrs. Sara E. Mitchell

Ralph Nichols  
 Robert Vincent  
 Ralph Baker  
 Ralph Nichols  
 Paul R. Lowe, Jr.  
 Ralph Nichols

James K. Shinn demitted to join Delaware Chapter No. 1.

### RADIANT CHAPTER No. 6

Meets First and Third Tuesday (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under General Grand Chapter Oct. 29, 1919. Date of Charter Jan. 17, 1920  
 Meets in Odd Fellows' Bldg., 10th & King Sts.

#### OFFICERS

Mrs. Callie Wood, 1807 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Benjamin H. Cooper, Hillside Rd., Ashley, Wil. Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Eunice Wood, 96 Central Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Edgar Mortlock, 2509 West St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Jane C. Zebley, 912 West St., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Secretary

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\*Mrs. Lillie S. Riley, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Anna L. Staosebach  
 \*\*Mrs. Mary A. Wood  
 \*\*Mrs. Mabel P. Wood  
 Mrs. Myrtle L. Sawdon  
 \*\*Mrs. Gladys E. Sidel  
 Mrs. Edith B. Harmstead  
 \*Mrs. Gertrude E. Vincent  
 Mrs. Jane C. Zebley, P.G.M.  
 \*Miss Essie J. Dempsey  
 Mrs. Elizabeth S. Burkins  
 Mrs. Elva R. Curry  
 \*Mrs. M. Agnes Strickland  
 \*Mrs. Bertha B. Lees  
 Mrs. Anna M. Cavender  
 Miss Helen R. Wilson  
 \*Mrs. Sadie C. Beatty  
 Mrs. Virginia E. Hambricht  
 Mrs. Edith McLean  
 Mrs. Helen C. Taft  
 Mrs. Hannah C. Corkadel  
 Mrs. Mary Vannort  
 Mrs. Eva Casper  
 Mrs. Ann Leonard  
 Mrs. Mary A. King  
 Mrs. Anna Lloyd  
 Mrs. Louise Pusey  
 Mrs. Louise Mortlock  
 Mrs. Eleanor Smith  
 Mrs. Mary H. Waller  
 Mrs. Katherine P. Marshall  
 Mrs. Beda H. Lentz  
 Mrs. Sarah M. Cordrey  
 Mrs. Edith McLennan  
 \*Deceased

\*A. Victor Hughes  
 \*\*Harry J. Beckerle  
 \*\*Walter R. Wood, P.G.P.  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 \*\*Joseph A. Jackson  
 \*\*Joseph A. Jackson  
 \*John P. Zebley  
 \*John P. Zebley  
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 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Carroll J. Lloyd  
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 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 \*William J. Beatty  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
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 Carroll J. Lloyd  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 \*George W. Richards  
 \*Chas. Hastings  
 \*Chas. Hastings  
 Carroll Lloyd  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Walter E. Sawdon, P.G.P.  
 Boyd N. Hambricht  
 Edgar Mortlock  
 Ira S. Cordrey  
 Boyd Hambricht  
 \*\*\*Demitted

\*\*Dropped

### SUSSEX CHAPTER No. 7—SEAFORD

Meets First and Third Thursdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under General Grand Chapter April 21, 1920. Date of Charter Dec. 1, 1920  
 Meets over American Store Bldg., Seaford, Del.

#### OFFICERS

Mrs. Evelyn Holden, Seaford, Delaware . . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Elwood Coulbourne, Seaford, Delaware . . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Katherine Bradley, Seaford, Delaware . . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Edgar Bradley, Seaford, Delaware . . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Tull, Seaford, Delaware . . . . . Secretary



Mrs. Mabel M. Davis  
 Mrs. Lillian I. Arters  
 Mrs. Lillian M. Larrimore  
 Mrs. Florence M. Arters  
 Miss Laura E. Porter  
 Mrs. Isabelle V. Klabe  
 Mrs. Anna Hirzel  
 Mrs. Anna M. Harrington  
 Mrs. Marian Kumpel  
 Mrs. Florence Ballard  
 Mrs. Elizabeth M. Heinel  
 Mrs. Mary N. Banks  
 Mrs. Esther Clymer  
 Mrs. Vera Snedeker  
 Mrs. Bessie Miles  
 Miss Elizabeth Foster  
 Mrs. Odell Guy

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 Martin E. Arters  
 Howard L. Wilhelm  
 Howard W. Simpson  
 Martin E. Arters  
 Robert W. Larrimore, P.G.P.  
 J. Albert Kumpel, P.G.P.  
 J. Ralph Duling  
 Martin E. Arters  
 J. Albert Kumpel, P.G.P.  
 Wm. Tubbs  
 Wm. Tubbs  
 Henry E. Williams  
 Harley E. Clymer  
 J. Albert Kumpel

## GEORGETOWN CHAPTER No. 9

Meets First and Third Fridays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Jun. 19, '23. Date of Charter Apr. 26, '24  
 Meets in V. F. W. Hall, Depot St., Georgetown, Del.

### OFFICERS

Mrs. Myrtle Stevenson, Georgetown, Delaware..... Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Theodore Jester, Georgetown, Delaware..... Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Marcella De Moss, Greenwood, Delaware, R.D..... Associate Matron  
 Mr. Emerson Keeler, 7 No. King St., Georgetown, Delaware..... Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Edith L. Swain, No. 9 No. King St., Georgetown, Delaware..... Secretary

#### PAST MATRONS

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 Mrs. Florence B. Swain  
 Mrs. Bessie M. Warrington, P.G.M.  
 \*Mrs. Martha Z. Pepper  
 \*Mrs. Nellie M. Lynch  
 \*Mrs. Bessie N. Hobbs  
 Mrs. Olivia C. Wilkins  
 Mrs. Mary M. Calhoun  
 Mrs. Mary H. Bailey  
 Mrs. Irma O. LeCompte, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Olive B. Holson  
 Mrs. Minnie C. Hitchens  
 Mrs. Mildred H. Minner  
 Mrs. Florence S. Brereton  
 \*Miss Elizabeth A. Wilkie  
 Mrs. Treville M. Lenhart  
 Mrs. Helen Calhoun  
 Mrs. Grace Wilkins  
 Mrs. Isabelle Buhl  
 Mrs. Edith L. Swain  
 Mrs. Ida Coy Kapp  
 Mrs. Elberta S. Clendaniel  
 \*Mrs. Florence Pusey  
 Mrs. Lovey J. Stemples  
 Mrs. Mary Keeler  
 Mrs. Elizabeth M. Swain  
 Mrs. Alma Mustard  
 Mrs. Eva M. Hudson  
 Mrs. C. Linda Sammons  
 Mrs. Frances Warren

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 Thomas B. Pepper, P.G.P.  
 \*John F. Kaiser  
 \*John F. Kaiser  
 Crawford B. Bailey  
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 John L. LeCompte, P.G.P.  
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 Frederick H. Warrington, P.G.P.  
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 George S. Buhl  
 John L. LeCompte, P.G.P.  
 Geo. S. Buhl  
 John L. LeCompte, P.G.P.  
 Frederick H. Warrington, P.G.P.  
 John L. LeCompte, P.G.P.  
 Frederick H. Warrington, P.G.P.  
 John L. LeCompte, P.G.P.  
 Fred H. Warrington, P.G.P.  
 Theodore Jester  
 Herbert Von Goerress

\*Deceased

\*\*Dropped

\*\*\*Demitted

## NEWARK CHAPTER No. 10—NEWARK

Meets First and Third Thursdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Apr. 23, '25. Date of Charter Dec. 5, '25

Meets in Masonic Temple, Newark, Del.

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Marian V. Moore, 42 Paul St., Chelsea Est., New Castle, Del., Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Robert P. Major, Capital Trail, Marshallton, 4, Wil. 8, Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Eleanor Tyler, R. D. 1, Newark, Delaware . . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Charles Schultheise, 403 Capital Trail, R.D. 3, Newark, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Martha W. Krapf, 207 E. Justis St., Newport, Delaware . . . . . Secretary

## PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Martha W. Krapf, P.G.M.  
 \*Mrs. Alice D. Truitt  
 Mrs. Arzie P. Lewis  
 \*Mrs. Edna R. Wood  
 Miss Anne E. Gallaher  
 Mrs. Florence E. Fader  
 Mrs. Irma L. Hopkins  
 Mrs. Esther K. Sheaffer  
 Mrs. Anna R. Slack  
 Mrs. Lettie P. McMullen  
 Mrs. Naomi S. Knauss  
 Mrs. Mattie Malcolm  
 Mrs. Lydia F. McCloskey  
 Mrs. Alice C. Abbott, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Dorothea K. Hickman  
 Mrs. Gladys C. Carr  
 Mrs. Ida A. Case  
 Mrs. Edna S. vanDaalen  
 Mrs. Martha C. Davis  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Beswick  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Correll  
 Mrs. Miriam Rittenhouse  
 Mrs. Catherine Gibbs  
 Mrs. Mary Swan  
 Mrs. Dorothy Diehl  
 Mrs. Alma F. Long  
 Mrs. Sarah B. Howell  
 Miss M. Ella Steele

## PAST PATRONS

\*Robert S. Gallaher, P.G.P.  
 \*Robert S. Gallaher, P.G.P.  
 \*Charles J. Krapf  
 Conrad K. D. Lewis  
 \*William J. Holton  
 Leslie T. Truitt  
 Henry F. Mote  
 Leslie T. Truitt  
 \*Charles J. Krapf  
 Henry F. Mote  
 \*T. Raymond McMullen  
 Leslie T. Truitt  
 Leslie T. Truitt  
 Harman W. Money  
 \*T. Raymond McMullen  
 Leslie T. Truitt  
 J. Nelson Abbott  
 Leslie T. Truitt  
 Ellsworth Carr  
 \*T. Raymond McMullen  
 Jacob Correll  
 Jacob Correll  
 Conrad K. D. Lewis  
 Conrad K. D. Lewis  
 Samuel L. Diehl  
 Wilmer F. Pusey  
 Samuel Diehl  
 Conrad K. D. Lewis, Jr.

## KENT CHAPTER No. 11—HARRINGTON

Meets First and Third Wednesdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Apr. 17, '26. Date of Charter Apr. 16, '27

Meets in Century Club Bldg., Harrington, Del.

## OFFICERS

Miss M. Catherine Downing, 402 So. Walnut St., Milford, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Fulton J. Downing, Harrington, Delaware . . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Edith W. Harcum, Houston, Delaware . . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Clifford Raughley, Harrington, Delaware . . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Marie L. Roberts, 300 Weiner St., Harrington, Delaware . . . . . Secretary

## PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Marguerite G. Cooper  
 Mrs. Sarah E. Riffin, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Lillian M. Harmstead  
 Mrs. Mary H. Dolby  
 Mrs. Helen F. Taylor  
 Mrs. Hester F. Reed  
 Mrs. Blanche T. Keys  
 Mrs. Marie L. Roberts, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rogers  
 Mrs. Sallie E. Satterfield  
 Mrs. Elsie R. Simpson

## PAST PATRONS

\*Randolph Graham  
 \*Randolph Graham  
 \*\*Jacob C. Messner  
 \*\*Jacob C. Messner  
 \*Sidney B. Dolby  
 \*Sidney B. Dolby  
 \*Sidney B. Dolby  
 Dr. Russell J. Emory  
 Dr. Russell J. Emory  
 Dr. Russell J. Emory  
 Dr. Russell J. Emory



Mrs. Ruth H. Sapp  
 \*Mrs. Helen B. Legar  
 Mrs. Alice N. Martin  
 Mrs. Kate W. Boyer  
 Mrs. Louise S. Emory  
 Mrs. Pearl B. Morris  
 Mrs. Henrietta Williams  
 Mrs. Emma P. Vinyard  
 Mrs. Beulah Rodway  
 Mrs. Mae T. Ford  
 Mrs. Edna M. Williams  
 Mrs. Isabelle Sylvester  
 Mrs. Mildred Snowberger  
 Mrs. Lillian H. Wheeler  
 Mrs. Lanah Milbourne  
 Mrs. Blanche B. Williams

Dr. Russell J. Emory  
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 Archie A. Feagan  
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 Dr. Russell J. Emory  
 W. Clifford Raughley  
 Archie Feagan  
 Archie Feagan  
 Thomas Rodway, P.G.P.  
 Archie Ford  
 Earl K. Williams  
 Thomas Rodway, P.G.P.  
 Clifford W. Raughley  
 Archie C. Ford  
 Thomas C. Rodway  
 Howard D. Williams

## FRANKFORD CHAPTER No. 12—FRANKFORD

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Jan. 25, '28. Date of Charter Apr. 21, '28

Meets in Fire Hall, Millville, Del.

### OFFICERS

Mrs. Hilda Wood, Selbyville, Delaware..... Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Stephen Evans, Millville, Delaware..... Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Mary Cobb, Ocean View, Delaware..... Associate Matron  
 Mr. Ebe Quillen, Selbyville, Delaware..... Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Florence Burbage, Ocean View, Delaware..... Secretary

### PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Leveesa E. Cannon  
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 Mrs. Helen C. West, P.G.M.  
 \*\*Mrs. Jennie B. Ruark  
 Mrs. Martha P. Bunting  
 \*Mrs. Olive D. Gum  
 Mrs. Florence C. Bunting  
 Mrs. Ruth W. Branford  
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 Mrs. Hattie I. Thomas  
 Mrs. Stella E. Chandler  
 Mrs. Edith P. Penniwell  
 Mrs. Florence Burbage  
 Mrs. Ruth Derrickson  
 Mrs. Elsie E. Daye  
 Mrs. Myrtle Mitchell  
 Mrs. Mae T. Phillips  
 Mrs. Ethel D. Derickson  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Aydelott  
 Mrs. Irene Watson  
 Mrs. Edna Johnson  
 Mrs. Blanche Williams  
 Mrs. Dorothy Quillen  
 Mrs. Adella Holt

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 John B. Williams  
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 Albert Derickson  
 Geo. W. Mitchell  
 Robert Derickson  
 Frank Johnson  
 John Williams  
 George Mitchell  
 William B. Derrickson

\*\*\*Demitted

\*\*Dropped

## FIVE POINTS CHAPTER No. 13—NEWPORT, DEL.

Meets Second and Fourth Thursdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Feb. 6, '30. Date of Charter May 21, '30  
 Meets in Masonic Hall, Newport, Del.

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Helen D. Weldie, 16 Lorewood Ave., Elmhurst, Wil. Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Calvin M. Weldie, 16 Lorewood Ave., Elmhurst, Wil. Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Jane Livermore, 405 Tyrone Ave., Woodcrest, Wil. Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Joe Ellis, 512 Essex St., Bellemoor, Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Helen Welsh, 400 Junction St., Elsmere, Wilmington, Del. . . . . Secretary

## PAST MATRONS

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 Mrs. Josephine Wright  
 Mrs. Edith Work  
 Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pierce, P.G.M.  
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 Mrs. Mildred K. Grubb  
 Mrs. Maybelle K. Vansant  
 Mrs. Emma W. Thompson  
 Mrs. Sue R. Baldwin  
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 Mrs. Bessie S. Norris  
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 Mrs. Sadie C. Conly  
 Mrs. Gertrude R. Grubb  
 Mrs. Lorraine T. Putzier  
 Mrs. Ruth Laws  
 Mrs. May M. Payne  
 Mrs. Jane White  
 Mrs. Vera Hughes  
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 Margaret Wilkinson  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle

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 \*\*James Duncan, P.G.P.  
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 \*George Walker  
 \*\*Frederick G. Smith  
 \*Harry E. Maxwell  
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 Paul Fleming  
 Raymond Smith  
 Richard Welsh  
 Henry T. Miller  
 Alvin Rementer  
 Edward F. Livermore  
 Samuel Richeson  
 Gordon Kyle

## BRANDYWINE CHAPTER No. 14

Meets First and Third Tuesdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware May 4, '37. Date of Charter Dec. 7, '37  
 Meets in Blue Rock Club House, Brandywine Blvd., Gordon Heights

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Jeanette Guetze, 812 Grandview Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . . Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Cheston McCormick, 208 Lore Ave., Hillcrest, Wil., Del. . . . . Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Marjorie S. Ward, 1415 Corbin Drive, Newport, Del. . . . . Associate Matron  
 Mr. Walter Gehret, 204 Kirk Ave., Liftwood, Wilmington, Del. . . . . Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Florence Gilbert, 1201 River Road, Wilmington, Del. . . . . Secretary

## PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Idella E. McCormick  
 \*Mrs. Mildred Hickey  
 Mrs. Ruby D. Porter  
 Mrs. Thelma Dickerson  
 Mrs. Edna Gifford, P.G.M.  
 Mrs. Alice Frederick  
 Mrs. Grace Hild  
 Mrs. Virda Simpler  
 Miss Edith Shinn  
 Mrs. Sarah S. Hoffman  
 Mrs. Frances Warren  
 Mrs. Ruth M. Stiggins  
 Mrs. Ivah Ostendarp  
 Mrs. Emma Gehret  
 Mrs. Florence M. Gilbert  
 Mrs. Cordella Rodenheiser  
 Mrs. Ruth C. Layton

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 George Ostendarp  
 James H. Fulks  
 James W. Keenan  
 Walter A. Gehret  
 Raynard Jensen  
 John Rodenheiser  
 George Ostendarp  
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## VICTORY CHAPTER No. 15—DOVER

Meets Second and Fourth Mondays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware May 13, '42. Date of Charter Dec. 10, '42  
 Meets in Century Club On the Green, Dover, Del.

### OFFICERS

Mrs. Jennie Thompson, Dover, R. D. 3, Delaware..... Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Richard E. Chambers, Odessa, Delaware..... Worthy Patron  
 Miss Sue Baynard, 307 No. Bradford St., Dover, Delaware..... Associate Matron  
 Mr. Joseph Miller, 51 Sackarackin Ave., Dover, Delaware..... Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Mary Miller, 51 Sackarackin Ave., Dover, Delaware..... Secretary

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Mrs. Myrtle E. Anderson  
 Mrs. Margaret E. Gardner  
 Mrs. Pauline Davis  
 Mrs. Mildred J. Wilgus  
 Mrs. Florence Williams  
 \*Mrs. Leonora Watson  
 Mrs. Julia Slaughter  
 Mrs. Ann B. Cleaves  
 Mrs. Mary McWilliams  
 Mrs. Katherine Smith  
 Mrs. Adelle Gibbs  
 Mrs. Mary R. Miller

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 John A. Kennedy, Jr.  
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 James A. McWilliams  
 Robert Slaughter  
 John Saxton  
 I. Kendall Gibbs  
 Earl D. Smith  
 \*Robert E. Chambers  
 Joseph Miller

## UNITY CHAPTER No. 16—LEWES

Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.  
 Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Mar. 20, '46. Date of Charter Oct. 29, '46  
 Meets in Presbyterian Church, Lewes, Del.

### OFFICERS

Mrs. Helen T. Joseph, Rehoboth Beach, R. D., Delaware..... Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Clarence Rickards, Lewes, Delaware..... Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Jane D. Brittingham, Lewes, Delaware..... Associate Matron  
 Mr. Walter O. Bryan, Lewes Delaware..... Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Gladys Lynch, Lewes, Delaware..... Secretary

### PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Mary Bevis  
 Mrs. Gladys Lynch  
 Mrs. Dorothy Larrimore  
 Mrs. Ruth Roberts  
 Mrs. Goldia Palmer  
 Mrs. Claire Andress  
 Mrs. Mabel Guthrie  
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### PAST PATRONS

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 Elwood H. Lynch  
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 Walter O. Bryan  
 Clarence E. Rickards  
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 Walter Bryan

## ESTHER CHAPTER No. 17—MIDDLETOWN

Meets First and Third Wednesdays (except July and August) 8:00 P. M.  
 Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Sept. 27, '50. Date of Charter May 2, '51  
 Meet in Bethesda Hall, Bethesda Methodist Church, E. Main St., Middletown, Del.

### OFFICERS

Mrs. Patricia Mears, Middletown, Delaware..... Worthy Matron  
 Mr. Groome J. Mears, Middletown, Delaware..... Worthy Patron  
 Mrs. Edith Labour, Middletown, Delaware..... Associate Matron  
 Mr. E. Martin Mitchell, Blackbird St., Townsend, Delaware..... Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Edna J. Carpenter, Box 181 Townsend, Delaware..... Secretary

### PAST MATRONS

Mrs. Eugenia G. Hall  
 Mrs. Florence Mannering  
 Mrs. Grace Cochran

PAST PATRONS  
 Oscar C. Biddle  
 Samuel Carpenter  
 Winfield Cochran

\*Deceased

\*\*Dropped

\*\*\*Demitted

## LAUREL CHAPTER No. 18—LAUREL

Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays (except July and August) 8.00 P. M.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware April 4, 1952

Meets in Friendship Hall of Centenary Methodist Church, Laurel, Delaware

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Thirza Hall, Laurel, Delaware . . . . .	Worthy Matron
Mr. William Hall, Laurel, Delaware . . . . .	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Catherine Rustin, Laurel, Delaware . . . . .	Associate Matron
Mr. Albert E. Quillen, Laurel, Delaware . . . . .	Associate Patron
Mrs. Frances Tulloch, 122 Brooklyn Ave., Laurel, Delaware . . . . .	Secretary

## PAST MATRON

Mrs. Minnie Kytte  
Mrs. Mary E. Woerner

\*Deceased

\*\*Dropped

## PAST PATRON

William E. Hall  
William E. Hall

\*\*\*Demitted

## GRAND SECRETARIES

- ALABAMA: Mrs. Florence G. Newsom, Masonic Temple, Montgomery—May.  
 ALBERTA: Miss Ella C. Isaac, 636 15th Ave., W. Calgary, Canada—June.  
 ARIZONA: Mrs. Danitza Angius, Box 1175, Bisbee—February.  
 ARKANSAS: Mrs. Etta C. Lynn, Box 396 Hazen—November.  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA: Mrs. Hazel Freese, 4767 Collingwood St., Vancouver—June  
 CALIFORNIA: Mrs. Maud McW. Smith, 760 Market St., San Francisco—Oct.  
 COLORADO: Mrs. Nellie E. Wegner, 308 Masonic Temple, Denver—September.  
 CONNECTICUT: Mrs. Ethel DeWitt Hull, 84 High St., Clinton—April.  
 DELAWARE: Miss Elizabeth M. Fisher, 1614 No. Union St., Wilmington—May.  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Mrs. Hazel R. Englebrecht, Masonic Temple,  
 Washington—January.  
 FLORIDA: Mrs. Mae Donovan, 129 Broadway, Daytona Beach—April.  
 GEORGIA: Mrs. Claudia B. Singletary, 508 Gordon Ave., Thomasville—June.  
 IDAHO: Mrs. Loula T. Carpenter, Salmon—June.  
 ILLINOIS: Mrs. Lillian G. Burchby, 32 West Randolph St., Chicago—Oct.  
 INDIANA: Mrs. Daisy Crist, 53 East Washington St., Indianapolis—April.  
 IOWA: Mrs. Gladys Haycock, 6th and Mulberry Sts., Des Moines—October.  
 KANSAS: Mrs. Gertrude Verne Gough, 1109 Topeka Blv'd, Topeka—April.  
 KENTUCKY: Miss Ella M. Mount, 923 Cherokee Road, Louisville—October.  
 LOUISIANA: Mrs. Gertrude S. Davis, Box 375, LeCompte—March.  
 MAINE: Miss Mabel H. DeShon, 26 Orland Ave., Portland—May.  
 MANITOBA: Mrs. Irene Ramsay, 146 Riverbend Cres St. James, Manitoba—June  
 MARYLAND: Miss Mary V. Randall, 2401 St. Paul St., Baltimore 18, Md.—April.  
 MASSACHUSETTS: Mrs. Alice Wallace, Room 1107, Little Bldg., Boylston  
 St., Boston—May.  
 MICHIGAN: Miss Genevieve M. Nauman, West Branch—October.  
 MINNESOTA: Mrs. Frances Abrahamson, 2312 Greenwood Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 —May.  
 MISSISSIPPI: Mrs. Florence F. Williams, Houston—April.  
 MISSOURI: Mrs. Bertha Lew, 3681 Lindell St., St. Louis—October.  
 MONTANA: Mrs. Lucille M. Kennedy, Masonic Temple—August.  
 NEBRASKA: Mrs. Wilma Harms, Missoula, Masonic Temple, Omaha—May.  
 NEVADA: Mrs. Pearl C. Ericson, Box 195 Lovelock—October  
 NEW BRUNSWICK: Mrs. Della Currie, Box 2, Woodstock, Canada—June.  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE: Mrs. Alice K. Simons, 71 Whipple Ave., Laconia—September  
 NEW JERSEY: Mrs. Bertha E. Leathem, 880 Bergen Ave., Jersey City—May.  
 NEW MEXICO: Mrs. Frances E. Pino, 804 So. Puereo Drive, Gallup, N. Mex.  
 —October  
 NEW YORK: Mrs. Annie M. Pond, 71 West 23d St., New York City—October.  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Bessie R. Mangum, Rocky Mount—June.  
 NORTH DAKOTA: Mrs. Violet Jane Oleson, 62½ Broadway, Room 205,  
 Fargo—June.  
 NOVA SCOTIA: Mrs. Ethel V. Kinsman, 495 Main St, Kentville—June  
 OHIO: Mrs. Nellie E. Maeder, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland (15)—October.  
 OKLAHOMA: Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Box 391, Perry—April.  
 ONTARIO: Mrs. Lillias B. Turriff, 55 Runnymede Rd., Toronto—October.  
 OREGON: Mrs. Laura Bretscher, 7311 Masonic Temple, Portland—June.  
 PENNSYLVANIA: Mrs. Margaret B. Alexander, 12 So. 12th St., Phila.—June.  
 PUERTO RICO: Mrs. Jacobina R. deToro, Box 82, Arecibo—December.  
 QUEBEC: Mrs. Esther B. West, 53 Pere Marquette St., Quebec City—October.  
 RHODE ISLAND: Mrs. Bertha G. Haines, 56 Zone St., Providence—October.  
 SASKATCHEWAN: Mrs. Caroline E. Smith, Box 116, Rosetown—May.  
 SCOTLAND: Mrs. Edna K. Douglas, 10 Burbank Gardens, N. W., Glasgow  
 Scotland—March and October.  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Nellie M. Alley, Glendale, South Carolina.—June.  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: Mrs. Lillian Olson, Box 476, Yankton—October.  
 TENNESSEE: Mrs. Mae Conaster, Grand Lodge Bldg., Nashville—March.  
 TEXAS: Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles, Grand Chapter Office Bldg., Arlington—October.  
 UTAH: Mrs. Naomi P. Hoskins, 1954 So. 3d East St., Salt Lake City—October.  
 VERMONT—Mrs. Ethel S. Hill, Johnston—June.  
 VIRGINIA: Miss Louise Beale, 2025 Hanover Ave., Richmond—May.  
 WEST VIRGINIA: Mrs. Lula A. Atzrodt, Box 1488, Clarksburg—October.  
 WISCONSIN: Mrs. Otille Brunke, 207 E. Michigan St., Milwaukee—October.  
 WYOMING: Mrs. Mollie M. Ellis, Box 630, Buffalo—August.  
 WASHINGTON: Mrs. Mabel C. Clark, 4702 47th St. N. E., Seattle—June.

# PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF DELAWARE

- 1921-22—MRS. JULIA M. STORY\*  
HARRY F. NEWLIN\*
- 1922-23—MRS. AMY E. MEYER, 616 N. Broom St., Wilmington, Del.  
HARRY T. HICKEY\*
- 1923-24—MRS. LILLIE SCHOFIELD RILEY\*  
ALFRED M. CLOWER\*
- 1924-25—MRS. CORRINE W. TIMMONS, Berlin, Md.  
WILLIAM H. REDMILE\*
- 1925-26—MRS. LOUISE W. GREEN, 1612 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington, Del.  
ELHANAN BURTON WILSON\*
- 1926-27—ELIZABETH LEECH\*  
WALTER WOODS\*\*
- 1927-28—MRS. ROSE E. NEWLIN\*  
THOMAS B. PEPPER, Georgetown, Del.
- 1928-29—MRS. JEAN H. CAUFMAN\*  
RAYMOND H. FOSTER\*
- 1929-30—MRS. MATTIE PYLE HORN, 437 W. Durham St., Phila. 19; Pa.  
ROBERT S. GALLAHER\*
- 1930-31—MRS. IRMA BAKER BARR, Delmar, Del.  
WALTER E. SAWDON, 1210 Harrison Ave., Holly Oak Terrace
- 1931-32—MRS. MARY M. CLOWER, 1117 Bancroft Parkway, Wilmington, Del. ✓  
FRANK L. HOWARD\*
- 1932-33—MRS. ANNA BELLE SAUTER, 1214 Market St., Wilmington, Del.  
GROVER C. MacNAMEE\*
- 1933-34—MRS. IRENE BAUER, 914 W. 24th St., Wilmington, Del.  
C. HERBERT NEUTZE, 1102 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.
- 1934-35—MRS. M. ETTA KEYS, 824 Van Buren St., Wilmington, Del.  
DR. JAY W. MILLER, Glen Mills, Pa.
- 1935-36—MRS. BESSIE M. WARRINGTON, Harrington, Del.  
VICTOR J. CARMINE, Delmar, Del.
- 1936-37—MRS. BERTHA M. SMITH\*  
JAMES DUNCAN, 106 Matthes Ave., Wil. 4, Del.
- 1937-38—MRS. SARAH E. RIGGIN, 37 Brooklyn Ave., Rehoboth, Del.  
JOHN FREDERICK\*
- 1938-39—MRS. MARTHA W. KRAPF, 207 E. Justis St., Newport, Del.  
JOHN L. LeCOMPTE, Lincoln, Del.
- 1939-40—MISS CARRIE L. GEMMILL\*  
FRANK L. HARRAR\*
- 1940-41—MRS. JANE C. ZEBLEY, 912 West St., Wilmington, Del.  
WILLIAM B. DERRICKSON, Selbyville, Del.
- 1941-42—MRS. BERTHA S. WELCH, Cannon, Del.  
ROBERT M. ROGERS, Richardson Park, Wilmington, Del.
- 1942-43—MRS. MYRTLE C. NESBITT\*  
FREDERICK STOUT,\*\* 614 W. 32d St., Wilmington; Del.
- 1943-44—MRS. CLARA A. REUTER, 512 Carbon St., Pottsville, Pa.  
ROBERT W. LARRIMORE, 4 Landers Lane Spur, Swanwyck, New Castle, Delaware.
- 1944-45—MRS. ELIZABETH E. PIERCE, 11 Reamer Ave., Richardson Park, Wilmington, Del.  
CHESTON R. McCORMICK, 208 Lore Ave., Hillcrest, Del.
- 1945-46—MRS. HELEN C. WEST, DAGSBORO, Delaware.  
CHARLES V. CLEAVER, 708 W. 27th Street, Wilmington, Del.
- 1946-47—MRS. ALICE C. ABBOTT, 189 Browning Ave., Elizabeth, New Jersey.  
PERCY C. COTTY, 1022 Clayton St., Wilmington, Del.
- 1947-48—MRS. SARA S. MacNAMEE, 26 Windsor Road, North Hills, Wil., Del.  
HORACE K. FULMER, 2129 Linden St., Wilmington, Del.
- 1948-49—MRS. MARIE L. ROBERTS, 300 Weiner Ave., Harrington, Del.  
HARLAN L. CLOUD\*
- 1949-50—MRS. DORA E. FITZGERALD, Delmar, Del.  
J. ALBERT KUMPEL, Port Penn, Del.
- 1950-51—MRS. EDNA L. GIFFORD, 412 Maple Ave., Bellefonte, Wilmington, Del.  
FREDERICK H. WARRINGTON, Harrington, Del.
- 1951-52—MRS. IRMA O. LeCOMPTE, Lincoln, Del.  
THOMAS C. RODWAY, 44 So. Governors Ave., Dover., Del.
- 1952-53—MRS. MARION J. SIMPSON, 200 Lore Ave., Wilmington, Del.  
MR. HENRY T. MILLER, 600 Birmingham Ave., Woodcrest, Wil., Del.
- 1953-54—MRS. ELVIRA J. ZIEGLER, 20 Clifton Park Drive, Clifton Park Manor, Wilmington, Delaware.  
MR. I. KENDALL GIBBS, Box 548, Dover Del.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS

- MRS. ELLIE LINES CHAPIN (1919-1922), 19 Newport Ave. West Hartford, Conn.  
 MRS. EMMA P. CHADWICK (1928-1931), Eseter Hotel, Seneca & 8th Ave., Seattle, Wash.  
 MRS. MILDRED K. SCHANBACHER (1931-1934), 310 Fort Street, Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada.  
 MRS. FRANCES HAUN (1934-1937), 101 E. 24 St. Bradenton, Florida.  
 MRS. ANNA W. SMALLEY (1937-1940), Roundup, Montana.  
 MRS. MAMIE LANDER (1943-1946), 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.  
 MRS. EVA HOLLAND HAMILTON (1947-1949), 2317 East 68th Street, Chicago 49, Ill.  
 MR. WILLIAM A. DUVAL (1934-1937), 4906 Branchville Rd., Branchville, Maryland.  
 MR. FRANK W. LYNN (1937-1940), Lynnhaven Farm, Grapevine, Texas.  
 MR. CHARLES H. TOWNSEND (1940-1943), 1232 South Center Street, Casper, Wyo.  
 MR. R. DONALD STEWART (1946-1949), Hartland, New Brunswick, Canada.  
 MRS. ABBIE HANSOM (1949-1952), 6423 Forrest Ave., Hammond, Ind.  
 MR. FRANKLAND W. L. MILES (1949-1952), Rocky Hill Rd., Plymouth, Mass.

## OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

1952-1955

- Most Worthy Grand Matron, MRS. RUTH A. JONES, 92 Windson St., Waterbury 8, Connecticut.  
 Most Worthy Grand Patron, MR. WILBUR H. CRAMBLET, The Heights, Bethany, West Virginia.  
 Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, MRS. FLORENCE PLUMMER, Fairview Village, Pennsylvania.  
 Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, MR. LLOYD K. MCRAE, Helix, Oregon.  
 Right Worthy Grand Secretary, MRS. MAMIE LANDER, 1618 New Hampshire Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
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 Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, MRS. MILDRED H. HARRIS, 1119 Inwood Drive, Arlington, Texas.  
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 Right Worthy Grand Trustee, MR. ROY CLOSSEN, 504 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kansas.  
 Worthy Grand Chaplain, MRS. RITA MAY COOPER, 2979 Govab Way, Sacramento 18, California.  
 Worthy Grand Marshal, MRS. IDA B. NIXON, 3 Brainerd Ave., Middletown, Conn.  
 Worthy Grand Organist, MRS. HELEN LEAVITT, Box 100, Moscow, Idaho.  
 Worthy Grand Adah, MRS. LOUISE D. GANDY, 4015 State Street Drive, New Orleans 18, Louisiana.  
 Worthy Grand Ruth, MRS. ADELINE KENYON, 4926 Mira Rd., Montreal 6, Quebec, Canada.  
 Worthy Grand Esther, MRS. EDNA C. MOAG, 103 Homewood Ave., Greensboro, North Carolina.  
 Worthy Grand Martha, MRS. MILDRED K. COLLINS, 189 Park Ave., Auburn, Maine.  
 Worthy Grand Electa, MRS. FRANCES KERR, Oakesdale, Washington.  
 Worthy Grand Warder, MRS. ETHEL S. HILL, Johnson, Vermont.  
 Worthy Grand Sentinel, MR. HUGH J. TAMISIEA, 207 No. 3d St., Missouri Valley, Iowa.  
 Right Worthy Grand Secretary Emeritus, MRS. MINNIE E. KEYES, Olivet, Michigan.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN DELAWARE

	Term Expires
ALABAMA: Mrs. Ruth Layton	5- 1-57
ARIZONA: Mrs. Edith Galloway	12-31-54
ARKANSAS: Mrs. Minnie Kytte	1956
ALBERTA: Mrs. Isabelle Klabe	12-31-54
BRITISH COLUMBIA: Mrs. Miriam Ziegler	12-31-54
CALIFORNIA: Mrs. Virginia Newth	12-31-55
COLORADO: Mrs. Frances Warren No. 14	6-22-54
CONNECTICUT: Miss Eliza Crossland	12-31-55
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Mrs. Katherine Schroeder	12-31-55
FLORIDA: Mrs. Claire Andress	12-31-54
GEORGIA: Mrs. Sophronia Harmon	8- 1-55
IDAHO: Mrs. Grace S. Allen	12-31-56
INDIANA: Mrs. Anna White	12-31-54
ILLINOIS: Mrs. Alcie Paulson	12-31-54
12-12-55 IOWA: Mrs. Eleanor Smith, G. G. C.	1955
KANSAS: Mrs. Mary R. Miller	12-31-56
KENTUCKY: Mrs. Marian Hearn	12-31-54
LOUISIANA: Mrs. Ruth Bryan	5- 1-57
MAINE: Mrs. Dorothy Larrimore	3- 1-55
MARYLAND: Mrs. Mary Woerner	5- 1-57
MASSACHUSETTS: Mrs. Sarah Cordrey	12-31-55
MICHIGAN: Mrs. Sara Mitchell	12-31-56
MINNESOTA: Mrs. Edith McLennan	12-31-56
MISSOURI: Mrs. Mabel Johnston	8- 1-55
MISSISSIPPI: Mrs. Florence Gilbert	12-31-54
MONTANA: Mrs. Bertha Smith	12-31-54
NEBRASKA: Mrs. Blanche Williams	10-1-56
NEVADA: Mrs. Mary P. Garton	12-31-55
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Mrs. Emma Thomas	12-31-54
NEW JERSEY: Mrs. C. Linda Sammons	12-31-55
NEW MEXICO: Mrs. Adele Holt	1- 1-56
NEW YORK: Miss Elizabeth Foster	12-31-55
NORTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Frances Warren No. 9	12-31-56
NORTH DAKOTA: Mrs. Sarah Howell	12-31-55
OHIO: Mrs. Odelle Guy	12-31-54
OKLAHOMA: Mrs. Anna Fryling	12-31-54
ONTARIO: Mrs. Alma Long	12-31-54
OREGON: Mrs. Cordella Rodenheiser	12-31-55
PENNSYLVANIA: Mrs. Ella F. Cleaver	7-15-57
RHODE ISLAND: Mrs. Dorothy Quillen	12-31-55
SO. CAROLINA: Mrs. Eugenia Hall	12-31-55
SOUTH DAKOTA: Miss M. Ella Steele	12-31-56
TENNESSEE: Miss Fannie Brown	3- 1-57
TEXAS: Miss Dorothea Werner	12- 31-54
UTAH: Mrs. Bessie Borglin	12-31-54
VERMONT: Mrs. Lillian Wheeler	12-31-54
VIRGINIA: Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle	12-31-56
WASHINGTON: Mrs. Adelle Gibbs	12-31-55
WEST VIRGINIA: Mrs. Susie Cardwell	12-31-54
WISCONSIN: Mrs. Edith McLean	12-31-54
SCOTLAND: Mrs. Beda Lentz	12-31-54
SASKATCHEWAN: Mrs. Grace Cochran	12-31-56
NOVA SCOTIA: Mrs. Edith Zeyher	12-31-56
WYOMING: Mrs. Mabel Guthrie	12-31-54
NEW BRUNSWICK: Mrs. Margaret Wicks	12-31-56
PUERTO RICO: Mrs. Florence Mannering	12-31-55
QUEBEC: Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson	12-31-55
MANITOBA: Mrs. Olivia Enright	6-30-55



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF DELAWARE IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

	Term Expires
ALABAMA: Mrs. Ola Cardwell.....	12-31-54
ARIZONA: Mrs. Olivia Wilkinson.....	12-31-54
ARKANSAS: Mrs. Mary Reed.....	12-31-54
ALBERTA: Mrs. Ethel Faibish.....	12-31-54
BRITISH COLUMBIA: Mrs. Annie Knowles.....	12-31-56
CALIFORNIA: Mrs. Sarah A. Crowell.....	12-31-54
COLORADO: Mrs. Evelyn Hammond.....	12-31-54
CONNECTICUT: Mrs. Elizabeth Leland.....	12-31-56
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Mrs. Virginia Morton.....	12-31-55
FLORIDA: Mrs. Margaret Carlton.....	12-31-56
GEORGIA: Mrs. Eula Wright.....	12-31-55
IDAHO: Mrs. Gladys Lutes.....	12-31-56
INDIANA: Mrs. Betty Lamb.....	12-31-56
IOWA: Mrs. Elizabeth Coulon.....	12-31-54
ILLINOIS: Mrs. Elaine Franknecht.....	12-31-55
KANSAS: Mrs. Corrine G. Ray.....	12-31-54
KENTUCKY: Mrs. Elizabeth Brand.....	12-31-55
LOUISIANA: Mrs. Marie F. Case.....	12-31-55
MAINE: Mrs. Etta Morill.....	12-31-54
MARYLAND: Mrs. Mary Payne.....	12-31-54
MASSACHUSETTS: Mrs. Mildred B. Mackey.....	12-31-54
MICHIGAN: Mrs. Viberta Martin.....	12-31-56
MINNESOTA: Mrs. Francis King.....	12-31-56
MISSOURI: Mrs. Anna Beirgart.....	12-31-56
MONTANA: Mrs. Hazel Halvorsen.....	12-31-54
NEBRASKA: Mrs. Ruthine Solomon.....	12-31-56
NEVADA: Mrs. Edith Lague.....	12-31-55
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Perkins.....	12-31-54
NEW BRUNSWICK: Mrs. Lucille Northrup.....	12-31-56
NEW JERSEY: Mrs. Martha Doughty.....	12-31-56
NEW MEXICO: Mrs. Mildred Sipe.....	12-31-56
NEW YORK: Mrs. Alberta Clauss.....	12-31-55
NORTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Grace Crabtree Lupton.....	12-31-55
NORTH DAKOTA: Mrs. Hazel Casemont.....	12-31-56
OHIO: Mrs. Margaret Carmean.....	12-31-56
OKLAHOMA: Mrs. Edith Grout.....	12-31-54
ONTARIO: Mrs. Cora McGowan.....	12-31-55
OREGON: Mrs. Mildred Whipple.....	12-31-56
PENNSYLVANIA: Mrs. Christy Nellis.....	12-31-54
RHODE ISLAND: Mrs. Althea S. Finch.....	12-31-55
SOUTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Mildred Matthews.....	12-31-54
SOUTH DAKOTA: Mrs. Marie Reed.....	12-31-54
TENNESSEE: Mrs. Jennie Carroll.....	12-31-55
TEXAS: Mrs. Mollie Rosenberg.....	12-31-54
UTAH: Harold L. Lambert.....	12-31-55
VERMONT: Mrs. Ellen Keyser.....	12-31-56
VIRGINIA: Mrs. Blanche Butler.....	12-31-54
WASHINGTON: Mrs. Anna Bell Lightel.....	12-31-54
WEST VIRGINIA: Mrs. Violet Taylor.....	12-31-54
WISCONSIN: Mrs. Verne Huber.....	12-31-56
SCOTLAND: Mrs. Isabelle McCullough.....	12-31-55
SASKATCHEWAN: Mrs. Bernice Buchan.....	12-31-55
NOVA SCOTIA: Mrs. Janet Lawley.....	12-31-54
MANITOBA: Mrs. Laura Fisher.....	12-31-54
WYOMING: Miss Olga Enburg.....	12-31-54
PUERTO RICO: Mrs. Clotilde Alba.....	12-31-54
QUEBEC: Mrs. Dora Graves.....	12-31-54
MISSISSIPPI: Mrs. Eunice Meadows.....	12-31-54

## ACTIVE LEGISLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER

## Approved Recommendations

1. That at every semi-annual meeting of a subordinate Chapter the Secretary shall read the Land Marks.—1922.
2. That the **Warder or Sentinel remain at their stations during recess, otherwise the Chapter must be purged on resuming order.**—1922.
3. That the degrees cannot be conferred on a candidate the same night that the said candidate is elected for the degrees, unless said candidate is departing hurriedly for foreign jurisdiction.—1922.
4. That any visitor desiring to visit a Chapter by examination must show receipt for dues paid, or a year card, before the committee will give an examination.—1922.
5. That no member be allowed to vouch for any one unless they have sat in Chapter, or have lawful information from a sister or brother who has sat in Chapter with them.—1922.
6. That the Bible shall not be closed at recess,—by doing so closes the Chapter.—1922.
7. That while a Chapter is in session, excepting during recess, members be required to use the guarded door.—1922.
8. That the Grand Chapter furnish Christmas Greetings to be sent to each Grand Jurisdiction, General Grand Chapter, Present Grand Officers and to the subordinate Chapters in Delaware.—1922.
9. That for every ten white balls in a ballot box, there shall be one black ball; no ballot box, however, to contain at any time less than six black balls.—1922.
10. That the letter "G" be omitted from the Square and Compass in all Patrons' Jewels.—1922.
11. That a uniform system of books be adopted by this Grand Chapter consisting of Minute Books, Roll Book, Secretary's Cash Book, Treasurer's Cash Book, Ledgers, Record Book of petitioners elected and rejected in this State.—1923.
12. That the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be distributed in the following manner—One copy to each Grand Officer—to each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron—to each Grand Representative of Delaware—to each elective officer of the General Grand Chapter—three copies to each Grand Chapter—six copies to each Chapter in Delaware.—1923-1930.
13. That the Flag of our Country be required to be placed in the East at the right of the Worthy Matron in each Chapter room and that the Pledge of Allegiance be given at each meeting.—1924.

14. That the Grand Secretary send to each Chapter a copy of all legislation enacted at the Grand Chapter Session immediately after its close.—1924.

15. That public installations be discontinued.—1924.

16. That once each year there shall be set aside a night known as Obligation Night in which to have a Special Service to renew our Obligation, the matter of the time and Ceremony to be left in the hands of the Worthy Matron of each Chapter.—1925.

17. That all approved decisions and recommendations made by this Grand Chapter be printed in the Proceedings under the heading of "Approved Decisions and Recommendations," adding those made and approved each year.—1925.

18. That all Sister Officers must be dressed in white at all Chapter meetings.—1926.

19. That Officers shall not be permitted to take hand bags or similar articles to their stations.—1926.

20. That no one but members be admitted to the ante-room or preparation rooms, except candidates for the degrees, until after the Chapter is closed.—1926.

21. The laws of this State forbid gambling, any form of raffling, or chances; therefore no Chapter, or any committee, or individual representing a Chapter, shall be permitted to secure money for any Chapter in this manner.—1926.

22. That the sale of anything in the Chapter Room be prohibited.—1926.

23. That the Address of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron be in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee not less than one week previous to the date of the Opening Session of the Grand Chapter.—1926.

24. That in the future when a call is sent to the members of any Chapter for a Special Meeting a duplicate shall be sent at the same time to the Grand Matron and Grand Secretary.—1926.

25. I have noticed some of the articles appearing in the newspapers concerning the activities of the Order in this State. One recent article gave the names of the candidates initiated in one of the Chapters, while another article stated that only one office held by the officer named would be contested at the election. I would recommend that the members be more careful in giving information outside the Chapter Rooms.—1928.

26. That a revised copy of the By-Laws of each Subordinate Chapter be kept on file in the Grand Secretary's office.—1928

*Installation* 27. That a special dispensation be required to install officers who are not installed at the regular installations.—1928.

28. That in case of removal from one jurisdiction to another in this Grand Jurisdiction, any sister or brother desiring a demit for the purpose of joining another Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall have the right to petition such other Chapter for membership upon first giving notice to their original Chapter of such intention.

Should the Chapter so receiving the petition elect the petitioner to membership and notify their former Chapter, under seal, accordingly, upon receipt of said notice by their former Chapter, it shall grant a demit, which shall be sent direct to the Secretary of the Chapter to which petitioner has been elected. In case of their rejection by the Chapter to which petitioner has applied, their membership shall remain in their former Chapter.—1929.

29. That no request be made or granted to confer degrees by courtesy for a Grand Chapter working under a Ritual other than the one promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, and that a petitioner for membership by affiliation on demit granted by a Chapter working under such Ritual, if elected shall be required to take the obligation.—1930.

30. That the election of a petitioner, against whom objection has been made, shall be considered void, if the objection is not raised and the petitioner initiated within one year of the date of the election. That the status of such person be that of a rejected petitioner over whom the Chapter shall have jurisdiction for one year thereafter.—1930.

31. That each Chapter be held responsible to this Grand Chapter for the number of Rituals furnished them at the time of Institution, as a part of their required Chapter property and that the Chapter shall pay to the Grand Secretary the list price for each Ritual lost, upon receipt of which the necessary Rituals will be sent to the Chapter. That a money value be placed upon the Secret Work and Labyrinth Chart, to be paid to the Grand Secretary by the Chapter in case of loss.—1930.

*By-Laws* 32. That no new edition of By-Laws shall be issued by any Chapter without first submitting a copy to the Worthy Grand Matron or the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, for approval.—1930.

33. That the Visiting Card as issued heretofore, be abolished and that the "identification and receipt for dues in card form," as required by our Constitution, be the only card furnished the Chapters to be issued to members, and that the cards furnished by the General Grand Chapter be adopted for this purpose.—1930.

34. That in the future all officers appointed to serve Under Dispensation shall be installed at the time of Instituting the Chapter and that no Chapter shall be Constituted until they have worked Under Dispensation at least six months (not including July and August unless stated meetings are held during these months),—1930.

35. That all persons signing a petition for a dispensation for a new Chapter be required to also fill out, in ink, individual petition blanks, answering all questions thereon in their own handwriting. Said petition to become the property of the Subordinate Chapter.—1930.

36. That a price of \$5.00 (five dollars) be placed on Secret Work and \$2.00 (two dollars) on the Diagram of the Labyrinth.—1930.

37. That no member of a Chapter shall furnish a list of the membership to anyone for the purpose of circularizing its members, or soliciting for any purpose other than the Eastern Star.—1931.

38. That a space be provided for the signature of the installing officer on the list of officers installed.—1931. *Installation*

39. That a copy of the Book of Instructions be furnished the Associate Grand Matron, and that officers of Subordinate Chapters and any member interested in the work in this Jurisdiction be allowed to purchase them, if they so desire.—1931.

40. That a form, for requesting a Special Dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron, be printed, to be furnished to Chapters, as other supplies, from the office of the Grand Secretary.—1931.

41. That Article 5, Section 1, be amended so that this Grand Chapter may meet in any town in Delaware where there is a subordinate Chapter, at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.—1931.

42. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to dispose of all foreign proceedings after a period of 3 years, and that due care be taken in disposing of them.—1931.

43. That a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter (marked "Property of Grand Chapter" and with Seal affixed) be given to each member of the Jurisprudence, Constitution and By-Law Committee and to each elective officer and returned to Grand Secretary on their retirement from office. That copies be sold to interested members of the Order for twenty cents each.—1932. *By laws*

44. That the list of names of the members of subordinate Chapters be omitted and that in place thereof a Chapter directory be printed

to contain the name of the Chapter, place, and time of meeting, the names of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, with the name and address of the Secretary.

45. That a Grand Lecturer be required to pass the examination to secure a Grade A Certificate not less than two months after being elected.—1933.

46. That the Grand Matron have the power to appoint a member who holds a Grade A Certificate, that the appointment of the Grand Matron shall be effective until the elected officer qualifies or until the next annual session of the Grand Chapter, when the office shall be filled by election.—1933.

47. That no practice meetings be held on Sunday.—1933.

48. That the approved recommendation, No. 34, 1930, be rescinded and that the Sentinel see that all members and visitors register in the Register Book.—1933.

49. That the Book of Instruction on Page 8—Reception of Grand Officers on Official Visits be changed from "they should be introduced and escorted to the East immediately after the Conductress and Associate Conductress have finished proving the Chapter" to "they should be introduced and escorted to the East immediately after the Chapter has been declared open". My reason for this recommendation is that Grand Honors should not be given when the Bible is closed and the Chapter not opened.—1934.

50. That the names of all Past Matrons and Past Patrons be printed in the Proceedings after the names of the Officers.—1934.

51. That the Worthy Grand Matron appoint a committee composed of four sisters and one brother to be known as an "Educational Fund Committee". One member to be appointed for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Thereafter one to be appointed each year to serve for five years. Said committee to have the custody of all money properly belonging to the fund. All disbursements to be signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the committee.—1934.

52. That a copy of the Book of Instructions be given members of the Jurisprudence Committee. These books to remain the property of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, and to be returned to the Grand Chapter at the completion of each member's term.—1934.

53. That the members be permitted to remain seated during the Opening March in Subordinate Chapters and called up when the position referred to in the Ritual is assumed.—1935

54. That no Life Memberships shall be granted by Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction. (This not to affect those now holding such memberships.)—1935.

55. That some ruling be adopted by this Grand Chapter whereby the Associate Patron shall have the same restrictions as the Worthy Patron regarding the Pink Slip.—1935.

56. That all petitions for Affiliation from New Jersey shall state thereon the Masonic relationship upon which their Eastern Star Membership is based, and if it does not conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, such petitions shall not be considered.—1935.

57. That the Ceremony used in receiving Distinguished Visitors at this Grand Session be adopted as official in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1935. See pages 37-38.

58. That the ceremony of affiliation as used at the Schools of Instruction in 1935 be adopted and incorporated in the Book of Instruction. This is in accordance with the General Grand Chapter.—1935.

59. That a sponsorship committee, composed of three members of this Grand Chapter, be appointed by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron to cooperate more fully with the Job's Daughters, which organization has been sponsored by this Grand Chapter.—1935.

60. That those portions of the Worthy Grand Matron's report and the Worthy Grand Patron's report which require action by this Grand Chapter be duplicated and distributed to the delegates at the opening of the Grand Chapter Session.—1935.

61. That in order to facilitate the making of proper records, secretaries of Subordinate Chapters be instructed to list on their annual reports both the new and old names of members whose names have been changed since the issuance of the latest annual report.—1935

62. That all Grand Representative Commissions expire the same Month, December 31st.—1936.

63. That our proceedings be bound in book form with stiff backs, four or five in one volume.—1936.

64. That Job's Daughters be added to our mailing list.—1936.

65. That Chapters urge their committees on applications to be more particular in their investigation. This is the most important committee in your Chapter.

66. That the Associate Matron march to her station when the Worthy Matron says: "The Officers will take their respective stations".—1937.

67. That a Membership Committee shall be appointed each year by the Worthy Matrons.—1937.

68. That the Worthy Grand Patron make written Report to his successor in office of all outstanding petitions for dispensations and any preliminary work that has been done to create interest in localities where no Chapters exist.—1937.

*Justification*  
69. That as the Conductress is the only one (except the Worthy Patron) to use the pink slip in her work, that the Associate Conductress be required to pass a Grade B examination.—1938. See Recommendation 100

70. That the Associate Matron be required to pass an examination in the opening and closing ceremony before she is installed as Worthy Matron.—1938.

71. That a complete set of our proceedings be bound for the use of the Worthy Grand Matron. That she be held responsible for same and deliver them to the Installed Grand Matron at the same time she delivers the seal, etc.—1938.

72. That the fourth paragraph on page 28 in the proceedings of 1930 be eliminated and the following substituted: The Associate Conductress must be positive, when preparing the ballot box, that there are as many white balls as there are voting members in the Chapter Room, and the proper number of black balls or cubes. If there be a Chapter that has not in its possession as many white balls as it has members they should be purchased.—1938.

73. That this Grand Body give its approval and recognize the sounding of the gavel in the subordinate Chapters as the opening of the Chapter.—1938.

*Dispensation*  
*Seal*  
74. I recommend that all Chapters requesting Dispensations shall accompany their request by check drawn on Treasury of Chapter requesting same.—1941.

75. That the compensation to the Fraternal Correspondent be eliminated for the time being.—1941.

76. I recommend that in order to eliminate embarrassing situations, Honorary Memberships in Subordinate Chapters not be proposed or voted upon when the recipient is in the room.—1943.

77. That the Grand Lecturer's contingent fund be increased to \$50.00.—1943.

78. That the Associate Conductress hand the ballot box to the Worthy Matron from the floor of the Chapter room and not go up on the platform.—1944.

79. That we discontinue the use of stoles. The Jurisdiction of Delaware has adopted the use of shoulder ribbons and no officer should wear both.—1944.

80. That the outline for Proficiency examinations in Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for Class "A" certificates



as found on pages 29, 30 and 31 in 1930 Proceedings be mimeographed for the use of those desiring to take the examination.—1944.

81. That a card be issued to the Associate Matrons as follows, to show that they have passed the examination required. "This is to certify that . . . . . Associate Matron of . . . . . Chapter No. . . . . has passed a satisfactory examination in opening and closing ceremonies."—1944. *Just install*

82. That the Conductress drape the Charter immediately after the Flag Ceremony in all Chapters. This to be incorporated in the Book of instructions.—1944.

83. That when a Chapter amends its By-Laws, copies of said amendments be sent in threes to the Grand Secretary, one for the book in the Grand Secretary's office, one for the book held by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and one for the Worthy Grand Matron's book. These books will then be kept up-to-date.—1944. *By Laws*

84. That the incoming Deputy Grand Lecturers receive a copy of the Proceedings.—1944.

85. That the Worthy Grand Patron read Article 8, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, on balloting, before the election of officers each year.—1944.

86. That the words "Without further ceremony" be deleted from Article 11, Sec. 6 of the Rules and Regulations. This will give the Worthy Grand Matron the privilege of having a ceremony if she so chooses.—1944.

87. That the Associate Grand Matron, who according to our Constitution and By-Laws, automatically becomes Fraternal Correspondent, be granted permission to divide proceedings received, with Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress, each to review and report same to Associate Grand Matron to be included in her report to this Grand Chapter.—1944.

88. That the Diamond used in future for Past Grand Matron's jewel be a fine point 18 (.10) white stone.

89. When it is impossible for the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron to attend a Grand Visitation, the Conductress and Associate Conductress proceed as though both officers were present and conduct either Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, as the case may be, to the East.—1945.

90. Since the Ritual requires the Associate Matron to assume the duties of the Worthy Matron, the Conductress must take an examination in the Opening and Closing ceremonies.—1945. (See Recommendation No. 109). *Install*

91. Deputy Grand Lecturer is authorized to give examinations in Grade "B" but the certificates be issued by the Grand Lecturer.

92. Candidates may be seated during lecture to the Worthy Patron, in initiatory work.—1947.

*Bylaws* 93. **Members of a chapter must be notified ten (10) days in advance when voting to change the By-Laws of a chapter.—1948. (See Recommendation No. 111.)**

94. Members appointed on an investigating committee should not visit the petitioner. An investigation should be made thoroughly but discreetly and more or less secretly.—1948.

95. **Members should not sign a petition unless they are acquainted with the petitioner.—1948.**

96. Price of Proceedings shall be \$1.80 each.—1948.

97. That we recognize and welcome in subordinate Chapters, the Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian of the Job's Daughters, at the close of regular introductions, by a request to rise. Welcome them at their seats. Our Grand Chapter sponsors the Job's Daughters and we do recognize them in Grand Chapter Session.—1949.

*Installation* 98. **That all examinations for Grade "B" Certificates and Star cards, be taken immediately after election of officers.**

99. That a committee of five (3 sisters and 2 brothers) be appointed on a Home Fund Committee. One member to be appointed for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Thereafter one to be appointed for each year to serve five years. This fund to be kept as a separate fund by the Grand Secretary and known as Eastern Star Home Fund. No money to be withdrawn from this fund without the consent and approval of the committee.—1950.

*Bylaws* 100. **That the Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturer impress upon the officers and members of subordinate chapters that when a change is contemplated in the By-Laws of a Chapter all members must be notified at least 10 days in advance.—1950.**

*Seal* 101. Secretaries must put Seal of Chapter on all requests to Worthy Grand Matron.

102. No notices shall be sent out on Post Cards.

103. Worthy Patron must give secretary a receipt for Secret Work and Diagram. Associate Patron must give secretary a receipt for Secret Work.

104. Associate Grand Patron must pass an examination of 20 questions six months before Installation as Worthy Grand Patron. This examination to be given by Grand Lecturer.

105. Time of meeting of Grand Chapter has been changed from 1:00 o'clock to 10:00 o'clock A. M.

## Changes to be made in Constitution and Laws:

106. Art. V, Sec. 1 Change to read:

This Grand Chapter shall send the Worthy Grand Matron, then in office, to Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter. If she is unable to attend, then a Proxy in the following order—Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron.

107. Art. V, Sec. 2. That our Delegate to Triennial Assembly be allowed \$10.00 per day while triennial is in session and 4c per mile traveling charges.

108. Art. IV, Sec. 7. Change to read: The ten (10) officers above named shall be elected annually.

This changes the office of Grand Lecturer and Grand Sentinel from Appointive offices to elective offices.

109. The election of a petitioner against whom objection has been made shall be considered void, if the objection is not raised and the petitioner initiated within one year of the date of election. That the status of such person be that of a rejected petitioner over whom the chapter shall have jurisdiction for one year thereafter.—1945. Page 76. (Constitution & By-Laws Committee).

110. To avoid any question of legality, election of officers be confined to stated meetings (Not Special Meetings).—1947.

111. Secretaries do not read the names of rejected candidates in other chapters with concurrent jurisdiction.—1948. (Jurisprudence Committee)

112. One member of Board of Grand Trustees be responsible for the flags, staffs and standards belonging to Grand Chapter. (Grand Trustees).—1949.

113. Grand Representatives be acknowledged and welcomed at each of our meetings; asked to stand, name the state they represent.—1953.

114. Worthy Patron, Associate Patron sign a receipt for Secret work placed in their keeping and that these receipts be kept in file by the secretary of each subordinate chapter.

## Approved Decisions

1. The election of a petitioner to receive the degrees in a Chapter when another Chapter holds jurisdiction over the person as a rejected petitioner, is null and void.—1922.

2. Is it permissible to do crocheting or fancy work in the Chapter during the session? No.—1922.

3. The time referred to in the Constitution shall be the time prevailing in Wilmington on the dates the Grand Chapter is in Session.—1925.

4. Can we hold rehearsal at member's homes? No.—1926.

*Installation resp -*  
5. A special election is necessary to fill vacancies in the office of Trustee. This will require a dispensation for that purpose, the members being notified ten days before the election.—1926.

6. A petition has been received from a person holding a demit from Pennsylvania, but who now resides in Maryland. Is it necessary to ask for a waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction from Maryland? Yes.—1926.

7. What should we do with a visitor who attends our Chapter, and has done so for years and has never shown a receipt for dues? Every visitor must show a receipt for dues or a demit once every current year. If demit is more than one year old, she is refused admission.—1928.

8. Can the members of the Chapter stand within the Labyrinth and repeat the Obligation at the same time a candidate is taking the Obligation? No. Members can arise and repeat Obligation when presiding officer calls for it.—1928.

9. After a petitioner has been balloted upon and has been declared either elected or rejected and ballot broken, members may be admitted, after which the name of the next petitioner may come up for ballot.—1929.

10. A person with a deformity of the hand may be initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star if such deformity does not interfere with their ability to make themselves known as a sister or brother.—1929.

11. The ballot shall not be spread on the application of a person who is not eligible to petition for the degrees.—1930.

12. A legally adopted daughter may petition for the degrees on the Masonic affiliation of the son of her foster parents.—1930.

13. A petitioner for affiliation becomes a member of the Chapter immediately upon being elected. Having signed the By-Laws of a Chapter upon being initiated, the signing of the By-Laws upon affiliation is merely a matter of Chapter record.—1930.

14. A petition for affiliation on demit granted by Chapter not using Ritual of General Grand Chapter shall be handled in the usual way, except that in addition to signing the By-Laws, such petitioner shall be required to take the Obligation of the Order as required by our Ritual.—1930.

15. Members cannot be admitted to the Chapter room during balloting. The ballot is started when the Report of the Investigating

Committee is read to the Chapter. According to our procedure, action on the report is not finished until the petition is balloted upon.—1930.

16. By-Laws of a subordinate Chapter are required by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter and should be classified as a supply, as interpreted in my official letter number one.—1930. *By Law*

17. A duplicate Certificate of Proficiency can be secured upon payment of a fee to cover the cost of affixing the Grand Chapter Seal (See Rules and Regulations for government of Grand Chapter, Art. III, Sec. 1, (4), plus the list price of the Certificate.) (See recommendation of Jurisprudence Committee.)—1930.

18. The Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron serving from the time of the Instituting of a Chapter, though not elected at the time of Constituting, is entitled to the privileges and prerogatives of a Past Worthy Matron or a Past Worthy Patron, since she or he filled the office for which she or he was appointed by the Worthy Grand Patron.—1930.

19. That in accordance with Constitution and By-Laws, Section 44, when a person applies to a Chapter for the degrees, and is rejected, said Chapter retains absolute jurisdiction over said party for one year.—1931.

20. That no member can be elected or appointed to fill two offices at the same time in a subordinate Chapter.—1931. *Instal*

21. That Secretaries do not read the names of rejected candidates in other Chapters with concurrent jurisdiction and that secretaries keep proper record of all said applicants.—1933.

22. Page 61, 1929 Proceedings, "do not give honorary membership to anyone." This law rescinded.—1933.

23. That this Grand Chapter sponsor the Order of Job's Daughters.—1933.

24. That a member who is in arrears two and one-half years for dues and has received suspension notice may visit this Grand Chapter by another Sister of the same Chapter vouching for her.—1935.

25. That a demitted or suspended Past Matron has the right to wear her Jewel, because it is her personal property; however, it does not seem to be good taste.—1935.

26. That a Grand Instructor be required to pass the examination to secure a Grade A Certificate not less than two months after being elected.—1933.

27. Only a brother may occupy the station of Worthy Patron or Associate Patron. (This decision made by Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Easton). If there is no brother present, the Worthy Matron may invite a Past Matron to call the Chapter to order and invite the Worthy Matron and other officers to enter the Chapter room.—1944.

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28. A dispensation is required to hold a special election, the Chapter members being notified ten days prior thereto. (Constitution and By-Laws, Article 1, Sec. 10, under Rules and Regulations governing subordinate Chapters.)—1944.

29. Collection plates shall not be passed in the Chapter room. The By-Laws specify the amount of dues each member shall pay. Voluntary contributions may be put into a receptacle placed in a convenient place, such as Electra's cup or on the Associate Matron's pedestal.—1944.

30. There shall be no music while the prayer is being said. (Ritual, Page 34—fine print.)—1944.

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Question** Our Charter is now draped for one of our deceased members. The 30 day period has expired. Another one of our members just passed away. Do we undrape the charter (even though the 30 days period hasn't expired) and then drape it again for the other member?

**Answer** No. We do not undrape the charter. Have the presiding officer mention the passing away of this other member, thus the drape remaining on the charter for 60 days for the two deceased members.

**Question** Can a suspended member of ..... Chapter affiliate with another Chapter in the City?

**Answer** No. The member must be reinstated in his or her chapter before she can affiliate with another chapter.

**Question** Can a person join our chapter who is unable to kneel at the Altar due to Arthritis in her knees?

**Answer** Yes. I see no reason why a person should be deprived of the privilege of our Order due to her inability to kneel at the Altar. She could stand with bowed head while taking the Obligation.

**Question** We would like a special dispensation granted for the purpose of holding our regular meeting on December 26th, as our regular meeting night occurs on December 25th. You will find inclosed \$1.00 for this Special Dispensation.

**Answer** It is impossible for me to grant this Dispensation, because regular meetings cannot be changed. Meetings are either regular or special. I suggest amending your By-Laws.

- Question** Has the Sentinel the right to present a resolution or take any part in the business of the chapter?
- Answer** When the Sentinel is invited into the chapter by the Worthy Matron (he or she) has the same right and privilege as any other member.
- Question** A few days after being elected, our associate conductress elect, found she could not accept this office. When holding a special election to elect another, may we install the same night?
- Answer** Yes.
- Question** May we ballot at a special meeting?
- Answer** No.
- Question** May officers leave their stations and form a hollow square outside the labyrinth for Obligation, if someone is appointed to fill Warder's chair during Obligation Ceremony?
- Answer** Yes.
- Question** May a member from Pennsylvania join a chapter in Delaware by affiliation, if she has a Demit from a Philadelphia Chapter, without a waiver?
- Answer** Yes. She does not need a waiver with a Demit.
- Question** May a chapter sell chances on a cake, after meeting is closed?
- Answer** No. I refer you to paragraph 23 (now paragraph 21) in Active Legislation.
- Question** Since the law says the officers (Conductress and Associate Conductress) must take examinations before installation should they be installed if the required examinations have not been given?
- Answer** I would say "NO" in order to uphold our law.
- Question** The question has been asked in our chapter "In proving a chapter should the Conductress and Associate Conductress use "Lawful Information" as the Book of Instructions tells us, or must they have sat in chapter with them?"
- Answer** Our instruction is "use Lawful Information". This does not mean that the Conductress or Associate Conductress shall have sat in chapter with them, but "Lawful Information" means they must be vouched for by someone who has sat in Chapter with them.
- Question** Does the Conductress assist the Associate Conductress when there are two members to be affiliated?
- Answer** Associate Conductress does the work alone.
- Question** It is necessary for members to be affiliated to wait in the anteroom?
- Answer** No. They may be present for the opening ceremony and then asked by the Worthy Matron to retire.

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