

PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF  
DELAWARE  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



SPECIAL SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019  
DOVER MASONIC CENTER  
1478 Wyoming Mill Road  
Dover, DE

AND

NINETY-NINTH SESSION  
“RADIATE POSITIVITY”

MAY 10, 2021  
NUR SHRINE CENTER  
198 South DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE

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Due to COVID 19 governmental restrictions there was no Annual Session in 2020 and all Grand Officers and Committee Members remained in their positions until May 10, 2021. As the COVID 19 governmental restrictions were still in place the 99th Session of the Grand Chapter was a one-day Session and ONLY Delaware members could attend.



Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron 2019-2021



Thomas J. Morganstern  
Worthy Grand Patron 2019-2021



**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Jeffrey B. Dennis, PGP  
Heart



Robert "Bert" R. Hiddemen, PGP  
Membership



Ann L. Street, PGM  
Service Dogs



Susan C. Tolbert, PM  
Campfire Friend

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A Special Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Delaware was held at the Dover Masonic Hall, 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE on September 21, 2019, to vote on legislation tabled at the 98th Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, due notice having been given to the membership.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

At 1:00 p.m. the Associate Grand Conductress, Worthy Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron marched to their stations in the Grand Chapter Room. The Worthy Grand Patron then requested that the Associate Grand Conductress invite the Worthy Grand Matron and other Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter Room. When the Grand Officers were in position, the Worthy Grand Patron requested that the Grand Conductress escort the Worthy Grand Matron to the East. Once at her station the Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Officers to take their positions and prepare for the duties of the Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron then proceeded with the Ritualistic Opening of the Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel that the Opening Ceremony of the Grand Chapter was about to begin and allow no interruptions.

The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Associate Grand Matron to ascertain if all present were members of the Grand Chapter and entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter. The Associate Grand Matron then directed the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to ascertain and report if all present were members of the Grand Chapter and entitled to seats.

Upon completing their duties, the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress reported to the Associate Grand Matron, who reported to the Worthy Grand Matron that all present were members of the Order and entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Associate Grand Matron to ascertain if all present were members of the Grand Chapter and entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter. The Associate Grand Matron reported that all members present were entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter Room.

## **ROLL CALL OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

The Worthy Grand Matron then asked the Grand Secretary if there were a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters represented to form a quorum. The Grand Secretary proceeded to call the roll of Subordinate Chapters.

Adah Chapter No. 5 ..... present  
Sussex Chapter No. 7..... present  
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 ..... present  
Georgetown Chapter No. 9..... present  
Frankford Chapter No. 12..... present  
Victory Chapter No. 15..... present  
Unity Chapter No. 16..... present  
Ruth Chapter No. 19..... present  
Naomi Chapter No. 20..... present

*Finding that there was a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters present to form a quorum, the Worthy Grand Matron proceeded to open the Grand Chapter in Ritualistic form.*

## **RITUALISTIC OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER**

The Session was opened with the following Grand Officers in their stations.

Worthy Grand Matron..... Donna S. Hiddemen (19)  
Worthy Grand Patron ..... Thomas J. Morganstern (20)  
Associate Grand Matron ..... Kathleen A. Trombly (15)  
Associate Grand Patron..... Wayne A. Stacey (09)  
Grand Secretary.....Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM (20) Acting  
Grand Treasurer..... Stephen B. Tolbert, PGP (16)  
Grand Conductress ..... Wini Walton (07)  
Associate Grand Conductress..... Marlene Mickles (07)  
Grand Lecturer .....Joan L. Moore, PGM (16)  
Grand Chaplain ..... Linda K. Morgenstern (20)  
Grand Organist .....Ernest Fehnel (16)  
Grand Marshal..... Susan E. Peronti (19)  
Grand Adah ..... Susan T. Marge (20)  
Grand Ruth ..... Cheryl A. Mongillo (19)  
Grand Esther ..... Prestina M. Crockett (08,&15)

Grand Martha ..... Jeannie M. Nicklas (07)  
Grand Electa..... Christine L. Cannon (05)  
Grand Warder..... Betty M. Swain (08)  
Grand Sentinel..... Robert R. Hiddemen, PGP (20) Acting

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress to attend the Altar. The Grand Chaplain led in the Opening Prayer. The Opening Ode, *In The Garden* was sung. After the Opening Ode was sung, the Worthy Grand Matron proclaimed the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star duly opened requesting the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel that the Special Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Delaware was open.

The Worthy Grand Patron led the Grand Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country, followed by the singing of “*The National Anthem*”

The Worthy Grand Matron seated the Grand Chapter and directed the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel to secure the Outer Door and sit at the Entrance to the Grand Chapter Room.

The Worthy Grand Matron then thanked the members for caring enough to show up for the meeting as the agenda is important work that must be done, and the members presence is appreciated. The legislation that is being taken care of at this Special Meeting is for the good of the Order and may affect the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapter for many years to come. The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the membership operate in that vein.

The Worthy Grand Matron invited Brother Robert A. Bradish, PGP, and chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee to the East for the purpose of conducting the legislation tabled till a Special Meeting of Grand Chapter.

Brother Robert then began the legislation by starting where we left off at the Grand Chapter Session in May, page 28 of the proposed legislative changes.

**COMPLETION OF TABLED LEGISLATION  
FROM 98TH ANNUAL SESSION  
MAY 2019**

## **Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter,**

**Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 4; Add (D). Delete (O)**

**Article III Committee Duties and Composition Section 6**

**Add: (D) Communication Committee Delete (O) Web Page**

**(D) Communications Committee**

- 1) It shall be the duty of the members of the Communications Committee to utilize or see that appropriate digital and print media are provided by the Grand Chapter to communicate to the membership information concerning activities of the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters in Delaware.
- 2) Will consist of three (3) members, one of which shall be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
- 3) The Chairman will be the member whose term next expires.
- 4) This committee in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron will select annually those tools of information dispersal that will best keep the membership informed concerning activities and actions of the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapter. These tools may include but are not limited to:
  - a. Website
  - b. Newsletter
  - c. Social media
  - d. Email list
  - e. Other tools as are deemed appropriate
- 5) This committee in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron shall select individuals to serve for one year as administrator or editor or moderator or coordinator to administer the means of communication as needed.

- 6) If there are costs associated with providing of these mediums of communication they shall be budgeted for in the annual budget of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star and if recoverable (such as print media) via subscription from the users, the committee shall establish a price for the service and establish a method to see that these funds are deposited to the appropriate Grand Chapter account.

*Rationale:* Establish the duties of the Communications Committee; establish a method for the newsletter publication to be part of the Grand Chapter; provide wording in the law of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, to provide the tools of communication to keep the membership informed concerning all aspects of Eastern Star as needed; and see that these tools are including the financial records. These tools may include but are not limited to website, newsletter, Facebook page, email, etc.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM, (9)

William F. Lott, WGP (9)

Moved by Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) and seconded by Sister Jana Bradish, PM (15) to accept Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 4; Add (D). Delete (O) and Article III Committee Duties and Composition Section 6 Add (D) Communication Committee and Delete (O) Web Page and it be brought to the floor for discussion.

### **Discussion:**

Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM, (20) noted that the previous amendment had just been passed and it refers to changing the Communication Committee to (D) and in this proposal is says (C). After checking the current *Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Book of Instruction*, she noted that the committees are listed alphabetically in the current edition, this proposal would come as (D), as voted in the previous amendment, not (C). Henrietta then moved to amend the proposal to (D) not (C). Seconded by Cheryl A. Mongillo, PM, (19).

The Worthy Grand Matron asked if there was any **discussion**. There was **none**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for the vote on the amendment to Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 4; Add (D). Delete (O) and Article III Committee Duties and Composition Section 6 Add (D) Communication Committee and Delete (O) Web Page to the proposal to vote by the voting sign of the order.

The amendment was **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then proceeded to call for a vote on the amendment as amended. Before proceeding with the vote, the Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. There was none.

Seeing no discussion the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on the amended Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 4; Add (D). Delete (O) and Article III Committee Duties and Composition Section 6 Add (D) Communication Committee and Delete (O) Web Page. The amendment as amended was **adopted**.

***Article III Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6, A***

Now reads:

- A) Annual Session of the Grand Chapter
  - 4) Events at Grand Chapter will be as follows:
    - a) Hospitality including the receptions after the Informal Opening and the Evening Session of the first full day of the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter.
    - b) Decorations and Paraphernalia
    - c) Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Dinner which is the responsibility of the Past Grands Association.
    - d) Distinguished Guests Breakfast, whose chairman shall be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.
    - e) Grand Representative Luncheon, which is the responsibility of the Grand Representatives of Delaware Association.
    - f) Reception of the incoming Grand Officers, which is the responsibility of the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.



5) The Chairman of the Annual Sessions Committee will provide a partial report including partial financial accounting to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Grand Chapter Session with a full report including the final reports of all sub-committees (special activities) and financial state due to the Grand Trustees one week following the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

Change to read:

A) Annual Session of the Grand Chapter

4) Events at Grand Chapter will be as follows:

a) Hospitality including the receptions after the Informal Opening and the Evening Session of the first full day of the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter.

b) Decorations and Paraphernalia

c) **Registration**

d) **Vendors**

e) **Medical Team**

f) **Paraphernalia**

g) **Public Address System**

h) **Necrology**

i) **Informal Opening**

j) **Grand Banquet**

k) **PAGO (Past Associate Grand Officers) Breakfast**

l) Grand Representatives Luncheon which is the responsibility of the Grand Representative of Delaware Association.

m) Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Dinner which is the responsibility of the Past Grands Association

n) Distinguished Guests Breakfast, whose chairman shall be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron

o) PAGO Luncheon.

p) Reception of the incoming Grand Officers, which is the responsibility of the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

5) The Chairman of the Annual Sessions Committee will provide a partial report including partial financial accounting of the

Grand Chapter at the Annual Grand Chapter Session with a full report including the final reports of all subcommittees (special activities) and financial statement due to the Grand Trustees one week following the Annual Grand Chapter Session. **The Sessions Committee Chairman will deliver to the new Sessions committee Chairman a copy of these reports.**

*Rationale:* Basic housekeeping of event list. Also, the Sessions Committee needs to have all the information to help prepare for the next year. In the past, no information has been passed along to them. We are getting ready in two years to celebrate our 100th year and do not want to start from the ground floor.

Submitted by:

Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20)	Charles L. Porter (20)
Michael Swain (20)	William Pepper (20)
Marjorie Swain (20)	Bernadette Porter (20)
Kelly D. Pepper (20)	

Lee Anderson, PGM (8) moved to accept ***Article III Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6), A)*** and bring it to the floor for discussion. Prestina M. Crockett, PM (8, 15) seconded.

#### **Discussion:**

Cathy Yaiser, PM (20) rose to amend the **Article III Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6), A)** and Steve Tolbert, PGP (16) seconded to clarify that (O) should read Pages Luncheon not PAGO Luncheon.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion on the amendment to the amendment. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on the amendment to the amendment.

The amendment to the amendment was **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for discussion on the proposed amendment as amended.

#### **Discussion:**

Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) rose to address the duties of the chairman of the Annual Session. She agreed that the Sessions Chairman took care of vendors and the public address system, She felt that the Sessions Chairman had enough responsibility with overseeing the session without adding on registration,

whose members are appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. The medical team is also appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. Paraphernalia is the Session Committee but if you want to use your Chapter's paraphernalia that is the responsibility of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Sessions Committee sets up and the Grand Lecturer checks to see that it is in the proper position in the Chapter Room. The Public Address System is obtained by the Sessions Committee. Necrology is appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Informal Opening is the responsibility of the Sessions Committee. The Grand Banquet is appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and is chaired by the Worthy Matrons of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Chapters. The PAGO Breakfast is also appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Grand Representative Luncheon is the responsibility of the Grand Representatives Association. Everything else the Sessions Committee does not take care of because we have our hands full with what we have without adding to our responsibilities.

Sister Cheryl Mongillo, PM (19) felt this legislation is making sure that activities (events) of the Grand Chapter Session happen. In the past as things were handed down one to the other there was that moment when someone realized, "Oh, darn we do that." Sister Cheryl's interpretation of the legislation is that it is not more work for the Session Committee Chairman but is a checklist for whoever they are assigned too. She appreciated the comments that were made but feels that the legislation is just a checklist to make sure those items in the list are addressed.

Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) noted that the Chairman does check with the chairman of all the noted events to make sure the numbers are turned in for meals and that the overall session is running smoothly.

Sister Ann Street, PGM (5) noted that she is concerned that with the amount of work listed in the proposed legislation mainly in the collecting and seeing that all the financial reports are completed and turned into the Grand Trustees. That is not the work of the Sessions Committee. That is the work of the chairman of those committees. The work of aggregating the reports and passing them on is the work the Grand Chapter not the work of the Sessions Committee.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked if there was further discussion. Seeing that there was none the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on .

Before the vote could be taken Euretta L. Schultheiss Rose to address the legislation indicating that the proposed legislation to not originate with her but was an attempt to bring like items altogether in one section of the law. Euretta L. indicated that she felt it was unrealistic to have one week to pull all the information together after the Grand Chapter Session as it is an impossible task to accomplish.

The Worthy Grand Matron again asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on **Article III Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6), A)**

The proposed legislation was **defeated**.

***Article III Committee of the Grand Chapter, Section 6 H Jurisprudence Committee.***

Now reads:

H. Jurisprudence Committee

- 1) It will be the duty of the members of the Jurisprudence Committee:
  - e) Review and approve all proposed amendments to the Constitution, and Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Book of Instruction submitted by the members by the **March** deadline.
  - f) Prepare the above legislation in proper form either printed or electronic and deliver to each Subordinate Chapter for review by the membership as well as mounting on the Grand Chapter web site.
- 3) For the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year:
  - a) The committee will be composed of two (2) remaining members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Jurisprudence Committee.
  - b) Going forward from 2018 the committee will be three (3) members as stated above.

Proposed Change: Define date & timing of responsibilities in e) & f) and delete 3 in its entirety.

Change to read:

e) Review and Approve all proposed amendments to the....**by March 31st.**

f) Prepare the above legislation in proper form **electronically and deliver to the Grand Chapter website for review by the membership 30 days in advance of the first morning session of Grand Chapter.**

*Rationale:* The March date is open & not defined when the deadline is in March; the new date would give the Jurisprudence committee six (6) weeks to prepare legislation.

3: This item no longer is pertinent.

Submitted by:

Ann Street, PGM (5)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and second by Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8, 19) to accept ***Article III Committee of the Grand Chapter, Section 6 H Jurisprudence Committee.*** and bring it to the floor for discussion.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on ***Article III Committee of the Grand Chapter, Section 6 H Jurisprudence Committee.*** The motion **adopted.**

***Article IV, Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year, Section 1 G)***

Now reads:

G) Registration for the Annual Session

- 1) Pre-Registration Fee for the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter \$15.00
- 2) Onsite Registration Fee for the Annual Session of Grand Chapter \$20.00
- 3) Fifty (50) year members are exempt from paying the registration the year they are honored.

Proposed Change: Exemption changed for 50-year members attending Monday afternoon only.

Change to read:

3) Fifty-year (50) members are exempt from paying the registration fee **for the Monday afternoon session only.**

*Rationale: Registration has been increased. Dues have increased. Approximately 18 members will celebrate 50 years continuous membership this year. Is the Grand Chapter in the financial position to wave this fee?*

Submitted by :

Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)                      Jane M. Morris, PGM (12)

Moved by Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) and seconded by Sister Linda K. Morganstern, PM (20) to accept ***Article IV, Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year, Section 1 G)*** and bring it to the floor for discussion.

Discussion:

Brother Jeff Dennis, GGCCM Heart, PGP (15) Rose to question the phrase, “the members are exempt from paying the registration fee for the Monday afternoon session only.” He noted that there was no specific amount. Jeff noted that there five (5) parts to the session. He then asked if they attended all day would they only pay for the other four (4) sessions and not the afternoon session. He asked if there shouldn’t be a specific amount noted.

Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) rose as a proponent of this to answer the question of Jeff Dennis. She indicated that if a member receiving 50-year recognition in the afternoon session of the first full day came for just the session where they are recognized as a 50-year member, they would not pay the registration. But if they were attending the entire session, they would be expected to pay the entire registration fee.

Henrietta McKelvey, PGM (20) rose to amend by inserting the words **if attending before the word “the”.** The motion was seconded by Catherine Bradish (15).

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on the amendment to the proposed legislation.

The amendment to add the words **if attending** was **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for **discussion** on the amended amendment. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron then called for a vote on **Article IV, Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year, Section 1 G)** as amended. The amended amendment was **adopted**.

### ***Article VII Grand Chapter Proficiency***

*Rationale:* The Rules and Regulations or Book of Instruction of the Grand Chapter of Delaware do not specify who must have an “A” Proficiency Certification; it is only specified that “A” holders must recertify to continue to hold an “A” Proficiency Certificate.

Now reads:

See Book of Instruction Section 30 for proficiency required for Elected Grand Chapter Officers.

Action: Add section A) – C) to clarify who must have an ”A” Proficiency Certification or WGP Certification.

Change to read:

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTED OR ELECTED GRAND OFFICES THAT REQUIRE PROFICIENCY**

(Note Article name change)

- A) Anyone intending to serve as Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Lecturer, Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress or Associate Grand Conductress must hold an “A” Proficiency Certificate.
- B) Anyone intending to serve as Associate Grand Patron or Worthy Grand Patron must hold a “Worthy Grand Patron” Proficiency Certificate.
- C) See Book of Instructions Section 30 for proficiency requirements.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

Jeffrey B. Dennis, PGP (15)

Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8) moved to accept the proposed legislation and bring it to the floor for discussion. Arthur W. Holley, PGP (5) seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Vickie J. Nicklas Rose noting that an “A” Certificate is required for the Grand Secretary. She had no problem with that but questioned what if the Grand Secretary was a Brother. Would he also have to obtain an “A” certificate. She felt that it should specify Sister or Brother. No amendment was made and there was no further discussion.

Seeing no further discussion, the Worthy Grand Matron then called for a vote on ***Article VII Grand Chapter Proficiency***

Motion **adopted**.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

### ***Article III Membership, Section 17: Fifty (50) Year Membership***

Now reads:

Section 17: Fifty (50) Year Membership

B) To be awarded during the Anniversary Year.

Proposed Change: To be awarded during the **presiding Worthy Grand Matron’s Term.**

*Rationale:* As written, it means the current Worthy Grand Matron would be signing off on 50-year members seven (7) months into the next Worthy Grand Matron’s term. The Worthy Grand Matron’s term ends when the next Worthy Grand Matron is installed.

Submitted by:

Euretta I. Schultheiss, PGM (20)

Michael Swain (20)

William Pepper (20)

Marjorie Swain (20)

Bernadette Porter (20)

Kelley D. Pepper (20)

Moved by Robert Hiddemen, GGCCM Membership, PGP (19), seconded by Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) to accept ***Article III Membership, Section 17: Fifty (50) Year*** and bring it to the floor for discussion.



## **Discussion:**

Sister Catherine Yaiser, PM (20) rose to call for a clarification of why and what this change means. The Worthy Grand Matron requested that Sister Eurette L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) address the concerns.

Sister Eurette L. Schultheiss, explained that using the calendar year, January to December is the issue as the Worthy Grand Matron's term ends in May. So therefore, the Worthy Grand Matron would be signing certificates for 50-year members that happen in June, July, August, September, October, November, and December. That is seven (7) months into another Worthy Grand Matron's term. Also, the Worthy Grand Matron's signature is only valid from the night she is installed to the night her term ends.

Sister Jana Bradish, PM (15) noted that she joined Eastern Star in June of 1966. She noted that she had to wait to the following year to receive her fifty (50) year membership certificate and pin in Delaware. I waited till Barbara Lott and Robert Bradish were Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to receive it from them even though it had only been four weeks since the previous year. If that is the way it is, that is the way it is. I don't feel that it should matter. I was able to travel to Rhode Island and receive a fifty (50) year membership and certificate from that Grand Jurisdiction in October. But not everyone has the ability.

Sister Hazel Smith, PM (5) the same thing happened to her. She joined in June of 1966, and I had to wait an entire year to receive the certificate and pin. She stated that she would like to see this change.

Sister Catherine Bradish rose to ask if the year (term) that is noted in this proposed legislation would be May of one year to May of the next. Or is the proposed legislation saying that it will be January to December and everyone in that year will receive at the next annual session or is it saying May to May. The Worthy Grand Matron clarified that the proposed legislation would put the awarding of the 50-year certificate and pin in line with the sitting Worthy Grand Matron's term of office, May to May. Sister Catherine then asked if a member's 50-year membership milestone happened the third week in May, they would have to

wait till the next May (next annual session) to receive their 50-year pin and certificate.

Brother Robert Hiddemen, GGGCM Heart, PGP (20) Rose to clarify that we are not talking about the calendar year but the Grand Chapter year.

The Worthy Grand Matron reminded the Grand Sentinel, Brother Robert Hiddemen, GGCCM Heart that as Grand Sentinel he is outside the door and should not be participating in discussions or making motions. She reminded him that he had ears but no voice.

Brother Robert Bradish, PGP (15) stated that someone who was initiated in another jurisdiction, continues their membership in the jurisdiction of Delaware, and has been a 50-year member in the jurisdiction of Delaware and their anniversary is in June will have to wait almost 51 years to be awarded their 50-year certificate and pin.

Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) state that is not true but continued by addressing another issue. She indicated that the signature on the 50-year Member Certificate is the Worthy Grand Matron's signature which is only good till the end of the session. Signing certificates for June, July, August, etc., is not legal as the Worthy Grand Matron's signature would not be legal as she is only Worthy Grand Matron from May to May.

Sister Henrietta McKelvey rose to give the history of this issue. She stated that the Grand Chapter of Delaware honored 50-year membership during the Worthy Grand Matron's term of office. She understood that this amendment was changed several years ago, and this proposed amendment is to revert back to honoring 50-year members during the Worthy Grand Matron's term.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked if there was further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron then called for a vote accept **Membership, Section 17: Fifty (50) Year** was **adopted**.

Before proceeding the Worthy Grand Matron requested of the Jurisprudence Committee a ruling the legality of an earlier motion made by the Grand Sentinel and if there needed to bring that **Article III Membership, Section 17: Fifty (50) Year Membership** back to the floor. The Jurisprudence Committee felt that the proposed legislation should be brought back to the

floor and properly moved and seconded. The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the motion be made again and seconded. Sister Cheryl Mongillo, PM (19) moved and Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) seconded that 50-year membership be awarded during the presiding Worthy Grand Matron's year (term).

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote. **Article III Membership, Section 17: Fifty (50) Year Membership** was adopted.

### ***Article VIII, Election***

Section 1: The first eight (8) officers of a Subordinate Chapter will be elected annually at the **first** stated meeting in **March**. A majority written secret ballot, 1 more than half of ballots cast is needed for election.

Section 2: A written separate ballot must be taken for each elective office.

Section 3: One trustee will be elected for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, and one for three (3) years after which each trustee will be elected for a term of three years.

Proposed Change: Restate and clarify Section 3 and delete Section 2 as it is explained in the book of instruction.

Will then read:

Section 1: The first eight (8) officers of a Subordinate Chapter will be elected annually at the **first** stated meeting in **March**. (See Book of Instruction Section 11: Election Procedure)

Section 2: Three trustees will be elected, one for one (1) year, one for two (2) years and one for three (3) years after which one trustee will be elected annually for a term of three (3) years. (See Book of Instruction Section 11: Election Procedure)

Section 4: To be renumbered to Section 3.

Section 5: To be renumbered to Section 4.

*Rationale:* To coincide with the Book of Instruction Section 11:  
Election Procedure.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Ann Street, GGCCM Service Dogs, PGM (5)  
Robert Bradish PGP (15)  
Debbie Good, PGM (8)

It was moved by Debbie Good, PGM (8) and seconded by Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8, 19) to accept *Article VIII, Election* and bring it to the floor for discussion.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron then called for a vote.

The motion **adopted**.

*Article XVII Ritualistic Work, Etc., Section 4 Rituals*

Now reads:

- A) Any member of the Order can procure a Ritual from the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter. Only members of this Order should be in possession of the rituals, and they must never be placed in the hands of others.
- B) Only one (1) Ritual should be open during the meeting of a Subordinate Chapter and that is for the use of the Worthy Patron, Deputy Grand Lecturer, or a prompter designated by the Deputy.

Proposed change: Delete the phrase “Worthy Patron,”

- A) Any member of the Order can procure a Ritual from the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter. Only members of this Order should be in possession of the rituals, and they must never be placed in the hands of others.
- B) Only one (1) Ritual should be open during the meeting of a Subordinate Chapter and that is for the use of Deputy Grand Lecturer, or a prompter designated by the Deputy.

*Rationale:* The Worthy Grand Patron usually does not have an “A” Proficiency

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Ann Street, GGCCM Service Dogs PGM (5)  
Robert Bradish, PGP (15) Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) seconded to accept *Article XVII Ritualistic Work, Etc., Section 4 Rituals* and bring it to the floor for discussion.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote. Motion **adopted**.

***Article XIX, Amendments, Section 1***

Now reads:

Section 1: **Amendments:** No amendments to these Rules and Regulations, either by alteration or addition will be made unless in the following manner:

- A) Proposed amendment(s) must be presented, electronically or in writing to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting call for that purpose.
- B) The amendment will then be presented by the Jurisprudence Committee to the Grand Secretary who will present it in writing at an Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose and after being heard discussed, and if so ordered amended.
- C) The amendment may then be adopted by two thirds (2/3) vote of all members present and voting.
- D) When printed after amendments are adopted, the date of adoption will be printed with the change.

Proposed Change: Change to electronic submission of changes only and add E) and F) to read as in Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Change to read:

Section 1. **Amendments:** No amendment(s) to these Rules and Regulations, either by alteration or addition will be made unless in the following manner:

- A) Proposed amendment(s) must be presented **electronically** to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose.

- E) All proposed amendments presented for consideration by the membership of the Grand Chapter of Delaware be signed by a minimum of at least two (2) members of this Grand Chapter.
- F) Any proposed amendment presented for “Emergency Legislation” during the Grand Chapter Annual Sessions, must require a minimum of at least ten (10) signatures, representing at least three (3) different Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction.

*Rationale:* Each section of the Constitution and Bylaws and Rules & Regulations should have the same process for amending the content.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Ann Street, GGCCM Service Dogs, PGM (5)  
Robert Bradish, PGP (15)  
Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and seconded by Sister Linda Morganstern, PM, WM (20) that the *Article XIX, Amendments, Section 1* be adopted and placed on the floor for discussion.

**Discussion:**

Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP (16) rose to request that the phrase “emergency legislation” be defined.

Sister Henrietta McKelvey, PGM (20) stated that it was her understanding that “emergency legislation” was something that was not given to the Jurisprudence Committee before the Annual Session but was going to be brought up on the floor during the session.

Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP (16) again requested that the phrase “emergency legislation” be defined as what is emergency legislation to him may not be emergency for the rest of the Grand Chapter. He stated that he is not in favor of the legislation as written.

Sister Ann Street, GGCCM Service Dogs, PGM (5) stated that, that is part of the discussion. Is the item truly “emergency legislation” or is this something that can wait and what is the process for that? That is something that would be evaluated at

that time. But if somebody or some group or the Grand Chapter receives something from General Grand Chapter that requires action sooner rather than later, then action can be taken. Recently there were several items that came up and the thought that they had to wait a year before being presented. So, to put something in to address situations like this provides a process for such situation. She felt that this would not become standard practice. This will be the exception to the rule. By acting on this legislation there is a process in the law and all sections dealing with amendments in the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instructions are consistent.

Sister Kathy Trombly, AGM, (15) Rose to ask, “who determines emergency? Jurisprudence or the Worthy Grand Matron?” The Worthy Grand Matron asked if the question had been asked as a rhetorical question or a real question. Sister Kathy answered that is a real question. Sister Kathy felt that we should know who is going to make the decision on what is “emergency legislation” and not leave it out there nebulously.

Brother Bob Bradish, PGM (15) stated that if ten (10) people from three (3) different Subordinate Chapters sign legislation that says the legislation is an emergency. To get ten (10) people from three (3) different Subordinate Chapters to all agree that something needs to be done sooner than later, then that is what determines it is emergency legislation. He felt the term “emergency” is probably the wrong word and the word should possibly be “immediate” rather than “emergency” and it is an item that has not gone through the Jurisprudence Committee ninety (90) days before the sessions and is something that has come up sometime between the ninety (90) days and the Grand Session. If something comes up in that timeframe that should be addressed, we don’t have to wait a whole year to bring it up. He felt the word “emergency” is the issue and not who makes the decision on if the item is “emergency.”

Sister Cathy Yaiser, PM (20) moved and Brother Robert Bradish, PGP (15) seconded to divide the question by voting on A) and E) first. Then vote on F) separately.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion on the motion to divide the question. There was none.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for a vote.

The motion **to divide the question was adopted.**

The Worthy Grand Matron then asked if there was any discussion on section A) and E). As there seemed to be some confusion the Worthy Grand Matron restated that only sections A) and E) were being voted upon at this time. There was no discussion.

Seeing no discussion, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on *Article XIX, Amendments, Section 1*. Motion **adopted.**

The Worthy Grand Matron then indicated that F) will now be brought up.

Sister Henrietta McKelvey Rose to question that if the question is divided then there needs to be someone to make a motion on each part. After discussion among several speakers, it was determined that there only needed to be a motion to bring F) to the floor.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked for a motion for acceptance of *Article XIX, Amendments, Section 1 Section F*) and to bring it to the floor for discussion.

Sister Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8, 19) moved and seconded by Brother Robert Bradish, PGP (15) to accept *Article XIX, Amendments, Section 1 Section F*) of the original proposed change and bring it to the floor for discussion.

Discussion:

Brother Robert Bradish Rose to state that the entire section was approved in 2018 for Rules and Regulations, Article XII.

The Worthy Grand Matron clarified that this section was not in the top section of this proposed amendment as it was approved in 2018 and was not part of any change.

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) Rose to explain that what the Jurisprudence Committee was trying to do was every section concerning amendments the same in each section - the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Grand Chapter, Rules and Regulations Subordinate Chapters, Book of Instructions. The Committee wanted to see that all terminology in the sections dealing with Amendments was the same. The



Worthy Grand Matron further explained that it was not in the top section as it didn't exist. The Committee proposed to add F) so that it would be consistent with all other sections dealing with amendments.

Sister Ann Street, GGCCM Service Dogs, PGM (5) Rose to request further explanation so that the membership is not misled after voting on this issue. She felt that the Rules & Regulations of Grand Chapter section dealing with Amendments had not been placed on the table to be acted upon. At the time it was felt that the section needed more discussion amongst the members of the Jurisprudence Committee before going forward with it. She asked if this was the same as the Rules & Regulations of Grand Chapter, the Rules & Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, and the Book of Instruction. The answer was in the affirmative.

Sister Henrietta McKelvey Rose to question Section 5 that is presently being considered is also in the Grand Chapter section regarding legislation to be presented at Grand Chapter. This is being done because? Robert Bradish answered that the goal is to have the section on Amendments to be presented be consistent among all the section. It was noted that there was legislation to be presented which is identical to this for the Book of Instruction.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. **Motion adopted.**

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 8 Balloting E)***

Now reads:

E) The Secretary is directed by the Worthy Matron to IMMEDIATELY inform the candidate of election to receive the degrees, giving time and date of initiation; if a female, to wear white floor length gown, and white shoes, no hat, or gloves; if male, to wear formal business attire.

Proposed Change: Change dress code for women.

Change to read:

E) The Secretary is directed by the Worthy Matron to IMMEDIATELY inform the candidate of election to receive the degrees, giving time and date of initiation; if a female, to wear

**Sunday dress or suit**, no hat, or gloves; if male, to wear formal **or** business attire (**suit**).

*Rationale:* To help take off some of the stress a new candidate has to join and try to find the white outfit, not knowing what others are wearing. The women basically would not take a station for a year. To bring it to equal to what we ask the men to wear. In lodge, they do not need to get a tuxedo until their third degree. Modified men's attire for clarity.

Submitted by:

Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20)

Robert Hiddemen, GGCCM Membership, PGP (19, 20)

Moved by Brother Arthur W. Holley, PGP (5) and seconded by Brother David A. Holley, PGP (5) to accept ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 8 Balloting E***) and bring it to the floor for discussion.

**Discussion:**

Sister Catherine Bradish (15) to amend the motion to include **that no slacks** seconded by Sister Prestina M. Crockett, PM (15, 8).

The Worthy Grand Matron then asked if there was any discussion on the amendment to **Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 8) Balloting E**).

Seeing no further discussion, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on the amendment "**that no slacks**". The amendment was **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for discussion on **Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 8) Balloting E**) as amended. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron then called for the vote on **Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 8) Balloting E**). The amendment as amended was **adopted**.

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 11: Procedure of Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers***

Proposed change: Delete the present Section 11 and insert the following in its place.

**Section 11: Election Procedure**

A) Grand Chapter: See Constitution Article V Elections

**1) Election Procedure:**

- a) The Worthy Grand Patron will say:**
  - i.** All elective offices shall be filled by secret ballot. However, if only one name is presented for a respective office, the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer shall cast a unanimous vote of this Grand Chapter. In the case of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer will cast a unanimous vote.
  - ii.** All nominees must be a Past Matron or Past Patron of Delaware and hold the appropriate proficiency for the office for which they are nominated as defined by the Constitution Article 5 Section 3 and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter A
- b) Election Procedure for election of all Grand Officers**
- c) All persons running in an elective office will stand; state their name along with the name of their primary as well as secondary Subordinate Chapters in Delaware.**

WGP will say: There being only one name presented for the Grand Office of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of office), the Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer will cast a unanimous vote for \_\_\_\_\_ (name presented) for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Grand Office) of this Grand Chapter. [Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer casts vote.]

Sister/Brother [name], you have been elected by this Grand Chapter to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ [Grand Office name] for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

[After acceptance] Sister/Brother [name], I declare you elected to hold the Grand Office as \_\_\_\_\_ [name of Grand Office.]

For the office of Grand Secretary. Note if current Grand Secretary is nominated the Grand Treasurer should cast the ballot. If current Grand Secretary is not a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary, then they may cast the ballot.

OR

In the case of a contested election

Since Sister/Brother \_\_\_\_\_(name); Sister/Brother \_\_\_\_\_[name]; [repeat as many times as necessary to include all nominees] have been nominated for the Grand Office of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of Grand Office] you will prepare ballot number \_\_\_\_\_ [number]. [Pause long enough for all to complete their ballots]

Have all voted? If no one indicates they have not voted, say “I declare the ballots closed.” Pages you will take the ballots to the tellers in the \_\_\_\_\_ [location of tellers].

- B)** Subordinate Chapter: See Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters in Delaware Article VIII
- 1) Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers shall be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> stated meeting in March.
  - 2) No recess will be declared during election.
  - 3) Any individual wishing to be elected to a specific office will place their name and the office desired in a sealed envelope on the Secretary’s desk prior to the start of the chapter meeting at which elections are to be held.
  - 4) A member or spouse of a member cannot hold the offices of Secretary or Treasurer and Trustee at the same time.
  - 5) Officers may only hold the office of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron in one of the plural Chapters to which they belong.
  - 6) Before each position to be balloted upon begins, the Secretary will read the names of those

interested in holding an office; in turn each member will rise and introduce themselves.

- 7) If an office has no submissions, the presiding officer may issue a call for nominations from the floor.
- 8) Those seeking elected office must have the appropriate proficiency for the office they are seeking as specified in the Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware Article VIII.
- 9) The first eight officers and one Trustee will be elected by a majority vote (one vote more than half of the ballots cast) no blank ballots shall be counted.
- 10) The remaining officers will be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect.
- 11) The election shall be by a majority vote on a separate, written ballot, and if there are more than three candidates for the same office, the name of the one receiving the lowest number of votes cast shall be dropped after the third ballot is announced.
- 12) Election Procedure
  - a) At the first meeting in March, Under New Business, the Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ will announce those to be appointed tellers and distributors preferably sideline members, according to the needs of the Chapter.
  - b) Ballots provided by the Grand Chapter MUST be used.
  - c) The Distributors will pass the ballots and pencils (which must be provided and waiting on the Secretary's desk).
  - d) For uncontested offices, the Worthy \_\_\_ \_ will say, "there being only one name presented or nominated, and if there are no

objections, the Secretary will cast a unanimous vote of this Chapter except for the Secretary which will be done by the Treasurer. [Vote is cast]

- e) For contested offices, the Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ will say, “you will prepare ballot number [number] for the office [name of contested office]. [Pause long enough for all to complete their ballots]. Have all voted? If so, I declare the ballot closed. Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress], you will collect the ballots and take them to the tellers.
- f) When the result is given, Sister/Brother [name] you have been elected by this Chapter to serve as [name of office] for the ensuing year. Do you accept? [After acceptance] Sister/Brother [name], I declare you elected to serve as [name of office]
- g) If there are no nominations for an office the Worthy Patron after asking three times, will declare the office vacant.
- h) If vacancies occur the Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ will declare the election is complete and any unfilled office will be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect provided that these appointees are eligible for the position which she/he may be appointed.
- i) Blank ballots must not be counted.
- j) All elected officers must affirm the acceptance of their office in Chapter before being installed, if not present at time of their election.
- k) A special election to fill a vacancy requires a dispensation and a notification to members, ten days before the election.

- I) If a Chapter desires to elect a Sentinel, this must be incorporated in the Bylaws of the Chapter.

*Rationale* This modification is a merging of two (2) separate submissions that were very similar, and the Jurisprudence Committee edited to form one coordinated submission along with eliminating sections of each submission that were already part of other sections of the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Rules and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters and Grand Chapter Book of Instruction.

Submitted by:

Barbara F. Lott, PGM , Jeffrey Dennis PGP submitted one recommendation.

Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM submitted one recommendation.

Sister Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8) moved and Sister Virginia Robertson, PM & AM (19) seconded the motion to accept ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 11: Procedure of Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers*** and bring it to the floor for discussion.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote.

The proposed amendment ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 11: Procedure of Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers*** was **adopted**.

### ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 15***

*Rationale:* Clarify introduction of an appointed and elected Grand Trustee.

Action: Add new H) and I) then re-letter the remaining sections accordingly.

New H would read: During introductions, Sisters and Brothers elected to serve as Grand Trustees will be introduced as “Grand Trustee” with no mention of term.

New I) During introductions Sisters/Brothers appointed to serve as Grand Trustee will be introduced as “Acting Grand Trustee” with no mention of term.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Linda K. Morganstern, PM (20) and Brother Arthur W. Holley, PGP (5) seconded the motion to accept this legislation and bring it to the floor for discussion.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. There was none. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on *Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 15*. Motion **adopted**.

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 30: Proficiency C) 2)***

Now reads:

Recite from memory all Associate Patron and Worthy Patron work in the Ceremonies of Opening, Closing and initiation (except page 86-90 in the *Ritual*)

Proposed change:

Delete the phrase “(except pages 86-90 in the *Ritual*)” and replace with **including the short form version of the Associate Patron’s Lecture as found on pages 86-90 in the *Ritual*.**

Would then read:

Recite from memory all Associate Patron and Worthy Patron work in the Ceremonies of Opening and initiation including the short form version of the Worthy Patron’s Lecture as found on page 86-90 in the *Ritual*.

*Rationale:* To bring the Associate Patron’s Proficiency in conformity with legislation passed at the 2018 Triennial Session.

Submitted by:

Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8, 19)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Catherine Bradish (15) moved and Sister Prestina M. Crockett, PM (15, 8) that this ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 30: Proficiency C) 2)*** be accepted and brought to the floor for discussion.

Discussion:

Sister Catherine Bradish (15) pointed out that the under the subsection that would read, the 2nd line from the very end, should that not say Associate Patron and not Worthy Patron.



Brother Robert Bradish noted that if you look in the *Ritual* that is not the case it is the Worthy Patron's part that can be performed by the Associate Patron

Sister Eurette L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) asked why this was not housekeeping as it had already been passed at the 2018 Triennial Session.

Brother Robert Bradish, PGP (15) noted that we were changing the *Book of Instruction* to be in line with General Grand.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested of Brother Robert Bradish a clarification as to why we were acting upon this. Brother Robert Bradish, PGP (15) noted it is the *Book of Instruction* that is being changed to correspond with General Grand.

The Worthy Grand Matron noted that what was in place for changes was only to change Rules and Regulations. Brother Robert Bradish noted that the *Book of Instruction* was also included.

The Worthy Grand Matron handed the gavel to the Worthy Grand Patron to preside as she wished to ask a question.

The Worthy Grand Matron then noted that she thought that the Grand Chapter had in place anything that was changed in General Grand was automatically changed in Grand Chapter, so why are we voting on this?

[The ensuing discussion was not picked up by the recording and is not included.]

After the discussion, the Worthy Grand Patron relinquished the gavel to the Worthy Grand Matron to continue.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked for further discussion.

Sister Joan Moore Rose to point out that this needs to be acted upon to bring the *Book of Instruction* into conformity with the instructions in the *Ritual* as not all of our members have the same edition of the *Ritual*.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on the ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 30: Proficiency C) 2).*** Motion **adopted**

## **Section 31: AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS**

- A) No amendments to the *Book of Instruction*, either by alteration or addition will be made unless the procedure in B) is followed.
- B) The amendment proposed must be presented in writing at an Annual Meeting and after being heard, discussed, and if so ordered amended.
- C) The amendment(s) may then be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present.

Proposed change: Amend to read same as *Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter*, with the addition of E) and F) as Amended in 2018.

Change to read:

### **Section 31: Amendments to the Book of Instruction**

- A) Proposed amendment(s) must be presented **electronically** to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose.
- B) The amendment will then be presented by the Jurisprudence Committee to the Grand Secretary who will present it in writing at an Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose and after being heard, discussed, and if so, ordered amended.
- C) The amendment may then be adopted by two thirds (2/3) vote of all members present and voting.
- D) When printed after amendments are adopted, the date of adoption will be printed with the change. (AM 2009)
- E) All proposed amendments presented for consideration by the membership of the Grand Chapter of Delaware be signed by a minimum of at least two (2) members of this Grand Chapter. (AM 2018)
- F) Any proposed amendment presented for “Emergency Legislation” during out Grand Chapter Annual Sessions, must require a minimum of at least ten (10) signatures,

representing at least three (3) different Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction. (AM 2018)

*Rationale:* To make consistent throughout each section of the *Constitution and Bylaws and Rules and Regulations*.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Ann Street, GGCCM Service Dogs, PGM (5)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)                      Debbie Good PGM (8)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and seconded by Brother David Holley, PGP (5) to accept this proposed amendment and bring it to the floor for discussion.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on **Section 31: Amendments to the Book of Instruction**. Motion **adopted**.

*Much clapping was heard at the conclusion of the vote on the last amendment.*

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked The Sisters and Brothers present for the expedient way that they handled the legislation.

Before closing the Worthy Grand Matron entertained a motion refer to a Special Committee to evaluate the changes by Grand Chapter and its Subordinate Chapters to facilitate a change in the Grand Chapter year. The Worthy Grand Matron continued that this is to appoint a committee to investigate the pros and cons and report back to the members of Grand Chapter at the 2020 Grand Session.

[Discussion could not be heard]

The Worthy Grand Matron then asked if she really needed a motion to do this, couldn't she just appoint the committee.

After some words from members that could not be heard, the Worthy Grand Matron said that she was telling the members present that she is appointing a special committee to investigate the pros and cons, and the procedures necessary to initiate this change and report back to the members of Grand Chapter at the 2020 Grand Session.

## **CLOSING**

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Associate Grand Matron if she knew of any further business to be conducted. The Associate Grand Matron reported that she did not.

The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel that the Special Meeting of the Grand Chapter was about to be closed and to allow no interruptions.

The closing ode, a shorten version of “Good Night, Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen”, the Lawrence Welk parting song, was sung.

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Chaplain to lead in prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible.

The Worthy Grand Matron declared the Special Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Delaware closed.

There was no closing march.

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NINETY-NINTH SESSION  
“RADIATE POSITIVITY”

MAY 10, 2021

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198 South DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE

*Per COVID 19 restrictions all Grand Officers were in their stations except for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 10, 2021, **Sister Ann L. Street, PGM, GGCCM Service Dogs (5):** Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. It is Sister Scotty's and my pleasure to finally welcome you to our long awaited 99<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session, "Radiate Positivity". In the rush to return to normal, I hope you have used this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to and have kept a positive outlook. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have had a challenging two years and we thank them for their perseverance and love of this Grand Chapter to lead us through an extraordinary time.

Sister Donna requests that you pay attention to the music being played as it coincides with the activities of the day. They are the selections she and Brother Tom chose for their year.

Thank you to Sister Ginny Crockett PGM for providing a complementary water station in the back of the room. We would also like to thank Sister Sara Quinby PGM and Brother Mercer for donating OES seat cushions given to the first 60 registrants at sessions.

There are a few key points to remember. We are still amid a pandemic. Masks will be required during the meeting except for the presiding officer who is significantly distanced from members. Exceptions will also be considered if conducting business becomes problematic. When speaking, please wait to be recognized by the presiding officer, then state your name and chapter prior to addressing the topic.

Please maintain 3 persons per table during lunch. Unfortunately, the picnic area is not available today. Safe social distancing requirements are still in effect for this state until May 21<sup>st</sup> when they will be adjusted.

Hand sanitizer is available at the registration desk, Grand Secretary's desk and Grand Treasurer's desk.

Nurses Sister Keri Bradford and Sister Kathy Kee are available to assist anyone as needed.

Make yourself familiar with the exit signs and location of restrooms behind the East and West (explanation of locations).

Cell phones and electronic devices need to be turned off. There will be a \$ 5.00 donation to Benefit for Children with Special Needs collected by the nearest Page for all infringements.

You may enter and leave the room without giving a sign.

Lost and Found items should be placed on the Grand Secretary's desk.

Once again, we thank you for your flexibility and patience.

*Sister Ann then directed the Grand Marshal to present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.*

**Sister Ethelene F. Krauss, PGM (19, 7):** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Tom, this is indeed an honor to greet you at the Altar on this morning of your Session. You are both to be commended on the above and beyond mandatory position put on you this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, we do go back a good way as you have often said. We share the same pride and love for Ruth Chapter No. 19. You had so many changes thrust at you this past year, but you handled each one in stride with great integrity and grace. Your messages were all inspiring and an inspiration. But one really touched my heart. The memory of a terrifying experience and the way handled as told by a crew member of Lt. Col. Clifford W. Faircloth, retired Air Force pilot, at his memorial service. It amazed me at this recollection and also that you remembered Brother Clifford was a PGP of the Grand Chapter of Delaware in 1987-1988 and a member of Victory Chapter No. 15. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you, for this precious memory of my brother.

Worthy Grand Patron, you probably don't realize but we go back too. You were Worthy Patron of Five Points Chapter No. 13 in 1977 when I was Worthy Grand Matron I thought, but looking back I found it was 1979. I think the most memorable event this year was that wonderful cruise. You and I were the only ones who shared that exciting Zip Line experience. Have you ever

seen so many watch and taking pictures? It was great. You, too, are to be commended on a tough year but you were always there and supportive of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Watson and I were privileged to install you both as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Then you in turn installed us as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Ruth Chapter this year. Now, here we are again sharing this morning greeting.

Congratulations on a job well done. We are proud of you and will look forward to welcoming you into the circle of Past Grands.

Brother Watson...

**Brother E. Watson Day, PGP (19)** Two years ago, Sister Ethelene and I had the honor of installing you into this high office. Needless to say, these years will never be forgotten, thanks to this lovely virus situation. I do want to commend you on handling this very ticklish worldwide event. I am very sorry that you and Brother Tom were not able to have a big banquet like we Past Grands were able to enjoy. You sure earned one after these two years. Once again, thank you for this honor. Sister Ethelene, Janet and I and “what’s her name, oh yes” Sister Phyllis wish and pray for you to have a very harmonious and successful session.

Well done, my good and faithful servants you have done a terrific job.

and

**Sister Virginia “Ginny” E. Crockett, PGM (8&19):**

*Remarks unavailable as no written remarks were provided and speaker was not near enough to microphone to record the remarks.*

**Brother William F. Lott, PGP (9):** Good morning Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Radiate Positivity Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia E. Crockett.



Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, I am betting you are looking forward to being able to delete 302-732-3068 from your speed dial and instead to being able to put your feet up, sip on a beverage of your choice and spend some quality time with your family. With the work you have done for our order for the past 2-years, you can say, “Well done good and faithful servant, enter in the reward of a night off.”

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom. I remember what now appears to be many years ago, as Grand Sentinel urging you to consider running for the office of Grand Sentinel. You decided to do it and look where you are today. I am here today to say, “I am glad you made that decision.” You have done your job with dignity and skill and made this Grand Chapter proud. I know that this afternoon when you receive your Past Grand Patron’s jewel that it will not signal the end of your service to our Order, but only a new beginning of continual work for our beloved Order within the ranks of the Past Grands.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thanks for the opportunity to bring this welcome this morning to our members and to share the Grand East of the Grand Chapter of Delaware once more with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia E. Crockett.

*Sister Ethelene then directed the Grand Marshal to conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East where they were introduced and accorded Grand Honors.*

*Sister Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron was overcome by the surprise greeters of Sister Ethelene Krauss, PGM and Brother Watson Day, Jr., PGP and thanked them for their presence at this morning’s session.*

## GREETINGS

**Sister Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron:** My dear Sister Ginny and Brother Bill, thank you so much for opening today’s morning session. You two made such a good pair, your personalities complimented each other quite well. The quality of your relationship was something which Brother Tom and I could only strive to match. Sister Ginny, while we have known each other for a long time, I am thankful that we had the opportunity to spend more time together through our work in Grand Chapter.

It has been a pleasure and I look forward to our continued friendship. Brother Bill, I admire your dedication and even though you are very quiet, you can always draw a giggle from me with your college stories. I hope we can continue to grow this friendship in years to come. Thank you both again.

**Brother Tom Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron (20):** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, thank you for coming out today to support Sister Donna and myself and our beautiful Order. It is always nice to see so many of you. Since this is a short Session this year, we need to use our time wisely and conduct our business efficiently. I look forward to a busy but enjoyable day.

Before continuing with the session, the Worthy Grand Matron wanted to acknowledge the flowers sent by MWGM Marianne A. Shenefelt to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Donna noted that this was probably standard practice for all Grand Session, but Sister Donna wanted the membership to know that Sister Marianne had been most gracious and helpful this past year and Sister Donna was very grateful for Sister Marianne's guidance and counsel throughout the last two years.

### **GREETING TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

Sister Donna continued and noted that as she and Brother Tom entered the Grand Chapter you heard one of their songs, "The Rainbow Connection." I felt this was appropriate because we have come through the storm and are just now beginning to see the rainbow. And so, I say, "Sisters and Brothers, "this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Sister Donna then welcomed the membership to their 99th "Radiate Positivity" Session.

### **RITUALISTIC OPENING**

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel that the Opening Ceremony of the Grand Chapter was about to begin and to allow no interruptions.

Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to ascertain and report if all present were members of the Order and entitled to seats in this Grand

Chapter. The Associate Grand Matron reported that all present were members of the Order and entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter.

### **ROLL CALL OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Subordinate Chapters to establish quorum. *The Worthy Matron or a member of each Subordinate Chapter present answered the roll call.* Subordinate Chapters present were:

Adah No. 5 .....	Present
Sussex No. 7.....	Present
Caesar Rodney No. 8.....	Present
Georgetown No. 9.....	Present
Frankford No. 12.....	Present
Victory No. 15.....	Present
Unity No. 16.....	Present
Ruth No. 19.....	Present
Naomi No. 20.....	Present

*Finding that there was a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters present to form a quorum, the Worthy Grand Matron proceeded to open the Grand Chapter in Ritualistic form.*

The session was opened with the following Grand Officers in their stations.

Worthy Grand Matron.....	Donna S. Hiddemen (19)
Worthy Grand Patron .....	Thomas J. Morganstern (20)
Associate Grand Matron .....	Kathleen A. Trombly (15)
Associate Grand Patron.....	Wayne A. Stacey (9)
Grand Secretary.....	Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)
Grand Treasurer.....	Stephen B. Tolbert, PGP (16)
Grand Conductress .....	Wini Walton (7)
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Marlene Mickles (7)
Grand Lecturer .....	Joan L. Moore, PGM (16)
Grand Chaplain .....	Linda K. Morganstern (20)
Grand Marshal.....	Susan E. Peronti (19)
Grand Organist.....	Ernest S. Fehnel (16)
Grand Adah .....	Susan T. Marge (20)
Grand Ruth.....	Cheryl A. Mongillo (19)
Grand Esther.....	Prestina M. Crockett (8&15)

Grand Martha ..... Jean M. Nicklas (7)  
 Grand Electa..... Christine L. Cannon (5)  
 Grand Warder..... Betty M. Swain (8)  
 Grand Sentinel..... William F. Lott, PGP (9)

The Grand Conductress attended the Altar. The Grand Chaplain led in the Opening Prayer.

The Worthy Grand Patron led the Grand Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Due to COVID restriction singing of the *National Anthem* was omitted.

### **DRAPING OF THE ALTAR**

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress, and Associate Conductress, assisted by the Grand Chaplain to draped the Altar after which the Grand Secretary placed the roll of deceased members, and the Worthy Grand Matron placed a bouquet of flowers at the foot of the Altar.

### **ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS 2019-2021**

#### **GRAND CHAPTER**

**Esther M. Berner, PGM 1985-1986** (Initiated 6/4/1953), a 66-year member of Sussex Chapter No. 7 died **November 1, 2019**

**Winifred Hulme, PGM** (Initiated 11/17/1948), a member of Ruth Chapter No. 19 and a 72-year member of the Order died **October 14, 2020**.

**Eugene A. "Gene" Lockerman, Jr., PGP** (initiated into St. John's No. 4 6/2/1961, PGP 1991-1992), a 59-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died peacefully Wednesday, **February 26, 2020**

**J. Edward Morris, PGP** ( Initiated 3/14/1990, PGP 2014-2015), a 30-year member of Frankford Chapter No. 9 passed peacefully Wednesday, **October 28, 2020**, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

**Helena Beatrice "Lee" Anderson, PGM** (Initiated into Five Points Chapter No. 13 4/7/1981, PGP 1995-1996) a 40-year member of the Order, died on March 14, 2021.

**William Elliott Edwards, PGP**, (initiated 12/3/1996, PGP 2010-2011), a 25-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died peacefully on **Sunday, April 11, 2021**.

## ***SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS***

### **Adah Chapter No. 5**

**Sara Davis Simms, PM** (Initiated 3/16/1959) a 60-year member of Adah Chapter No. 5 died **January 1, 2019**.

**Phyllis Parker** (initiated 2/17/1969) of Delmar, a 50-year member of Adah Chapter No. 5, died peacefully at her home on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019**,

**Ann Biles** (initiated 5/1/1989) of Delmar, DE, a 30-year member of Adah Chapter No. 5, went home to be with Jesus on Friday, **August 9, 2019**

**Elva Lucilla Graf** of Salisbury, MD (Initiated 1942) , a 78-year member of Adah Chapter No. 5 died on **Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**Katherine S. Dukes, PM (MD)** (initiated 9/3/1958) of Delmar, DE, a 66-year member of Adah Chapter No. 5, died peacefully at her home, **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**.

### **Sussex Chapter No. 7**

**Judith A. Booze** (Initiated 10/12/1993) of Bethel, a 26-year member of Sussex Chapter No. 7, died on **October 22, 2019**.

**Esther M. Berner, PGM 1985-1986** (Initiated 6/4/1953), a 66-year member of Sussex Chapter No. 7 died **November 1, 2019**

**Collen Taylor Harvey** (initiated 3/26/1963), a 57-year member of Sussex Chapter No. 7 died on **April 14, 2020**.

**Nancy S. McMaster, PM** (initiated 6/25/1963) of Seaford, a 57-year member of Sussex Chapter No. 7, died at her home **July 10, 2020**.

**Patty Lynch** (initiated 3/26/1963) a 57-year member of Sussex Chapter No. 7, passed **May 27, 2020**.

**Arlene Traister, PM** (initiated 3/4/1968 Ruth Chapter No. 19; affiliated 2/18/1988 Sussex Chapter No. 7), a 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died on **December 30, 2020**

## **Caesar Rodney No. 8**

**Warren S. “Buss” Glanden** (initiated 5/2/1967) a 52-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, died peacefully on Sunday, **March 10, 2019**.

**Barbara Q Hawes** (initiated 9/11/1958) a 61-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, died **April 28, 2019**.

**Gail M. Chickersky** (initiated 4/19/1979), a 40-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 of Newark, DE died on **May 1, 2019**

**Dorothy M. Scarborough** (initiated 10/23/2003), a 16-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019**.

**Mary Mead Rose** (Initiated 9/24/1970) on **September 21, 2019**, friends said goodbye to Mary Meade Rose a 49-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8,

**Alvretta E. Crozier** (initiated 10/27/1955), a 64-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, died peacefully **November 18, 2019**.

**Cynthia A. Ebbert, PM**, (initiated 3/17/1977), a 42-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died unexpectedly on **November 23, 2019**.

**Shirley E. Barnes** (initiated 6/1/1967), a 53-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, passed on **February 22, 2020**

**Phyllis A. Vendrick** (initiated 4/1/1970), a 50-year member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8, died at home on Sunday, **April 19, 2020**,

**Carl W. Morris, PP**, (initiated 4/10/1975), a 45-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died on Friday **April 24, 2020**

**John S. Hanna** (initiated 6/23/1994), a 26-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, peacefully died at home, **October 22, 2020**.

**Helena Beatrice “Lee” Anderson, PGM** (Initiated 4/7/1981, PGM 1995-1996) a 40-year member of the Order, died on **March 14, 2021**.

### **Georgetown Chapter No. 9:**

**Alice Kathryn Baker** (Initiated 4/18/1975) a 41-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday **January 26, 2016**

**Elizabeth Boyd** (initiated 5/2/1958), a 58-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, died **January 30, 2016**.

**Sara Wagamon Burnham** (Initiated 12/14/1961), a 55-year member of Georgetown No. 9, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, **Dec. 28, 2016**

**A(nne) Louise Wagamon Bunting, PM** (Initiated 3/16/1962) a 58-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, died Saturday, **January 18, 2020**.

**Patricia J. Smith White, PM** (initiated 10/4/1991 ) a 29-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, died **February 19, 2020**.

**Marian Keeler Holson** (Initiated 11/05/1948), a 72-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9 died on **March 3, 2020**.

**Ethel Margaret Clifton Graham** (Initiated 3/18/1960), a 60-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, died peacefully Sunday, **September 6, 2020**

**Grace Molnar Hitchens, PM** (Initiated into Frankford Chapter No. 12 4/11/1973) a 47-year member of the Order and plural member with Georgetown Chapter No. 9 since 2/3/2017 died on **November 17, 2020**.

**Ed Springer** (initiated 10/16/1992) a 29-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, died Wednesday, **February 3, 2021**.

**Edna Tull Esham, PM** (initiated 12/7/1953), a 68-year member of Georgetown Chapter No. 9, died **April 15, 2021**

### **Frankford Chapter No. 12**

**Constance H. Selby** (Initiated 3/22/1961), a 57-year member of Frankford Chapter No. 12, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, **May 26, 2018**.

**J. Edward Morris, PGP** ( Initiated 3/14/1990, PGP 2014-2015), a 30-year member of Frankford Chapter No. 9 passed peacefully Wednesday, **October 28, 2020**, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

**Grace Molnar Hitchens, PM** (Initiated into Frankford Chapter No. 12 4/11/1973) a 47-year member of the Order and plural member with Georgetown Chapter No. 9 since 2/3/2017 died on **November 17, 2020**.

**Aimee Marvel** (Initiated 6/10/1953) a 75-year member of Frankford Chapter No. 12, of Dagsboro, DE went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, **November 22, 2020**

**Claire Supernaw, PM** (Initiated 5/1/1968, PM) a 52-year member of Frankford Chapter No. 12, died at home on **December 5, 2020**

#### **Victory Chapter No. 15**

**Laura Lee Schmukler (O'Rear), PM** (Initiated 03/23/1992), a 29-year member of Victory Chapter No. 15, died **March 3, 2021**.

**Winifred Connor Schmid** (initiated 11/8/1976), a 44-year member of Victory Chapter No. 15 died on Monday, **May 25, 2020**.

**Margaret Brennan** (initiated 6/25/1962) of Dover, Delaware, a 53-year member of Victory Chapter No. 15 died on **Wednesday, April 1, 2021**.

#### **Unity Chapter No. 16**

**Meta Mae Harper West, PM** (Initiated 12/22/1964), a 51-year member of Unity Chapter No. 16 died **May 17, 2015**.

**Teresa Shearon, PM** (initiated 9/23/2008) an 11-year member of Unity Chapter No. 16 died on **Monday, August 19, 2019**.

**Eleanor Huber, PM** (Initiated 10/13/1949) a 71-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20 and a plural member of Unity No. 16, died **March 2, 2020**.

**Donald Anderson**, (3/10/1981), a 39-year member of Unity Chapter No. 16, of Lewes, died **Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020**,

**Signa Souder, PM** (initiated 12/10/1957), a 63-year member of Unity Chapter No. 16) of Lewes died peacefully on **December 11, 2020**

**William Elliott Edwards, PGP**, (initiated 12/3/1996, PGP 2010-2011), a 25-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star died peacefully on **Sunday, April 11, 2021**.



## **Ruth Chapter No. 19**

**Betty Pennington Sapp** (initiated 4/22/1975) a 44-year member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, died peacefully on Saturday **April 28, 2019**.

**Carroll Ann Paige Githens** (initiated 5/5/1969) a 49-year member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, died on January 4, 2018.

**Joan Verna Light** (initiated 3/27/1989) a 28-year member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, passed Thursday, **February 16, 2017**

**Thomas S. Barkett** (initiated 11/3/1975) died **January 3, 2018**, and **Sister Marie A. Barkett** (initiated 11/3/1975) died **April 22, 2018** .

**Samuel Ross** (initiated in 1991 into Brunswick Chapter No. 341, Shallotte, NC; affiliated with Ruth Chapter No. 19 in October 15, 1996), 28-year member of the Order, died **November 30, 2019**.

**Adele Willeys Taylor** (initiated 3/30/1960 ) a charter member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, died unexpectedly **May 2, 2020**.

**Jean McCreary** (initiated 3/30/1960), a charter member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, died **May 12, 2020**

**Winifred Hulme**, PGM (Initiated 11/17/1948, PGM 1971-1972), a member of Ruth Chapter No. 19 and a 72-year member of the Order died **October 14, 2020**.

**Arlene Traister PM** (initiated 3/4/1968 Ruth Chapter No. 19; affiliated February 18, 1988, Sussex Chapter No. 7), a 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died on **December 30, 2020**

## **Naomi Chapter No. 20**

**Ethel M. Spahr**, (Initiated 4/9/1962) of Wilmington, DE, a 55-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, died peacefully on Sunday, **May 28, 2017**.

**Wilson Green, PP** (Initiated 6/15/1977) a 42-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, died **Wednesday, May 29, 2019**.

**Eugene A. "Gene" Lockerman, Jr., PGP** (initiated into St. John's No. 4 6/2/1961, PGP 1991-1992), a 59-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, died peacefully Wednesday, **February 26, 2020**

**Eleanor J. Huber, PM** (Initiated 10/13/1949) a 71-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20 and plural member of Unity Chapter No. 16, died **March 2, 2020**.

**Helen Green** (initiated 6/15/1977 ) a 43-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, died Sunday, **November 1, 2020**.

**Dorothy James** (initiated 9/27/1961 ), a 59-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, died December 19, 2020.

**Dolores O'Neal** (initiated 9/26/1973) a 47-year member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, died on Wednesday, **December 30, 2020**.

### **FILLING OF VACANCIES**

Appointed Sister Henrietta McKelvey, PGM to Grievances and Appeals Committee to replace Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP to prevent any concern of conflict of interest or concern of impartiality in the committee handling issues that could arise with issues concerning the Worthy Grand Matron.

Upon the sudden death of Sister Teresa Shearon, PM (16) appointed Sister Deena M. Yale, PM (7) to the Electronic Communications Committee.

At the Special Session, replaced Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) Grand Secretary who was not attendance due to a family wedding, with Sister Henrietta McKelvey, PGM (20).

At the Special Session replaced Brother William F. Lott, PGP, Grand Sentinel (9) who was not in attendance due to a family wedding, with Brother Robert R. Hiddemen, PGP (19, 20)

Due to the resignation of Sister Sandra Sahutsky as Deputy Grand Lecturer for Unity Chapter No. 16, due to health reasons, appointed Sister Barbara Ewing Joseph, PGM (16) to fill the Deputy Grand Lecturer for Unity Chapter No. 16

Due to the death of Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGM (12) 2-year member of the Grievance and Appeals Committee, appointed Sister Ann Street, PGM (5) to fill the remainder of his term.

Due to the death of Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP (12) OES License Plate Committed, appointed Sister Rose Vanderhoogt, PM (16) to fill the OES License Plate Committee.

There was no need to feel the vacancy on the Julia M. Story due

to the death of Lee Anderson, PGM (8) as the work had been completed prior to her death.

**PRELIMINARY  
REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Sandra McAbee, Chairman, 1 year

Terese Hensel, PM (16), 2 years

Kelley Pepper (20) 3 years

Pre-registered:	92
Registered @ Session:	<u>3</u>
Total:	95

**2019 PROCEEDINGS**

Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9), Grand Secretary moved, and Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP (16), Grand Treasurer seconded that the Proceedings of the 98<sup>th</sup> Session be accepted as printed.

Discussion: None

As there was no discussion, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote. Motion **adopted**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Special Committee to Investigate change of Grand Chapter Year:** The Worthy Grand Matron noted that the Committee on Unfinished Business had brought forward one item of unfinished business and that was the special committee appointed to investigate the possibility of moving the Grand Chapter year, the pros and cons, and location.

The Worthy Grand Matron stated that she was unable to find someone to chair the committee. Several members had offered to participate but none wanted to chair. The Associate Grand Matron, Sister Kathy Trombly and I have spoken about this and with her agreement, I (Sister Donna Hiddemen) will take the chair of that committee and I ask all who participated previously to participate again, and we will complete this task.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Catherine Yaiser, PM, Grand Trustee, Chairman.

Sister Cathy noted that on the budget sheet received upon registering that there is a 20-21 budget. This was completed **AFTER** the books of the Grand Chapter closed on April 15th,

2020, and therefore completes that budget. The Grand Trustees felt that in order to facilitate some of the spending of the Grand Chapter as if there is no budget, every expense has to be presented to the Grand Trustees for approval before it can be paid. So, we had the line Grand Officers agree to proposed budget for 2020-2021, which we thought you were going to vote on in August. That didn't happen.

The budget shows the actual expenses, and we could not present a zero budget this year because we didn't have the expenses we were supposed to have. There was no way to predict what we would be needing as we did not know what expenses would be. There is a difference in the total income and total expenses.

Additionally, Sister Cathy noted that the Grand Trustees figured the income per capita on 725 members which our membership figures continue to decrease and therefore, Grand Chapter is receiving less money.

The information under "Other Income" was left in and should be \$0.00 on those committees. Sister Cathy pointed out that the Grand Trustees designated expenditures for the centennial year of \$4,830.00 for the use of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and her committee

PREVIOUS/CURRENT BUDGET  
PROPOSED FY 21-22 BUDGET

Version #4 d 05/10/2021	FY 19-20		FY 20-21		FY 21-22	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>INCOME</b>						
Ways and Means	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,136.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
Chapter Fees						
Initiation Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	
International Headquarters	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	
Per Capita Tax	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,607.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,065.00	\$ 10,080.00	
100th Anniversary	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,478.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
GGC Per Capita	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,478.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 1,344.00	
Special Dispensations	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Chapter Fees - - - -</b>	<b>\$ 14,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,164.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,757.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,984.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Proceedings	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Registration	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Surety Bond	\$ 210.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 215.00	
Other Income						
Distinguished Guest Breakfast	\$ 650.00	\$ 253.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	
PAGO Breakfast	\$ 650.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00	
Pages/Session Luncheon	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,223.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,300.00	
Grand Banquet	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
Monday Night Dinner	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	
Other/Vendor	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
<b>Total Other Income - - - -</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,472.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,650.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Interest on Accounts	\$ 300.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 450.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME - - - - -</b>	<b>\$ 26,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,116.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,319.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,329.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Version #405/10/2021	FY -20		FY -21		FY 1-22	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Officer/Committee Expenses</b>						
Ways and Means Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 852.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	\$ 1,500.00	
WGP Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$	\$ 100.00	
GGCCM Gifts	\$ 75.00	\$	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$	
WGM Expense (w/triennium)	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$	\$ 225.00	
<b>Total Officer/Committee - - - - -</b>	<b>\$ 1,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,177.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,825.00</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Session Expenses</b>						
Grand Banquet	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,271.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$	\$	
Distinguished Guest Breakfast	\$ 650.00	\$ 713.00	\$ 650.00	\$	\$	
PAGO Breakfast	\$ 650.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 650.00	\$	\$	
Monday Night Dinner	\$	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$	\$	
Hospitality Chairman Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,943.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$	\$	
Pages/Session Luncheon	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	\$ 1,500.00	
Hotel Rooms	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$	\$	
Sessions Meeting Place Rent	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 975.00	
Necrology Expense	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$	\$ 150.00	
Sessions Chairman Expense	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 500.00	
Printing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 389.00	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 850.00	
Julia M. Story Award	\$ 30.00	\$	\$ 30.00	\$	\$ 30.00	
Other Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total Sessions Expenses - - - - -</b>	<b>\$ 14,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,935.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,180.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 4,005.00</b>	<b>\$</b>

Version #4 05/10/2021	FY 19-20		FY 20-21		FY 21-22	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>Business Expense</b>						
Bank Service Charge	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
CPA	\$ 435.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 455.00	
Materials and Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,937.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 571.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Supplies for Resale	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,724.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00	
Grand Chapter Storage	\$ 2,532.00	\$ 2,646.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,636.00	\$ 2,700.00	
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	
Postage	\$ 510.00	\$ 386.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Business Expense -----</b>	<b>\$ 5,187.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,208.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,592.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,965.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>General Grand Chapter</b>						
International Headquarter Fees	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 20.00	
Per Capita Tax	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 1,478.00	\$ 1,478.00	\$ 1,344.00	
<b>Total General Grand Chapter -----</b>	<b>\$ 1,722.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,662.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,558.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,543.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,364.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Engrave/Purchase PG Jewels</b>						
Past Grand Matron	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Past Grand Patron	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Engraving of Jewels	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
<b>Total Engrave/Purchase Jewels</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 49.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,050.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Printing and Reproduction</b>						
Grand Chapter Directory	\$ 350.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00	
Proceedings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Printing and Reproduction</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 956.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>	<b>\$ 610.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Version #4 05/10/2021	FY 19-20		FY 20-21		FY 21-22	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Honorariums						
Grand Secretary	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Grand Treasurer	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	
Total Honorariums .....	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 875.00	\$ -
Insurance						
Liability Insurance	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 1,300.00	
Surety Bond	\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00	
Total Insurance .....	\$ 487.00	\$ 487.00	\$ 487.00	\$ 1,542.00	\$ 1,532.00	\$ -
Website	\$ 100.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 305.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES .....	\$ 26,601.00	\$ 28,272.00	\$ 30,325.00	\$ 8,964.00	\$ 17,531.00	\$ -
INCOME vs EXPENSES .....	\$ 189.00	\$ 844.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 10,798.00	\$ -



Sister Cathy, then asked if there were any questions.

Moved by Sister Barbara Lott, PGM (9), Grand Secretary to accept and bring it to the floor for discussion, seconded by Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP (16), Grand Treasurer.

Discussion: There was none

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on the budget. The budget was **adopted**

Sister Cathy then thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for traveling this road with her for the past two years. Sister Cathy then noted that she has served the Grand Chapter as Grand Trustee for the past 6 plus years and she now gets to retire.

*As Sister Janet and Brother Watson Day retired, the Worthy Grand Matron thanked them for being at the session.*

The Worthy Grand Matron then thanked Sister Cathy Yaiser, PM (20) and Sister Kathy Anderson, PGM (8,15) and Sister Jane Morris, PGM (12), who unfortunately could not be at the session, for their service to the Grand Chapter. All three have worked very hard over this past term. The Worthy Grand Matron also noted that Sister Cathy Yaiser had had a difficult six years and the Worthy Grand Matron noted that she certainly did deserve her retirement and wished her all the best.

## **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE LEGISLATION**

**presented by Sister Deborah Good, PGM  
and Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM**

**in the absence of Brother Robert Bradish, Chairman**

Before starting legislation, Sister Cathy Yaiser, PM (20) moved by substitution, that all grammatical and typographical errors identified by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Secretary found in the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations be corrected, seconded by Sister Barbara Nakai, PM (8).

Discussion: None

As there was no discussion the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**

Sister Debbie noted that under discussion that speakers will be

three in favor and three against for two minutes.

**Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Delaware**  
*Article VI Vacancies, Section 4: Grand Trustees (Second Reading)*

**RATIONALE:** Verbalize the method or procedure to replace a lost Grand Trustee between Annual Sessions.

**NOW READS:**

Section 4: Grand Trustees through illness, resignation, or some emergency, not be able to advance

- A) The next Grand Trustee in line will be advanced by the Grand Secretary casting a unanimous vote for the vacant office.
- B) If this situation leaves the office of the Grand Trustees for two (2) years and three (3) years both vacant, notice will be given to the Grand Chapter in writing and read by the Grand Secretary, on the first full morning of the Grand Chapter Session.

**ACTION:** Delete in its entirety and replace with Section 4: Grand Trustees

- A) If a Grand Trustee position becomes vacant between an Annual Grand Chapter Session through resignation, death or being incapacitated:
  - 1) The Worthy Grand Matron shall appointment a Sister or Brother to serve until the next Annual Grand Chapter Session when an election will be held to fill the remaining time, if any remains, in the position of the Grand Trustee who resigned, became disabled or died in office.
  - 2) Individual(s) appointed to serve in the vacant position will be introduced as “Acting Grand Trustee”

Submitted by:

Barbara F. Lott, PGM Georgetown No. 9

William F. Lott, PGP Georgetown No. 9

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) seconded to place this amendment on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on **the second reading of Article VI, Vacancies, Section 4, Grand Trustees.** Motion **adopted**

***Article VII, Meetings, Section 1, Annual Meeting A) (Second Reading)***

**Now reads:**

- A) The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract, of no less than three years in duration, negotiated by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the second Monday in May at 9:00 am for a period of two consecutive days.

**Proposed Change:** Time change to 9:30 a.m.

**Would then read:**

- A) The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract, of no less than three years in duration, negotiated by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the second Monday in May at **9:30 a.m.** for a period of two consecutive days.

**Rationale:** To give the Session Chairman time to complete all preparations, Grand Officers time to practice, PAGO Breakfast to have time to eat and not rush to change clothes so that they will be able to be on the floor at the specified time.

Submitted by  
Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)  
Jane M. Morris, PGM (12)

Moved by Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) and seconded by Sister Barbara Davison, PM (20, 19) to place this on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on **Article VII, Meetings, Section 1, Annual Meeting A) (Second Reading)**

Motion **adopted**

*Article XII Amendments, Section 1 A (second reading)*

**Now reads:**

- A) **First hearing.** The amendment proposed must be presented in writing, either electronically or by paper to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose, and after being heard, discussed, and if so ordered amended, and if it is then approved by a majority of the votes present, it will be entered on record and printed in the Proceedings or minutes as amended.

**Proposed Change:** Delete the phrase “in writing, either electronically or by paper”

Change to read:

- A) **First hearing.** The amendment proposed must be presented **electronically** to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Meeting or Special meeting called for that purpose, and after being heard, discussed, and if so ordered, amended, and if it is then approved by a majority of the votes present, it will be entered on record and printed in the Proceedings or minutes as amended.

**Rationale:**

- To organize and expedite proposed legislation the Jurisprudence Committee must have an electronic copy.
- To help with efficient distribution of the proposed legislation to the membership
- After legislation is passed, the electronic version can be easily sent to the Grand Secretary for incorporation in the existing bylaws and in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Ann Street, PGM, GGCCM Service Dogs (5)

Robert Bradish, PGM (15)

Debbie Good PGM (8)

Moved by Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8), seconded by Sister Linda K. Morganstern, PM, WM (20) that Article XII Amendments, Section 1) A) be placed on the floor for consideration.

Discussion:

Sister Cathy Yaiser, PM, Grand Trustee (20) Rose to question in looking through the *Constitution and Bylaws Article VII Section 2 A}* on page 6 the only place found that says "...at least fifteen (15) days prior to". So how do you have ninety (90) days' notice for this section.

*The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the Jurisprudence Committee answer the question posed by Sister Cathy.*

*At this point the Worthy Grand Matron indicated that Brother Robert Bradish, PGM (15) and chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee was not present because his wife, Sister Jana Bradish, is having surgery.*

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) and member of the Jurisprudence Committee answered on behalf of the committee stating that all the other sections in the *Rules and Regulation Grand Chapter, Rules and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters and Book of Instructions* dealing with amendments state that submission should be done electronically and have been previously passed. This is the only section that was not consistent with the other sections and the reason for this proposed change. This has nothing to do with notice for a special meeting.

Sister Cathy then stated that on page 6 of the 2019 revision it states that "Special Meetings may be called by the Worthy Grand Matron, with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, at such time and place as in their judgement the interest of the Order may require, and every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction will be notified at least fifteen (15) days prior thereto. Sister Cathy asked how we can send a notice ninety (90) days ahead of a session?

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP, Grand Treasurer who stated that the various pieces of legislation should not wait ninety (90) days before the season to

be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee. They should be presented throughout the year. If the Worthy Grand Matron has a special communication of the Grand Chapter those pieces of legislation that have already been submitted could be dealt with at that special communication. So, he felt the ninety (90) days was an issue for a special communication.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM who was opposed to this as written because this has eliminated all our members who are electronically challenged. She felt there should be a proposal that indicates that written proposals would be accepted so many days before a session to the Jurisprudence Committee so that they could still participate in the legislative process. Otherwise, we are eliminating so many of our members from submitting legislation.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote on Article XII Amendments, Section 1, A) (Second Reading). Motion was **adopted**.

***Article VII Vacancies, Section 1: Annual Meeting A) (First Reading)***

**Now reads:**

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract, of no less than three years in duration, negotiated by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the second Monday in May at 9:00 am for a period of two consecutive days.

**Proposed Change:** Duration of contracts

**Change to read:**

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract for one (1) two (2), or three (3) years in duration, but no more than three (3) years, as deemed in the best interest of the Grand Chapter by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the Second Monday in May at 9:30 am for a period of two consecutive days.

**Rationale:** To give the Grand Trustees greater flexibility in negotiating Session Contracts (multiple Contracts may be required for 1] the physical venue; 2] meals, 3]housing, etc.) in these times of uncertainty and the possibility of a date change for the Annual Session.

Submitted by:

Wayne Stacey, AGP (9)	Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)
Ethelene F. Krauss, PGM (7)	Vickie J. Nicklas, PGM (7)
Michele L. Garner, PM (9)	Dawn L. Lewis (9)
Joy H. Hopkins, PGM (16)	Nancy K. Davis, WM (9)
Honora R. Whaley, PM (9)	Jennifer E. Grasset, PM (9)

Moved by Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8), seconded by Sister Barbara Davison, PM (20) to place the proposed legislation on the floor for consideration and adoption.

Discussion:

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) who stated that she felt the legislation was good but that there should be wording in the proposal as to when the decision on a location must be made by as the people that are coming up the line, they need to make appointments and those individuals being asked to serve on Sessions Committee need to know the location it is going to be. Sister Euretta L. continued saying that individuals cannot come in as Associate Grand Matron and know where the session will be in May. She felt there should be something in the legislation noting so much notice must be given.

Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) rose to say that some venues will not take a contract of three (3) years. We are trying to make it easier on this Grand Chapter. This legislation was to give the Grand Trustees the option of one (1), two (2), or three (3) years.

Seeing no further discussion the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on *Article VII Vacancies, Section 1: Annual Meeting A) (First Reading)*. The motion was **adopted**.

***Article VII Meetings, Section 1 Annual Meeting, A)***

**Now reads:**

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract of no less than three years

in duration, negotiated by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the second Monday in May at 9:00 am for a period of two consecutive days.

**Proposed change:** Change month from May to March

**Change to read:**

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract, of no less than three years in duration, negotiated by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the second Monday in **March** at 9:00 am for a period of two consecutive days.

**Rationale:** To move us away from Mother's Day holiday and higher prices. Talking with Lisa [at Dover Downs] she said definitely would be cheaper to move to March. March was chosen as Henrietta wanted it moved to this month when I was WGM but put off dealing with all the other changes in the works. Sister Kathleen A. Trombly confirmed to me that Sister Jackie Collier was working on coming up with legislation to make this change. This change would allow us to stay at Dover Downs. Just a note Easter never comes at this time period, as the earliest Easter will be is 22nd of March. When passed, it will go into effect with the scheduling and contracting for the 101st Session

Submitted by

Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20)

Michael Swain (20)

William Pepper (20)

Marjorie Swain (20)

Bernadette Porter (20)

Kelly D. Pepper (20)

The Jurisprudence Committee deemed that no action would be taken on this proposal at this time as it was unfinished business and would be taken up when a report is received on future meeting dates of the Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked if anyone had issues with this action. She recognized Sister Barbara Davison. Sister Barbara stated that she had no problem with changing the dates but wished to be on the committee that discusses this change. She felt that Grand Chapter should sync their year to the same as the Grand Lodge of Delaware. The Worthy Grand Matron indicated



that she had several names already for this committee and requested others who were interested to please email her to let her know of your interest.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER**

***Article 1, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Session, C) Order of Business 9) Reports g) Committee Reports, iii)***

**Now reads:**

- 9) Reports
  - g) Committee Reports
  - iii) Credential/Registration

**Action:** Remove the word “Credentials”

**Change to read:**

- 9) Reports
  - g) Committee Reports
  - iii) Registration

**Rationale:** All members are eligible to vote, we do not need credentials.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence

Joan S. Edwards, PGM

Debbie Good, PGM

Robert Bradish, PGP

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey seconded to place *Article I, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Session, C) Order of Business 9) Reports g) Committee Reports, iii)* on the floor for consideration.

Discussion:

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Barbara Davison who Rose to question if this proposal and others that deal with dropping the word “Credential” could not be voted upon at the same time. The Worthy Grand Matron requested Sister Barbara to clarify the pieces of legislation that she was referring to. Sister Barbara indicated besides the present proposal on the floor, the others are: Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 2 Worthy Grand Patron, H) and J0 and Article III, Committees, Duties and Composition, Section 6, and Article III Committees of the Grand

Chapter, Section 3 and Article III Standing Committees (meaning ongoing every year) of the Grand Chapter. All call for eliminating the word “Credentials” and changing to the word “Registration.”

The Worthy Grand Matron indicated to Sister Barbara that as there was a motion on the floor already, we had to continue with that motion.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Cathy Yaiser who pointed out that Sister Barbara could make a substitute resolution that would include all the items.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) who questioned why this was not considered housekeeping as the committee doesn’t exist anymore. She felt that we voting to eliminate something that is not there. So why is it not housekeeping?

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Cheryl, PM (19) who indicated she was confused as she felt we still needed a Credentials and Registration Committee as in state members vote but member out of state do not. She asked how we were to delineate this fact.

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) rose to address the issue stating that the Credentials Committee was set up to be for only those that voted which were Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons. So “Credentials” is all that is being eliminated. The Registration Committee is for everyone. There is no difference in registration between those members who vote and those that do not vote. They still all register. This is being done as the Grand Chapter of Delaware no longer uses credentials as all members of Subordinate Chapters in Delaware are voting members of the Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked of Sister Barbara Davison if she wished to submit a substitute motion to include all legislation that removed the word “Credentials” and replaced with the word “Registration?” Sister Barbara answered in the affirmative and so moved; Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP (16) seconded that in addition to the above legislation the following be included as one motion:

**Motion adopted.**

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 2 Worthy Grand Patron H) and I)***

**Now reads:**

H) Will give the Ballot Box to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee prior to the opening of the Grand Session on the morning of the first full day of the Annual Grand Chapter Session, to be returned to him after the close of receipt of nominations on the morning of the second full day of the Grand Chapter Session.

I) Will call for the report of the Credentials Committees and Committee on Nominations prior to the election of Grand Officers.

**Change:** “Credentials” to “Registration”

**Change to read:**

H) Will give the Ballot Box to the Chairman of Registration Committee prior to the opening of the Grand Session on the morning of the first full day of the Annual Grand Chapter Session, to be returned to him after the close of receipt of nominations on the morning of the second full day of the Grand Chapter Session.

I) Will call for the report of the Registration Committee and Committee on Nominations prior to the election of Grand Officers.

**Rationale:** Since all members are eligible to vote, we do not need credentials.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)

AND

***Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 3, 2)***

**Now reads:**

2) Committee of Benefit for Children, Credentials, ESTARL, Grievances and Appeals, Jurisprudence, Service Dogs, and Shustack Scholarship shall serve for a term of three years (AM 2019)

**Change:** The word “Credentials” to “Registration”

**Change to read:**

2) Committees of Benefit for Children, Registration, ESTARL, Grievances and Appeals, Jurisprudence, Service Dogs, and Shustack scholarship shall serve for a term of three years. (AM 2019)

**Rationale:** All members are eligible to vote, we do not need credentials.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)

AND

***Article III, Standing Committees (meaning ongoing every year) of the Grand Chapter, Section 4, D)***

**Now reads:**

D) Credentials and Registration.

**Change:** Delete the word “Credentials”

**Change to read:**

D) Registration

**Rationale:** All members of Grand Chapter of Delaware are eligible to vote, we do not need credentials.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)

AND

***Article III, Committee Duties and Composition, Section 6 D) Credentials and Registration, D)***

**Now reads:**

1) It will be the duty of the members of the Credentials and Registration Committee to record the name of all members attending the Grand Chapter Session and keep an accurate account of those present.

**Change:** Delete the word “Credentials”

**Change to read:**

1) It will be the duty of the members of the Registration Committee to record the name of all members attending the Grand Chapter Session and keep an accurate account of those present.

**Rationale:** All members of Grand Chapter of Delaware are eligible to vote, we do not need credentials.

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)

The following are to be considered all in one motion: *Article I, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Session, C) Order of business, 9) Reports, g) Committee Reports, iii); Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 2 Worthy Grand Patron H) and I); Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 3, 2); Article III, Standing Committees (meaning ongoing every year) of the Grand Chapter, Section 4, D); and Article III, Committee Duties and Composition, Section 6 D) Credentials and Registration, D)*

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none she called for the vote on the following as one motion: *Article I, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Session, C) Order of business, 9) Reports, g) Committee Reports, iii); Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 2 Worthy Grand Patron H) and I); Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 3, 2); Article III, Standing Committees (meaning ongoing every year) of the Grand Chapter, Section 4, D); and Article III, Committee Duties and Composition, Section 6 D) Credentials and Registration, D).* Motion adopted.

*Article II Duties of Grand Officers Section 5, Grand Secretary A) Proceedings, 7) Distribution, b) bullets one and two*

### **Now reads**

- One (1) per Grand Officer
- One (1) per Deputy Grand Lecturer

**Action:** Add after both bullets the phrase “of the year of the proceedings”

### **Change to read:**

- One (1) per Grand Officer of the year of the proceedings.
- One (1) per Deputy Grand Lecturer of the year of the proceedings.

Submitted by:

Barbara F Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and seconded by Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM (20) that we consider *Article II Duties of Grand Officers Section 5, Grand Secretary A) Proceedings, 7) Distribution, b) bullets one and two* for adoption.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

*Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5, Grand Secretary C) Care of Property, 1)*

### **Now reads:**

1) The Grand Secretary will receive and duly file and safely keep all papers, books, documents, paraphernalia, and other properties of the Grand Chapter unless otherwise provided in these laws.

**Action:** Delete the phrase ‘paraphernalia and other properties of the Grand Chapter’ and replace with “for sale inventory.”

### **Change to read:**

1) The Grand Secretary will receive and duly file and safely keep all papers, books, documents, and for sale inventory of the Grand Chapter unless otherwise provided in these laws.

NOTE: this impacts the Grand Trustees duties which are addressed in another piece of proposed legislation.

**Rationale:** As most paraphernalia is now at a storage facility under the direction of the Grand Trustees clarify what the Grand Secretary is storing.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Before the proposed legislation was brought to the floor, Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) one of the signers of the legislation rose to withdraw this proposed legislation.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 7 Grand Trustees***

***A) The Grand Trustees responsibilities*** which was to add new Section 5 and re-number 5) to 6).

New Section 5) would read: **Custodian of all paraphernalia not otherwise assigned to other Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter.**

**Rationale:** As the Grand Trustees are the legal signers for the storage unit of the Grand Chapter part of their duties should include the paraphernalia not the Grand Secretary.

No vote was taken the Worthy Grand Matron noted that these pieces of purposed legislation were withdrawn.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5 Grand Secretary, M) Call or Invitation to Grand Chapter Session, 1) and 2)***

**Now reads:**

1) Will prepare and distribute the call to the Annual Grand Chapter Session to all members of the Grand Chapter in both electronic and print form.

2) Will include the call or invitation in the Annual Grand Chapter forms to order Directories and Proceedings which must be returned by April 30th before the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

**Change:**

1) Add the phrase after the word distribute “ninety (90) days before the opening” and after the phrase “electronic form” add the phrase, “for those with an email address on file with the Grand Secretary” and after the phrase “print form” add the phrase “for all others.”

2) After the phrase, “must be returned” add the phrase, “at least two (2) weeks”

**Change to read:**

1) Will prepare and distribute ninety (90) days before the opening of the Grand Chapter Session the call to the Annual Grand Chapter Session to all members of the Grand Chapter in both electronic form for those with an email address on file with the Grand Secretary and print form for all others.

2) Will include in the call or invitation to the Annual Grand Chapter Session forms to order Directories and Proceedings which must be returned at least two (2) weeks before the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

**Rationale:** To bring consistency to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter by clarifying the date the tentative program for the Annual Session should be in the hands of the members and provide an alternative to a date if Grand Chapter members were to vote to move the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter to a different month and date.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Moved by Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15), seconded by Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) that *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5 Grand Secretary, M) Call or Invitation to Grand Chapter Session, 1) and 2)* be placed on the floor for discussion. Before the Worthy Grand Matron could finish, Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) Rose to object to Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) seconded legislation that she had proposed. The Worthy Grand Matron then called again for a second. Sister Jennifer Grasset, PM (9) seconded the motion to bring *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5 Grand Secretary, M) Call or Invitation to Grand Chapter Session, 1) and 2)* to the floor for consideration.

Discussion:

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Sara Quinby, PGM (20) who Rose to request that more words be added to this proposed legislation where it says “...and print form for all



others” add the phrase “as requested.” The Worthy Grand Matron asked Sister Sara if she was making that an amendment to the original motion. Sister Sara explained that recently her computer was down, and she did not have access to the internet and could not obtain electronically any items sent to her.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) who rose to ask if the words “as requested” was an amendment to the original motion. The Worthy Grand Matron said that Sister Sara did indeed wish to make those words an amendment to the motion and was seconded by Brother Steve P. Tolbert, PGP (16) to add the phrase “as requested” to the original motion.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. The amendment to the amendment was **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for discussion on the amendment as amended. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. The amended *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5 Grand Secretary, M) Call or Invitation to Grand Chapter Session, 1) and 2)* was **adopted as amended**.

*Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5) Grand Secretary, N) Jurisprudence 1)*

**Now reads:**

Will provide a current copy of the *Constitution and Bylaws* of this Grand Chapter “marked property of Grand Chapter” and with seal affixed, to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, and to each elective Grand Officer. Current update each year will be provided at no cost to these members. These copies to be returned to Grand Secretary on their retirement from office.

**Change third line to read:**

“Jurisprudence Committee, elective Grand Officers and Grand Lecturer.”

**Would then read:**

Will provide a current copy of the *Constitution and Bylaws* of this Grand Chapter “marked property of Grand Chapter” and with

seal affixed to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, elective Grand Officer, and Grand Lecturer. Current update each year will be provided at no cost to these members. These copies to be returned to Grand Secretary on their retirement from office.

Submitted by

Joan L Moore, PGM, Grand Lecturer (16)

Ann L. Street, PGM, GGCCM Service Dogs (5)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved, and Sister Sue Tolbert, PM (16) seconded to bring *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5) Grand Secretary, N) Jurisprudence 1)* to the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion was **adopted.**

*Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6) Grand Treasurer C) Depositing of Funds 2)*

**Now reads:**

All checks issued on said bank or banks or trust companies, in payment of bills will be signed by her as Grand Treasurer and also signed by the Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Matron.

**Action:** Remove the words “her as” and replace with the word “the.”

**Would then read:**

All checks issued on said bank or banks or trust companies, in payment of bills will be signed by the Grand Treasurer and also signed by the Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Matron.

**Rationale:** There was an attempt made in the 2017 revision of the CB&L to take out gender specific references. This proposal is to merely correct one reference that wasn’t caught.

Submitted by:

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Joan S. Edwards moved, Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15), and seconded by Sister Virginia Crockett, PGM (8, 19) to bring *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6) Grand*

*Treasurer C) Depositing of Funds 2)* to the floor for consideration.

**Discussion:**

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Cathy Yaiser, PM (20) who felt that this was covered under grammatical errors therefore did not need to be brought to the floor.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) who suggested that this item be placed in housekeeping.

There was no further discussion and *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6) Grand Treasurer C) Depositing of Funds 2)* was moved to housekeeping.

*Article II Duties of Grand Officers Section 7: Grand Trustees, F)*

**Now reads:**

F) They will perform such duties as are provided for in this Constitution and By-laws.

**Action:** Delete in its entirety and re-letter remaining sections.

**Rationale:** Remove as this is a repeat of A) 5)

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) who rose to request that this item be placed into housekeeping. No vote was taken to move this to housekeeping.

*Article II: Duties of Grand Officers, Section 8: Grand Lecturer*

**Now reads:**

Section 8: Grand Lecturer

- A) Must be a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of Delaware or hold an “A” certificate of Proficiency.
- B) Visit each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction and to see that is Deputy is instructing the officers and members in the correct performance of their duties.
- C) Give all proficiency examinations no later than April 15th.

- D) Will be the only one to test individuals and issue certificates of proficiency.
- E) Forward copies of Certificate of Newly Installed Officers to the Incoming Appointed Grand Lecturer
- F) Instruct the Deputy Grand Lecturers in “The Book of Protocol” and Easter Star etiquette as provided by the General Grand Chapter to be used by Grand Chapters, along with Delaware protocol. (AM 2019)

**Action:** Change the word “or” to “and” in A) and add the phrase “a current” after the word “hold”

AND

**Action:** Add new (C) that would read

C) Provide all interested individuals the necessary information, including questions that are used for the “A” proficiency, so that the Grand Lecturer will have knowledge of who is interested in taking the different levels of proficiency” AND re-letter accordingly. Additionally, have date by which proficiency examination can be given to reflect that there may be a change in the date of the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

**Would then read:**

Section 8: Grand Lecturer

- A) Must be a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of Delaware and hold a current “A” certificate of Proficiency.
- B) Visit each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction and to see that is Deputy is instructing the officers and members in the correct performance of their duties.
- C) Provide all interested individuals the necessary information including question that are used for the “A” proficiency, so that the Grand Lecturer will have knowledge of who is interested in taking the different levels of proficiency.
- D) Give all proficiency examinations no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session.
- E) Will be the only one to test individuals and issue certificates of proficiency.

- F) Forward copies of Certificate of Newly Installed Officers to the Incoming Appointed Grand Lecturer
- G) Instruct the Deputy Grand Lecturers in “The Book of Protocol” and Easter Star etiquette as provided by the General Grand Chapter to be used by Grand Chapters, along with Delaware protocol. (AM 2019)

**Rationale:** As the Grand Lecturer needs to know who is interested in proficiency and provide the individuals with the appropriate information and provide a time period after which examinations cannot be given in the event the Annual grand Chapter Session is moved to another time during the year.

Submitted by  
Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)  
William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Moved by Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) and seconded by Sister Susan McKinney, PM (19) to place *Article II: Duties of Grand Officers, Section 8: Grand Lecturer* on the floor for consideration.

**Discussion:**

Sister Terese J. Hensel, PM (16) requested clarification of the phrase “Grand Lecturer will have knowledge of who is interested in taking the different levels of proficiency” and wondered if this meant that Deputy Grand Lecturers were no longer issuing “C” and “B” certificates. The Worthy Grand Matron answered that Deputy Grand Lecturers never test for proficiency or give certificates. They may assist members of the Order who are interested in obtaining a certificate, but their function is not to test or give certificates that is only the Grand Lecturer.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted.**

*Article II: Duties of Grand Officers, Section 9: Deputy Grand Lecturer*

**Now reads:**

- A) Must be a Past Matron or Past Patron of Delaware and hold an “A Certificate of Proficiency”.

- B) Instruct the Subordinate Chapter the *Ritual* and *Book of Instruction* as it applies to the ritualistic work of the order.
- C) Request a practice of Chapter officers when necessary.
- D) Refer matters in question concerning ritualistic work to the Grand Lecturer and all matters concerning law to the Worthy Grand Matron.
- E) Will assist as requested by individuals desiring to prepare for a proficiency examination.

**Action:** Add word in B) that is missing between the word “Chapter” and “the” AND add new C) to read

“Will be provided a copy of the current *Ritual, Secret Work, and current Constitution, Bylaws and rules and Regulations, and Book of Instruction*, with the seal of the Grand Chapter, during their term of office which will remain property of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. “

**Would then read:**

- A) Must be a Past Matron or Past Patron of Delaware and hold an “A Certificate of Proficiency”.
- B) Instruct the Subordinate Chapters in the *Ritual* and *Book of Instruction* as it applies to the ritualistic work of the order.
- C) Will be provided a copy of the current *Ritual, Secret Work, and current Constitution, Bylaws and rules and Regulations, and Book of Instruction*, all with the seal of the Grand Chapter, during their term of office which will remain property of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.
- D) Request a practice of Chapter officers when necessary.
- E) Refer matters in question concerning ritualistic work to the Grand Lecturer and all matters concerning law to the Worthy Grand Matron
- F) Will assist as requested by individuals desiring to prepare for a proficiency examination.

**Rationale:** Deputy Grand Lecturers need the appropriate tools to be able to carry out their responsibilities This addition spells out what tools the Deputy Grand Lecturers need to perform their duties and corrects by addition a word missing in “B)”.

Submitted by  
Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)  
William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGP (15) moved and seconded by Sister Virginia Crockett, PGM (8, 19) to place *Article II: Duties of Grand Officers, Section 9: Deputy Grand Lecturer* on the floor for consideration.

**Discussion:**

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Brother Stephen Tolbert, PGP (16) Rose with a point of reference that B) could be handled under housekeeping and the word “current” should be added to A).

Seeing no other discussion, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

*Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 12 Emeritus Title*

**Now reads:**

To receive an Emeritus title, a Grand Officer must have served in the Grand Office for a period of six (6) years and motion made and adopted by vote of the members.

**Change to read:**

To receive an Emeritus Title, a Grand Officer must have served in the Grand Office for a period of six (6) consecutive years and motion made and adopted by vote of the members.

**Rationale:**

Emeritus title is an honorary title given to an officer who has faithfully and consecutively served this Grand Chapter.

Submitted by  
Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)  
Jane M. Morris, PGM (12)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and Sister Barbara Nakai, PM (8) that *Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 12 Emeritus Title* be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

***Article IV Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year  
4) Honorariums, Gratitude's, Expense Accounts, and Other  
Expenses***

**Action:** Add new G) Contingency to read

- 1) Ways and Means Committee will receive a Contingency of \$1500.00 to be returned at the end of the Fiscal year. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.
- 2) Benefit for Children with Special Needs Committee will receive a Contingency of \$1500.00 to be returned at the end of the Fiscal year. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.
- 3) Session Committee will receive a Contingency of \$500.00. Expenses will not exceed this amount. Unused funds will be returned at the end of the Fiscal year. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.

**Rationale:** Deposits have to be paid for certain venues and supplies have to be purchased. No member should have to use their personal money for these expenditures.

Submitted by

Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)

Jane M. Morris, PGM (12)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and seconded by Sister Linda K. Morganstern, PM, WM (20) that ***Article IV Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year Section 4) Honorariums, Gratuities, Expense Accounts and Other Expenses*** be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Cathy Yaiser, PM (20), Grand Trustee, Chairman Rose with a point of information that with the adoption of this amendment, the budget which was already approved is now changed.

***Article IV Revenues, Expenditures, and Fiscal Year, Section 5  
Advances***

**Now reads:**

All committees with needs for the forthcoming year shall submit request for funds with justification, to the Grand Trustees by



April 15th of each year, so that these requests may be considered for funding within the proposed annual budget.

**Action:** Add the following after the word “budget”: except the aforementioned Ways and Means, Benefit for Children with Special Needs and Session Committees.

**Would then read:**

All committees with needs for the forthcoming year shall submit request for funds with justification, to the Grand Trustees by April 15th of each year, so that these requests may be considered for funding within the proposed annual budget except the aforementioned Ways and Means, Benefit for Children with Special Needs and Session Committees.

Submitted by

Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)

Jane M. Morris, PGM (12)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and seconded by Brother Robert Hiddemen that *Article IV Revenues, Expenditures, and Fiscal Year, Section 5 Advances* be placed on the floor for consideration.

*Before discussion there was an alarm at the door and the Worthy Grand Matron ascertained from the Grand Warder if there was a member to be admitted. She answered in the affirmative that Brother Bill Lott wished to be admitted and that his station as Grand Sentinel was covered by Sister Marianne Sylvester, PM (9), Session Page. The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Warder to admit the Grand Sentinel.*

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Brother William F. Lott, PGP (9) who moved to amend by replacing the phrase “by April 15th of each year with the phrase “thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Session”. This was seconded by Sister Prestina Crockett, PM (15, 8).

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Amendment to the motion **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion *Article IV Revenues, Expenditures, and Fiscal Year, Section 5 Advances*

as amended. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Amendment as amended **adopted**.

***Article XI Grants, Awards, and Scholarships Rules and Regulations A) Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership Scholarship 8)***

**Now reads:**

8) Renewal

- a. The same procedure for original application will be followed for scholarship renewal including the submission of a transcript of grades from the previous semester.
- b. The maximum number of renewals possible will be four (4).

**Action:** Delete in its entirety and change to read

8) Renewal – the following information will be submitted by a previous awardee for renewals one (1) through (3)

- a) A letter requesting the renewal of the scholarship award
- b) A copy of their current transcript.
- c) A current letter of reference from one of the following: their minister or church leader, current school professor/teacher, or a prominent citizen.

**Rationale:** To allow for an easier process for the renewal of scholarship and to eliminate the discrepancy between the current paragraphs A) 3) c) “No more than four (4) awards will be given to an ESTARL recipient” and A)8)b) “the maximum number of renewals possible will be four (4)”.

Submitted by

Stephen p. Tolbert, PGP, Grand Treasurer (16)

Susan C. Tolbert, PM (16)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGP (15) moved and Sister Marianne Sylvester, PM (9) that ***Article XI Grants, Awards, and Scholarships Rules and Regulations A) Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership Scholarship 8)*** be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

***Article XI Grand, Awards, and Scholarships Rules and Regulations, A) Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, 10)***

**Now reads:**

10) Disposal of materials

- a) The Chairperson of Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) Committee should keep all the applications, correspondence (except late application requests) and support data until the next selection process is completed (one year).
- b) After the next selection process is completed, all scholarship materials from the previous year should be destroyed.

**Change to read:**

10) Disposal of materials

- a) The chairperson of the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) Committee should keep all the applications, correspondence and supporting data form each applicant until they can no longer be awarded another scholarship.
- b) All late applications that have not been acted upon may be destroyed in the new Grand Chapter year.

Submitted by

Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP, Grand Treasurer (16)

Susan C. Tolbert, PM (16)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and Sister Vickie J. Nicklas seconded that ***Article XI Grand, Awards, and Scholarships Rules and Regulations, A) Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, 10)*** be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

### *Article II Meetings C) Special Dispensations 4)*

#### **Now reads:**

4) Any meeting held earlier than the time prescribed in the Chapter Bylaws is a Special meeting and requires notice to be given to all members stating the time and purpose of the Special Meeting.

**Action:** Delete in its entirety and replace

#### **Change to read:**

4) No stated meeting may be opened at a time or date different than as stated in the Chapter Bylaws except by Special Dispensation of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Sister Prestina Crockett, PM (15, 8) that *Article II Meetings C) Special Dispensations 4)* be placed on the floor for consideration.

#### **Discussion**

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM (20) who questioned the intent of makers. The Worthy Grand Matron called upon Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) and one of the proposers to answer. Sister Barbara answered that, the requirement for notification is in the section above C), B) 2).

The Worthy Grand Matron then recognized Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM (20) who moved to amend the original amendment by adding the words “and notice be given to all members stating the time and purpose of the Special Meeting. Motion was seconded by Sister Dawn Hoesten, PM (7).

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion on the amendment. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote. The amendment to the amendment was **adopted**.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called for discussion on *Article II Meetings C) Special Dispensations 4)* as amended. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote. The amended

amendment was **adopted**.

***Article III Membership, Section 11, J***

**Now reads:**

Plural membership in any Subordinate Chapter is obtained by means of a petition for plural Membership on a form provided by the Secretary's office of the Grand Jurisdiction in which one is seeking such membership and accompanied by a letter or Certificate of Good Standing from any other Subordinate Chapter.

**Change to read:**

Plural membership in any Subordinate Chapter is obtained by means of a petition for plural Membership on a form provided by the Grand Secretary's office of the Grand Jurisdiction in which one is seeking such membership and accompanied by a letter or Certificate of Good Standing (and it understood that the current year's dues card, now in general use, shall be construed as the equivalent of a Certificate of Good Standing) from any other Subordinate Chapter. *See General Grand Chapter Preamble, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction.*

**Rationale:** To comply with General Grand Chapter

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

Robert Bradish, PGP (15)

Moved by Sister Ann L. Street, PGM (5), and seconded by Sister Wini Walton, PM (7) that ***Article III Membership, Section 11, J*** be placed on the floor for consideration.

Discussion:

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) who rose to ask how this would be implemented since with a Letter of Good Standing we do not give up our dues card, ever to anybody.

*As there seemed to be some confusion the Worthy Grand Matron addressed the issue.*

The Worthy Grand Matron stated that when a plural petition is made, a letter of good standing<sup>s</sup> is provided with the petition and

at no time do we give up our dues cards.

The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) to clarify this. Sister Debbie stated that the individual would be submitting their forms in person and not mailing them and show their dues card at that time.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked if there was any further discussion.

Sister Catherine Schultz, PGM (12) stated that if it is to comply with General Grand Chapter, it was her understanding that is automatically passed by the Grand Chapter. She asked why we were voting on this when General Grand Chapter has already passed this, and it is in effect.

Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) Rose for a point of order noting that in the *General Grand Chapter Red Book* nowhere does it state that a dues cards is understood to be equivalent to a Certificate of Good Standing.

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) pointed out that on page 98 of the 2019 revision of the *General Grand Chapter Red Book* in the 3rd through 5th lines of Section 24 that the phrase” (and it understood that the current year’s dues card, now in general use, shall be construed as the equivalent of a Certificate of Good Standing).

The Worthy Grand Matron called for further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

#### ***Article IV Fee, Section 1***

##### **Now reads:**

Initiation Fee (Including Plural Membership fee): The minimum fee for initiation in this Grand Jurisdiction will be not less than \$25.00 but each Subordinate Chapter may provide in its bylaws for any larger amount that it may wish.

**Action:** Delete in its entirety and replace.

##### **Would read:**

##### Section 1: Membership Fee:

The minimum fee to become a member of a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction by initiation, affiliation or plural membership shall be not less than \$25.00 but each Subordinate Chapter may provide in its bylaws for any larger amount that it may wish.

**Rationale:** The current Section does not address becoming a member by affiliation; reference to plural members is not addressed directly in the text but only within the parenthesis in the section title. The proposed amendment covers all three ways a person can become a member of a Chapter here in Delaware and it is all inclusive.

Submitted by  
Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)  
William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved, and Sister Barbara Nakai, PM (8) seconded that *Article IV Fee, Section 1* be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for a vote. Motion **adopted**.

***Article XI Returns, Section 1 Abstract B)***

**Now reads:**

The abstract will show the names of all the members, the number initiated, demitted, suspended, expelled, or deceased and Affiliated Past Matrons and Past Patrons, setting out the names in alphabetical order, making a distinction in sex and between women prefixing Miss, Mrs. Or Ms.

**Action:** Delete in its entirety and replace

**Would then read:**

The abstract will show the names of all the members, the number initiated, demitted, suspended, expelled, or deceased setting out the names in alphabetical order, making a distinction in sex and between women prefixing Miss, Mrs., or Ms.

**Rationale:** As all members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware who hold membership in a Subordinate Chapter in Delaware have voting rights at a Grand Chapter Session there is no need for the phrase “Affiliated Past Matrons and Past Patrons”

Submitted by  
Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)  
Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Sister Barbara Nakai, PM (8) seconded that *Article XI Returns, Section 1 Abstract B*) be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, she called for the vote. Motion **adopted**.

## **BOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS**

### ***Section 13, J), 1), 2) and 3) Funeral Services***

#### **Now reads:**

The Marshal leads all processions using the following order to lead into the room followed by (refer to the diagram above):

- 1) On the left side facing the casket the Worthy Matron, Adah, Esther and Electa.
- 2) On the right side facing the casket the Worthy Patron, Chaplain, Ruth, and Martha.
- 3) All other officers filling in behind the Star Point officers.

#### **Change to read:**

The Marshal leads all processions. Use the following order to lead into the room. (see diagram above):

- 1) On the left side the Worthy Matron, Adah, Esther and Electa.
- 2) On the right side the Worthy Patron, Chaplain, Ruth and Martha.
- 3) All other officers filling in behind the Star Point officers when space allows.

#### **Rationale:**

Delete (facing the casket): The officers should not have their backs to those attending the service. The officers are bringing a tribute which begins with the Worthy Matron addressing “Sisters and Brothers”.

Submitted by

Ann L. Street, PGM, GGGCM Service Dogs (5)

Joan L. Moore, PGM, Grand Lecturer (16)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved, and seconded by Sister Linda K. Morganstern that *Section 13, J), 1), 2) and 3) Funeral Services* be considered for adoption.

#### **Discussion**



The Worthy Grand Matron recognized Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM (20) who rose to question whether we now would not have the Worthy Matron at the head of the casket. In the past the Worthy Matron has always been at the head of the casket.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that someone respond to this question.

Sister Barbara Davison, PM (20) rose to amend the motion that sometimes there is a box or urn. The Worthy Grand Matron indicated to Sister Barbara that that issue was coming up next.

Sister Donna requested Sister Joan Moore, PGM (16) respond to Sister Euretta's request for clarification.

The Worthy Grand Matron responded that the only change is in the facing of the casket, not the placement of the officers. The diagram is not changing just the direction that the officers are facing which is toward the attendees.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for further discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on ***Section 13, J, 1), 2) and 3) Funeral Services***. Motion **adopted**.

### **Section 13, F) Funeral Services**

#### **Now reads:**

Flowers in the color appropriate for each Star Point should be used; with the officer placing them above the waistline, on the left, as near to the heart as possible, forming a Star.

#### **ADD:**

In the case of an urn, no urn or no casket place the flowers in a formation as close as possible to form a Star.

#### **Rationale:**

Times have changed with more cremations, so we need to make adjustments.

Submitted by

Joan L. Moore, PGM, Grand Lecturer (16)

Ann L. Street, PGM, GGCCM Service Dogs (5)

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15) moved and seconded by Sister January Kendall Wright, PM (19) that ***Section 13, F) Funeral***

*Services* be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on **Section 13, F) Funeral Services Motion adopted.**

#### **APPENDIX A AND APPENDIX B**

*Appendix A and Appendix B: Introduction of report and who is spoken to.*

**Rationale:** When reports are given you are asked by the Worthy Grand Matron or Patron to give the report. The report itself is given to the members (delegates) of Delaware and not all visitors present.

*Therefore: be it resolved that the following be used as the introduction to the report of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:*

**ACTION:** Delete current first paragraph in both Appendix A and B and replace with the words:

“Worthy Grand Matron/Patron, Sisters and Brothers.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Brother Steve P. Tolbert, PGP (16) to place *Appendix A and Appendix B Introduction of report and who is spoken to* on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on **Appendix A and Appendix B Introduction. Motion adopted.**

#### **APPENDIX C**

*Appendix C: Scholarship, Grant, and Award Application Forms and Instruction, Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership Instructions For Completion Of The Application, Application*

The application in its present format does not have a place for home or cell telephone number or email address. These two items need to be added to the application form.

**Rational:** The committee has only been able to send a letter to the applicant if they have any questions for them. The addition

of these items will enhance the communication between the committee and the applicant.

Submitted by

Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP (16)

Susan C. Tolbert, PM (16)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Sister Jennifer E. Grasset, PM (9) that the additions of telephone numbers and email in *Appendix C: Scholarship, Grants, and Award Application Forms and Instruction, Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership Instructions For Completion Of The Application, Application* be brought to the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on **Appendix C Motion adopted.**

***APPENDIX D – Remove, Replace and Re-letter:***

**Rational:** No place is there guidance given to committees as to what they are to report. Very few give a financial report except in the narration of the report. This amendment would provide the same guidance as found in Appendix A and Appendix B for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This amendment is not proposed to make report shorter, just to provide more appropriate information and a financial picture. The introduction has been shortened as it is the Worthy Grand Matron who is asking you to speak, and the report is given to the delegates of the Grand Chapter of Delaware and not all distinguished guests.

Furthermore: The Grand Lecturer needs to have knowledge of individuals interested in the different levels of proficiency and should be the individual who provides the questions to those seeking proficiency and this should come under the duties of that office.

**Action:** Delete Appendix D in its entirety. Replace with new Appendix named “Committee Report” to Appendix C and move current Appendix C (Scholarship, Grant and Award Applications Forms and Instructions) to Appendix D, thus, keeping the outline of all the reports together.

## Would then read:

Title Page:

Following Page

### APPENDIX C: COMMITTEE REPORTS

(These are required topics that need to be included in ALL Standing and Special Committee reports)

Name of Committee or Event

Members of the Committee, titles, and (Subordinate Chapter number)

Introduction: Worthy Grand Matron Sisters and Brothers:

Duties of the committee and charge.

If an event, the name of the event; date it took place; location; and number of participants.

Action(s) taken by the committee during the year.

Financial report indicating ALL income, sources, and amounts; ALL expenses and amounts. Indicate any profit realized.

Submitted by

Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)

William F. Lott, PGP (9)

Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) moved and Sister Prestina Crockett to place ***APPENDIX D – Remove, Replace and Re-letter as outlined*** on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on ***APPENDIX D – Remove, Replace and Re-letter as outlined***. Motion adopted.

**APPENDIX “TBD” Addition of an Appendix to show the format and guidelines for submitting a proposed change to our Legislation.**

### **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION CHANGES**

Location of proposed change

(e.g. *Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters, Book of Instruction*).

Article Number, Title, Section Number, Page Number(s)

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Example

Article I, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Meetings, Page 10

**Now Reads:**

**Proposed Change:**

**Change to Read:**

**Rationale:**

**Submitted by:**

**Signature of at least two members of the Subordinate Chapters in Delaware**

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Debbie Good PGM (8)

Robert Bradish PGP (15)

Sister Jennifer E. Grasset, PM (9) moved, and Sister Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8, 19) seconded that **APPENDIX “TBD”** be placed on the floor for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion. Seeing none, the Worthy Matron called for a vote on Appendix “TBD”: Guidelines for Submission of Proposed Legislation Changes. Motion **adopted**.

## RECESS

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Marshal to declare the Grand Chapter at recess to reconvene at 1 p.m. The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Conductress to attend the Altar.



**NOON TO 1:00 P.M.**

**LUNCHEON IN THE DUCK BLIND**



## AFTERNOON SESSION

May 10, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

At 1:08 pm, Monday, May 10, 2021, **Sister Ann L. Street, PGM, GGCCM Service Dogs** called the afternoon session to order and with remarks. Just a few things before we start:

1. I want to thank the pages for their presence today. We only had one who had to work. I would like to have a picture of all the pages at the end of this session.
2. Thanks to Sister Sara Quinby, PGM and Brother Mercer for donating the inflatable seat cushions. These are free for the taking. They gave them to Grand Chapter, and we gave them out at registration. So those that may not have taken one, please do so. They are in the back at the Registration Desk.

### WELCOME TO THE AFTEROON SESSION

**Sister Lana Donovan, PGM (20):**

*Sister Lana directed the Grand Marshal to escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar. When the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were at the Altar, Sister Lana greeted them.*

Good afternoon Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Welcome to your afternoon session. I want to thank you for the honor to open this Session with my travel buddies from 2007-2009, Sister Debbie and Brother Bert.

Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, I see your mom and dad sitting on a cloud smiling down on this session saying “Donna, we are very proud of you” as are the members of Ruth Chapter for a job well done. Enjoy all the memories and friendships you have made. Congratulations my friend & fellow Gemini!

Brother Tom, Worthy Grand Patron, I got to know you when you joined Naomi Chapter. I knew you were destined for the East of Grand Chapter through your willingness to serve our beautiful

Order. The members of Naomi Chapter are proud of you for a job well done. Congratulations my friend!

To the Grand Officers, we thank you for hanging in there during this Pandemic and serving Grand Chapter for two years. Cherish the memories and friendships made.

Sister Debbie...

**Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8):**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, this is a very special day for two special people. You might say it is unique. You have persevered through the pandemic year, with many communications from the Grand Lodge, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and have dealt with the ever-changing policies of the state of Delaware. You helped the leadership team and many of the chapters to conduct their business meetings and socialize with each other through your Zoom account. For all of this we are grateful. At the end of the day today, I know what you will be saying Sister Donna just like the end of the Super Bowl, “We are going to Disney.” Thank you for allowing me to open this session with my Grand Lecturer, Sister Lana, and my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bert.

**Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19):**

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you both for your trust in me for opening your afternoon session of your Radiate Positivity Session of 2019-2021, the 99th Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Brother Tom it has been a great four years and it has been lots of fun. I’m looking forward to your return to the East of Naomi Chapter No. 20. Good luck and the Matron is the best. We are going to miss those cookies.

Sister Donna, the finish line is only three and half laps away. The victory lane is waiting to celebrate with you and your crew. You certainly got more than you signed up for, but we are all glad that it was you. Your concern for our Brothers and Sisters health, safety, and welfare was much respected.

Olivia and I are ready to get our Mom back. We look forward to less of my cooking and cleaning.

We are excited to initiate both of you into the Past Grands Association. It certainly will be a monumental feat.

*Sister Debbie Good, PGM (8) directed the Grand Marshal to escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East at which time she rapped the Sister and Brothers to attention.*

*Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19, 20) then introduced the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and they were accorded Grand Honors.*

### AFTERNOON GREETINGS

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen:** You three represent the trios that we had hoped to have open for each session. The powerhouse teams composed of two Worthy Grand Matron's and one Worthy Grand Patron from each time period. We had noticed this being done on some award shows the past few years and the lightbulb went off! Unfortunately, Covid would ruin those plans. We are thankful however that you three, *originally scheduled* for the Tuesday afternoon session agreed to handle *this* opening. Sisters Debbie and Lana, I think I met both of you around the same time and you quickly became trusted friends and part of our family. And of course, Sister Lana, you and I are *Birthdays Buddies* and we each have a big one coming up next month! Yikes! Thank you both so much for your support, guidance, and love.

Brother Bert, I met you at the front door when you came to pick up my Dad for a Grand Master's Visit. Shortly after that, you became my Rent-a-Date for Ruth Chapter's annual banquet. Who would have ever thought then that we would have made the journey we have? Many of life's good and bad experiences and, of course our greatest collaboration – Olivia. You are my best friend. Love you forever.

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Morganstern:** Thank you for agreeing to open this afternoon's session. You have seen many things in your combined years in Eastern Star. I have been able to share of your knowledge and been supported by you. You are the fabric of the Order, and we thank you for your contribution.



Now I would like to catch up with what I missed to Sister Ginny and Brother Bill. Thank you both for opening this morning's session. It is a pleasure to be greeting you from the East. You had an enjoyable and productive year and served the Grand Chapter well. We thank you for all you have done.

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen:** In lieu of gifts, Brother Tom and I have chosen to make donations to the Arbor Day Foundation to plant trees in forests damaged by wildfires for those who opened our sessions today, as well as those who had agreed to open our other sessions had we been able to conduct our regular session.

I would also like to thank Sister Barbara Nakai, PM (8) for the gift of live Lily-of-the-Valley which sit in front of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's flowers. Thank you very much.

*After calling the Sisters and Brothers to attention at 1:18 p.m., the Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress to attend at the Altar. The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Marshal to declare the Grand Chapter from recess to labor, after which the Worthy Grand Matron seated the Sisters and Brothers.*

The Worthy Grand Matron called on Sister Barbara Lott, PGM (9) for announcements which included:

Requesting the outgoing Grand Officers to sign the property book on the left side of her desk. If Grand Officers have additional property, she requested that they be put on the left side of the desk.

Requesting the incoming Grand Officers to sign the certificate of election and the property book under "Incoming Grand Officers" after installation.

Directory and Proceedings forms are on the Grand Secretary's desk. If you are not in the group of individuals that receive the directory and proceeding and want to be sure to obtain a copy, please complete the form.

Return voting cards to the plastic bins in the back so that additional voting cards do not need to be made in the future.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for a report of the Registration Committee.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE  
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Sandra McAbee, PM (5), Chairman, 1 year  
Terese Hensel, PM (16), 2 years  
Kelly Pepper, (2), 3 years

Pre-registered:	92
<u>Registered @ Session:</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Registration	97
<u>No Shows:</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Delegates Present:	94

The Worthy Grand Matron indicated that now was the time of election of Grand Officers which would be handled by the Worthy Grand Patron.

*The Worthy Grand Matron tendered the gavel to the Worthy Grand Patron for the purpose of elections.*

*The Worthy Grand Patron called for the Nominating Committee Report.*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Sister Barbara E. Davison, PM, Chairman (20 &19)**  
**Sister January Wright Kendall, PM (19)**  
**Brother Mark Wilkins (15)**

A letter was sent to all Chapters inviting nominations for Elected Grand Officers. A copy of the letter is attached to this report. Letters were to be postmarked by April 14, 2021. The committee received either letters of intent or nominations from a member of their chapter or both for the offices listed. All nominees meet the qualifications and are current Grand Officers or Past Grand Officers except for Associate Grand Conductress and Trustee-3 years.

Worthy Grand Matron:	Kathleen Trombly, PM
Worthy Grand Patron:	Wayne A. Stacey, PP
Associate Grand Matron:	Wini Walton, PM
Associate Grand Patron:	William F. Lott, PGP
Grand Secretary:	Barbara F. Lott, PGM
Grand Treasurer:	Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP
Grand Conductress:	Marty Mickles, PM
Grand Sentinel:	Robert Hiddemen, PGP
Associate Grand Conductress:	Rosemarie S. Vanderhoogt, WM
Grand Trustee 3 Years:	Deena M. Yale, PM

Sister Rosemarie received her A certificate on January 21, 2021, and has served as Secretary for the GRODELS, on the Hospitality committee for PGM Sara Quinby, served Unity Chapter No.16 as Worthy Matron 2019-2021 and currently a member of the OES License Plates Committee,

## ELECTIONS

*As required, the Worthy Grand Patron read Article 5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Delaware*

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Morganstern:** All elected Grand Officers shall be filled by Secret Ballot however if only one name is presented for a respective Grand Office the Grand Secretary, or the Grand Treasurer will cast a unanimous vote of this Grand Chapter. In the case of Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer shall cast a unanimous vote. All nominees must be Past Matrons or Past Patrons of Delaware and hold an appropriate Proficiency Certificate for the Grand Office to which they are nominated as defined by the *Constitution and Bylaws Article V, Section 3 and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter*.

Starting with the position of Worthy Grand Matron. Only one name was presented to the Grand Chapter for the position of Worthy Grand Matron, that of Sister Kathleen A. Trombly, PM Associate Grand Matron (15).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Sister Kathleen A. Trombly for the position of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing term. Grand Secretary, Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9) cast a unanimous vote for Sister Kathleen A. Trombly for the office of Worthy Grand Matron.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Sister Kathleen A. Trombly if she would accept the position of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

Sister Kathleen A. Trombly accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron, then declared Sister Kathleen A. Trombly elected Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Worthy Grand Patron that of Wayne A. Stacey, PP, Grand Sentinel (9).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Brother Wayne A. Stacey for the position of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing term.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Brother Wayne A. Stacey if he would accept the position of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

Brother Wayne A. Stacey accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Brother Wayne A. Stacey elected Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Associate Grand Matron that of Wini Walton, PM, Grand Conductress (7).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Sister Wini Walton for the position of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter of the ensuing term.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Sister Wini if she would accept the position of Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

Sister Wini Walton accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Sister Wini Walton elected Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Associate Grand Patron that of Brother William F. Lott, PGP, Grand Sentinel (9).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Brother William F. Lott, PGP for the position of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing term.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Brother Bill if he would accept the position of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

Brother Bill accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Brother William F. Lott, PGP elected Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Grand Secretary that of Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM, Grand Secretary (9) for the ensuing year.

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Treasurer to cast one unanimous vote for Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGP for the position of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Sister Barbara if she would accept the position of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Sister Barbara accepted with thanks

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM elected to the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Grand Treasurer that of Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP, Grand Treasurer (16).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Brother Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP for the position of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Brother Steve if he would accept the position of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Brother Steve accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Brother Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP elected to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Grand Conductress that of Sister Marlene Mickles, PM, Associate Grand Conductress (7).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Sister Marlene Mickles, PM, Associate Grand Conductress for the position of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Sister Marty if she would accept the position of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

Sister Marty accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Sister Marlene Mickles, PM, Associate Grand Conductress to the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Associate Grand Conductress that of Sister Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, PM (16).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Sister Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, PM for the position of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Sister Rosie if she would accept the position of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

Sister Rosie accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Sister Rosie elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Grand Sentinel that of Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP for the position of Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Brother Bert if he would accept the office of Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

Brother Bert accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP elected to the office of Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

Only one name was presented for the office of Grand Trustee – 3 years that of Sister Deena M. Yale, PM (7).

*The Worthy Grand Patron directed the Grand Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Sister Deena M. Yale, PM for the position of Grand Trustee – 3 years.*

The Worthy Grand Patron inquired of Sister Deena if she would accept the position of Grand Trustee – 3 years.

Sister Deena accepted with thanks.

The Worthy Grand Patron then declared Sister Deena elected to the office of Grand Trustee – 3 years.

*At the conclusion of the election the Worthy Grand Patron congratulated all those who stood for election and declared the election closed. The Worthy Grand Patron returned the gavel to the Worthy Grand Matron who thanked him.*

Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM, Grand Secretary Emeritus was recognized by the Worthy Grand Matron and moved that the title of Grand Trustee Emeritus be bestowed on Sister Catherine Yaiser for her six (6) plus years of service as Grand Trustee. The motion was seconded by several Sisters and Brothers.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for discussion: None

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote: Motion was unanimously **adopted**.

*A rousing hand of appreciation was given to Sister Cathy, PM, Grand Trustee Emeritus for her service.*

## **JULIA M. STORY AWARD PRESENTATION**

**Sister Kathi Anderson, PGM (8, 15)**

**Sister Lee Anderson, PGM (8)**

**Sister Carol Fehnel, PM (16)**

The Julia M. Story award is an important and prestigious award that we in Delaware give to a deserving individual every year (excluding Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, or Past Grand Matrons and Patrons) who have given outstanding service to their Chapter and community. During the summer and fall of 2019, a letter was sent to all the Chapters reminding them to have a secret written ballot nominating a member that they felt exemplified exceptional service and support to their Sisters and Brothers, in their own chapter or other chapters in Delaware and their community. The Chapter Secretaries were reminded to have a resume drawn up for the top one to three members nominated and send them to the Committee before the end of the year.

We are pleased to announce that we received eight nominations from seven Subordinate Chapters. All the nominees were well deserving of this award. However, we could only choose one.

The Committee “met” through emails and phone calls as it was not possible for us all to get together because of schedules and the

beloved Coronavirus. A choice was made by the committee. We contacted Brother Sheldon Edwards, PGP who volunteers and donates having the plates on the Julia M. Story plaque engraved. We also contacted Sister Sara Quinby, PGM who has had the individual pin made for the recipient.

Due to COVID-19 the plan is at present is to present the award at our Grand Banquet which will be held at a later date. We are pleased to announce that because of her dedication to her Chapter(s), Georgetown #9 , Unity #16, and Newark #10 and her community service, that Sister Nancy K. Davis was the recipient of the Julia M. Story Award. She met the criteria and then some set up by Sister Nancy Edwards, PGM during her year. Sister Nancy Davis was nominated by both of her Subordinate Chapters, which says how dedicated to our Order she is. She has substituted in Chapters all over the state and has done many volunteer hours.

*Sister Kathi requested that Sister Nancy comes to the East and receive her pin and plaque at which time she congratulated her and let her make the decision which Subordinate Chapter the plaque will rest in. Sister Kathi also explained that because of the wonderful COVID virus the plaque reads “Nancy K. Davis, 2020-2021.”*

The only expense that the Committee incurred was payment to Sister Jennifer Grasset for the engraving of the pin and the plaque.

We would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom for giving us the opportunity to serve on this worthwhile committee.

The Worthy Grand Matron told the Sister and Brother in case they didn't recognize the music it was “You Never Had A Friend Like Me.” She felt that this certainly applied to Sister Nancy in this circumstance.

The Worthy Grand Matron then pointed out the “Passport.” There were four members that turned in their “Passport.” The one with the most stamps for the most visits was Sister Jean Nicklas, PM (7). She was awarded \$250.00 to help defer her expenses in Dover which Sister Donna told her to save for her room next year. Sisters Sue Peronti, Henrietta McKelvey and Krissy Butler also submitted their “Passport” and they received \$25.00 gift cards to Amazon. The Worthy Grand Matron appreciated everyone who participated. The Worthy Grand



Matron also thanked Sister Cheryl Mongillo for making and administering the “Passport” program.

### **50 YEAR MEMBERS**

The Worthy Grand Matron requested the Grand Secretary to read the names of those who had attained 50-years of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star during 2019-2021. The Worthy Grand Matron requested as the names of the 50-year members were read these members should assemble in the West while maintaining a six-foot distance between each other.

Adah Chapter No. 5:

Christine Cannon, PM: Joined Adah Chapter No. 5  
November 17, 1969

#### **Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8**

Marilyn Jones: Joined Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8  
November 13, 1969

Patricia Morrison: Joined Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8  
April 8, 1969

Erna Mulrine: Joined Newark Chapter No. 10  
November 10, 1970

Joann Rohm: Joined Newark Chapter No. 10  
March 4, 1971

Barbara Rouse: Joined Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8  
April 21, 1971

Thelma Sisson, PM: Joined Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8  
September 10, 1970

Fred Thornett, PP: Joined Five Points Chapter No. 13  
November 12, 1970

E. Jean Thornett, PM: Joined Fived Points Chapter No. 13  
September 24, 1970

#### **Georgetown Chapter No. 9**

Barbara F. Lott, PGM: Joined Climax Chapter No. 98  
(Merrrow, CT) January 6, 1971

#### **Victory Chapter No. 15**

Lena Lee: Joined Victory Chapter No. 15  
January 7, 1970

M. Ruth Lorup, PM: Joined Friendship Chapter No. 551  
(Drexel Hill, PA) November 13, 1970

**Unity Chapter No. 16**

Annabelle Boire, PM: Joined Dewey Chapter 5155  
(Egg Harbor City, NJ) September 22, 1970

Joy H. Hopkins, PGM: Joined Unity Chapter No. 16  
December 22, 1970

Shirley Millman: Joined Unity Chapter No. 16  
November 11, 1969

Susan Stone: Joined Unity Chapter No. 16  
April 13, 1971

Gail Sturdavant: Joined Unity Chapter No. 16  
May 26, 1970

Susan C. Tolbert, PM: Joined Unity Chapter No. 16  
April 28, 1970

**Ruth Chapter No. 19**

Barbara Hearn, PM: Joined Ruth Chapter No. 19  
September 23, 1969

Iva Thomas: Joined Ruth Chapter No. 19  
May 4, 1970

**Naomi Chapter No. 20**

Judith Doughty: Joined Naomi Chapter No. 20  
May 3, 1971

Elizabeth Holley: Joined Naomi Chapter No. 20  
May 5, 1971

Lt. Col. Gail Mornhinweg: Joined Naomi Chapter No. 20  
November 5, 1969

Diane Schultheiss: Joined Naomi Chapter No. 20  
June 18, 1969

Angeline Wessler: Joined St. John's Chapter No. 4  
December 18, 1969

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen:** Ladies, you have achieved a tremendous milestone. Our year has been centered around nature and the Eastern Star tree exists today because members like you planted the seeds, nurtured them, and strengthened the roots. We are thankful that you chose to become

a member of this beautiful Order and enhance it with your talents and sustain it with your love. Thank you so much for being with us today.

*The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Conductress to escort the honorees to the East of the Grand Chapter via the Labyrinth. The Worthy Grand Matron rapped the Sisters and Brothers to attention and accorded the honorees Grand Honors. After Grand Honors were given the Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress to escort the honorees to their seats as a hardy applause was given to the 50-year members.*

*50-Year pins and certificates were presented to those present. The Grand Secretary mailed the pin and certificate to those who were not in attendance.*

### **PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the General Grand Chapter Committee members, Brother Jeff Dennis, PGP (15), member Heart Committee, Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19) member Membership Committee, Sister Ann Street, PGM, member Service Dogs Committee, and Sister Susan C. Tolbert, PM (16) Camp Fire Friend, join her in the East.

**Worthy Grand Matron , Sister Donna S. Hiddemen:** It has come that time during your term that we should recognize you and there have not been many activities for us to be able to that. Therefore, we have chosen today to honor you and I am very sad that you will not be able to attend a Triennium, enjoy meeting all your counterparts, visiting with everyone in person, and having the experience that you should have as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member or Special Appointment. We thank you very much for your service and everything you have done for our jurisdiction. At this time, we would like to present you with these small gifts.

*The Worthy Grand Matron requested the Sisters and Brothers to thank the General Grand Chapter Committee members and Special Appointment with a round of applause.*

## FAREWELL SPEECHES

*The Worthy Grand Matron indicated that as the day was planned to be short, Brother Tom and she acknowledged that their farewell speeches would be contained in their reports. The Worthy Grand Matron indicated that the copies that were available to the membership as they registered, do not contain the sealed correspondence which to have in every membership packet would be exceedingly costly. That correspondence will be available in the proceedings. The Jurisprudence Committee gave permission for those items to be left out of the reports contained in the membership packet.*

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen:** It has been an entirely different term and I want to thank you all for your support and perseverance during this time. My complete appreciation thoughts are in my reports. But I do want to give verbal thanks to:

My Lord above who saw me safely through this term. There was times when I was weak, and I did not trust, and He never let me down.

My family, Brother Bert, and Sister Olivia who both endured the nitty gritty of the second year with me as Worthy Grand Matron and locked in the house 24/7 (Hugs and Kisses). I assure you this was not easy.

Sister Olivia, truly my reason for being on this earth. She continually makes me work to be a better person, and who will make great contributions to her fellow humans by helping improve healthcare, and health outcomes for mothers and babies in **ALL** walks of life.

My sister and her family, for continually supporting our efforts throughout this term.

Brother Tom, who has been a wonderful partner in this journey we've been through, as it has had many peaks and valleys, but those valleys will fade and we will only remember the marvelous view from the peak.

My thanks to Sister Linda for encouraging Brother Tom to make the journey to East and of this Grand Chapter for all her support

and dedication not only as his life partner but his secretary as well. [Smile]

Those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who had agreed to open our various sessions, I am so sorry we were unable to have you fill those roles. Please know that we respect you greatly and love you very much.

Our Grand Officers, Grand Trustees, Deputy Grand Lecturers, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, having you stand with us was a great pleasure. We were honored that you accepted your roles and held the course for the second year.

Sincere thanks to the Grand Trustees for pushing through and obtaining this space to accommodate our needs.

Sister Sue Peronti...the best Grand Marshal ever.

Sisters Susan and Cheryl whose joking got me into this predicament.

Our committee members who fulfilled your duties in an exemplary manor and achieved things beyond our expectations.

Our session nurses, Sisters Kathy Kee and Keri Bradford, thank you for your willingness to serve and your diligence in performing your duties.

Our Session Pages, it took a while, but you finally got to wear those session dresses and you look marvelous. Thank you.

The Jurisprudence Committee, you were really tested this term and we are so thankful to have had your expertise and caring to perform your jobs.

Our Session Committee, you, much like the Grand Trustees, had to hit a moving target in getting this event to completion. Your organizational skills, and professionalism served this Grand Chapter well.

Those identified with the newly coined term “leadership team” indeed functioned as a team and your efforts were appreciated more than you know.

Now, as my final duty, I thankfully discharge the Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Lecturers and Committee Members.

*At the conclusion of her remarks, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen was given a standing ovation.*

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Morganstern:** Sisters and Brothers I am going to try to make this very short.

*Brother Tom presented Sister Donna with a gift before proceeding.*

Sisters and Brothers, my farewell address will be in the proceedings in full, but I would just like to add, I have enjoyed the privilege of being your Worthy Grand Patron for two years, and for serving with a more than competent Worthy Grand Matron and having the best Grand Family ever.

Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, I appreciate all you have done for our Order and for me, and I feel fortunate to have shared this time with you.

I would like to say, special thanks to Sisters Ann Street, Scotty Schultz, Barbara Lott, Barbara Davison, and Cathy Yaiser for their help and support through this journey. Special thanks also to Brother Bert for allowing me to be with Sister Donna these past four years and to my beautiful wife, Sister Linda for all her advice, and hard work in helping me to attain my goal.

Remember Sister and Brothers, life is short; eat cookies. Thank you.

*At the conclusion of his remarks, the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Morganstern was given a standing ovation.*

*Sister January Kendall Wright requested to approach the East.*

**Sister January Kendall, PM (19):** Well, like everyone knows there is something that is missing from this year's session, the Grand Banquet. You would probably say, "Oh, well." So, we got you this gift, of a portrait of both of you that is signed by all the Grand Officers. Please open it.

*Sister January continued:* If we had been able to have the banquet it would have been a blast. But in lieu of that in appreciation for a wonderful two years we present you with a picture of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron together, signed by all Grand Officers for both of them.

## **UNDRAPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress assisted by the Grand Chaplain to undrape the Altar after which she rapped the Sisters and Brothers to attention. At the conclusion of the undraping of the Altar the Worthy Grand Matron seated the Sisters and Brothers.*

## **CLOSING**

*The Worthy Grand Matron inquired of the Associate Grand Matron if she knew of any further business to come before the Grand Chapter. The Associate Grand Matron replied that she did not.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel that the Grand Chapter was about to close.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron then rapped the Sisters and Brothers to attention as the Grand Chaplain led in the closing prayer.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron then directed the Grand Conductress to attend the Altar.*

*Following the closing charge, the Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Marshal to declare the Grand Chapter at recess until 3:00 p.m. for the Installation of the 2021-2022 Grand Officers.*

## **RETIREMENT OF 2019-2021 GRAND OFFICERS**

The Grand Officers of 2019-2021 followed the Grand Marshal by rank stopping at the Altar to deposit their jewels.

**TRIBUTES TO THE FLAGS**  
**Not given verbally due to the shorten session**



**TRIBUTE TO THE FLAGS**  
**Sister Susan E. Peronti, PM (19)**  
**Grand Marshal**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, when we began this journey, you asked us to think outside of the box. I started compiling some information when things were quite normal! But that soon changed, and I found myself, stuck in a box called “home”. So, I found some interesting facts and I hope you enjoy this tribute.

**THE AMERICAN FLAG**

During a National History project in 1958, a 17-year-old high school student in Lancaster, Ohio submitted his version of the American Flag. Robert G. Heft presented a flag with 50 stars and 13 stripes. His teacher gave him a B- with the comment that there were only 48 states. And, if he wasn't satisfied with the grade, to get the flag accepted in Washington and come back to class for a grade adjustment.

By the time, all 1,500 entries were judged, Alaska and Hawaii had become states. Heft received a phone call from President Dwight D. Eisenhower with the news that his flag was selected! He was excited with the news but more importantly, his teacher was true to his word and adjusted his grade as promised.

Our flag carries a message of hope for all. It represents many things to many people, but most of all it stands for the freedom we enjoy in our daily lives.

**THE CANADIAN FLAG**

The Canadian Flag symbolizes one thing above all, especially to the citizens of the United States, and that is Friendship. A boundary line between Canada and the United States runs for thousands of miles. On this line is the International Peace Garden where our two flags fly side by side. Each pledging never to take up arms against each other. May these flags always remain symbols of peace, freedom, and brotherly love.

**THE ISRAEL (Hebrew) FLAG**

It is my pleasure to present this flag for the first time at Delaware's Grand Sessions. The flag of Israel was adopted on October 28, 1948, five months after the establishment of the State of Israel.

The blue Star of David on a white background, between two horizontal blue stripes symbolize the Jewish prayer shawl and the Star of David. Both emblems represent the widely acknowledged symbols of the Jewish people.

### **THE DELAWARE FLAG**

Delaware was ratified on December 7, 1787, thus becoming “The First State”. According to the members of the commission established to design the state flag, the colonial blue field and the buff-colored diamond were said to represent the colors of a uniform worn by General George Washington. The diamond alludes to the nickname, “The Diamond State” given because of Delaware’s small size, great value, its geographic position on the Atlantic Ocean and its leadership contributions.

The flag was presented to the tune of “Our Delaware”. The official state song written by George B. Hynson. Originally the song contained three verses in honor of each county in the State. A fourth verse was written by Don Devine to praise the State and pledges the loyalties of its citizens.

### **THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

The Christian Flag is one of the oldest unchanged flags in the world. It represents a belief in a living God and symbolic of all the faith, love, kindness and understanding that we have for our fellow man.

In 1908, the first pledge to the Christian Flag was written by Lynn Harold Hough, a Methodist pastor. Which states: “I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One brotherhood, uniting all mankind, in service and in love.”

### **THE EASTERN STAR FLAG**

The Eastern Star Flag is a symbol of our Order and as such merits our love and respect. Its unique design and bright colors allude to those lessons taught by the heroine of our Order and remind us that we should always endeavor to exemplify the sublime virtues of those celebrated characters.

May our Star ever lead us, and our flag constantly remind us of the beautiful principals given to us in our Eastern Star teachings:

Blue means Fidelity and Obedience from Adah

Yellow means Constancy from Ruth.

White means Loyalty and Purity from Esther.

Green means Faith and Belief from Martha.

Red represents Charity and Love for One Another from Electa.

Therefore, let us always strive to practice those virtues learned and work to spread the message our Order represents.

### **THE MASONIC FLAG**

Freemasonry is believed to have been started in the 1500's by stone masons in England and Europe. They grouped themselves into lodges to pass on their methods of building churches and cathedrals.

At that time very few people could read or write, so symbols were used to hang outside the premises associated with their trade or the merchandise they sold. The stone mason lodges often had a flag or banner hanging outside to distinguish each other. They would collect money to give to those stone masons who were sick or unable to work.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century scientists, chemists, engineers, and philosophers took their education and work ethics of the stone masons to establish meetings of the Freemasons. To be part of this group, a man had to be free- which meant no prison convictions.

### **THE MILITARY FLAGS**

As our country was evolving and trying to establish a way to identify each of the military service branches, there became a need to adopt unique American military flags. Then each branch of service established its own motto.

#### *The United States Army*

This flag is displayed first in honor of its creation by the United States Government. The Motto: "Be all you Can Be".

#### *The United States Marines*

The motto: "Semper Fidelis" meaning "Always Faithful".

#### *The United States Navy*

The often-cited motto: "Not self but Country".

#### *The United States Coast Guard*

The motto: “Semper Paratus” which means “Always Ready” or “Ever Ready”.

*The United States Air Force*

The motto: “Integrity first, Service before self, Excellence in all we do”.

Thank you for your service and keeping us all safe.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this opportunity. God bless you and may we all continue to “Radiant Positivity” throughout our lives.

**2019-2021 OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**Not given verbally due to the shorten session**

## **WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S REPORT**

**Sister Donna S. Hiddemen**

To the Worthy Grand Patron and my sisters and brothers of this Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

### Dedication

This year is dedicated to God, Olivia, Bert and my extended family that all supported me and gave me strength throughout this journey; to my chosen sisters Susan Marge and Cheryl Mongillo, who always tell it like it is, scold me when I need it and dust me off after I fall; to my star sisters and brothers present and past from whom I've learned so many life lessons and who have shown me kindness through the years and finally to the memory of my parents, Jean and Bob Shustack, who introduced me to this group and always supported me in every effort in life and in the masonic groups. My love to you all.

### In Memorium

This term we have lost several special sisters and brothers. We grieve with their families, but are secure in the knowledge that we will meet again. I would like to specifically acknowledge the two past grands that left us: Sr. Esther Melvin Berner, PGM and Brother Eugene "Gene" Lockerman, Jr., PGP. Both served this Grand Chapter with true selfless dedication, each bringing their own style to the position, Sr. Esther with her sweet disposition and impish laugh and Bro. Gene with his smooth, debonair matter-of-fact approach. I would also like to recognize here the sudden loss of Sr. Teresa Shearon, PM of Unity Chapter #16. Sr. Teresa was faithfully serving this Grand Chapter in a capacity that was vital to our communication and allowed her to serve from her home according to her physical capabilities. Sr. Teresa reinforced an important truth; that we can all serve successfully in differing roles. For some duties, attendance at meetings is not necessary and those who may not be able to physically be present in travel, can still be an integral participant in the functioning of our Order. We will miss each of our members dearly and think of them often throughout our deliberations.

### My Bible

This term I was very proud to use my father's masonic bible and to see it lay on each of the chapter's altars was a very special feeling. The bible was very special to him, and I know he would be pleased to see it used.

### My Gavel

My gavel was quite a surprise. I have had several gavels over the years, and I had originally planned to use each for different meetings. One of course being my Dad's, my original Lucite Gavel that was presented to me when installed as Honored Queen of Bethel #1 and a gavel made from Holly Tree wood from the state capital hand-made for me by Pop Beisinger, a Past Master and fellow church member. Of course, all of that happily went out the window when I was presented with a gavel that was made by my husband, Bro. Bert with wood from the family farm secured by my daughter Olivia. Truly, I could not have been more surprised and anyone who knows me can tell you that nothing has more meaning than something home-made with materials of meaning. Thank you, my loves, Bert & Olivia.

### My Chapter

Special thanks go to Ruth Chapter #19, I was so young when I joined the chapter and I have learned so much from each of you. Many that have helped build my character are now gone, but your effect on me is still evident and I thank you. I appreciate all the courtesies and efforts you have put forth on my behalf. Your gracious encouragement and care have bolstered me always on this path.

### Worthy Grand Patron's Chapter

To Naomi Chapter #20, I am especially appreciative to you for letting Tom share this journey. I know that Bro. Tom has truly busted with pride each and every time we have represented you and the state in our travels. I know you are very proud of your brother and the service he has given over the past years, not only to your chapter, but to his predecessor chapter, Five Points #13 and the Grand Chapter.

### Official Acts

One of the greatest pleasures afforded a Worthy Grand Matron and Patron is the honor of choosing their officers and deputy

grand lecturers. It was very important to Brother Tom and me to make sure that each chapter was represented in our corps of officers, and I am very pleased to report that we accomplished that goal. As each Worthy Grand Matron and Patron believes their selection is the best, we are no different. It seemed that each of you enjoyed your appointments and you showed that by traveling with us very faithfully through our term. No matter where we went, you were there with us in full force, and you served with great dignity. Best wishes to all of you in everything you do, it has been a great pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter with you.

Appointed Grand Officers:

Grand Lecturer	Joan L. Moore, PGM
Grand Chaplain	Linda K. Morganstern
Grand Marshal	Susan E. Peronti
Grand Organist	Ernest S. Fehnel
Grand Adah	Susan T. Marge
Grand Ruth	Cheryl A. Mongillo
Grand Esther	Prestina M. Crockett
Grand Martha	Jean M. Nicklas
Grand Electa	Christine L. Cannon
Grand Warder	Betty M. Swain
Grand Sentinel	William F. Lott, PGP

Deputy Grand Lecturers:

Adah Chapter #5	Catherine "Scotty" Schultz, PGM
Sussex Chapter #7	Marlene "Marty" Mickles
Caesar Rodney Chapter #8	M. Barbara Nakai
Georgetown Chapter #9	Jennifer Grassett
Frankford Chapter #12	Jane M. Morris, PGM
Victory Chapter #15	Joan S. Edwards, PGM
Unity Chapter #16	Sandra Sahutsky, PGM/ Barbara Ewing-Joseph, PGM
Ruth Chapter #19	Deborah D. Good, PGM
Naomi Chapter #20	Virginia E. Crockett, PGM

Grand Representatives Recommended



Brother Tom and I were very pleased to be able to appoint the following sisters and brothers to be representatives of other jurisdictions in Delaware:

Jurisdiction In Delaware	Term Starts	Term Ends	Recommend
Arizona	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Annalyn Sharpless #5
California	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Jessica Quillen #19
Colorado	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Walter Myslewicz #8
Connecticut	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Barbara F. Lott, PGM #9
District of Columbia	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Eleanor Ellis #16
Florida	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Debi Hodges #15
Illinois	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Mark Wilkins #15
Indiana	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Leigh Ann See #5
Iowa	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Jane Smith #16
Louisiana	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Jane Webb #7
Maine	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Stephanie Young #15
Manitoba	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Billie Lee Banning #8
Massachusetts	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Ellen Magee #12
Minnesota	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Emily Kountourzis #20
Nebraska	2019 Oct 1	12/31/2021	Courtney Painter Stewart #7
New Hampshire	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Clarence Timmons #8
New Mexico	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Karen Womach #7
North Dakota	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Rita Skinner #8
New York	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Bronwyn Millman #19
Nova Scotia & PEI	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Nickee Kee #8
Ontario	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Aleta Esham #9
Puerto Rico	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Molly Shustack #20
Quebec	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Betty Dickens #20
Rhode Island	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Louisa Mitchell #8
Sao Paulo, Brazil	2020 Mar 1	12/31/2021	Kristina DeLosReyes #19
Saskatchewan	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Peggy Mullane #15
Tennessee	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Blanche Pickens #20
Texas	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Johanna Lightcap #19
Utah	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Prestina Crockett #15
Vermont	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Barbara Hedges #9
Wisconsin	2020 Jan 1	12/31/2021	Dot Irwin #15

### Grand Representatives Approved

The following recommendations from other jurisdictions were happily approved:

Jurisdiction	Name	Approval Date	Term of Office
Alabama	Rose Pair	2/3/2020	12/31/2021
Arizona	Janet Harnagel	2/2/2020	12/31/2021
Bolivia	Monica Carballo De Cabezas	9/8/2020	6/1/2021
District of Columbia	Joel Kahn	2/1/2010	12/31/2022
Kansas	Margaret Nelson	1/16/2020	12/31/2021
Louisiana	Joyce Smelley	2/9/2020	12/31/2021
Maine	Georgia Farnsworth	1/6/2020	12/31/2021
Manitoba	Elwyn Brown	1/5/2020	12/31/2022
Mississippi	Becky Rogers-Sneed	2/19/2020	12/31/2021
New Mexico	John McCord	1/16/2020	12/31/2021
New York	Irene Lahtinen	2/3/2020	12/31/2021
Ontario	Debra Bechamp	1/15/2020	12/31/2021
Oregon	Mildred Lucinda "Cindy" DeRoos	3/29/2020	12/31/2021
Quebec	Christina Hefferman	2/28/2020	12/31/2021
Rhode Island	Catherine Bradish	1/3/2020	12/31/2021
Utah	Gayle Cook	3/3/2020	12/31/2021
Vermont	Esther Meyer	10/20/2019	12/31/2021
Washington	Midge McDonough	2/19/2020	12/31/2021
Wyoming	Artha Smith	10/23/2019	12/31/2021

### Grand Chapter Committees

I sincerely thank those who took committee positions this term, whether they were on Standing Committees or Special Committees. Whether you had a specific niche that you were interested in filling or whether you willingly took a spot that no one wanted to step into, I thank you all. I encourage those who may be unsure about participating in this way to make it known that you would be willing to try something. There is usually a spot no matter what your interest and there are many things you can learn from the responsibility and your co-members. Unfortunately, there were a couple of positions that just never got filled, I am especially thankful to those who expanded their roles to close those gaps.

Our Standing Committee Appointments were:

Annual Session:

- Co-Chair: Ann Street, PGM GGCCM (5)
- Co-Chair: Catherine (Scotty) Schultz, PGM (12)
- Leigh Ann See (5)
- David See (5)
- Lisa Ellis (5)
- Joan Godwin (8)
- Charlotte McCall (8)
- Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr. (15)

- John Marinucci (15)
- Audio: Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19,20)  
Olivia Hiddemen (19)
- Medical: Kathy Kee, PM (8)  
Keri Bradford (16)
- Necrology:  
Chair: Barbara Davison, PM (19, 20)  
Linda Morganstern, PM (20)  
Ernie Fehnel, PP (16)
- Distinguished Guest Breakfast:  
Chair: Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM (19, 20)
- Grand Banquet:  
Co-Chair: January Kendall, PM (19)  
Co-Chair: Linda Morganstern, PM (20)
- Hospitality:  
GRODELS
- Pages Luncheon:  
Chair: Scotty Schultz, PGM (12)
- PAGO Breakfast:  
Chair: Teresa Shearon (16)/  
Patricia Martin (16)
- Transportation:  
Jessica Quillen (19)  
Molly Shustack (20)
- Benefit for Children:  
1 Yr. Bronwyn Millman (19)  
2 Yrs. Deena Yale, PM (7)  
3 Yrs. Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8 & 15)
- Credentials & Registration  
1 Yr. Sandra McAbee, PM (5)  
2 Yrs. Terese Hensel, PM (16)  
3 Yrs. Kelly Pepper (20)
- ESTARL:  
1 Yr. Doris Lauer, PGM (16)  
2 Yrs. Susan Tolbert, PM (16)  
3 Yrs. David Holley, PGP (5)
- Grievances & Appeals:  
1 Yr. Barbara Ewing-Joseph, PGM (16)

- 2 Yrs. J. Edward Morris, PGP (12)
- 3 Yrs. Henrietta McKelvey, PGM (19, 20)  
replacing Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19, 20)

Julia M. Story Award:

- 1 Yr. Kathi Anderson, PGM (8, 15)
- 2 Yrs. Lee Anderson, PGM (8)
- 3 Yrs. Carol Fehnel, PM (16)

Jurisprudence:

- 1 Yr. Robert Bradish, PGP (15)
- 2 Yrs. Deborah Good, PGM (8)
- 3 Yrs. Joan S. Edwards, PGM (15)

Printing:

- Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)
- Virginia Crockett, PGM (8, 19)
- William Lott, PGP (9)

Service Dogs:

- 1 Yr. Nancy Davis (9, 16)
- 2 Yrs. Barbara Davison, PM (19, 20)
- 3 Yrs. Margie Swain (20)/Marlene Mickles,  
PM (7)

Shustack Scholarship:

- 1 Yr. Elizabeth Abrams (20)
- 2 Yrs. Eleanor Ellis, PM (16)
- 3 Yrs. Kathy Kee, PM (8)

Unfinished Business:

- 1 Yr. M. Barbara Nakai, PM (8)
- 2 Yrs. Lana Donovan, PGM (19, 20)
- 3 Yrs. Pat Martin, PM (16)

Ways & Means:

- Co-Chair: Susan Shustack Marge, PM (20)
- Co-Chair: Cheryl Mongillo, PM (19)
- Steven J. Quillen (19)

Web Page:

- Chair: Joan Siler (15)
- William F. Lott, PGP (9)
- January Wright, PM (19)

Our Special Committee Appointments were:

Blessing of the Animals:

Linda Morganstern (20)

Craft Circles:

North: Sarah Quinby, PGM (20)

South: Sandra Sahutsky (16)

Centennial Committee:

Chair: TBD

Kathy Trombly, AGM

Ethelene Krauss, PGM

Phyllis Bowman, PGM

Joan M. Moore, PGM

Barbara Ewing-Joseph, PGM

Joan S. Edwards, PGM

Electronic Communication:

Teresa Shearon, PM (16)/

Chair: Deena Yale, PM (7)

Backup: Jennifer Grasset, PM (9)

Fun:

Square Dance: Tom McLaughlin, PP (8)

Sue McLaughlin (8)

Grand Lodge Liaison:

Robert Hiddemen, PGP (19,20)

OES License Plates:

J. Eddie Morris, PGP (12)

Sunshine:

Debbie Good, PGM (8)

State Newsletter:

Chair: Catherine Bradish (15)

Jennifer Grasset, PM (9)

TBD

Trips:

Cruise: Charlotte McCall, PM (8)

Esther (S&S): Sue Tolbert, PM (16)

Veterans Hospital (Elsmere):

Chair: Mercer Quinby, PP (20)

Walter Evans, PP (20)  
E. Watson Day, PGP (19)  
Janet Day, PGM (19)

Delaware Veterans Home (Milford):

Co-Chair: Carolyn Van Hekle, PM (15)  
Co-Chair: Debi Hodges, PM (15)

### Appointments to fill Vacancies

- Grievances & Appeals: Replaced Robert Hiddemen, PGP with Henrietta McKelvey, PGM to prevent any concern conflict of interest or concern of impartiality in the committee in handling issues that could arise regarding the Worthy Grand Matron.
- Electronic Communications: Appointed Deena Yale, PM who volunteered to assist upon the sudden death of Teresa Shearon, PM.
- Deputy Grand Lecturer Unity Chapter #16: Appointed Barbara Ewing-Joseph, PGM upon the resignation of Sandra Sahutsky, PGM due to health reasons.

### School of Instruction

The School of Instruction was held at the Dover Masonic Lodge on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Content covered was based on the new Most Worthy Grand Matron's handbook, my notes taken at the school of instruction at Triennium in November 2019 and general items or actions that I felt needed to be reinforced. There were no changes to any actions or procedures.

### Official Visits/Birthdays

The listing of our official visits and birthday visits are listed below. This was an unusual term. Unfortunately, I needed to have two minor surgeries during the year and therefore, missed the formal official visit at Caesar Rodney Chapter #8. Sr. Kathy Trombly, AGM filled in beautifully and seamlessly. I made my visit to the chapter at their January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we also cancelled the birthday visitations to Ruth Chapter and Frankford Chapter in order to limit the number of people present at the meetings. Ultimately, after conference with Jurisprudence and for the safety of our members, each chapter's meeting was not held. It was the second meeting

of the month for each chapter and the critical business for the month (elections) had already been completed.

May 30, 2019	Caesar Rodney #8 Birthday
June 10, 2019	Victory #15 Birthday
June 13, 2019	Georgetown #9 Birthday
September 12, 2019	Georgetown Official Visit
September 18, 2019	Naomi #20 Birthday
September 19, 2019	Sussex #7 Birthday and Official Visit
September 25, 2019	Frankford #12 Official Visit
October 8, 2019	Unity #16 Birthday
October 21, 2019	Adah #5 Birthday and Official Visit
October 24, 2019	Caesar Rodney #8 Official Visit
October 28, 2019	Victory #15 Official Visit
November 4, 2019	Ruth Chapter #19 Official Visit
November 6, 2019	Naomi #20 Official Visit
November 12, 2019	Unity #16 Official Visit
March 16, 2020	Ruth Chapter #19 Birthday - CANCELLED
March 25, 2020	Frankford #12 Birthday - CANCELLED

### Exchange Visits

I was pleased we were able to have a very successful visit on February 6, 2020, to New Jersey with Sister Norma Hines and her staff, which was hosted by our own Sister Fran Miller Worthy Matron of Pennsville Chapter. Sr. Norma and I met as Associate Conductresses and we looked forward to this exchange. The meeting room was packed with both Delaware and New Jersey members and the evening was a new and wonderful experience. The program was very interesting, and I think everyone had a good time. Thank you to our grand officers for again being so supportive, almost all were present and enjoyed taking photos with their counterparts! I was disappointed that we didn't have the traditional gathering of states with VA, MD, DC & PA, but sometimes things just don't work out. Plans had begun at the beginning of our terms in the line, but didn't come to fruition. The WGM's and WGP's did enjoy being in each other's company several times during our travels though.

### Out of State Visits

I was hoping to make more visits in the spring to the east coast states sessions, however the COVID-19 pandemic prevented that. I did make the following visits out of state:

May 21, 2019	NJ Grand Chapter Formal Opening, Atlantic City, NJ
June 24, 2019	PA Grand Chapter Formal Opening, York, PA
October 11, 2019	RI Visit with Sr. Denise Shippee, WGM Elect - Providence, RI
March 12, 2019	Friendship Chapter Visit, Prospect Park, PA - Did not attend due to virus precautions

### Banquets

I was very honored to be a guest at a few banquets this term, as listed below. Unfortunately, a couple of the spring banquets had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

October 12, 2019	Ruth Chapter	
October 13, 2019	Sussex Chapter	
October 20, 2019	Victory Chapter	
March 7, 2020	Unity Chapter	
March 21, 2020	Caesar Rodney	Cancelled
March 22, 2020	Naomi	Cancelled

### Youth

I was very pleased to attend the Job's Daughters events listed below. All the events had special meaning. Our Sister Kristina DeLos Reyes daughter being installed as Honored Queen and our Grand Esther Sister Prestina's daughter being initiated! Especially fun was our shadow night with Bethel #9, it really tugged at the Majority Members and Past Honored Queen's heartstrings to participate in a closing cross again. Fortunately, the girls did not make us kneel! The anniversary tea was extremely interesting as we were enthralled by a talk by none other than the famous suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Amazing! I am sad to say that I did not attend any DeMolay events, as we were not made aware of any throughout the term. DeMolay holds a special place in my heart due to spending so



much time participating in their activities growing up and the fact that so many of my family and close friends were active. I hope that the chapters remaining in Delaware are doing well.

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| May 19, 2019      | Bethel #9 Installation –<br>Vanessa DeLos Reyes, HQ |
| October 3, 2019   | Bethel #9 Shadow Night with our<br>Grand Officers   |
| November 17, 2019 | Bethel #7 Initiation –<br>Sydney Crockett Initiated |
| March 1, 2020     | Delmar Job's Daughters Tea -<br>Cockeysville, MD    |

### Masonic Events

I was very honored to attend several masonic events this term, each with special meaning. Bert and I attended the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Washington Lodge #1, we were also present at the 225<sup>th</sup> and what memories, we still have several photos of that elaborate event and the memories are quite vivid. I attended Bro, Chuck Porter's installation as Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge and I am proud this event was well attended by our Eastern Star members! As is tradition, I was invited to speak at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, and it was quite an honor. The Grand Lodge Installation was quite impressive; Evan Moody had a nice installation and brought very meaningful remarks to the audience. Bro. Chuck Porter invited me to speak to the Ladies about Eastern Star during the Grand Master's visit to his lodge. I felt that it was a successful evening and the grandmother of one of our Benefit award recipients was present and made herself known and expressed her thanks and encouragement for the Order.

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| June 8, 2019    | Washington Lodge #1 - 250th<br>Anniversary Celebration       |
| June 25, 2019   | Ionic Lodge #31 - Installation –<br>Brother Chuck Porter, WM |
| August 4, 2019  | Grand Lodge Picnic –<br>Killen's Pond State Park             |
| October 6, 2019 | Grand Lodge of Delaware Banquet -<br>Rehoboth Beach, DE      |

October 7, 2019	Grand Lodge of Delaware Annual Communication
October 10, 2019	Grand Lodge of Delaware Installation - Evan Moody, MWGM
November 7, 2019	Ionic Lodge #31 – Grand Master's Visit Ladies Program
March 13, 2019	York Rite Annual Banquet - <i>Did not attend due to virus precautions</i>

### Honorary Memberships

During this term I was extremely humbled to receive Honorary Memberships from all chapters in our state, except of course Ruth Chapter #19. In addition, I also received an Honorary Membership from Bethel #9, Job's Daughters International.

September 12, 2019	Georgetown #9 Official Visit
September 19, 2019	Sussex #7 Birthday and Official Visit
September 25, 2019	Frankford #12 Official Visit
October 3, 2019	Bethel #9, JDI - Shadow Night
October 21, 2019	Adah #5 Birthday and Official Visit
October 28, 2019	Victory #15 Official Visit
November 6, 2019	Naomi #20 Official Visit
November 12, 2019	Unity #16 Official Visit
January 9, 2020	Caesar Rodney #8 Official Visit

### Installation

I have not participated in any subordinate chapter installations yet as none have taken place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I was asked to participate in Ruth Chapter #19's installation as Installing Officer and Caesar Rodney #8's installation as Installing Marshal and look forward to when I can fulfill those duties.

### WGM Special Project

My special project this year was the Benefit for Children. Brother Tom and I requested that the Birthday Party coin marches be donated to the Benefit and the Official Visit coin marches be donated to the Veterans Committees. Additionally, we asked that any personal gifts be donations to the Benefit in

lieu of physical gifts. Our Benefit events for the year were the Beef & Beer, Cruise, and the Enchanted Tea Party. All of the events were just super and well attended.

### Grand Chapter Trip

Our trip was an 8-day cruise on the Royal Caribbean Ship “Enchantment of the Seas”. A whopping *forty-one* of us left Baltimore on Thursday, January 23 and traveled to the Bahamas where we made two stops. The weather was not as warm as we would have liked but we certainly had fun and lots of laughs. The second day in the Bahamas was at Coco Cay, Royal Caribbean’s own island which included a water park. Our Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron, Sister Ethelene Krauss were brave and flew high above the whole park on a series of zip lines!!! Sister Ethelene put the rest of us to shame and I think she had the biggest smile I’ve ever seen her express! After that we travelled to Port Canaveral. The weather was beautiful there and I was very excited to visit NASA and see all the rockets, capsules, spacesuits, and astronaut memorabilia that I remembered from my youth and of course the more recent shuttle exhibit was fascinating as well. The next day was a stop in Charleston, SC. We had a lovely visit to the street market and bought some special things. Bert, Olivia, and I then went on a historical walking tour of the city. Unfortunately, it poured rain! The tour was quite interesting, but uncomfortable. Fortunately, our tour guide had an extra umbrella that Olivia was able to use, Bert had a hooded jacket, and I had a rain poncho in my backpack. Thank goodness for that! After that stop, we headed back to Baltimore. At dinner the evening of Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Brother Tom, and I presented a commission to Sister Eleanor Ellis for the District of Columbia! I then phoned Sister Joan Moore and informed her so she could report it at Unity Chapter’s meeting that evening. The days at sea were filled with fun activities, swimming, dancing, games, classes, lots of good food and for some of us seasickness. But, even with the nausea, we did recover and had fun. We docked back in Baltimore on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and were headed back to our homes tired but happy.

### Complete Itinerary

May        14    Installation of Grand Officers

- 15 Returned Paraphernalia to the Storage Unit & Organized it
- 18 School of Instruction - 9:00-12:00
- 19 Bethel #9 Installation, Newark
- 21 Grand Chapter of NJ Formal Opening, Atlantic City
- 23 Caesar Rodney #8 Birthday
- June 3 Ruth Chapter #19 Regular Meeting
- 5 Naomi Chapter #20 Regular Meeting
- 8 Washington Lodge #1 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, DE City
- 10 Victory #15 Birthday
- 13 Georgetown #9 Birthday
- 15 GC of DE Reception  
(Timothy's on the Riverfront)
- 24 Grand Chapter of PA Formal Opening
- 25 Ionic Lodge #31 Installation, New Castle
- July 17 Unity #16 Ice Cream Social,  
Joan Moore's House
- August 4 Grand Lodge of DE Picnic  
(Killen's Pond State Park)
- 17 Delaware Eastern Star Picnic,  
Joan Moore's House
- September 12 Georgetown Official Visit
- 18 Naomi #20 Birthday
- 19 Sussex #7 Birthday and Official Visit
- 21 Special Session to Complete Unfinished  
Legislation, Dover
- 25 Frankford #12 Official Visit
- October 3 Bethel #9, JDI Shadow Night, Newark
- 5 Blessing of the Animals, Various Locations
- 6 Grand Lodge of DE Banquet,  
Rehoboth Beach
- 7 Grand Lodge of DE Annual Communication,  
Rehoboth Beach
- 8 Unity #16 Birthday
- 10 Grand Lodge of DE Installation, New Castle
- 11 Grand Chapter of RI,

- Visit with Sister. Denise Shippee, WGM
- 12 Ruth #19 Banquet
- 13 Sussex #7 Banquet
- 19 Finance Meeting, K. Anderson Home
- 20 Victory #15 Banquet
- 21 Adah #5 Birthday and Official Visit
- 24 Caesar Rodney #8 Official Visit – MISSED
- 26 Benefit for Children Event –  
Beef & Beer, Newark
- 28 Victory #15 Official Visit
- November 2 Ways & Means Quarter Auction –  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- 4 Ruth Chapter #19 Official Visit
- 6 Naomi #20 Official Visit
- 7 Ladies Program at Ionic Lodge
- 11 Victory Chapter #15 Initiation
- 12 Unity #16 Official Visit
- 17 Bethel #7, JDI Initiation
- December 2 Ruth Chapter #19, Regular Meeting
- 7 Claymont Christmas Parade & Grand Chapter  
Christmas Party
- January 9 Caesar Rodney #8, Regular Meeting
- 13 Victory #15, Regular Meeting
- 20 Ruth Chapter #19, Regular Meeting
- 23-30 Cruise!
- February 6 NJ Exchange Visit (Penn’s Grove)
- 15 “Enchanted” Tea Party, Seaford
- 22 Square Dance, Dover
- March 1 Job’s Daughters 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea,  
Cockeysville, MD
- 5 Bro. Eugene Lockerman’s Funeral Service
- 7 Unity #16 Banquet

THE REMAINING EVENTS (*except where \* noted*) WERE  
CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 12 Friendship Chapter Visit, Prospect Park, PA
- 13 York Rite Annual Banquet  
(*This was held, but we did not attend*)

- 16 Ruth Chapter #19 Birthday
  - 21 Caesar Rodney #8 Banquet
  - 22 Naomi #20 Banquet
  - 23 Benefit Award Conference Call\*
  - 25 Frankford #12 Birthday
  - 25 Planning Conference Call Resulting from  
Pandemic Situation\*
  - 28 Queen Esther Show at Sight & Sound Theater,  
Lancaster, PA
- April
- 4 Farewell Dinner
  - 11 Past Matron's & Patron's Dinner
  - 20 Grand Chapter of MD Formal Opening
  - 23 Grand Chapter of CT Formal Opening
- May
- 9 Grand Banquet
  - 10 Necrology & Informal Opening
  - 11 Grand Chapter Formal Opening
  - 12 Grand Chapter Installation

Warrants Approved & Checks Signed

I approved warrant numbers 19/20-003 through 19/20-019, which encompassed check numbers 696 – 801.

Contingency Fund

I received a check in the amount of \$225.00 at the beginning of the term, which according to Article IV, Section 4 (A) of the Rules and Regulations, is titled under Honorariums, Gratuities, Expense Accounts and Other Expenses. Said money was used toward my gas and tolls.

Waivers of Territorial Jurisdiction Requested/Granted

I did not request any Waivers of Territorial Jurisdiction. However, I did receive one request from the State of Maryland for Carrie Lynn Nicholson and William Thomas Nicholson, Jr. residents of Dover, Delaware. The chapters all voted to grant the waiver, so I communicated same to Sister Donna Runyan, Grand Secretary of MD on April 6, 2020.

## Special Dispensations

### Special Dispensations Granted

Date	Chapter	For the Purpose of...
5/15/2019	Ruth #19	Installing Adah
5/14/2019	Victory #15	Installing the Sentinel
5/22/2019	Georgetown #9	Installing the Chaplain

### Special Dispensations Declined:

Date	Chapter	For the Purpose of...
3/23/2020	Naomi #20	Moving the chapter meeting to Christ the Cornerstone Methodist Church

I declined the request from Naomi chapter because I interpreted the need for a special dispensation for a change in meeting place to be for a temporary instance, not a permanent move.

## Amendments to Subordinate Chapter Bylaws Approved

I approved the following Subordinate Chapter Bylaw Changes:

6/12/2019: Caesar Rodney Chapter #8

*ARTICLE I - Name and Meetings, Section 3, page 3.*

*Now Reads:*

Section 3. The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 8:00 P.M., except July and August, and the fourth Thursday of November and December, and when the meeting conflicts with the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Matron, due notice having been given the members and only such business transacted as may be specified in the notice.

Proposed Change: Eliminate last meeting in June

Change to Read:

Section 3. The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 8:00 P.M., except July and August, and the fourth Thursday of June, November, and December, and when the meeting conflicts with the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Matron, due notice having been given the members and only such business

transacted as may be specified in the notice.

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ARTICLE V – *Membership, Section 5, page 7.*

Now Reads:

Section 5. Dual Membership is not permitted in concurrent jurisdiction. No petition for Dual Membership shall be received unless Chapter in which the petitioner holds primary membership also permits Dual Membership.

The procedure in receiving and acting upon any petition for Dual Membership shall be the same as that of any other petition for affiliation.

Dual Members must pay dues in both Chapters and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in both, except that such Dual member shall not hold any one of the four principle offices or that of Secretary in more than one Chapter at the same time.

Loss of membership by suspension for non-payment of dues in primary Chapter, or expulsion in either Chapter, carries with it the loss of membership in the other.

No Subordinate Chapter shall receive petitions for Dual Membership for a member whose primary membership is held in a Chapter under a Grand Chapter not permitting Dual Membership.

Proposed Change: Delete in its entirety since dual membership no longer exists in Delaware and Replace with Comment on Plural Membership

Change to Read:

Section 5. Plural Membership is permitted in this Chapter as prescribed in ARTICLE III - Membership: Section 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware.

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ARTICLE VII - *Fees and Dues, Section 1, page 9.*

Now Reads:

Section 1. The fee for conferring the degrees in this Chapter shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15), and for affiliation Five Dollars (\$5), which must accompany the petition.

Proposed Change: Increase conferring degrees and affiliation fee to \$25. Add plural and reinstatement.

Change to Read:



Section 1. The fee for conferring the degrees in this Chapter, affiliation, plural or reinstatement shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) which must accompany the petition.

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ARTICLE VII - *Fees and Dues, Section 2, page 9.*

*Now Reads:*

Section 2. Each member, except Life Members, shall pay the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10) annual dues, plus the annual per capita tax (assessments) of the General Grand Chapter and Grand Chapter of Delaware, payable in December. By order of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, all dues must be paid one year in advance. The Chapter may, by a majority vote of the members present, remit the dues of any member.

Proposed Change: Increase in dues from \$10 to \$15.

*Change to Read:*

Section 2. Each member, except Life Members, shall pay the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15) annual dues, plus the annual per capita tax (assessments) of the General Grand Chapter and Grand Chapter of Delaware, payable in December. By order of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, all dues must be paid one year in advance. The Chapter may, by a majority vote of the members present, remit the dues of any member.

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*Amendments – page*

*Now Reads:*

Section 1. No alterations or amendments to these By-Laws shall be made unless the same shall be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, when it shall be entered on the minutes, lay over until the next stated meeting, when, if by two-third of the members present vote in the affirmative, the amendment shall be adopted. Except that any law, ruling or edict of the Grand Chapter of Delaware altering these By-Laws had the effect of any amendment without any action on the part of the Chapter.

All amendments must be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron or Grand Chapter.

Proposed change: Add approved by the Grand Chapter Jurisdiction Committee and remove Grand Chapter. This is in the guidelines of the Grand Chapter.

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All amendments must be approved by the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron ~~of Grand Chapter~~.

### **Correspondence**

1)

May 25, 2019

To the Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Article II Duties of Grand Officers; Section 5 Grand Secretary, (L) *Legislation that is passed at the Annual or Special Session of the Grand Chapter Line (1)*, enclosed you will find the Grand Secretary's record of legislation adopted at the 98th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star, which is to be spread upon the minutes. The adopted legislation is also available on the [www.delawareoes.org](http://www.delawareoes.org) website in the *Members Only* section.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

2)

May 30, 2019

Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

We are beginning a new and exciting year in the Grand Chapter of Delaware and, of course we join the subordinate chapters in

the progression of each of your years. Just as all of you have planned to make this year special, Brother Tom and I have also planned. It is our hope that together we will make great strides in our order and position ourselves for a great and bountiful future in Delaware.

Our theme for this year has a foundation in nature and as stated at our installation; we acknowledge that we have and continue to learn from our predecessors. Yet, we must also understand that in order to thrive and grow, we must make changes and modifications just like a tree bends in the wind to avoid breaking. So, you will frequently hear us use the phrase: “*Drawing from our roots we will nurture our growth.*” Positivity is another area of concentration for us. Therefore, we are encouraging you all to “*Plant Seeds of Kindness*” throughout this year and to “*Love One Another*”.

We have some interesting things planned for this year and I encourage each of *you* to think about how your chapters can spice things up a little to encourage visitation, socializing and the building of true friendships. We want you to create interesting and fun atmospheres at your meetings. Take care of your chapter business, but be efficient with your meetings, so you can use your social time for fun things. After your meetings, plan brief activities like learning a new craft or dance, hearing from a speaker about a local place of interest or about conserving or repurposing household things, in general, something of interest to your members and maybe non-members visitors that you’ve invited for the program.

Take a “gander” at the Turkey Talk email line for activities and events that are shared between our appendant bodies and our sister jurisdictions. Adopt-a-sister or brother or doesn’t have email to print and share information that they might not otherwise receive. There are many little acts of kindness we can do for each other that will not only make our lives easier, but more pleasant. We are having a travel club this year, which will track your travels through your OES passport! Collect a stamp for each activity you attend and at the end of the year, the person with the most stamps from OES events will receive a two-night stay at Dover Downs for our 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Session! In the event of a tie, the winner will be drawn from a basket containing all the names

of those who were tied for having the most stamps. So, get a passport and hit the road, adventure awaits!

Join us for visits to chapters celebrating their birthdays and experiencing their Officials! We promise you - remarks will be brief, but worthwhile. We request that the coin march proceeds from each Official Visit be split between the Veterans Hospital Hobby Cart (Elsmere) and the Veterans Home (Milford). Likewise, we request the proceeds from the Birthday coin marches be used for the Benefit for Children.

Some of our scheduled events so far: Benefit for Children Beef & Beer October 26, 2019, Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, Southeast Coast & Bahamas 8 days beginning January 23, 2020, Sight & Sound "Queen Esther" March 28, 2020.

If you have any questions for the Worthy Grand Matron, please submit them in writing, so the questions can be answered thoroughly and correctly. Remember, your chapter has a Deputy Grand Lecturer who will assist with ritualistic work.

Brother Tom and I thank you all for your support and faith in our abilities. We look forward to visiting with each and every one of you. We pray for much success and growth for your chapters this year.

Always remember, respect the earth and its creatures, and teach others to do the same. Every small act makes a difference.

With Fraternal Love,  
Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron  
Thomas J. Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron        SEAL

3)  
June 2, 2019

To the Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please consider this as a formal call to a Special Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 1:00 pm in the Dover Masonic Lodge 1478 Wyoming Mill Rd., Dover, DE 19904. The

purpose of this Special Session is to complete the unfinished legislation from our 98th Annual Session.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron SEAL

4)

June 12, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers Caesar Rodney Chapter #8:

I have received your requested by-law changes from the Jurisprudence Committee along with their approval. I have reviewed your submission and agree with the Jurisprudence Committee. Therefore, I am granting approval for the attached changes with immediate effect.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron SEAL

cc: Robert Brandish, PGP, Chairman  
Debbie D. Good, PGM  
Joan S. Edwards, PGM

5)

November 1, 2019

Good evening sisters and brothers,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we realize that it is the perfect time to remind one another of the many reasons there are to be grateful.

We all celebrate in different ways. Whether you're cooking for a house full of relatives, going to a friend's house carrying your contribution to the meal, meeting friends at a favorite restaurant, or working in a church kitchen to serve those less fortunate, we still may need a reminder to be grateful for the blessings we have received.

To quote the Dalai Lama, "The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness." If we truly appreciate everything we have and everything we are, we will have a better understanding of and be better equipped to address and meet the needs of others. Goodness begets goodness, positivity begets positivity and so it should be that we extend ourselves to each other.

As was so eloquently written by Walter Mosley:

Every day that we wake up  
is a good day.

Every breath that we take  
is filled with hope for a better day.

Every word that we speak is a chance to change what is bad into  
something good.

Remember sisters and brothers, however you celebrate, that it is  
God's abundant grace that keeps us sheltered, healthy, fed,  
clothed, and loved.

May God bless your families and homes this holiday season and  
may those blessings be bountiful. Radiate positivity, love one  
another, and have a happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron  
Thomas J. Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara F. Lott, PGM, Grand Secretary SEAL

6)

November 1, 2019

To the Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order  
of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please take notice of the attached letter from the Grand Master of  
Masons in Delaware, AF & AM.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron SEAL

Attachment:

From: [grandsecglde@verizon.net](mailto:grandsecglde@verizon.net)  
Subject: Memorandum 18-19-32 Expulsion of Michael L. Brittingham  
Date: September 27, 2019 at 3:28 PM  
To: Donna Hiddomen [hiddomen.dones@gmail.com](mailto:hiddomen.dones@gmail.com), Herbert J. Atkinson - MWPGM [hjatkinson@verizon.net](mailto:hjatkinson@verizon.net), Scottish Rite valleyofwilm098@verizon.net, Ricky Swalm [rswalm@temple.edu](mailto:rswalm@temple.edu), Mark Irwin [mirwin@moltrading.com](mailto:mirwin@moltrading.com), David J. Penney [deldemolay@aol.com](mailto:deldemolay@aol.com), Sue Nickerson [grandguardiandolmar@gmail.com](mailto:grandguardiandolmar@gmail.com), [mike1956@aol.com](mailto:mike1956@aol.com), [mm590@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mm590@atlanticbb.net), [dfeeser@cbmove.com](mailto:dfeeser@cbmove.com)

All,  
Please see the attached self-explanatory memorandum.

Fraternally,  
Glenn



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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY  
MASONIC TEMPLE

**MEMORANDUM: 18-19-32**

**DATE: September 27, 2019**

**TO: ALL SYMBOLIC LODGE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES,  
WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE**

**FROM: OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: EXPULSION for Conduct Unbecoming a Mason, of Mr. Michael L. Brittingham**

Please see the attached **EDICT NO.2** in regards to the **EXPULSION** of Mr. Michael L. Brittingham, of late a member of Temple Lodge No. 9, A.F. & A.M.

**PLEASE TAKE DUE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.**

Fraternally,

Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

GFD/jld

Attachment

cc: All Past Grand Masters  
All Appendant & Concordant Bodies in Delaware  
Surrounding Grand Lodge Jurisdictions





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**EDICT No. 2**

**WHEREAS**, Freemasonry has been built by men of high moral standards and continues to hold these standards high; and

**WHEREAS**, all Masons of this Jurisdiction profess to these same high moral standards as so stated in the obligations which are taken at the Holy Altar in our lodges; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Michael L. Brittingham was arrested for, and has admitted to committing a crime, and by his own actions has violated his duties as a Master Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, his admitted actions as stated above, constitutes **CONDUCT UNBECOMING A MASON**; and

**WHEREAS**, this conduct is unacceptable and casts an unfavorable light on all of Freemasonry in general and this Grand Jurisdiction in particular, and

**Now, therefore, I**, Most Worshipful Donald Elwood Rosenberry pursuant to the power and authority vested in me as Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, do hereby direct and order as follows:

1. **Mr. Michael L. Brittingham**, late of Temple Lodge No. 9, A.F. & A.M. is and stands **EXPELLED** from all rights and privileges of a Master Mason as of this date.
2. **Mr. Michael L. Brittingham**, late of Temple Lodge No. 9, A.F. & A.M. shall not be allowed membership in any Jurisdiction of Freemasonry until such time that this expulsion is rescinded by the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware **and** by unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.
3. No Mason shall have Masonic Intercourse with **Mr. Michael L. Brittingham** for any reason whatsoever.

4. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware shall send a copy of this Edict No. 2 to **Mr. Michael L. Brittingham**, late of Temple Lodge No. 9, and all lodges in amity with the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

**In Conclusion, I Order and Direct This Edict** to be read in each lodge, throughout the State of Delaware, at the first Stated Communication after its receipt, and entered in full upon the Minutes of the lodge thereof.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Delaware this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 AD, 6019 AL.

*Donald E. Rosenberry*

M.: W.: Donald E. Rosenberry  
Grand Master

Attest:

*Glenn F. Davis, Sr.*

M.: W.: Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

7)  
November 6, 2019

To the Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star

Subject: Return of “Borrowed” funds from the ESTARL Fund for the March 2020 Esther Event

Dear Sisters Cathy, Kathi, and Jane:

On April 4, 2019, Brother Tom and I were copied on a letter to the Grand Trustees from the sitting Worthy Grand Matron and Patron approving use of \$3,000.00 from the ESTARL account to advance purchase tickets for the March 2020 Sight & Sound Event “Queen Esther”.

The approval was given subject to two conditions, as follows:

1. The \$3,000.00 must be paid back to the ESTARL fund in full.
2. If the event does not generate \$3,000.00 in revenue, the difference between the revenue generated by the event and \$3,000.00 will be made up from the private funds of Sister Donna Hiddemen and Brother Thomas Morganstern.

This letter is to serve as documentation that I have requested and received confirmation from the Grand Treasurer that the funds have now been fully replaced. There are additional funds which will come into the account as we get closer to the event; however, I wanted to be sure that there was official documentation of the repayment on record.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron                      SEAL

Thomas J. Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron

cc:     Sr. Barbara F. Lott, PGM, Grand Secretary  
       Bro. Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP, Grand Treasurer  
       Sr. Virginia E. Crockett, PGM  
       Bro. William F. Lott, PGP

8)

December 4, 2019

Good evening sisters and brothers,

We have entered the most Holy time of the year for Christians and the Season of Light for the Jews. Both holidays are very different, yet the focus of both is the gift of light in the darkest of times.

Jesus, “the light of the world” brings salvation and the promise of eternal life. God chose to bring his only son into the world in a time and place that was very tumultuous. Yet, a young unmarried couple through their faith in the Lord persisted and fulfilled God’s plan for the earth. There can be no doubt that God’s divine hand cleared the way for safe travel and the healthy birth of Jesus. It is during this time each year that all humanity seems to be reassured that our Heavenly Father is near to us and truly influences *our* lives and grows our compassion toward each other.

The word “Hanukkah” means “dedication” and it refers to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem which took place after the Maccabees’ victory in 164 BCE. Once the Maccabees had restored the Temple and re-purified it, they sought to relight a lamp known as the “eternal flame.” But only one day’s worth of consecrated olive oil could be found, and it would be some time before more could be produced. There was a deep spiritual desire

to rekindle the sacred lamp immediately, so the priests proceeded to light it. Miraculously, it burned for eight days until fresh jars of olive oil were able to be brought to keep the flame alive.

At this time, more of us than ever before have Christmas and Hanukkah in our lives in some way, either due to our own interfaith families or via relatives or friends. We should be thankful that we belong to a group that teaches mutual religious respect and appreciation.

Whether you celebrate the birth of Christ or remember the grace of God through the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, may you and your families be blessed with peace and love this holiday season.

Radiate positivity and love one another!

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron SEAL

Thomas J. Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara F. Lott, PGM, Grand Secretary

NOTE: Some information was gathered from [www.Interfaithfamily.com](http://www.Interfaithfamily.com).

9)

January 16, 2020

To the Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Kathy Trombly and I will be out of the jurisdiction for the Grand Chapter cruise beginning Thursday, January 23, 2020, and we will return Friday, January 31, 2020.

In our absence, I have appointed Sr. Lana Donovan, PGM to have charge of the Grand Chapter. If there are any questions or issues that require immediate attention during that time, please contact Sister Lana at 302.798.8499.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron SEAL

10)  
March 2, 2020

To the Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware, Order  
of the Eastern Star



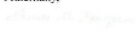

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

A request for a Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction is attached.  
Please review and reply *directly to me* as soon as possible with  
your chapter's decision.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron SEAL

<p>Grand Chapter of Maryland WORTHY GRAND G. Timothy</p>  <p>Order of the Eastern Star GRAND TREASURER Kevin A. Herbar</p>	
February 26, 2020	
<p>Barbara F. Loti, PGM Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Delaware P.O. Box 186 Dagsboro, DE 19939</p>	
<p>Dear Sister Barbara,</p>	
<p>A Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction has been requested by Chestertown Chapter No.86 in Chestertown, Maryland over each of the following petitions:</p>	
<p>Carrie Lynn Nicholson and William Thomas Nicholson, Jr. 634 Branford Road, Dover, DE 19904</p>	
<p>William is a member of Chestertown Lodge No. 115. That lodge and Chestertown Chapter have many joint activities and that is why he and his wife want to join there.</p>	
<p>If the waivers are granted, please notify this office so the chapter can act on their petitions. I would appreciate an email or phone call response followed by an official letter. Thank you for considering this request.</p>	
<p>Fraternally,</p>	
 	
<p>Donna H. Runyon Grand Secretary</p>	
<p>Cc: Deborah L. Raynovich, WGM Grand Chapter Office • 304 International Circle, Coekeysville, MD 21030-1300 Phone (410) 527-1333 • FAX (410) 527-0049 • email: grsec@goesmd.org</p>	

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April 6, 2020

Re: Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction - Maryland

Dear Sister Donna:

I am pleased to report that the requests for Waivers of Territorial Jurisdiction for Carrie Lynn Nicholson and William Thomas Nicholson, Jr. have been granted by all Delaware chapters.

Best wishes as you move forward in this process and prayers for health and safety.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron                      SEAL

Cc:     Sister Deborah Raynovich, WGM of MD  
          Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM of DE, Gr. Secretary

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March 16, 2020

Sisters and Brothers of Delaware:

Given the issuance of Edict #1 from the Grand Master and the directive issued by Delaware's Governor Carney, please take note of the following directive regarding Eastern Star in Delaware:

- All remaining activities for March are cancelled. (Includes all stated meetings, Ruth & Frankford's birthdays, Queen Esther, which was cancelled by the Theater - more to come on that.)
- All of April's stated meetings, which include but are not limited to all chapter installations; Grand Family Farewell Dinner & Past Matrons and Patrons Dinner are cancelled.

Since we have not had this situation before (that I know of) in history, my expectation is this:

- Chapter installations will be held at the first stated meetings once the restrictions regarding COVID-19 have been lifted. This will be a blanket requirement and therefore no special dispensations will be required. Phone calls should be made to all active members of the

chapter to ensure that no one ventures out on meeting nights.

- We request that no social or fundraising activities be rescheduled yet as we do not have a firm understanding of how long we will be restricted.

Grand Sessions:

At this point in time, we know that our grand sessions will be postponed. The Sessions Chairs, Trustees and top four-line officers of the Grand Chapter will be meeting over the next week or so as things progress to create the plans that will be enacted once we have a better idea of how these virus restrictions will move forward.

Other jurisdictions:

Given the circumstances and measures that are being taken all across our world, I strongly suggest that before you consider attending any events you reach out to the jurisdiction and be sure that said event is still being held.

While we are all very disappointed, we reiterate that the wellbeing of our members remains most important. We appreciate your patience and ask you to remember in your prayers those who are less fortunate and are being more severely affected by this virus.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
Kathleen Trombly, AGM  
Wayne Stacy, AGP  
Barbara F. Lott, PGM Grand Secretary  
Jurisprudence Committee  
Grand Trustees

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**EDICT NO. 1 - CANCELLATION OF ALL MASONIC ACTIVITIES**

12 messages

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grandsecglde@verizon.net <grandsecglde@verizon.net>  
To: grandsecglde@verizon.net

Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 12:50 PM

Distinguished Brothers and Leaders of Our Delaware Masonic Family.

Please see the attached EDICT NO. 1 from Most Worshipful Evan R. Moody, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

Please read it carefully, take due notice, and govern yourselves accordingly.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Glenn



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**EDICT No. 1**

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of our members, their loved ones, and our communities is of paramount concern; and

WHEREAS, our country, our states, and the world are faced with the spreading of the Coronavirus (COVID-19); one which the World Health Organization (WHO) has classified as a pandemic spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the spread of this virus has the potential to touch virtually all facets of our work and social life, including community events, business events, sporting events and our masonic events; and

WHEREAS, at least one (1) active mason has reported to the Grand Lodge that he may have been exposed to the Coronavirus very recently; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Delaware has issued a "State of Emergency" for the entire State of Delaware as a result of this Coronavirus outbreak; and

WHEREAS, it may be disappointing to cancel events, measures must be taken out of an abundance of caution, to safeguard the well-being of our brethren, their loved ones, and our communities; and

Now, therefore, I, Most Worshipful Evan R. Moody pursuant to the power and authority vested in me as Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, do hereby direct and order, **Effective Immediately**, as follows:

1. All Lodge and Grand Lodge activities, regardless of whether the activity takes place within or outside of Masonic Halls, shall be cancelled until April 30, 2020, unless sooner communicated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; including, but not limited to, Stated Communications, Special Communications, Masonic Social Functions (includes any Masonic supported/sponsored event that involves the public), Masonic Workshops, as well as youth group and community meetings/events that may be scheduled in your lodge building.
2. Private Functions booked/scheduled to be held in any Masonic Hall are to be handled by the individual Hall Company. Hall Companies are strongly encouraged to follow the most conservative guidelines available from leading global and local health authorities such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization

(WHO), as related to the proper steps to help control the spread of this Coronavirus (COVID-19). Always abide by national, state, and local gathering restrictions, as directed by the President and/or the Governor of the State of Delaware.

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**In Conclusion, I Order and Direct This Edict** to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this Edict shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Delaware this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 AD, 6020 AL.

M. W. Evan R. Moody  
Grand Master

M. W. Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

March 16, 2020

Dear:

I have received an email from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware in which he was responding to an email from you, which appeared to be under the auspices of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, regarding Edict #1 from the Grand Master.

I was quite taken aback because I had not asked you to reach out to the Grand Lodge office, nor had you and I even discussed or communicated about this inquiry. I believe I understand your concern; however, I have been in almost continual communication with the Grand Lodge office, as well as *our* jurisprudence chair surrounding this issue. You should have directed your question to me before reaching out beyond our ranks. If we could not determine the proper interpretation together or if I did not feel comfortable making the decision for Eastern Star in Delaware, I would have directed you to request further clarification. Your inquiry revealed a failure in the chain of command.

While I know that your inquiry was purely innocent and well meaning, please understand that the Grand Master and the heads of the appendant bodies of Masonry in Delaware are fielding an avalanche of questions during the fast-evolving events of this unprecedented time in our history. We must work smartly and coordinate our efforts to ease the tension and difficulty in acting upon the information we are receiving in an intelligent and prompt fashion.

Going forward please be sure to consult with the Worthy Grand Matron before reaching out to the Grand Lodge or appendant bodies.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron                      SEAL

cc:     Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
         Kathleen Trombly, AGM

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April 10, 2020

Sisters and Brothers of Delaware:

Please see the attached email from the Grand Master regarding his Directive #1 on Edict #1, cancellation of Masonic Activities. Please take note of the following regarding Eastern Star in Delaware:

- All of May's stated meetings are cancelled.
- According to the guidance of Delaware's Governor and the CDC along with the Grand Master's orders and communications from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, all in-person gatherings are cancelled.

As stated in my March 16<sup>th</sup> letter, my expectation is this:

- Chapter installations will be held at the first stated meetings once the restrictions regarding COVID-19 have been lifted. This will be a blanket requirement and therefore no special dispensations will be required. Phone calls should be made to all active members of the chapter to ensure that no one ventures out on meeting nights.





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**DIRECTIVE No. 1**

**(Cancellation Date For Masonic Activities Extended To May 31, 2020)**

After consulting with your Elected Grand Lodge Officers, and Past Grand Masters on your Grand Lodge General Purposes and Jurisprudence Committees, and as the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to affect all of us, I find that I must extend the directives as outlined in Edict No. 1; those being:

1. All Lodge and Grand Lodge activities, regardless of whether the activity takes place within or outside of Masonic Halls, shall be cancelled until April 30, 2020, unless sooner communicated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; including, but not limited to, Stated Communications, Special Communications, Masonic Social Functions (includes any Masonic supported/sponsored event that involves the public), Masonic Workshops, as well as youth group and community meetings/events that may be scheduled in your lodge building.
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Each of the above mentioned items from Edict No. 1 will remain in effect with the exception of the date in Item No. 1. **The cancellation date for all instances specified in Item No. 1 above is May 31, 2020, unless otherwise communicated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.**

**In Conclusion, I hereby Order that this Directive is to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this Directive shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.**

Finally, a reminder that this is a time for us to pay particular attention to our brethren who may be in need and who may require assistance. If you are worried about a fellow member or his family, please keep in contact with them via telephone, text, or email. Let us remember our masonic obligations to relieve the distressed, and to aid with the health and welfare of our fellow brothers. Please keep an eye on each other and be ready to exercise our masonic benevolence where and when we are able.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Delaware this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020 AD, 6020 AL.

*Evan R. Moody*

M.: W.: Evan R. Moody  
Grand Master

*Glenn F. Davis, Sr.*

M.: W.: Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

### Correspondence

I do not have any letters under seal from the subordinate chapters.

### Irregularities

Entering this year, I conveyed to the Grand Lecturer that I wanted to concentrate on setting a tone of encouragement as far as our ritualistic work is concerned. While I understand the need to identify errors and shortcomings in the presentation of our work, I also feel that feedback and reporting of said issues should be handled firmly, but tenderly. Having said that, the irregularities as observed by myself and the Grand Lecturer and so noted by the Grand Lecturer with recommendations are listed below:

- There is inconsistency in the usage of text from the Ritual and the signs and passes. It had been recommended that the signs and passes be practiced by all members. (See Ritual, Page 45).
- Incorrect wording was used when directing the members to extend grand honors, the word “Accord” was used. The Book of Instruction, Introductions Section 15 (J) reads: “Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in

*extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron.”*

While it is difficult to label the next issue an irregularity, unless there is a question or complaint from a member, it should be mentioned as a reminder to all Matrons when filling vacancies at meetings. Refer to Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters, Art. X, Sec. 4, Vacancies preferences, Page 57, A) “preference MUST be given members of her or his Subordinate Chapter”.

As noted above, various instances occurred where the ritual wording was not correct. It is understood that there are times when a specific word escapes us, and a similar term is used. However, we encourage all members who hold positions to review the ritual and strive for accuracy and beauty in your presentation. I know that sometimes it feels as though we are tired phonograph records simply repeating statements, we have heard hundreds of times. But what we need to remember is that there are still new or less experienced members who are not only memorizing the words from the ritual, but also watching and learning movement and delivery of those words from the more seasoned members. Be proud of your work and make your ritualistic performance such that others remember it well and strive to emulate it. An important example of the importance of the use of correct wording and meaningful delivery is the “Farewell” statement. I have always felt that statement to be a critical part of our meeting, show your sisters and brothers how truly important they are to you by saying this properly. Now more than ever, we need to hear these words in a reverent and sincere manner.

#### Questions & Answers/Decisions

I received the following inquiries, my answers with reasoning follow:

- 10/22/2019 Question: Can the Altar be draped for a former member who is a Past Matron/Patron or Past Grand Matron/Patron?
  - Answer: I was unable to find any documentation to specify for whom the Altar may or may not be draped . The only

information I was able to find was for the procedures for *performing* the draping. Unfortunately, I had planned to write to the Most Worthy Grand Secretary to secure an answer, but for some reason, I did not complete the follow-up and the inquirer did not inquire again. Therefore, I will reach out at this time for a response, so I can reply and the issue can be closed.

- 4/10/2020 Question: The Grand Chapter of Virginia and their subordinate chapters are remaining in place until their next regular session date/installation date in 2021. Is this something that we here in Delaware could do as well? (A few people inquired as to this possibility, as several other jurisdictions were announcing this same plan).
  - Answer: The leadership of the Grand Chapter had met previous to this inquiry and had laid out a tentative plan for a session and changing of the grand officers and subordinate chapter officers. Therefore, I forwarded the written inquiry to the leadership team and inquired as to their thoughts. Everyone felt that since we had discussed our situation thoroughly and determined a tentative plan, that we should proceed with said plan unless circumstances changed further. I responded to the inquiries accordingly.

### Black Cube

I am pleased to report there was no misuse of the Black Cube this Grand Chapter Year.

### Fifty-Year Members

I am very pleased to have 12 members to honor for their 50 years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star! I have heard from a few of them, and they had planned on attending to receive their honors and pins. I hope they will still be able to attend when we are able to have our session.



Ann Gilmore	Adah #5	10/6/1969
Christine Cannon	Adah #5	11/17/1969
Marilyn Jones	Caesar Rodney #8	11/13/1969
Lena Lee	Victory #15	1/7/1970
Shirley Millman	Unity #16	11/11/1969
Susan Tolbert	Unity #16	4/28/1970
Barbara Hearn	Ruth #19	9/23/1969
Iva Thomas	Ruth #19	5/4/1970
Lillian Callaway	Naomi #20	5/21/1969
Diane Schultheiss	Naomi #20	6/18/1969
Gail Mornhinweg	Naomi #20	11/5/1969
Angeline Wesseler	Naomi #20	12/18/1969

### Recommendations

I did not have any recommendations at this time.

### COVID-19 Pandemic

The Grand Chapter year was abruptly halted in mid-March due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our year was progressing so well, our events were well attended and financially successful. The atmosphere seemed to be positive at every turn. However, as we all learn from life's experiences and our Order's teachings, life is uncertain, and we never know what will be. I am thankful to have been able to serve with such an intelligent, cohesive, and supportive group of individuals to guide this organization through such unusual times. I am also thankful to have been able to serve under such an intelligent and caring Most Worthy Grand Matron as well. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be working so closely with Marianne. But I am thankful for her guidance, concern and graciousness under these circumstances. We have a long way to go in order to get through the pandemic safely. My prayer is that our Lord will bless all those who are ill, those who are caring for them, those who are grieving and those who are actively working the service trades to keep those of us who are sheltering-in-place cared for, fed and safe.

### Appreciation

I would like to begin by thanking my Lord for safe travels this term and for the love of my family. My family has been extremely supportive, and I appreciate the extra effort you all have put forth this year: Audrey, Karen, Bill, Steve, Jess, Dave V., Jen, Dave S., Molly, Emily, and Adam. To Bert, we

celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary during this year and I'm happy to say we're still married at the close of the term! All kidding aside, you have been of great support throughout this year and throughout our years together. No one knows how truly spiritual, loving and giving you are. We have been through so many of life's challenges together, from the most grave to the most happy. I love you forever and ever and ever and 6 days. To my Olivia Alverda Jeanette, you have been most profoundly affected by your father and my participation in this Order. I know it hasn't always been easy, but I hope that our participation has made us better parents to you and better people in general. I knew you were a special person from the very beginning, no one comes through a harrowing start like yours to be average and self-serving. You have become such a beautiful, loving, caring and selfless woman. I not doubt that you will succeed no matter where life leads you. I love you forever and ever and ever and *lots* of days.

To my partner, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, my Tommy Turkey: Thank you. This year has been a great experience! At every turn you were so positive and so incredibly excited to be a part of this experience. I enjoyed having you as my partner, our travels have been fun, dignified and sometimes silly. But I think we've served Delaware well. Thank you to Linda for sharing your husband this year and for your support and assistance in all matters and activities this year. You are a great couple and I wish you many happy years of love and happiness.

To Kathy and Wayne: I wish you all the best next year. You are both terrific people and an unstoppable pair. You are super together and I can't wait to see all the great things you have planned. Best Wishes!

Barbara and Steve: I don't want to say I couldn't have made it through this year without you, but it certainly wouldn't have been as smooth or as fun. I appreciate all the help and courtesies you extended to me this year. You are both strong individuals and the Grand Chapter is better served because of that.

Wini and Marty: Your time is fast approaching. As you've heard everyone say before me, time passes in the blink of an eye. Take

time to enjoy each event and relish your planning, it's great when you see each things you've planned come to fruition. Enjoy!

Joan, our Grand Lecturer: I wanted you in this position so badly and Tom was in 100% agreement. Tom and I both held our breath until you replied and how happy we were when you agreed to join us! You did a tremendous job, your calm demeanor and encouraging approach is exactly what we wanted for our Lecturer in order to promote an uplifting atmosphere. Thank you, love you.

Cathy Y., Jane, and Kathi A.: The grand trio! The position of Trustee is a difficult one and thus the reason there are three of you. Thank you for your service and support this year. I appreciate everything you have done to help make this year successful. Best wishes to Jane and Kathi A. for next year. Cathy Y....cheers!

Sister Linda: You had a tremendous load to carry this year and you of course, achieved success in every task. Thank you for accepting to serve as Chaplain. By far the most difficult job was being Mrs. Worthy Grand Patron because it brings its own set of challenges. Well done!

Sue Peronti: One of my first Jobie friends, long-time chapter friend and life friend. I am so, so humbled and thankful that you and John agreed that this would be a good thing to do! Our families have been close for many years and for many reasons. Our moms were travel pals and I am so happy that *we* have traveled together as well. Life is better with a friend like you. Thank you for everything you have done and for taking such good care of me. You beautifully served this year and know your mom has that smirk on her face and is saying "why of course she did!" Hugs and kisses....let's have a glass of wine.

Ernie! You are fabulous addition to any group and I'm so thankful that you agreed to be a part of ours. Your talent is amazing. I was so happy when I heard you playing Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now!" at installation and the polkas were great too! Fabulous!!!!

Susan Marge: What can I say? We have been friends for so long, I can't remember a time that you were not a part of my life. I

appreciate you agreeing to take an office this year. I know it made your life overly busy sometimes, but I am thankful you came along. I hope you enjoyed the journey and that we can do a girls' weekend soon. Thank you, my friend. Love you.

Cheryl: You too.... There are no words to convey how thankful I am for everything you've done. Our families have intertwined over and over again through the years. I could write a book, but no one would believe it! Your support and your ability to keep going and going no matter how you feel is unbelievable. Your drive is boundless. Thank you, love you.

Queen Prestina: I knew you would love this position! I'm so thankful that you agreed to be a part of our grand family. You have many years to go in life and I'm thankful that you have spent some of your journey with us. I hope you enjoyed the experience. Rule on my friend!

Jeannie: Who would have ever thought we would be serving together in this capacity way back in the Jobie robe days? Thank you so much for making the effort to join this crazy crew. You worked very hard to be in this position. I know your Dad is beaming!

Christine: I am so pleased that you agreed to join us this year. We had met many years ago and you had impressed me then because you were so upbeat and kind. I am thankful to be able to call you friend. I hope you enjoyed the year.

Betty: My tiny fireball! You also have the energy of the Energizer bunny. You are so active in so many things. I'm so thankful that you made time in your schedule to join the grand family. I hope you enjoyed being part of the group, you served in a beautiful and dignified manner. Thank you.

Bill: To quote the great Yogi Berra: "It's déjà vu all over again". You are a genuinely nice man and I have enjoyed serving this grand body with you. I have learned a lot from you. I wish you and Wini all the best as you work your way to the East in Grand Chapter. I hope the second term is as wonderful as the first. Enjoy!

### Conclusion

I thank this grand body for its willingness to accept me as a leader. I thought I had something worthwhile to offer and I hope that you found that was true. There is one more person that I am thankful to have known and who led me to this position and that is Sister Ethelene F. Krauss. To Sister Ethelene and all those who served in this position or its partner position, Worthy Grand Patron: I am grateful for all things I have learned from you. Your poise, compassion, leadership skills, kindness, elegance, strong character and so on have taken what I was given through family and further molded me into the person I am standing before you today. Your influence was great, and I hope that I have made you proud.

To the Worthy Grand Patron and my sisters and brothers of this Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star:

## **WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

**Sister Donna S. Hiddemen**

### Introduction

As you are all aware, in March of 2020, the world was thrown into a completely unexpected situation, the COVID-19 Pandemic. The severity of the Pandemic on the lives of those all across the world was just unfolding before us. As we watched the nightly, and sometimes *all day*, news in shock, each day was more unbelievable. At first, we expected that some known drug would be found to stop the virus and it would be isolated to one section of the world, then one section of the U.S., then it was at our doorstep. Quite quickly, we found that our meetings had to be stopped as the President, the Governors, the Masonic Grand Masters across our country and, of course our Most Worthy Grand Matron, took action to prevent gatherings that would spread the virus and imperil our members and others. I think we all knew immediately when major sporting events went dark that indeed this foe was a major opponent that was to be taken extremely seriously. It soon became evident what heroes really looked like: Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, Supermarket Workers, Pharmacy Workers, Truck Drivers, Engineers, Laborers and oh so sadly, Mortuary Workers. Everyday people were being pushed to their limits and beyond and were finally being recognized for the criticality of the work they do. So much

was happening in our world, and we were doing our part to help stem the tide, simply by not gathering face to face. While it sounds like such action was very easy, behind the scenes there was continual work: Monitoring government and CDC briefings, working in coordination with the Grand Master's office, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Jurisprudence Committee, our Grand Line Officers and Trustees. Your Leadership team worked very hard to do what was expected of us as an organization while still managing our work, home, family issues and health concerns. Unfortunately, it became evident early in this situation that our Grand Chapter Session in May, 2020 was not going to be able to proceed. Additionally, we heard from many jurisdictions who were in the same boat as our Grand Chapter. State after State and Canadian Provinces were making the difficult decision not only to cancel their sessions, but also to keep their 2019-2020 Grand and Subordinate officers in place until their next scheduled session and installation times. The Delaware Leadership team also reviewed our specific circumstances and came to the same conclusion. There would be no change of office until April and May of 2021. Circumstances continued to morph and as events evolved, we learned, by necessity, how to manage many every day functions, including work and our Eastern Star business virtually. For many of us, the term "Virtual" having never been a part of our vocabulary previously, was now used in daily conversation. While we did not meet at all for a portion of the year, September brought us the use of virtual business meetings, so many of us could at least handle necessary business and see each other's faces. Chapters and individual members worked to remain in contact with members who did not wish to or did not have the ability to participate in online meetings. As things progressed and more was learned from the CDC about the virus and the state began increasing options, chapters were given the option to continue virtual business meetings or begin in-person meetings.

I am thankful at this writing, that we seem to be coming out of our long global nightmare and moving toward a new form of normalcy with lowered risk for all.

In Memorium

Since my initial report, we have lost several more sisters and brothers, including the following past Grand Matron and Patrons: Brother Eddie Morris in October 2020; Sister Lee Anderson in March 2021 and Brother Bill Edwards in April 2021. We remember all of our sisters and brothers fondly and think about all the joy and laughter that was brought to us by them. Each served their chapters honorably and their Grand Chapter with great dignity.

#### Grand Representatives Recommended

Due to the Pandemic, Grand Representative Commissions came into question. After much discussion with our Grand Secretary and reading the actions that were being taken in other jurisdictions, Brother Tom and I decided that in order to keep the number of appointments fairly evenly split between each Worthy Grand Matron progressing through the line, that we would re-appoint the current representative for any commissions coming due. This practice would keep the balance in place and avoid potentially infringing upon Sister Kathy and Brother Wayne's plans. Therefore: the following were re-appointed:

Jurisdiction In Delaware	Term Starts	Term Ends	Recommend
Alabama	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
Alberta	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Kathy Kee, PM (8)
Arkansas	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Florence Horsey, PM (5)
Australia	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
Bolivia	6/1/2020	5/31/2022	**Christine Cannon (5)
British Columbia & The Yukon	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Dawn Hoesten, PM (7)
Georgia	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Susanne Haight, PM (7)
Idaho	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	Patrick Shearon (16)
Kansas	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Nancy Davis (9)
Kentucky	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Deborah Siefer (8)
Maryland	6/1/2020	5/31/2022	*Laura Williams (5)
Michigan	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Lana Donovan, PGM (20,19)
Mississippi	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
Missouri	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	**Lisa Ellis (5)
Nevada	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
New Brunswick	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
New Jersey	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Sherry Wilkins (15)
North Carolina	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
Ohio	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Sara Quinby, PGM (20)
Oklahoma	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
Oregon	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Arthur Holley, PGP (5)
Pennsylvania	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*David Boyer (19)
San Paulo	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
Scotland	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
South Carolina	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Jean Nicklas, PM (7)
South Dakota	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Logan Mason, PM (9)
Virginia	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Kathleen Anderson, PGM (8,15)
Washington	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	
West Virginia	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*William Esham, PP (9)
Wyoming	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	*Susan Tolbert (16)

\* = Presented

\*\* = To be presented by Sr. Kathy Trombly

## Grand Representatives Approved

The following recommendations or extension requests from other jurisdictions were happily approved:

Jurisdiction	Sister/Brother	Approval Date	End Commission	Term Extension
Arizona	Janet Harnagel	2/2/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
Colorado	Billie Ann Kennedy	2/3/2020	12/31/2021	Yes
District of Columbia	Joel Kahn	2/1/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
Florida	Maria Whadden	10/20/2020	12/31/2023	Yes
Georgia	Betty Jean Bush	7/5/2020	12/31/2021	Yes
Idaho	Marvin Wheller	7/23/2020	7/23/2020	Yes
Illinois	Cheryl Aronson	7/11/2020	12/31/2021	Yes
Indiana	Miriam Murphy	8/21/2020	12/31/2021	Yes
Iowa	Chris Brown		12/31/2021	
Manitoba	Elwyn Brown	1/5/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
Maryland	Randall Watson	5/7/2020	5/31/2021	Yes
Massachusetts	Dennis Gibbons		12/31/2021	Yes
Minnesota	Arleen Steele	10/11/2020	12/31/2021	Yes
Mississippi	Becky Rogers-Sneed	11/17/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
Missouri	Francis Wells		12/31/2020	
Nebaska	Brandon Van Sky		12/31/2020	
Nevada	Gary Jackson		12/31/2020	
New Brunswick	Bob Carson		12/31/2020	
New Hampshire	Mary Jannenga	7/15/2019	12/31/2021	Yes
New Jersey	Steve McWilliams	1/23/2021	12/31/2021	Yes
Nova Scotia & PEI	Heather Matthews	8/15/2020	3/31/2022	Yes
Ohio	Cheryl McAllister	11/20/2020	1/21/2023	Yes
Quebec	Christina Hefferman	2/28/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
South Carolina	Linda Harria	12/17/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
South Dakota	Jan Graze	12/17/2020	12/31/2022	Yes
Texas	Nancy Piekert	7/31/2020	12/31/2021	Yes
Virginia	Cecil Gillespie	1/25/2021	12/31/2022	Yes
Wisconsin	Patricia Mattson	8/21/2020	12/31/2022	Yes



## Grand Chapter Committees

### Appointments to fill Vacancies

Unfortunately, 2020 - 2021 required a couple of vacancies to be filled, those are as follows:

#### Standing Committees:

Grievances & Appeals: Ann L. Street, PGM appointed to fill the position of J. Edward Morris, PGP (12) due to his passing.

Julia M. Story Award: I did not appoint anyone to fill the position of Sister Lee Anderson, PGM (8) due to her passing, as the work of this committee was already completed for this term.

#### Special Committees:

OES License Plates: Rosemarie Vanderhoogt (16) appointed to fill the position of J. Edward Morris, PGP (12) due to his passing.

### Special Committees

At the special meeting in September 2019, it was determined that I should appoint a special committee to investigate the possible options for moving the Grand Chapter year and holding the annual session in a different month. While I had several members interested in participating in the process by serving on the committee, I was not able to find someone willing to serve as chair. As a result, I held off and tried again later in the term. Ultimately, in November of 2020, I felt that I should attempt to chair the committee myself. However, with managing work full-time, the ongoing business of Grand Chapter during the pandemic and hosting the subordinate chapter Zoom business meetings, I just didn't feel that I had the bandwidth to fulfill the duty. Therefore, the research to adequately present the information was not accomplished. I deeply regret not seeing this responsibility through to completion. I would like to recommend that when the Grand Chapter does consider a move such as this, that they examine other months and not just March as an option.

### Meeting Status Progression and Instruction

In March 2020 as the pandemic come on, we had to cease all meetings completely. The Governor of the State of Delaware issued a stay-at-home order, the Grand Master closed the lodge

buildings, and our Most Worthy Grand Matron reinforced the need to follow the Federal, Local and Grand Lodge guidelines for our jurisdictions. Therefore, effective March 16, 2020, our chapters closed. No in-person meetings were held, and we waited....monitoring the Center for Disease Control (CDC), federal & state government, Grand Lodge and Most Worthy Grand Matron's directives.

The leadership of Delaware Grand Chapter, from this point forward referred to as "The Leadership Team", was comprised of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Line Officers, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustees, Jurisprudence Committee, and our Session Chair – Sister Ann Street, RN MBA CNOR, who also served as our medical advisor began Zoom meetings to discuss the status of our Grand Chapter Session. Extensive plans were put into place for a postponed "Delaware Members Only" one-day session to be held August 29, 2020. Money was refunded to those who had registered for the May session itself, as well as the meals. As time passed, we realized that the August Session was not going to be possibility either. The Leadership team then made the extremely difficult decision to have the Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members and Subordinate Chapter Officers remain in place until the next scheduled change of office in April and May 2021.

As documented in the previous paragraph and through the numerous letters under seal (included in this report), we had to adjust our actions significantly to work through the pandemic. In August 2020 I received an email from the Most Worthy Grand Matron (MWGM) indicating that chapters would be able to conduct their business using virtual means, such as a tool called "Zoom". Very specific guidelines were also provided by the MWGM to accomplish the meetings and she clearly and emphatically stated that: No ritualistic work was to be performed during the virtual meetings, to do so would be illegal. Additionally, the following were not permitted to be conducted virtually: reading of petitions, reports of investigating committees, balloting or initiations. Quorum was still required to conduct a legal business meeting. The guidelines were disseminated and in September 2020, as our internet and human

capabilities ramped up, chapters began to move forward to meet and conduct their business.

Each chapter required an internet “host” to schedule the meetings, admit and assist members with the process and the Worthy Matrons conducted the meetings. I would like to thank Sisters Ann Street, PGM; Barbara Lott, PGM and Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, PM #16 for serving as hosts. The chapters were hosted as follows:

Ann Street:	Adah #5:
Rosey Vanderhoogt:	Sussex #7 & Unity #16:
Barbara Lott:	Georgetown #9
Donna Hiddemen:	Caesar Rodney #8, Frankford #12, Victory #15, Ruth #19 & Naomi #20

As the state slowly began to open up, lodges opened and the vaccinations became a reality, the chapters were given the opportunity to decide whether they would meet in person or continue handling business via Zoom. Worthy Matrons were permitted to poll their members in advance of each meeting to see if there was enough interest to meet in person and if a quorum would be met. If not, then a Zoom meeting must be held. Over the course of the term, all chapters continued meeting virtually and continue to do so at this writing.

In the end of January 2021, it was determined that our April subordinate chapter installations would be held virtually. We were fortunate that all chapter elections had been completed before we were forced to cease meetings at the end of March 2020. The MWGM distributed guidelines for virtual installations and I created a template to be followed logistically for Delaware. The template was distributed to incoming Worthy Matrons, Installing Officers, the Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers. The Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and the Jurisprudence Committee were copied.

Also, in January 2021, the leadership team met to discuss the status of our annual session for May 2021. Various factors were considered, such as the status of the state and that the location was still undetermined due to the inability to secure public facilities that had also been thrown into flux due to the pandemic.

Another important factor that had to be considered was that the vaccination process was taking longer than anticipated. Given these facts, among others, it was decided that the session would be restricted to a one-day, in-person meeting to cover only required business, which is the Jurisprudence Committee Report with legislation to be addressed, budget review & vote, Election of Officers, and Installation of Officers. The business of the day would flow as outlined in the call and a box lunch would be offered. The Nur Shrine was willing to rent the facilities to us and proper social distancing guidelines could be followed.

A backup plan was also created in the event things turned for the worse and an in-person meeting could not be achieved. The one-day session would take place, only it would be virtual. In anticipation of the potential for a required virtual meeting, it was decided that nominations would be an advance process requiring letters of intent to be submitted to the Nomination Committee by either U.S. Postal mail or email by a specified date. Brother Tom Morganstern WGP, appointed the committee, informed the membership, and managed the process.

This information was intended to be a summary of the process during the past year and some things may have been omitted here. However, much is covered in the letters under seal and additional information can be garnered there.

### Installations

I hosted the Zoom installations for the following chapters: Caesar Rodney, Victory, Ruth and Naomi. I was honored to serve as Installing Officer for Ruth Chapter #19 and Installing Marshal for Caesar Rodney Chapter #8. I attended all installations except Georgetown #9, since it occurred at the same time as Caesar Rodney.

### Complete Itinerary

March 2020

- 23 Conference Call to review and select Benefit for Children with Special Needs award recipients.
- 25 Leadership Team Conference Call

September

- 21 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

24 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

29 Unity Chapter – Zoom Social Gathering

#### October

5 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

8 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

13 Naomi Chapter – Zoom Social Gathering

19 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

21 Naomi Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

22 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

26 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

#### November

2 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

4 Naomi Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

5 Funeral Service for PGP Eddie Morris

9 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

12 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

14 Grand Bethel of Delmar – Virtual Installation

23 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

#### December

2 Naomi Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

7 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

10 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

14 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

#### January 2021

6 Naomi Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

11 Leadership Meeting 5:00 pm

11 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting 7:30 pm

12 Unity Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

14 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

14 Georgetown Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

18 Ruth Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

21 Sussex Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

25 Victory Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

27 Frankford Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

28 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

#### February

1 Ruth Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

3 Naomi Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

4 Sussex Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

- 8 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting
- 10 Frankford Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 11 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 11 Georgetown Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting  
(Jumped in for Commissions)
- 15 Adah Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 18 Sussex Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 22 Victory Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 24 Frankford Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 25 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

March

- 1 Ruth Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 3 Naomi Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 4 Sussex Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 5 Subordinate Chapter Instruction Meeting for Zoom  
Installation Procedures
- 8 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting
- 10 Frankford Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 11 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 11 Georgetown Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting  
(Jumped in for Commissions)
- 15 Adah Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting  
(Jumped in for Commissions)
- 15 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting
- 22 Victory Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 24 Frankford Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 25 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting

April

- 5 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting & Installation  
(Installing Officer)
- 7 Naomi Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting & Installation
- 8 Caesar Rodney Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting &  
Installation (Inst. Marshal)
- 12 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting &  
Installation
- 13 Unity Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting & Installation
- 14 Frankford Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting
- 15 Sussex Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting & Installation
- 19 Adah Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting & Installation

- 22 Caesar Rodney Chapter - Zoom Business Meeting
- 26 Victory Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting
- 28 Frankford Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

May

- 3 Ruth Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting
- 5 Naomi Chapter – Zoom Business Meeting

Warrants Approved & Checks Signed

I approved warrant numbers 20/21-001 through 20/21-010, which encompassed check numbers 802 – 831. Also noting that Warrant # 20/21-005 was for an EFT in the amount of 76.96 to GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC renewing our .midi web names and Warrant # 20/21-009 contained an EFT in the amount of 470.82 to Staples Credit Plan for the new printer and ink for the Grand Secretary.

Special Dispensations:

**Special Dispensations Granted:**

Date	Chapter	For the Purpose of...
2/13/2021	Naomi Chapter #20	Electing a Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron on March 3, 2021
2/16/2021	Sussex Chapter #7	Electing an Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress & Associate Conductress on March 4, 2021
2/24/2021	Georgetown Chapter #9	Electing a Worthy Patron, a 2-year Trustee & any other elective office that may become vacant by the election of the Worthy Patron on March 11, 2021
3/22/2021	Adah Chapter #5	Electing an Associate Conductress on April 19, 2021

**Special Dispensations Declined: \*\*\*I missed reporting on this in my original report, therefore it is included here.\*\*\***

Date	Chapter	For the Purpose of...
9/1/2019	Georgetown Chapter #9	Changing stated meeting of 10/24/2019 to 9/26/2019 so Grand Officers can attend Caesar Rodney Official per vote of the chapter on May 9, 2019.
<p>I declined the request from Georgetown Chapter because according to the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware: Article 2, Section 2 - C (4): Any meeting held earlier than the time prescribed in the Chapter By-Laws is a Special Meeting and requires notice to be given to all members stating the time and purpose of the Special Meeting.            ***I do not find that I responded in writing to Georgetown Chapter. Several discussions were held with Brother Bill (Secretary) and Barbara Lott (WM), they expressed concern that the "Special Meeting" classification could cause the chapter to potentially miss their required number of stated meetings for the year, but I cannot locate a written reply to the dispensation request. I apologize to Georgetown Chapter for the omission.***</p>		

Correspondence

1)

April 25, 2020

Re: Special Dispensation Request

Dear Sister Henrietta,

I am declining your request for a special dispensation to move your meeting to Christ the Cornerstone Methodist Church.

The way I interpret the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Article II, Section 2.C.1.a is that a special dispensation is required to change a regular meeting place for a specific meeting, not to permanently move your chapter’s meeting place. For example, if you choose

to hold an open installation at a larger location or if your regular meeting place is undergoing some type of work and is unavailable.

Since your chapter will permanently meet at Christ the Cornerstone Methodist Church at 6 Clifton Avenue Wilmington, DE 19805, I see no need to request a special dispensation. Please simply inform the Grand Secretary and the other subordinate chapters of the change for notation in their records. Once we are able to hold our meetings again, you may also want to send a notice out through the Turkey Talk as a reminder. As a result of this decision, I am returning your chapter's check #1595.

The decision is given under my hand and seal of the Grand Chapter of Delaware this 29th day of April 2020.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

2)

August 1, 2020

Hello Sister Vickie,

This is just formal written confirmation for the minutes of Unity Chapter #16, that:

On the Grand Chapter cruise at dinner the evening of Tuesday, January 28th, Brother Tom and I presented a commission to Sister Eleanor Ellis for the District of Columbia. I then phoned Sister Joan Moore and informed her so she could report it at Unity Chapter's meeting that evening.

Please include this in the minutes at the next meeting.

Thank you and take care,

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

3)

September 9, 2020

To the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware Worthy Matrons & Secretaries:

Hello everyone,



I hope you are all well and that you and your members have been keeping in touch.

I received the below email, with attachment, from the Most Worthy Grand Matron (MWGM) in which she gives authorization and guidelines for Video Conferencing to Conduct Essential Chapter Business. As I call them eMeetings. This email is under seal. The guidelines from the MWGM and the additional guidelines specific to Delaware must be strictly adhered to. If you have any questions, please contact me so we can be sure that all are in sync.

Additionally, if you need a Zoom "host", the Grand Secretary or I will be happy to do that for you. Please be aware that Zoom meeting attendees may call in by phone, they do not need to own a computer or have computer knowledge to participate in the meeting.

As stated above, there are additional guidelines specific to Delaware that need to be followed. The guidelines outlined below apply only for the duration of eMeetings as permitted by the MWGM and as needed by our jurisdiction. The additional Delaware guidelines are as follows:

Quorum as specified by the MWGM is appropriate for electronic meetings. Clarifying for Delaware: According to the Rules and Regulations for the Subordinate Chapters of Grand Chapter of Delaware Article II, Section 3 C - Offices to be filled to meet quorum are specific. However, due to the fact that we are not physically in a meeting room, the Conductress, Chaplain, Warder & Sentinel are not required for quorum at an electronic meeting. The Secretary should be present, however, a substitute may be necessary.

Rules and Regulations for the Subordinate Chapters of Grand Chapter of Delaware Article II, Section 4 B, C & D are not required.

Rules and Regulations for the Subordinate Chapters of Grand Chapter of Delaware Article II, Section 4 E is not applicable since there is no ritualistic work being done.

In addition to the business items prohibited by the MWGM, there will also be no reading of Resolutions of Respect and since there

is no physical presence, all members who pass during this time will be honored with the draping of the Charter or Altar, as appropriate, when we resume in-person meetings. PLEASE NOTE: Knowledge of deaths should be shared for awareness and so proper sympathies may be extended to family. Resolutions should be prepared and sent after funeral or memorial services are held, but should not be read until the physical draping occurs in chapter.

I appreciate your cooperation and your eagerness to return to business. I know we are all missing our sisters and brothers and seeing everyone's smiling faces. Hopefully, meeting in this manner will help chapters complete necessary business and help them to work through alternate methods of fundraising to meet the needs of the ongoing chapter expenses.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Sister Donna Hiddemen, WGM

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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: M.A. [Shenefelt](mailto:Shenefelt) <[rmshene8185@yahoo.com](mailto:rmshene8185@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 5:01 PM  
Subject: Video Conferencing Guidelines  
To: M.A. [Shenefelt](mailto:Shenefelt) <[rmshene8185@yahoo.com](mailto:rmshene8185@yahoo.com)>

Dear WGMs currently serving,

Attached is my official letter addressing the challenge of completing Chapter business during this pandemic without being able to meet in person. It is necessary to modify my initial information regarding using Zoom or other video conferencing methods for Chapter business. As my letter and guidelines will explain, in order for the Chapters to complete the essential business of the Chapter, particularly to pay the bills, it is now acceptable to use video conferencing on a limited basis to conduct a simple business meeting.

I hope this information is helpful and that it will help to ease some of the challenges we're facing in these unusual times. If you have questions or concerns, it is fine for you to contact me directly and I will do my best to help you.

In friendship & love,  
Marianne

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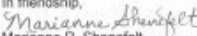
Dear Worthy Grand Matrons (currently serving),

It is my hope this finds you and your loved ones doing well—safe and healthy. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has created some challenging circumstances when it comes to conducting the business of Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters and Subordinate Chapter directly under the General Grand Chapter. I am proud of you, the leadership, for your commitment to serve your Sisters and Brothers in the best way possible under these circumstances.

Due to the continuing pandemic and the difficulties this presents to Chapters for conducting their business, I have attached my guidelines allowing holding a simple business meeting using Zoom or other video conferencing method. These instructions are to be used responsibly to address essential Chapter business, particularly financial responsibilities. This authorization does not allow for the reading of petitions, reports of investigating committees, balloting or initiations using Zoom or other video conferencing methods. It remains illegal to use video conferencing for these portions of Eastern Star business. These guidelines are not permanent and they are to be used only during these Covid restricted times.

Please share these guidelines as you deem necessary in an effort to assist your Chapters. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please continue to follow all government and local authority health and safety guidelines in your area regarding Covid in order to protect yourself and the well-being of our beautiful members. Please wear a face mask!

In friendship,  
  
Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP  
Alma Bane, RWGS  
GGC Jurisprudence Committee



attachment: Video Conferencing Guidelines

**Guidelines – Video Conferencing to Conduct Essential Chapter Business**

The guidelines below are for the purpose of conducting a simple business meeting in order to complete Chapter business that must be addressed for the good of the Chapter, in particular to meet financial obligations, using Zoom or other video conferencing methods. These instructions do not apply to and are not to be used for in-person Chapter meetings.

**Using Zoom or other video conferencing to conduct essential Chapter business:**

- Establish that a quorum is present on the call for the transaction of business. Seven members of the Chapter, including one of the first four Officers, constitutes a quorum, unless the Bylaws of the Chapter states a larger number.
- Record the names of the members present on the call that constitute the quorum, as well as other members in attendance on the call.
- Confirm minutes of the meeting are being taken.
- Do not open the meeting ritualistically. The Officer in charge (WM or pro tem) will call the meeting to order, i.e., "I hereby call this virtual meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter to order."
- Request the reading of the minutes of the last stated and special meeting, if any.
- Ask for corrections, if any.
- Ask for approval of the minutes.
- Request the reading of communications.
- Ask for Unfinished Business (see paragraph below).
- Ask for New Business (see paragraph below).
- Request Treasurer's report.
- Request reading of the bills.
- Conduct discussion, as necessary, and ask for verbal approval to pay the bills.
- Record the verbal "yes" or "no" by the individual's name when asking for approval to pay bills and/or spend the Chapter's money.
- Ask for any sickness and distress.
- Close the meeting. Do not close the meeting ritualistically. The Officer in charge will say, "There being no further business to be conducted virtually, I hereby declare this virtual meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter closed."

There will be no petitions read, no reports of investigating committees, no balloting and no initiations taking place during virtual business meetings of a Chapter. These portions of our closed meetings are not authorized to be conducted using Zoom or other video conferencing methods because to do so is illegal.

If your Unfinished Business and/or New Business involves petitions, investigating committee reports, balloting or initiation, it will be necessary to postpone this business until it is safe for your Chapter to meet in person.

Please adhere to all government and local authority health and safety guidelines specific to your area regarding Covid for your protection and the well-being of your members.

Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
August 2020

4)  
September 21, 2020  
Hello Sister Cheryl,

This is just formal written confirmation for the minutes of Ruth Chapter #19, that:

On the evening of Monday, September 21st, I announced during Ruth Chapter's Zoom social get-together that I was presenting a commission to Sister Bronwyn Peake for the State of New York. I spoke with Sister Bronwyn afterward via phone and made the presentation.

Please include this notice in the minutes of your next meeting.  
Thank you and take care,

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

5)  
September 21, 2020  
Hello Sister Lisa,

This is just formal written confirmation for the minutes of Adah Chapter #5, that:

On the evening of Monday, September 21st, I presented a commission via phone during Adah Chapter's Zoom meeting to Sister Laura Williams for the State of Maryland.

Please include this notice in your minutes.

Thank you and take care,

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

6)  
September 24, 2020  
Hello Sister Debbie,

This is just formal written confirmation for the minutes of Caesar Rodney Chapter #8, that:

On the evening of Thursday, September 24th, I announced the following Grand Representative commissions during Caesar Rodney Chapter's Zoom social:

- Brother Clarence Timmons for the state of New Hampshire
- Sister Prestina Crockett for the State of Utah.

I will be mailing the packages to this sister and brother. Please include this notice in your minutes.

Thank you and take care,

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

7)  
September 27, 2020  
To the Delaware Worthy Matrons & Chapters,

I have received several inquiries regarding holding activities other than meetings during this time while Delaware Eastern Star

is closed. I had emailed Jurisprudence regarding these inquiries. The guidance I received was that Eastern Star in Delaware is closed at this time and that means everything across the board: No meetings, no other activities either. I agree that this is the proper position. Therefore, I must reiterate that no gatherings, including but not limited to in-person gatherings, fundraising or dinner service may occur before we officially reopen.

The leadership team will be meeting to discuss the results of the chapter survey and decide on whether or not we should open in November.

I appreciate everyone's efforts in canvassing the members, support of each other and most of all your patience, as we move through this dilemma and hope for re-opening.

Sincerely,

Donna Hiddemen, WGM

SEAL

8)

October 1, 2020

Hello Sister Vickie,

This is just formal written confirmation for the minutes of Unity Chapter #16, that:

On the evening of Tuesday, September 30th, I announced the following Grand Representative commissions during the chapter's Zoom social:

- Sister Jane E. Smith for the State of Iowa.

I will be mailing the package to sister Jane. Please include this notice in your minutes.

Thank you and take care,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

9)

October 14, 2020

Hello My Sisters and Brothers,

Your leadership team met recently with survey results in-hand to discuss the potential for resuming in-person Eastern Star meetings for **November** 2020. Subsequently, I met with the

Jurisprudence Committee to review the survey and leadership meeting feedback, make a decision and formulate an appropriate plan.

Considering member concerns along with their health and welfare, the decision has been made to resume in-person meetings. Along with this decision, of course, comes guidelines for keeping our meetings as safe and efficient as possible, while still maintaining the essence of an Eastern Star meeting.

Attached are the guidelines from the Most Worthy Grand Matron regarding re-opening meetings with Delaware specific notations added by myself. Such specific notations were added to enhance the guidelines based on current conditions in our state. It is imperative that these guidelines be followed to protect each other and ourselves. These guidelines are not permanent. The Covid-19 situation continues to change on a day-to-day basis. Should greater restrictions be enacted again by the Federal and/or local government or the Most Worthy Grand Matron, these guidelines may be modified as needed.

I am very thankful for your dedication and willingness to protect the welfare of your sisters and brothers throughout this very difficult time. A very special thank you to the leadership team, especially the Jurisprudence Committee for their guidance and support in making these difficult decisions.

As we re-open, I called for your continued caution by encouraging your chapters to pursue activities and fundraisers that do not require in-person participation. Please also be considerate and supportive of your sister chapters by sharing ideas for new and progressive activities and fundraisers to meet our changing needs during this time.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if further assistance is needed.

Again, I thank you. May God keep us all in the palm of his hand.

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
Barbara F. Lott, Grand Secretary  
GC Jurisprudence Committee Members

GC Trustees  
GC Line Officers  
Worthy Matrons  
Deputy Grand Lecturers

#### COVID-19 Restrictions

#### Most Worthy Grand Matron Guidelines and Supplementary Guidelines for Chapter Meetings under the Grand Chapter of Delaware Beginning November 1, 2020

The guidelines outlined below represent a compilation of those provided by the Most Worthy Grand Matron (MWGM) (May 2020) and those designated by Delaware's Worthy Grand Matron and Jurisprudence Committee.

The following guidelines are not permanent. They shall be in effect until local and/or national health officials and governments lift the CDC restrictions relating to the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, it would be desirable that members would express their confidence and comfort regarding their health and safety to attend a meeting before the decision is made to hold in-person meetings.

- **It is strongly recommended each member wash their hands immediately after coming into the building to help stop the potential spread of the virus.**
- **It is required that members wear face masks, maintain social distancing and utilize proper hand sanitizing/washing.**
- **Members are not to shake hands, give hugs or kisses.**
- Members who are feeling ill must not attend meetings.
- Members who feel uncomfortable or have concerns for their health and well-being should not attend meetings.
- Members who have traveled outside of the state beyond the surrounding states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland or Virginia, should not attend in-person meetings for 14 days after returning to Delaware.
- Those who are in the high-risk group should not attend meetings until it is considered safe by health experts to do so. Those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are: people aged 65 years and older; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled including chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; serious heart conditions; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; and people who are immunocompromised which includes cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications (source: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)).
- **Members are required to have their temperature taken by an individual designated by the Worthy Matron with a non-contact thermometer upon arrival at the meeting place. This data is to be recorded on the COVID-19 Release Form.**



- **Members will be required to sign and date the aforementioned COVID-19 Release Form in order to attend the meeting. The chapter secretaries are required to maintain copies of the forms as part of chapter records. For those chapters meeting in Delaware lodges, said completed forms must be provided to the lodge for their records and secretaries may keep photos of the forms for their records.**
- Hand sanitizer should be available at the check in station and other points within the chapter room.
- It is strongly recommended that only members of the chapter attend the chapter's meeting, unless substituting for the chapter having the meeting. This recommendation includes chapter birthday meetings.
- Chapters are not to have refreshments.
- Worthy Matrons will coordinate with the lodge or facility representative to secure sanitization requirements and see that the required cleaning is completed after each meeting by a team of two designated individuals and any logs completed.
- Nitrile gloves may be worn by officers required to touch chapter paraphernalia, such as the Bible and drapes.

Chapter Room Setup. The following are required for Chapter Room setup:

- Altar in the center of the Chapter Room
- Bible on the Altar
- Pedestals at the Star Point stations with emblems **Delaware Note:** Photos may be used in place of the actual emblems for ease of cleaning.
- Signet **Delaware Note:** Photos may be used in place of the signet for ease of cleaning.
- American Flag **Delaware Note:** The lodge or facility American flags should be used if they are already in the room, please do not pull the chapter's American flag out if one is already present.

Please assign one or two people to set up the Chapter Room. If possible, it would be helpful to have the room set up in advance. The Flag should be placed in the East when setting up the Chapter to eliminate the exchange between Officers to post it.

Opening Chapter. During this time of unusual circumstances, it shall be acceptable for the Officers to enter the Chapter Room informally and take their stations. In a small Chapter Room, it may be necessary for the Officers to be seated on the sidelines six feet apart, with the exception of the WM and those Officers whose stations are typically six feet from other members in the Chapter. **Delaware Note:** Please ensure the six-foot distance is maintained. In small chapter rooms, this may mean being creative with your stations, for example Chaplain & Marshal on the sidelines, Adah & Electa at usual

spots, Ruth & Martha on the sidelines and Esther at usual spot. Use common sense to secure distancing, that takes precedence over the chapter room layout.

Singing. Masks must be worn while singing.

Seating in the East. The WM and WP chairs shall be six feet apart. In a small Chapter Room, it may be necessary for only the WM to be in the East and the WP to be seated at her left on the sidelines six feet from others.

Seating in the West. The AM and AP chairs shall be six feet apart. In a small Chapter Room, it may be necessary for only the AM to be in the West and the AP to be seated at her left on the sidelines six feet from others.

Chapter Officers. The Chaplain and the Treasurer shall be seated six feet apart. The Marshal shall be seated six feet from the Secretary. The Warder shall be seated six feet from the West, next to the door and not next to the AM or AP. In a small Chapter Room, it may be necessary for these Officers to sit on the sidelines six feet apart, except the Warder who shall be seated by the door six feet from others. **Delaware Note:** The Organist shall be six feet apart from any other officer.

Speaking parts of Officers. If it is necessary for the Officers to be seated in their stations on the sidelines to maintain social distancing, they may stand and give their speaking parts from the sidelines. **Delaware Note:** All members must keep their masks on throughout the meeting. Both the Worthy Matron (while conducting the meeting) and Secretary (while reading the minutes) may remove their masks ONLY if no microphone is available. If using a microphone, these officers should remain masked to prevent the microphone from being contaminated.

Balloting. It is recommended the ballot box be placed on the Altar for balloting. Please ensure members use a hand sanitizer before approaching the Altar to cast their ballot. If the ballot box is passed to each member, please ensure each member uses a hand sanitizer before casting their ballot. During these uncommon times, the AC should present the ballot box by extending it toward the voting member as far as comfortably possible to maintain social distancing. Those handling the balloting box and those casting their ballot should protect the safety of all members by using hand sanitizer. **Delaware Note:** To avoid delays and to ensure that all members follow the guideline, the Associate Conductress should carry a small hand sanitizer and squirt each member's hands prior to their voting.

**Initiation.** The ceremony of Initiation is essential to our Order, followed by being kind and loving to each other, and making our presence known in our communities by our charitable giving. The ceremony of Initiation is a portion of our Ritual where it is not possible to practice physical distancing. It is critical that every possible effort be made to protect the health and safety of our members and the candidate(s). All people involved shall wear face masks, observe proper hand cleanliness and observe all other common-sense precautions to safeguard the health of all. Members shall not become lax in observing social distancing when and where it is possible during the ceremony of Initiation. **The Chapter must inform the candidate(s) that their initiation is a ceremony where physical distancing is not possible. It is necessary, as well as right and proper, to explain this to them so they can be given the option of not being initiated at this time. It is recommended the candidate be directly asked if they feel comfortable being initiated knowing social distancing is not possible.** Remember, they should be reassured that they are still to be initiated and will be welcomed when they feel comfortable or as soon as possible after restrictions are lifted, whichever comes first. **Delaware Note:** By special dispensation, chapters may perform an initiation together during the COVID-19 Restrictions. The charter for each chapter must be present and each chapter must have a quorum.

**Escorting and Introductions.** It is not possible to have extensive introductions and escorting and observe proper social distancing. These activities are not an essential activity of our Order because our existence does not depend on introductions and escorting. Reducing the ways people come in close contact with each other should be the goal for Chapter meetings at this time. Escorting does not meet this criteria. It is acceptable to introduce members from their places in the Chapter Room. It is acceptable to give Grand Honors to those entitled to receive them when they are introduced from their seats in the Chapter Room. At this time, it is not recommended to escort members for introduction.

**Coin March:** If your chapter regularly has a coin march, please place a disposable cup or bowl on the secretary's desk and members may place funds in there either before or after the meeting for the secretary to count and record. Once the funds are recorded, they may be placed in a plastic baggie for delivery to the bank and the plate/bowl can be disposed of.

Additional Requirements for Delaware:

- To avoid setting up the meeting room and then find that quorum won't be reached, the Worthy Matron should call the officers and members (who regularly attend meetings) in advance and confirm that enough members plan to attend to reach quorum for the upcoming meeting.

- In the event that a quorum will not be reached for an in-person meeting, then preparations need to be made to conduct a Zoom meeting. Chapter meetings must be held either in-person or Zoom.
- If a Zoom meeting is necessary and the Worthy Matron is unable to preside via Zoom video, the host will begin the meeting and the Worthy Matron will attend and preside via phone. The Associate Matron will assist and, along with the Secretary, will be her eyes for voting results.
- In the event that quorum will not be reached for either meeting form, the Worthy Matron will inform the Worthy Grand Matron.

October 21, 2020

Dear Chapter Secretaries,

Enclosed is the waiver form that is to be used by all chapters that are meeting in-person in a Delaware Masonic Lodge building. Please use the forms as directed in my earlier letter under seal dated October 14, 2020.

While I have copied all secretaries on this email, I still need to modify the form for use by Adah Chapter, which meets in a Maryland Masonic Lodge and Naomi Chapter, which meets in a church. I will forward those upon completion.

Please remember that any waiver of liability is useless if negligence can be documented. I appreciate your compliance to ensure our members' safety.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen

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Worthy Grand Matron

Bob Bradish, Jurisprudence Chair

Tom Morganstern, WGP

Kathy Trombly, AGM

Wayne Stacey, AGP

Barbara Lott, PGM Grand Sec.

**COVID-19 RELEASE**

I am a member (or guest) of a Subordinate Lodge, Concordant, and/or Appendant Body of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware (the "Lodge") and desire to voluntarily participate in Lodge activities, including, without limitation, its extra, special, stated meetings, and social activities (collectively, "Lodge Activities").

I AM AWARE OF THE HAZARDS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19") AND AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ("CDC") GUIDELINES REGARDING COVID-19. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING COVID-19 ARE CHANGING FROM DAY TO DAY AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, THE CDC GUIDELINES ARE REGULARLY MODIFIED AND UPDATED AND I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAMILIARIZING MYSELF WITH THE MOST RECENT UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN LODGE ACTIVITIES, IN ANY CAPACITY, OFFICE, STATION OR POSITION, IS ABSOLUTELY AND COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY.

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I am signing this Covid-19 Release with an understanding of its contents and with the intention to be legally bound by it.

Printed Name of Member (or guest)	Printed Name of Witness
Signature of Member (or guest)	Signature of Witness
Date	Date

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October 21, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please see the enclosed is a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Barbara Lott, PGM Grand Sec.

**EXPULSION of Mr. John Vernon Scarcella (was a Maryland Mason)**

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grandsecgld@verizon.net <grandsecgld@verizon.net>  
To: grandsecgld@verizon.net

Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Distinguished Leaders All,

Please see the attached memorandum concerning the EXPULSION of a Maryland Mason.

Fraternally,

Glenn



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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY  
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**MEMORANDUM: 20-21-1**

**DATE: October 14, 2020**

**TO: ALL SYMBOLIC LODGE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS & SECRETARIES  
ALL APPENDANT & CONCORDANT BODIES**

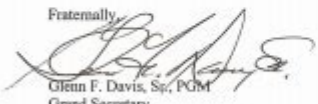
**FROM: OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: Grand Lodge of Maryland – EXPULSION of Mr. John Vernon Scarcella**

Please see the attached memorandum from the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland in regards to the **EXPULSION** of Mr. John Vernon Scarcella, late a member of Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44, for Gross Unmasonic Conduct.


**PLEASE TAKE DUE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.**

Fraternally,


  
Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary


GFD/jld

attachment



The  
Grand Lodge  
of  
Ancient Free and  
Accepted Masons  
of  
Maryland  
U.S.A.





**Kenneth R. Taylor**  
Grand Secretary

October 9, 2020

**TO:** WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS, SECRETARIES, AND BRETHREN OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

**SUBJECT:** EXPULSION FOR GROSS UNMASONIC CONDUCT

**RE:** JOHN VERNON SCARCELLA, MEMBER #74718 OF MT. ARARAT LODGE NO. 44

Brethren:

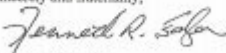
Effective this date, I have the unpleasant duty to inform you of the **EXPULSION** of Mr. John Vernon Scarcella, Member No. 74718. Mr. Scarcella by his own action has violated his duties as a Master Mason in that he has been convicted of a felony.

This judgment has been rendered by Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 and upheld by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Richard P. Naegele.

Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

This communication is to be read in open Lodge and made a part of the Lodge minutes.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Kenneth R. Taylor  
Grand Secretary

cc: All M.W. Past Grand Masters  
President, Board of Grand Inspectors  
All Collateral Bodies in Maryland  
Surrounding Grand Lodge Jurisdictions

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October 28, 2021

Hello My Sisters and Brothers,

This communication is an amendment to the guidelines for re-opening in-person meetings effective November 1, 2020. I have received a subsequent letter from the Most Worthy Grand Matron changing the status on singing in chapter. There should be no singing, as this significantly increases the amount of virus particles expelled into the air.

Please update your guidelines accordingly.

Let me know if you have any questions or if further assistance is needed. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP

Barbara F. Lott, Grand Secretary

GC Jurisprudence Committee Members

GC Trustees

GC Line Officers

Worthy Matrons

Deputy Grand Lecturers

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October 29, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please see the enclosed directive from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Brother Jeffrey D. Haass.

Brother Jeff's letter addresses the governor's continuation of the Phase II status for "Reopening Delaware" and all restrictions that accompany that status. Brother Jeff states the Masonic Lodges have been formally considered as falling under the Food & Drink Restrictions in addition to the General Restrictions. Brother Jeff also reiterates the need for strict adherence to the state's regulations as well as all stipulations put in place by himself and his predecessor, Past Grand Master Evan Moody. Said restrictions and required actions are listed in detail in the referenced letter attached.

Please be aware that the restrictions are outlined for the Grand Lodge and all appendant bodies, of which we are one. As such, this directive must be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact me for clarification or assistance. Once again, I appreciate your consideration in taking the necessary steps to protect your sisters and brothers while continuing the business of our Order.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen



Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
Jurisprudence Committee  
GC Line Officers  
Barbara Lott, PGM Grand Sec.  
GC Trustees

From: [grandsecglde@verizon.net](mailto:grandsecglde@verizon.net)  
Subject: Directive No. 20-21-1  
Date: Oct 29, 2020 at 10:19:35 AM  
To: [grandsecglde@verizon.net](mailto:grandsecglde@verizon.net)

Distinguished Masonic Leaders All,  
Please see the attached Directive No. 20-21-1 from MOW Jeffrey D.  
Haass, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.  
Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.  
Fraternally,  
Glenn



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**DIRECTIVE No. 20-21-1**

**(Update For Masonic Activities Effective October 29, 2020)**

Brethren: As we are all too aware, this Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues, and our state continues phased-in reopening procedures, Governor Carney continues to extend his Phase II requirements for the "Reopening Delaware". Please keep in mind, and I again remind you, that these reopening procedures and allowances are not a "Carte Blanche" allowance to just continue our masonic meetings and masonic activities as we have in the past, and we must always keep the health and welfare of our members, their families, and our communities at large as our primary responsibility.

As we have now embarked on a new masonic year and we are entering our usual heavy schedule with Grand Master Visitations, I want to take a few moments to remind everyone that we are still following Governor Carney's Phase II restrictions and that the State of Delaware has formally considered us as falling under the Food & Drink Restrictions (in addition to the General Restrictions).

The following are highlights of the Phase II restrictions, and other restrictions that I have placed on all of our lodges:

- The 60% of the Fire Code Occupancy maximum allowable capacity must be followed. Ensure that allowable seating is identified for social distancing.
- Social Distancing must be maintained and managed.
- Face Masks shall be worn at all times (except while eating); including while "Social Distancing".
- There can be no self-serve food service. All food must be served by dedicated servers as per the Phase II Directives and restrictions of the Governor's Office. No person, other than the server, shall touch any serving spoons, and serving staff members should be dedicated to a particular serving spoon(s). Social Distancing in any buffet line must be maintained (lodge responsibility).
- If you are moving your venue to a place other than your lodge hall, it is the responsibility of the lodge to ensure that the chosen venue is following the proper protocol and is adhering to the Governor's Directives & Restrictions.
- For any lodge meeting/lodge social activity, etc., it is highly recommended (from a Liability perspective), that the following steps be taken:
  - Assign someone the responsibility of making documented temperature checks on all members and guests as they enter the lodge/lodge building/or alternate venue of your function.
  - Require all members and guests entering the lodge/lodge building/or alternate venue, to answer a COVID-19 questionnaire and sign (see attached example).

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- o Require all members and guests entering the lodge/lodge building/or alternate venue to sign a COVID-19 Liability Waiver (to be maintained by the lodge). See attached example.
- Degree work can proceed as long as all guidelines/directives are followed. There are several steps that some lodge's have taken to ensure a safer degree conferral. Contact the Office of the Grand Secretary for suggested steps to be taken in a degree conferral.

As we enter into our new masonic year, we must remember that we have an obligation to ensure that our members, our guests, and our members' families remain as safe as we can possibly allow. To that end, and because we have a liability for their safety, I am directing that the following additional procedure continue as directed by Past Grand Master Evan R. Moody in his Directive No. 4:

1. All sanitization steps, as directed by the CDC, the Governor's Directives, and any Edicts or Directives issued by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, shall continue. These sanitization steps shall be documented in a log book or spread sheet, that clearly shows what was sanitized, who sanitized it, and the date and time of sanitization. This documentation shall be maintained throughout this pandemic situation.

I realize that we are taking a lot of extra effort, but we must continue to be aware of our responsibility to do everything we can to ensure the safety of our members, our guests, and our families. This is a pretty heavy liability and we must be able to demonstrate that we are doing everything we can to follow all of the directives of our federal, state, and local leaders, and the Edicts and Directives of this Grand Lodge.

Again, as our lodges and our other Appendant & Concordant Bodies begin to open limited masonic activities, there are several options to consider, and each lodge and/or Appendant/Concordant Body must weigh all options and decide what is best for them. The opening of "**Limited Masonic Activities**" **will remain in effect until further directed**. As our lodges or Appendant/Concordant Bodies choose to open masonic activities, all of the Governor's Phase II restrictions for the Reopening of Delaware must be strictly followed, and all masonic related activities must adhere to these same restrictions. Please keep in mind that our Worshipful Masters and the various leaders of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies have the last say when contemplating the opening of "Limited Masonic Activities"; if you do not feel safe in holding a limited masonic activity and you feel that you need to cancel, our leadership has every right and obligation to do just that. Note: All Brethren and Membership (and the Grand Secretary's Office) must be notified with Due and Timely Notification.

If and when we enter into Phase III or any other Phase during this Coronavirus pandemic, our situation in relation to masonic activities here in Delaware will be re-evaluated, and our lodges, Appendant, and Concordant Bodies notified accordingly.

Again, please be reminded that this is a time for us to pay particular attention to our brethren who may be in need and who may require assistance. If you are worried about a fellow member or his family, please keep in contact with them via telephone, text, or email. Let us remember

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our masonic obligations to relieve the distressed, and to aid with the health and welfare of our fellow brothers. Please keep an eye on each other and be ready to exercise our masonic benevolence where and when we are able.

**In Conclusion, I hereby Order that this Directive is** to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this **Directive** shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Delaware this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 AD, 6020 AL.

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey D. Haass Sr. in cursive script.

M. W. : Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr.  
Grand Master

Handwritten signature of Glenn F. Davis, Sr. in cursive script.

M. W. : Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

NOTE: To see the full text of Governor Carney's Delaware's Reopening Phase II, please go to the following link:

<https://governor.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2020/06/Delaware-Economic-Reopening-PHASE-2-Revised-6.14.20.pdf>

## **VOLUNTARY LODGE/BUILDING ENTRY NOTICE**

**BY YOUR VOLUNTARY DECISION TO ENTER THE LODGE BUILDING AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN LODGE (OR OTHER) ACTIVITIES, YOU CONCLUSIVELY ASSENT AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

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Printed Name of Member (or guest)

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Printed Name of Witness

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Signature of Member (or guest)

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Signature of Witness

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Date



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November 1, 2020

Dear Mr. Knapp, Chief Rabban

Thank you so much for your invitation to attend the Harvest Ball on November 7, 2020. The evening sounds like it will truly be a grand event.

Unfortunately, due to my current health concerns, I am not able to attend an event such as this at this time.

I truly appreciate being included in your planning and thank you so much for your consideration.

I wish for you a successful evening of making memories and fun. Please accept my regrets along with the enclosed check as a donation in lieu of my ticket.

Most Sincerely,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron of Delaware

SEAL

Order of the Eastern Star

cc: Barbara F. Lott, PGM Grand Secretary

Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP

Helga Sterling, Nur Shrine

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November 1, 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we all acknowledge that this year has been one of remarkable difficulty. Unprecedented events have occurred throughout our communities, our state, our nation and our world. The virus has caused fear, anguish and death. Wildfires have caused irreparable damage to human life, property and sadly, devastating losses of wildlife. Other events have caused fear, hatred and great division in our nation. Many have lost jobs, while others have continued to work through the pandemic in critical positions such as those in the medical field, grocery workers, police and fire service, truck drivers and so on. Many have been hunkered down in their homes and depression has been rearing its ugly head.



My friends, it is during these difficult times that I look to the plaque next to my bed that reminds me:

Fear not, for I am with you;

Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you.

Yes, I will help you.

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

If we all read those words, then we begin to remember that with all of the devastating things that have transpired during this year of 2020, we must remember to acknowledge and celebrate that in the darkest times, God is with us. God is in the heroes and heroines that are meeting the challenges of each day. Those who may or may not be paid to perform the services they are providing. Those who see needs and step up to fill those needs for their neighbors or strangers. Members of our Order are helping others in any way they are able: sewing, knitting, purchasing needed items, donating clothing, giving vegetables from their gardens and canned goods, making phone calls, sending cards, simply listening and the list goes on and on. God is at work through these individuals. We continue to pray that God will bring peace and calm to our troubled nation and world and that He will help us all to be those heroes that are needed whenever the occasion may present itself.

May God bless and protect your families this holiday season and beyond. Remember, above all to love one another.

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron                      SEAL

Thomas J. Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara F. Lott, PGM Grand Secretary

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November 19, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you are aware, our Grand Chapter once again lost one of its precious Past Grand Patrons, Brother Eddie Morris. Brother Eddie was a true brother, friend, and active participant in our Grand Chapter.

I was truly thankful to Brother Eddie for his willingness to step up and replace Brother Bert Hiddemen on the Grievance and Appeals committee to avoid any potential conflict of interest during our 2019-2020 year. He was very kind and professional in agreeing to accept a duty that sometimes is very light, but can be very heavy.

While we are still grieving Brother Eddie's loss, I am required to fill the position left vacant. I am thankful to report that Sister Ann Street, PGM has agreed to fill the vacancy and serve the remainder of Brother Eddie's term. I know that the Grievance and Appeals committee will meet any duties that arise and serve our Grand Chapter well going forward.

Most Sincerely,  
Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

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December 1, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We are once again entering the holiday season, a time filled with hope and joy.

As everyone hurries to prepare for the holiday that they celebrate, we are made starkly aware that the wishes are the same across all faiths: That you may have peace, love, and hope.

As Christians, we anxiously prepare to remember and honor the birth of Christ, His incredible sacrifice for us all and the promise of immortal life.

Our sisters and brothers of the Hebrew faith await Hannukah as a time to remember the grace bestowed by God and his reassurance that with Him all things are possible.

During this most holy time of year, let us all be drawn closer to God and in doing so, more faithfully practice love toward one another.

Let us also not forget during this unfortunate time of chaos those that have been so important to us all: the doctors, nurses, EMT's and all healthcare workers; our police and firemen; all our essential workers and of course our military.

Our prayer for you is that your hearts be filled with peace and your homes be filled with love, hope and happiness all through the holidays.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and when the New Year comes, may you be blessed with good health, protected by the angels, and loved by all.

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron                      SEAL  
Thomas J. Morganstern, Worthy Grand Patron  
Barbara F. Lott, PGM Grand Secretary

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December 9, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please see the enclosed directive from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Brother Jeffrey D. Haass, Sister Brother Jeff s letter addresses the governor's, "Stay at Home" order effective 12/14/2020 through 1/11/2021 and all related directives for the Masonic Fraternity in Delaware, including the Appendant Bodies.

In compliance and coordination with the Grand Master's order, all in-person Eastern Star activities under the Grand Chapter of Delaware are hereby suspended for the period covered by the governor's order.

Chapter business meetings held via Zoom should continue as scheduled. I believe that most chapters are having Zoom meetings already. However, if you need assistance, please contact me as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please contact me for clarification or assistance. Once again, I appreciate your consideration in taking the necessary steps to protect each other.

Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron    SEAL

cc:     Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
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MASONIC TEMPLE

**MEMORANDUM: 20-21-6**

**DATE:** December 7, 2020

**TO:** ALL SYMBOLIC LODGE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS & SECRETARIES  
PAST GRAND MASTERS  
2020 – 2021 GRAND STAFF  
APPENDANT & CONCORDANT BODIES

**FROM:** OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

**REFERENCE:** Directive No. 20-21-3 Suspension of Indoor Masonic Activities

As a result of Governor Carney's recent "Strong Advisory", and by order of M.:W.: Jeffrey D. Hauss, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware: Effective December 14, 2020 and continuing until January 11, 2021, all indoor Masonic Activities shall be discontinued.

Please reference the attached Directive No. 20-21-3 for full details, and if you have any questions, please call the Office of the Grand Secretary.

**Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly**

*This memorandum and the accompanying Directive No. 20-21-3 are to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this memorandum shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.*

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Glen F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M.  
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**DIRECTIVE No. 20-21-3**

**(Update For Masonic Activities Effective December 14, 2020)**

Brethren: This Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic appears to be getting worse, and it is sometimes very difficult to keep up with the every-changing restrictions, recommendations and procedures that we are all to follow. On Thursday, December 3, 2020, Governor Carney announced an additional advisory as shown below, that will again affect our already limited Masonic Activities and our personal lives. In short, the following are the new restrictions announced by Governor Carey, that are effective on December 14, 2020 and will continue thru January 11, 2021:

*"WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney and the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) on Thursday announced a new Stay-at-Home advisory, strongly advising all Delawareans to avoid gathering indoors with anyone outside your household from December 14 through January 11 to interrupt the dangerous winter surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Delaware. The advisory does not apply to Delawareans in workplaces, and traveling to and from their places of work.*

*In addition to the Stay-at-Home advisory, Governor Carney and DPH will institute a universal mask mandate statewide, requiring Delawareans to wear a cloth face covering anytime they are indoors with anyone outside their immediate household. Delaware has had a public mask mandate [since April 28](#), requiring Delawareans and visitors to wear a cloth face covering in public settings where social distancing is not possible. Any child 2-years-old or younger MUST NOT wear a face covering, due to the risk of suffocation."*

In keeping with Governor Carney's announced new advisory, and with our members, our members families, and our community's safety foremost in our actions, our fraternity here in Delaware will adopt this added advisory during this same period.

- All Delaware Masons shall abide by the Stay-at-Home Advisory as related to any masonic related indoor function or gathering. This includes all meetings, social functions, and any masonic function that is planned for indoors; no meetings during this time period.

- Any outdoor masonic gathering or function shall follow all current restrictions and guidelines as established by the Governor.
- Masonic Funeral Services may be attempted as long as the Governor's guidelines and restrictions for funeral homes is strictly followed, and participants are comfortable with taking part in the service; specific questions should be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Secretary.
- **Private Functions** booked/scheduled to be held in any Masonic Hall are to be handled by the individual Hall Company. Hall Companies are strongly encouraged to follow the most conservative guidelines available from leading global and local health authorities such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and abide by national, state, and local gathering restrictions, as directed by the President and/or the Governor of the State of Delaware.
- Worshipful Masters will continue to have authority to approve routine bills for payment to keep things moving forward during any Stated Communication cancellations.
- This shut down Directive for all indoor masonic gatherings/functions will remain in effect from **December 14, 2020 until January 11, 2021** unless otherwise notified. If there are any updates/changes to the Governor's directives that will affect our masonic activities, you will be notified accordingly.

I know that this situation with this nasty Coronavirus (COVID-19) is extremely frustrating for all of us, and we all long for the day when we can once again enjoy the company of each other in a "Normal" setting. Keep the faith my Brothers, that those "Normal" days will return when we are once again able to enjoy our many masonic functions and social activities.

Again, please be reminded that this is a time for us to pay particular attention to our brethren who may be in need and who may require assistance. If you are worried about a fellow member or his family, please keep in contact with them via telephone, text, or email. Let us remember our masonic obligations to relieve the distressed, and to aid with the health and welfare of our fellow brothers. Please keep an eye on each other and be ready to exercise our masonic benevolence where and when we are able . . . and **"Be a Cut Above"**

Brethren, I cannot stress enough, just how serious and harmful this Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been and will continue to be, if we don't follow the guidelines and listen to good science. As Freemasons, in the First State, we must set the example and **"Be That Cut Above"** to do our part in helping to stop the spread of this awful virus. Unfortunately, if I find that we have any of our Masonic bodies who might be ignoring the restrictions of this Directive or any restrictions of our Federal, State, or Local Governments, I will have no recourse except to shut down Freemasonry in Delaware entirely; this is certainly not a step I would want to make, but a step that will have to be made if I feel that the safety and well-being of our membership, our families, or our communities may be at risk due to our lack of compliance.

**In Conclusion, I hereby Order that this Directive is to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this Directive shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.**



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Delaware this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 AD, 6020 AL.

M.: W.: Jeffrey D. Hauss, Sr.  
Grand Master

M.: W.: Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

For the latest Delaware Coronavirus (COVID-19) News, go to the following site:

<https://deldot.gov/coronavirus/index.shtml?dc=alerts>

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January 10, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please see the enclosed directive 20-21-4 from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Brother Jeffrey D. Haass, Brother Jeff's letter is an update for Masonic Activities effective Tuesday, January 12th, **2021**, and includes the Masonic Fraternity in Delaware as a whole, including the Appendant Bodies.

Having read the directive and with continued monitoring of the current numbers, expectation of timing for the vaccination and with the best interest of our members in mind, I feel that we should continue with our current procedures of holding Zoom business meetings and suspending other in-person activities until further notice.

Again, if you need assistance or have any questions, please contact me. I appreciate your continued consideration and effort to protect each other. Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
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**DIRECTIVE No. 20-21-4**

**(Update For Masonic Activities Effective January 12, 2020)**

Brethren: Unfortunately, this Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to be problematic in 2021 and has caused all of us to alter the way we do things with our families, our businesses, and our many masonic activities. As you are all too aware, Governor Carney has issued new expanded restrictions for the State of Delaware, that were in effect from December 14, 2020 through January 11, 2021, and caused us to shut down masonry in Delaware during that time period. As of this writing, and as best we can tell, the Governor's restrictions will revert back to what they were prior to December 14, 2020 (November 23, 2020 restrictions). The following is basically a recap of the restrictions that will resume on January 12, 2021:

***Gatherings capped at 10 people; restaurant dining indoors limited to 30 percent of fire capacity***

*WILMINGTON, Del. — Governor John Carney on Tuesday announced additional restrictions statewide to slow community spread of COVID-19 as Delaware and the country experience a surge of cases, hospitalizations and deaths heading into the winter months. The restrictions will be formally issued in a revision to the Governor's omnibus emergency order later this week. Governor Carney's order will include the following restrictions, which take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23:*

*Indoor gatherings in homes must be capped at no more than 10 people.*

***\*\*\*Indoor gatherings outside of homes must be limited to 30 percent of the venue's stated fire capacity, up to a cap of 50 people. This includes all events, such as weddings, funerals, services in houses of worship, performances, political gatherings, and events in public spaces including fire halls.***

*Outdoor public gatherings are limited to 50 people. Up to 250 may be allowed with a plan approved by the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH).*

*Restaurants must operate at no more than 30 percent of fire capacity indoors, with allowances for additional outdoor seating.*

*Governor Carney's order will also prohibit Delaware youth sports organizations, teams and venues from hosting or participating in tournaments with out-of-state teams, effective at 8:00*



From: grandsecgld@verizon.net  
Subject: Directive No. 20-21-4  
Date: Jan 9, 2021 at 1:04:29 PM  
To: grandsecgld@verizon.net

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Distinguished Masonic Leaders All,  
Attached is the MW Grand Master's Directive No. 20-21-4 that will go into effect on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. As you can well imagine, it is very difficult trying to keep up with the ever-changing restrictions with this whole COVID-19 problem.

At this time, it appears that the Governor will return to his previous restrictions from November 23, 2020, and that if you are comfortable opening back up with Limited Masonic Activities once again, you may do so. However; please remember that the Governor continues his "Stay-at-Home" Advisory, and if any of our leaders do not feel safe in reopening "Limited Masonic Activities", Grand Master Haass has given you full authority to cancel or reschedule as you find necessary; this includes Stated Communications, Special Communications, and any special lodge activities.

Please remember . . . if Governor Carney issues any additional restrictions or relaxes any restrictions as we move forward, you will be notified as soon as possible. Believe me when I say that I understand your frustration with this ever-changing and moving target, but we will do our best to get information out to you as soon as we can confirm the Governor's announcements and restrictions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Glenn

*a.m. on Tuesday, December 1. The order includes a provision prohibiting Delaware teams from traveling across states lines for tournaments.*

In keeping with Governor Carney's announced restrictions, our fraternity here in Delaware will follow these same restrictions until further notified, and are strongly reminded of the following:

- The 30% of the Fire Code Occupancy maximum allowable capacity must be followed. Ensure that allowable seating is identified for social distancing.
- Social Distancing must be maintained and managed.
- Face Masks shall be worn at all times (except while eating); including while "Social Distancing".
- There can be no self-serve food service. All food must be served by dedicated servers as per the Phase II Directives and restrictions of the Governor's Office. No person, other than the server, shall touch any serving spoons, and serving staff members should be dedicated to a particular serving spoon(s). Social Distancing in any buffet line must be maintained (Lodge responsibility).
- If you are moving your venue to a place other than your lodge hall, it is the responsibility of the lodge to ensure that the chosen venue is following the proper protocol and is adhering to the Governor's Directives & Restrictions.
- For any lodge meeting/lodge social activity, etc., it is highly recommended (from a Liability perspective), that the following steps be taken:
  - Assign someone the responsibility of making documented temperature checks on all members and guests as they enter the lodge/lodge building/or alternate venue of your function.
  - Require all members and guests entering the lodge/lodge building/or alternate venue, to answer a COVID-19 questionnaire and sign.
  - Require all members and guests entering the lodge/lodge building/or alternate venue to sign a COVID-19 Liability Waiver (to be maintained by the lodge).
- Degree work can proceed as long as all guidelines/directives are strictly followed. There are several steps that some lodges have taken to ensure a safer degree conferral. Contact the Office of the Grand Secretary for suggested steps to be taken in a degree conferral.
- ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to avoid gatherings; and as you are aware, a large number of our membership falls into this category.

All sanitization steps, as directed by the CDC, the Governor's Directives, and any Edicts or Directives issued by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, shall continue. These sanitization steps shall be documented in a log book or spread sheet, that clearly shows what was sanitized, who sanitized it, and the date and time of sanitization. This documentation shall be

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maintained throughout this pandemic situation. All surfaces that are typically touched must be sanitized (ie: door knobs, chair arms, desks, gavels, columns, surfaces of doors where people may normally push on the door, tables, chairs, rest rooms, etc). Signs must be posted on how to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Governor Carney's "Stay-at-Home" Advisory is still in effect, and you are again reminded that our Worshipful Masters and the various leaders of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies have the last say when deciding on any "Limited Masonic Activities", including Stated Communications; if you do not feel safe in holding a limited masonic activity due to this COVID-19 situation, and you feel that you need to cancel/postpone, our leadership has every right and obligation to do just that. Note: All Brethren and Membership (and the Grand Secretary's Office) must be notified with Due and Timely Notification.

Whatever path the lodge or any other masonic body chooses to follow, please be mindful of your members who are in the "Vulnerable Individuals" category, and remember that we should be mindful of the safety of our members and their families, as our first concern.

**Private Functions** booked/scheduled to be held in any Masonic Hall are to be handled by the individual Hall Company. Hall Companies are strongly encouraged to follow the most conservative guidelines available from leading global and local health authorities such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and abide by national, state, and local gathering restrictions, as directed by the President and/or the Governor of the State of Delaware.

#### **GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS**

As a result of the Governor's restrictions, and out of an abundance of concern for the health and safety of our membership, our families, and our communities, ***I am postponing all Official Grand Master Visitations for the month of January.*** As more information is obtained on the reopening of Delaware, I will do my best to reschedule any Grand Master Visitations that I have had to postpone.

#### **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX**

I especially want to urge the Worshipful Masters of our lodges that have very limited seating capacity in their lodge "Blue Rooms", to consider asking one of our larger lodges if you can use their lodge room for one or more of your meetings during these restricted times. This may allow you to have a limited meeting that you might not otherwise be able to have as a result of the 30% occupancy restriction.

Again, please be reminded that this is a time for us to pay particular attention to our brethren who may be in need and who may require assistance. If you are worried about a fellow member or his family, please keep in contact with them via telephone, text, or email. Let us remember our masonic obligations to relieve the distressed, and to aid with the health and welfare of our fellow brothers. Please keep an eye on each other and be ready to exercise our masonic benevolence where and when we are able . . . and ***"Be a Cut Above"***

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Freemasons, in the First State, we must set the example and ***"Be That Cut Above"*** to do our part in helping to stop the spread of this awful virus. Unfortunately, if I find that we have any of our Masonic bodies who might be ignoring the restrictions of this Directive or any restrictions of our Federal, State, or Local Governments, I will have no recourse except to shut down Freemasonry in Delaware; this is certainly ~~ggg~~ a step I would want to make, but a step that will have to be made if I feel that the safety and well-being of our membership, our families, or our communities may be at risk due to our lack of compliance.

**In Conclusion, I hereby Order that this Directive is** to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this **Directive** shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand  
Lodge of Delaware this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021  
AD, 6021 AL.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey D. Haass Sr." in a cursive style.

M.: W.: Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr.  
Grand Master

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn F. Davis, Sr." in a cursive style.

M.: W.: Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary

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January 10, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please see the enclosed is a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware regarding an Expulsion.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Barbara Lott, PGM Grand Sec.

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Distinguished Masonic Leaders All,

I have the unpleasant duty to forward to you the attached Memorandum No. 20-21-9 and the Grand Master's Edict No. 3; both of which address the Expulsion of Mr. John Charles Rayias.

Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

Glenn



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**MEMORANDUM: 20-21-9**

**DATE:** January 9, 2021

**TO:** ALL SYMBOLIC LODGE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS & SECRETARIES  
PAST GRAND MASTERS  
APPENDANT & CONCORDANT BODIES  
AREA GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN AMITY WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF  
DELAWARE

**FROM:** OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

**REFERENCE:** John Charles Rayias EXPULSION

Effective January 7, 2021, and by order of M.:W.: Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, I have the unpleasant duty to inform you of the EXPULSION of Mr. John Charles Rayias (late a member of Brandywine Lodge No. 33 in Wilmington, and a Plural Member of Ionic Lodge No. 31 in New Castle, and Endeavor Lodge No. 17 in Milton).

All Delaware Masonic Bodies, in this Jurisdiction, shall remove his name from their membership rolls. All Masonic rights, privileges, and titles of Mr. Rayias are hereby revoked and he is to refrain from masonic intercourse with any of its members. Mr. Rayias is not to attend any function of any masonic lodge or any appendant or concordant body, either open or closed, on property or off.

**Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly**

*This memorandum is to be distributed to all of our members as expeditiously as possible, including the membership of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies. Additionally, this memorandum shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body thereof, during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body.*

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PUM  
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EDICT No. 3

WHEREAS, Freemasonry has been built by men of high standards, and a Freemason's conduct is held to a high standard; and,

WHEREAS, the conduct of any Freemason, most especially the conduct of an Elected Grand Lodge Officer, is held to an even higher standard; and,

WHEREAS, all Masons of this Jurisdiction profess to these same high conduct standards as so stated in the obligations which are taken at the Holy Altar in our lodges; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Master's Official Visit to any subordinate lodge, concordant, appendant, or collateral body, is always considered to be a time for proper decorum and protocol; and,

WHEREAS, the Charge given to the Deputy Grand Master during his installation to that office, requires him to counsel and assist the Grand Master; and,

WHEREAS, the Deputy Grand Master, John Charles Rayias, has not demonstrated his "charged" duties to counsel and assist the Grand Master; and,

WHEREAS, at the Grand Master's Official Visitation to Delaware Lodge No. 37, on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Deputy Grand Master John Charles Rayias, did make several inappropriate comments during his speech to the brethren assembled, that were directed at the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and that the Grand Master considered the comments as insulting, and unmasonic, and caused offense and distress; and,

WHEREAS, after responding to a "Summons" and meeting with the Most Worshipful Grand Master on January 7, 2021, Deputy Grand Master Rayias was unable to recall exact language from his comments made during the November 10, 2020 Grand Master's Visitation to Delaware Lodge No. 37, and was unable to offer any sincere and substantive explanation for his offensive and disrespectful comments delivered during his speech to the members in attendance; and,

WHEREAS, the conduct and the comments made by Deputy Grand Master John Charles Rayias, were blatantly disrespectful, caused offense and distress, and did cast an unacceptable light on the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Staff, this jurisdiction, and Freemasonry in general; and are therefore considered improper and "Unmasonic" (conduct unbecoming a mason); and,

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**January 7, 2021**  
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**Now, therefore, I, Most Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr.,** pursuant to the power and authority vested in me as Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, do hereby direct and order as follows:

1. Mr. John Charles Rayias, late a member and Past Master of Brandywine Lodge No. 33, A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, and a Plural member of Endeavor Lodge No. 17, A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, and Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, is and stands **EXPELLED**, effective **January 7, 2021**.
2. All Delaware Masonic Bodies in this Jurisdiction shall remove his name from their membership rolls.
3. All Masonic rights, privileges, and titles of Mr. John Charles Rayias are hereby revoked, and he is to refrain from masonic intercourse with any of its members.
4. Mr. John Charles Rayias is not to attend any function of any masonic, appendant body, concordant body, or collateral body.
5. Mr. John Charles Rayias shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of receipt of this Edict, to return all records which may have been placed in his care, to the various Masonic organizations which he may serve (or has served).
6. The Grand Secretary shall send a copy of this Edict No. 3 to Mr. John Charles Rayias, and to the area Grand Jurisdictions in amity with the Grand Lodge of Delaware.
7. No mason shall have masonic intercourse with Mr. John Charles Rayias, for any reason whatsoever.

**In Conclusion, I Order and Direct That This Edict** shall be entered in full upon the Minutes of each Lodge during the next allowable Stated Communication of the Lodge.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand  
Lodge of Delaware this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021  
AD, 6021 AL.



*Jeffrey D. Haass Sr.*

M.: W.: Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr.  
Grand Master

*Glenn F. Davis, Sr.*

M.: W.: Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM  
Grand Secretary



21)

January 31, 2021

Subordinate Chapters

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are fast approaching the time of our chapter year for elections and installations. As you are all aware, all chapters were able to complete their elections last March before we closed due to the Covid-19 virus. At that time, it was stated that those elections would stand, and those officers would be installed this coming April. The aforementioned statement is still true. We had all hoped that by this coming April, we would be back to our usual routines and would be able to be installed in person. However, due to the current conditions and the fact that the vaccination is not being rolled out as quickly as expected, we have made the decision to hold installations virtually.

Guidelines for virtual installations have been distributed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and I will be meeting via Zoom with your Worthy Matrons-Elect and your Deputies to discuss the specifics. All virtual installations will be open. All those who are able to participate via Zoom, whether by phone or computer will be installed. Those members unable to participate in a Zoom event, will be installed at the first in-person meeting of the chapter. No Special Dispensations will be required to complete the in-person installations.

I know this is not how we would have liked to proceed, but hopefully, this will buy us a little more time to allow for additional vaccinations and flexibility.

In the event you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [hiddemen.deoes@gmail.com](mailto:hiddemen.deoes@gmail.com) or via phone 302.494.9406.

As always, thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

22)

February 13, 2021

To: Marianne R. Shenefelt, MWGM; Henry S. Martin, MWGP;  
Alma Lynn Bane, RWGS

My Dear Sisters and Brother,

The leadership team in Delaware has made the difficult decision to hold our 2021 Session as an abbreviated session with attendance restricted to Delaware members.

We have been meeting since September via Zoom conducting strictly our necessary business. Our upcoming installations in April will be held via Zoom as well. It is our hope that by May, more of our state will have received the vaccination and we will be able to meet in-person as anticipated.

Of course, our members are very disappointed, but we feel that this is an important step to keep our membership safe and our chapters and Grand Chapter moving forward. We've come this far, and we must be strong enough to take the necessary steps to finish the course and come through successfully.

We look forward to greeting you at our 2022 Session, which will be our 100th session! Take care, keep well and until we meet again, remember to Radiate Positivity and Eat Cookies!

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron of Delaware

SEAL

23)

February 13, 2021

Dear Sussex Chapter Members,

On your January 21st Zoom meeting, Sister Vickie Nicklas read a letter to the chapter in which she stated that due to her current health condition, she would not be able to fulfill the office of secretary as elected in March of last year. Vickie then addressed me and asked if there was anything that could be done to re-elect. Additionally, Dawn Hoesten, your Associate Conductress-elect, then stated that she would be willing to accept the office of Conductress if another election was held because she had since passed her Conductress test. It should be noted here that no Conductress was elected last March. I indicated that at the very

least a special dispensation would be needed to conduct a special election for the purpose of electing a Secretary and Conductress. However, I would do some research and speak with Jurisprudence to be sure I was not giving incorrect information.

I have completed my research and confirmed my findings with the Jurisprudence committee. According to Pg. 57 of the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Article X, Section 5 (A): "If an elective officer refuses to be installed, the Worthy Grand Matron may grant a special dispensation to hold an election to fill the office."

Additionally, according to the Book of Instruction, Page 78, Section 11 B (12-k): A special election to fill a vacancy requires a special dispensation and a notification to members, ten days before the election.

I have since been informed that due to the current circumstances your Associate Matron-elect may be willing to fill a different position if needed, as well.

This being the case, a dispensation should be requested to hold a special election for the purpose of electing the offices of Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress and Associate Conductress. The request for special dispensation should include the usual \$10.00 fee.

In this time of virtual business meetings, we still adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Book of Instruction, Pages 77 & 78, Section 11 PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER OFFICERS Item B. Including those noted below, some slightly modified due to meeting virtually:

- (3) Any individual wishing to be elected to a specific office will submit written notification, including their name and the office desired, to the Chapter Secretary via US Mail, hand delivery or email in advance of the election meeting. (Slightly modified due to meeting virtually).
- (5) Officers may only hold the office of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron in one of the Plural chapters to which they belong.
- (12-d) For uncontested offices, the Worthy Patron will say, "there being only one name presented or nominated, and if

there are no objections, the Secretary will cast a unanimous vote

of this chapter”, except for the Secretary, which will be done by the Treasurer.

- (12-e) For contested offices, the Worthy Patron will say, “you will use your polling option on the screen for the office of [name of contested office]. [Pause long enough for all to complete their poll]. Any member participating via phone will be contacted by the meeting host for their vote. The Worthy Patron will then continue by saying. Have all voted? If so, I declare the ballot closed.” The poll, being managed by the call host, will be recorded and announced upon completion. (Slightly modified due to meeting virtually).

- (12-g) If there is no nomination for an office the Worthy Patron, after asking three times, will declare the office vacant.

I know managing things during the pandemic has been difficult and I appreciate your partnership in moving through the challenges and keeping the chapter progressing. In the event you have any questions, concerns or issues, please contact me as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

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cc: Jurisprudence Committee  
Tom Morganstern, WGP  
Kathy Trombly, AGM  
Wayne Stacy, AGP

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February 13, 2021

Dear Naomi Chapter Members,

On February 3rd I received an email from your Worthy Matron indicating that Naomi Chapter had received a letter from your Worthy Matron-Elect, Sister Euretta L. Schultheiss, PGM, stating she will not be filling her position as Worthy Matron for the 2021 - 2022 term. Sister Linda stated she would be willing to assume the position of Worthy Matron and be elected, but was unsure on how to proceed.

According to Pg. 57 of the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate

Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Article X, Section 5 (A): "If an elective officer refuses to be installed, the Worthy Grand Matron may grant a special dispensation to hold an election to fill the office."

Additionally, according to the Book of Instruction, Page 78, Section 11 B (12-k): A special election to fill a vacancy requires a special dispensation and a notification to members, ten days before the election.

I have since been informed that due to the current circumstances your Worthy Patron-Elect is also unable to serve.

This being the case, a dispensation should be requested to hold a special election for the purpose of electing the offices of Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. The request for special dispensation should include the usual \$10.00 fee.

In this time of virtual business meetings, we still adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Book of Instruction, Pages 77 & 78, Section 11 PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER OFFICERS Item B. Including those noted below, some slightly modified due to meeting virtually:

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Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matron

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cc: Jurisprudence Committee  
Tom Morganstern, WGP  
Kathy Trombly, AGM  
Wayne Stacy, AGP

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March 15, 2021

TO: Worthy Matrons Elect, Primary Installing Officers, Deputy Grand Lecturers, Chapter Secretaries CC: Jurisprudence Committee, Worthy Grand Patron & Grand Lecturer

RE: Procedure for Virtual Installation

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Enclosed are the procedures that are to be followed for the April 2021 subordinate chapter virtual installations. I would like to thank the primary Installing Officers, Worthy Matrons-Elect, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Lecturers and Jurisprudence Committee for their cooperation and input in refining these procedures.

Fraternally

Donna s. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron

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Guidelines for Virtual Installations for Subordinate Chapters in Delaware  
Created: 3/5/2021 Updated: 3/15/2021  
Author: Donna Hiddemen, WGM

These instructions are based on the guidelines provided by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The amended installation procedures are to be used **only** for the April, 2021 installations due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Reconfirming that meetings to conduct regular chapter business using the Zoom tool are **not** to utilize any ritualistic work contained in the opening or closing of chapter. To do so would be illegal.

#### General Information

Installations are to be performed on the date of your first meeting in April and will follow your Zoom business meeting. Therefore, your business meeting will begin at your stated meeting time and once completed, the open installation will take place.

No one can be installed who is more than one year in arrears for Chapter dues.

The Chapter Secretary shall prepare the "Certificate of Newly Installed Officers" and make sure that it is in the hands of the Primary Installing Officer in advance of the meeting date. No officer signatures will be on the form at this time. The names of any officers not able to be installed via Zoom will be marked with an asterisk. The asterisk will be defined at the bottom of the form as "To be installed at a later date". In the event it is determined that a member is not able to be installed on the Zoom call after the form is in the hands of the Primary Installing Officer, she shall add an asterisk by the member's name and initial next to the asterisk to indicate her personal confirmation. Upon completion of the installation, the installing officer will sign the "Certificate of Newly Installed Officers" and return it to the Chapter Secretary to be sealed. The Secretary will then send the necessary copies to the required recipients.

Grand Honors may be given as they are not considered part of the Secret Work.

#### Procedure Open Installation on Zoom

After the close of the business meeting, The Worthy Matron turns control over to the Installing Officer, who in turn may give a short greeting followed by the introduction of the assisting installing officers, if any.

The Installing Officer (I.O.) calls the installation Ceremony to Order with one rap of the Gavel.

I.O.: "You will join with me in repeating the Lord's Prayer."

The installation then proceeds with the speaking parts utilized in the ritual beginning with:

I.O.: "Sisters and Brothers, the selection....."

The verbiage for the portion of each officer's installation that refers to the **investing** of the badge should be omitted, as no badges are being presented at this time. However, the portion that refers to the **meaning** of the badge shall be spoken.

Similar to the above, the verbiage for the portion of installation that refers to the presentation of the Secret Work, Charter and Constitution and By-laws should be **modified to state that these items will be presented at the first in-person meeting**, as these things are not being exchanged at this point in time. In reality, the Associate Matron should already possess a copy of the Constitution and By-laws and the Associate Patron, should already possess a copy of the Secret Work. These items **must be** presented at the first in-person meeting and recorded as being done by the secretary in the minutes.

**NOTE: it has been confirmed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron that it is acceptable due to the COVID restrictions that the charter is not present for the virtual installation.**

After the proclamation has been completed, the Installing Officer turns control of the meeting over to the newly installed Worthy Matron.

The Worthy Matron may make announcements, including committee appointments and closing remarks.

Worthy Matron shall then close the meeting by saying: "I now declare the installation of **chapter name** closed."

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April 12, 2021

William F. Lott, PGP  
Georgetown Chapter #9, OES  
PO Box 186  
Dagsboro DE 19939-0186

RE: Chapter By-Law Changes


Dear Sisters and Brothers of Georgetown Chapter #9:

I have received your requested By-Law changes from the Jurisprudence Committee along with their approval. I have reviewed your submission and agree with the Jurisprudence Committee. Therefore, I am granting approval for the attached changes with immediate effect.

Fraternally,

Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron

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**Georgetown Chapter No. 9, Order of the Eastern Star**

William F. Lott, Secretary  
PO Box 186  
Dagsboro, DE 19939  
Telephone: (302) 732-3068

Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Georgetown Chapter No. 9  
Distributed to Membership: January 22, 2021  
Voted: February 11, 2021

Change Article IX (New Article X) Section 3 and Section 4 by deleting the word "another" and replacing it with the word "a". The two sections would then read:

Section 3. Any Past Matron serving a term in this Chapter as Worthy Matron will be compensated the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in lieu of a Jewel for service rendered.

Section 4. Any Past Patron serving a term in this Chapter as Worthy Patron will be compensated the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in lieu of a Jewel for service rendered.



10. Amend current ARTICLE VIII Committee on Relief (New ARTICLE IX Committees) Section 1 by replacing in line 5 "twenty-five (25)" with "one hundred (100)". Section 1 would then read:

**Section 1.** The Worthy Matron shall appoint three members of the Chapter as a Committee on Relief whose duty shall be to investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter and report the circumstances of the case at the first meeting after receiving notice of the application. If the case is one of pressing necessity, the Worthy Matron may on the report of the committee draw an order upon the Treasurer for an amount not exceeding one hundred (100) dollars and the order so drawn shall be sufficient voucher to the Treasurer to pay the same.

11. Add new Section 2 to Article IX that reads

**Section 2.** The Worthy Matron in addition to appointing a Committee on Relief shall appoint members to the committees listed below. She may also appoint any other committee that she feels is necessary for the Chapter's year.

- a. Banquet
- b. Benefit for Children with Special Needs
- c. ESTARL
- d. Hospitality
- e. Sharing and Caring
- f. Service Dogs
- g. Ways and Means

12. Delete current Section 2A of current Article VIII in its entirety.

Rationale: The Gift Committee has not existed or functioned for years.

13. ARTICLE IX (new ARTICLE X), Section 2A add the following sentence to follow the first sentence:

A Worthy Matron (Patron) who has previously served as Worthy Matron (Patron) in another Chapter and has been awarded a Past Matron (Patron) jewel is not eligible to receive an additional Past Matron's (Patron's) jewel.

Section 2A would then read:

**Section 2A.** A Worthy Matron (Patron) who has served a majority of the scheduled stated meetings shall at the end of their term of office receive a Past Matron's (Patron's) jewel. The Trustees shall see that the jewel(s) is/are obtained in time for presentation at the Annual Installation of Officers. A Worthy Matron (Patron) who has previously served as Worthy Matron (Patron) in another Chapter and has been awarded a Past Matron (Patron) jewel is not eligible to receive an additional Past Matron's (Patron's) jewel.

- ✓ 4. ARTICLE IV Membership Section 4 amend by adding "and certificate" prior to the period:

Section 4 would then read:

**Section 4.** Upon completion of twenty-five (25) years said member in good standing shall receive a twenty-five year membership pin and certificate.

- ✓ 5. ARTICLE V Fees and Dues - Section 1

Action: Delete section in its entirety and replace with:

Section 1. The fee for conferring the degrees in this Chapter shall be twenty-five (25) dollars. The fee for affiliation or plural membership shall be twenty-five (25) dollars. All fees must accompany any of the petitions. In addition, each member shall pay five dollars at the time of their initiation to the International Temple Fund (as prescribed in Article IV, Fees, Section 2 of the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware).

Rationale: Grand Chapter in Article VI, Fees, Section 1 requires minimum fee for initiation or plural membership to be \$25. Since affiliation is comparable to plural membership, they should have the same petition fee. The Section number in the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware that refers to the International Temple Fund is Section 2.

- ✓ 6. Create new Article VIII Bills

- ✓ 7. Create Section 1 within Article VIII that reads as follows:

Section 1. If the Chapter fails to hold a stated meeting due to lack of quorum, State or National Emergency and during the summer recess (July and August), the Treasurer and Secretary with approval of the Worthy Matron are authorized to pay necessary bills. These bills will be read at the next stated meeting.

- ✓ 8. Move Section 2 of the current Article VIII Committee on Relief to the new Article VIII Bills. Article VIII Bills - Section 2 would then read:

Section 2. All Bills on the Secretary's desk must be read in open Chapter.

- ✓ 9. Renumber current Article VIII as Article IX and retitle to "Committees." Article IX would read:

Article IX Committees

Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Georgetown Chapter No. 9  
Presented: December 10, 2020  
Voted: January 14, 2021

1. ARTICLE I, Section 2 amend by adding the following sentence at the end:

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Matron, due notice having been given the members and only such business transacted as may be specified in the notice.

Section 2 would then read:

Section 2. Stated Meetings of this Chapter will be at 7:30 p.m. on the Second Thursday of the month, September Through June, except May and October when meetings will be held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month. There will be no meetings in July and August or on any National Holiday. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Matron, due notice having been given the members and only such business transacted as may be specified in the notice.

2. ARTICLE III OFFICERS, Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) amend by deleting in entirety and replace with:

(a) There shall be three (3) Trustees.

(b) One Trustee will be elected annually for a three (3) year term. Should there be a vacancy, a Trustee shall be elected for the remainder of that unexpired term.

Section1 (a) and (b) would then read:

(a) There shall be three (3) Trustees.

(b) One Trustee will be elected annually for a three (3) year term. Should there be a vacancy, a Trustee shall be elected for the remainder of that unexpired term.

3. ARTICLE IV . Membership - Section 3  
Action: Delete section in its entirety and replace with:

Section 3. Plural membership is permitted in this Chapter (as prescribed in Article III, Membership, Section 11 Plural Membership, of the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware).

Rationale: Grand Chapter is no longer using the term "Dual Membership", but "Plural Membership" only. The Article number in the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Delaware that refers to plural membership is now "III" and the section number is only "11."

- ✓ 14. Amend ARTICLE IX (new ARTICLE X) Section 4 by changing in the second line "Fifty Dollars (\$50)" to "One Hundred Dollars (\$100)".

Section 4 would then read:

**Section 4.** Any Past Patron serving another term in this Chapter as Worthy Patron will be compensated the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in lieu of a Jewel for services rendered.

- ✓ 15. Amend ARTICLE X Vacancies (New Article XI) Section 2 by deleting the last sentence.

Section 2 would then read:

**Section 2.** In case an elective officer leaves the jurisdiction of the Chapter the Worthy Grand Matron can, if circumstances warrant declare the office vacant and grant a dispensation to elect a new officer, such election to take place ten days after written notice has been given to the members by the Secretary of the Chapter, except the office of Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, which cannot be declared vacant.


**Rationale:** This requirement is already addressed in the Installation Charge to the Officer.

16. Renumber:  
Article IX, Article X.  
Article X, Article XI  
Article XI, Article XII  
Article XII, Article XIII

Submitted by 2020 Bylaw Committee  
Sister Nancy Davis, Associate Matron  
Brother Wayne Stacey, Worthy Patron  
Brother William Lott, PGP, Secretary, Chairman

From: William Lott (via Google Docs) [wflott43@gmail.com](mailto:wflott43@gmail.com)  
Subject: Approved Bylaw Changes 02112021  
Date: Apr 11, 2021 at 5:18:48 PM  
To: [Hiddemen.deoes@gmail.com](mailto:Hiddemen.deoes@gmail.com)

[wflott43@gmail.com](mailto:wflott43@gmail.com) has attached the following document:

 Approved Bylaw Changes 02112021



Here is the change that the Chapter voted.

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April 28, 2021

Sister Catherine “Scotty” Schultz, PGM  
Secretary, Frankford Chapter #12  
37682 Crab Bay Lane  
Selbyville, DE 19975-3922

Hello Sisters and Brothers of Frankford Chapter #12:

This is written confirmation to acknowledge that you, as a chapter had planned to discuss the future of your chapter after your election in March 2020. The election produced no members to serve as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron. It was at that time that the Delaware Stay-at-Home order was issued by the Governor, as well as the Grand Master’s March 16, 2020, directive to cease all Masonic activity in the state including appendant bodies. The COVID-19 Pandemic took hold and prevented in-person activities not just in Delaware, but across the world.

Our Grand Chapter did not have its annual session, and everything stayed in place until the next scheduled session in May 2021. Likewise, all subordinate chapters stayed in place. Thus, your current Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, and remaining officers held the course.

Under normal circumstances, the Worthy Grand Matron may have arrested the charter and closed the chapter. However, due to the unprecedented events that were unfolding and after discussion with your Worthy Matron, I felt that such action would be inappropriate and harsh. Therefore, I have extended leniency in order to allow for the chapter to reach the day when in-person meetings can be held. By doing so, your members who are not able to participate in virtual meetings will be able to be present and have a voice in determining how your chapter will move forward.

I had discussed this situation with the Jurisprudence Chairman and Sister Kathy Trombly, AGM some time ago and all felt the circumstances warranted forbearance.

I wish for you peaceful deliberations as you work through this very important and difficult time in the life of your chapter. If I

can be a resource or of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me

In Sisterly Love and Care,  
Donna S. Hiddemen  
Worthy Grand Matron

SEAL

cc: Jane M. Morris, PGM Worthy Matron  
Thomas J. Morganstern, WGP  
Kathy Trombly, AGM  
Wayne Stacy, AGP  
Jurisprudence Committee  
Barbara F. Lott, Grand Secretary

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May 3, 2021

Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware:

Today marks one week until we have our long-awaited “Radiate Positivity” Session and change our corps of Grand Officers, trustees and committee members. Some of you may not be hearing this until after that event. You may think it strange for a farewell letter to come so late. However, as was reinforced with us in the past year, nothing is certain. I feel that we can confidently move forward knowing that we will retire next week.

Brother Tom and I would like to thank all the chapters for the warmth and hospitality with which we were received in each of your meetings, socials or Zoom calls. Our Grand Family always turned out in full force when we were still meeting in person and were heartily welcomed by each and every one of you and for that we are especially thankful. We would also like to thank you for all the gifts, donations, and honorary memberships we received throughout the term. Most importantly, we thank you for your support when things were going well and for your endurance and strength when we had to venture into the unknown. We wish you all the best as you begin your new chapter year.

We leave you with an Apache Blessing:

May the sun bring you new energy by day,  
May the moon softly restore you by night,

May the rain wash away your worries,  
May the breeze blow new strength into your being,  
May you walk gently through the world and know it's beauty all  
the days of your life.

Thank you for the privilege of letting us serve you as Worthy  
Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.  
And remember.....Eat Cookies!!!!

Donna S. Hiddemen                      Worthy Grand Matron SEAL  
Thomas J. Morganstern              Worthy Grand Patron

cc:     Barbara F. Lott, Grand Secretary

Other Correspondence

I neglected to report in my initial report that I, of course, had a letter under seal from Caesar Rodney Chapter with their request for By-Laws changes.

During the 2020-2021 year I had a letter under seal from Georgetown Chapter with their request for Chapter By-Laws changes.

Of course, all Special Dispensations requested were also under seal.

My responses are included in the above Correspondence section of this report.

Due to the circumstances of this **term**, I had periodic correspondence from the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary addressed to the sitting Worthy Grand Matrons & Worthy Grand Patrons. Some of the aforementioned correspondence not already recorded in the above section with Letters Under Seal, I am including here since it would not have been included elsewhere and may have been significant. A few pieces of correspondence are being referred to Sister Kathy Trombly, Associate Grand Matron as they will be pertinent after our change of office going forward.

# 1) Email

M.A. Shenefelt <mshene8185@yahoo.com>

Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 8:53 AM

To: "M.A. Shenefelt" <mshene8185@yahoo.com>

Cc: Alma Bane RWGS <rwgsecretary@easternstar.org>, Mary Lockridge <mglockridge@aol.com>

Dear 2019-2020 Worthy Grand Matrons,

I trust you received my latest correspondence about the coronavirus dated March 18, 2020, distributed by Sister Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Attached is my letter. This is the same official letter you received, but on my letterhead and under my seal in the event you would need it in this format for your permanent files or for presentation to your Trustees, Directors and/or Jurisprudence as you tackle the challenges presented by the current situation and its effects on conducting your Grand Chapter's business.

I commend you for making the difficult decisions needing to be made, and for your caring and reassurance to our beautiful members. These are unusual and challenging times for all of us. Thank you for all you are doing to help keep things as normal as possible. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In friendship,

Marianne

Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter  
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## 2) Email

Apr 1, 2020, 12:52 PM

From: Alma Bane, RWGS

To: GGC 2018-2021 Tri-Line Officers

Due to many questions regarding the Covid-19 situation in our lives, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Matron, has requested that I forward the attached letter to you for your information and records. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sister Marianne or me.

A copy of this letter was sent to your Grand Secretary and the GGC 2018-2021 Officers and Appointments.

As I receive communications from each Grand Jurisdiction regarding their annual Grand Chapter sessions, I am posting this information on the GGC website at:

<http://www.easternstar.org/grand-chapters/grand-chapters-under-ggc/grand-chapter-sessions/>

Please stay safe and stay well...we need every member now and, in the future,

PERSEVERANCE – is not a long race, it is many short races one after the other...

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## General Grand Chapter

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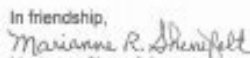
March 18, 2020

My Sisters and Brothers,

In this time of unprecedented challenges and situations due to the coronavirus pandemic and associated Government guidelines being issued in an effort to control its spread, I would like to provide the following information:

- ◆ Each Jurisdiction should make thorough and appropriate decisions regarding the question of closing, suspending or postponing their Grand Chapter Session if needed. Each Grand Chapter should consult their own Constitution and Bylaws for guidance and make their decision. Please keep at the forefront of your discussions the precautions set forth by CDC, especially as they relate to high-risk groups because the majority of our members are in this group.
- ◆ The cancellation, suspension, or postponement of Grand Chapter Sessions. During this uncertain time of conducting business, I will not "write up" any Grand Chapter for taking any one of these necessary actions in an effort to protect the health and safety of its members nor will I note the closing down of any or all Subordinate Chapter meetings if a Jurisdiction determines this is necessary for the health and welfare of their membership.
- ◆ By the power vested in me as the Most Worthy Grand Matron, effective immediately and for the next 60 days (up to and including May 31, 2020), I hereby suspend the requirements in the Ritual and the GGC Red Book that the full ceremony for installation of Grand Officers must be performed. I am confident Jurisdictions can accomplish the installation of their Grand Officers with the dignity this important and necessary ceremony requires.

We are a strong, caring and dedicated group of women and men who are willing to do our part to help the world get through this challenging time. Thank you for your patience, perseverance and willingness to do your best despite the unusual circumstances.

In friendship,  
  
Marianne Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

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March 31, 2020

My Sisters and Brothers,

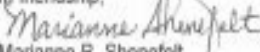
With the President's announcement of the extension of the guidelines that include social distancing until April 30, 2020, I strongly urge you to continue to observe these guidelines for the safety and well-being of our membership. It is our responsibility as loving Star members to do so and it is our duty to do what is right to help stop the spread of the virus.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how proud I am of the leadership of each Jurisdiction for their role in making some very difficult decisions in these unprecedented times. Thank you for putting the health and safety of your membership FIRST and understanding this is what must happen in these uncertain times. There is nothing we do that is worth putting any member's health and life at risk—no meeting, no gathering, no function. I am aware the present situation puts a great deal of uncertainty on upcoming Grand Chapters, as well as Subordinate Chapter meetings, etc. I note there have been some innovative ways of staying connected together. However, I do want to caution you about using Skype or Zoom. **The use of Skype or Zoom CANNOT be used for any CLOSED MEETING at any time, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, because doing so would be unacceptable and ILLEGAL.** We will have time in the future, in the near future I hope, to "right the ship" and get back to our regular routines.

These are indeed stressful times, but I anticipate that in the sense of true Eastern Star we will not only survive, but will come out of this with more connection and support for each other. I recently read this great African proverb: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." We can go far, my Sisters and Brothers.

Please take care. Stay healthy, stay safe and stay in!

In friendship,

  
Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP  
Alma Bane, RW Grand Secretary  
RW Grand Trustees  
GGC Jurisprudence Committee

3) Emailed through Turkey Talk Distribution

August 20, 2020

My Sisters and Brothers,

Tuesday night there was a Zoom meeting of the Grand Chapter line officers, Jurisprudence, Trustees and **Sister** Ann Street to provide guidance on the medical front. During our meeting we discussed the feasibility of returning to chapter meetings in September. After much discussion and review of the Governor's, Grand Master's and Most Worthy Grand Matron's most recent communications and directives, we determined that it would be in the best interest of our membership to delay the return to chapter. Our plan is to keep chapters closed through September and October and do the following:

Have the Worthy Matrons poll their officers and active chapter members with a set of questions around willingness/ability to return to chapter once we are open.

The responses will be consolidated by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary.

We will regroup mid-October to re-evaluate the status of the state and the virus and make a determination regarding resuming work in November.

During September & October and until we do resume meetings, all chapters will have Zoom social gatherings on the nights of their stated meetings. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary will work with each chapter to get them set up and host the gatherings for the chapters if that assistance is needed. No ritual work or chapter business is to be performed during these gatherings, they are purely social in nature.

All members are encouraged to reach out to their sister and brother chapter members via cards, calls and other socially distanced options to keep our communications open and any needs identified.

Letters under seal outlining the above will be sent to the secretaries of the chapters for record.

I know that we are all disappointed we will not be returning to chapter in September, but we must proceed with the best interest of our members in mind. I appreciate your support and

willingness to do what is best for the members in Delaware as a whole.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Most sincerely,

**Sister Donna**

Worthy Grand Matron

4) Email Chain

September 6, 2020

From: Donna Hiddemen

To: M.A. Shenefelt

Hello **Sister Marianne**,

Thank you for all of the updated information regarding Zoom meetings recently. We are currently not having in-person meetings, so this may be of help to us.

Our members are anxious, however, and I find myself, as you are, fielding many kinds of questions about gathering in-person. Therefore, I do have a couple of questions for you that were triggered by inquiries here as well as our Grand Lodge office information.

In compliance with CDC and state regulations, our Grand Lodge has issued very detailed and extensive sanitization requirements after each use. Part of that is the recommendation that one or two people be assigned to set-up and tear down and those same persons be required to complete the sanitization process before the premises are vacated. One of the concerns of our leadership team is, understandably, that this is a lot to expect of one or two members. Additionally, the sanitization of all paraphernalia and premises may be for naught if you end up not having a quorum. Has any thought been given to holding the meetings without pulling out all the badges and other paraphernalia and just using the charter, altar and bible? This would minimize the amount of things that would need sanitation.

Our Grand Lodge has issued waiver notices to be posted with the expectation that people can then decide if they wish to enter. Participation waivers for each member and/or guest to sign have also been issued. Will the GGC be issuing such documents for the chapters?

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely, Donna Hiddemen, WGM of DE

September 8, 2020

From: M.A. Shenefelt

To: Donna Hiddemen

Hi WGM Sister Donna,

I am, indeed, finding myself answering many different kinds of questions. And like you, there are no guidelines or resources of former times like these so that makes for some interesting situations.

Thank you for your email. In light of these unprecedented Covid times and the need to keep our members safe and healthy, I understand the concern about handling the badges. I also think it's possible it might not be in the best interest of the badges to be sanitized, especially if they are antique. With these considerations in mind and if you decide to advise your **Chapters**, they do not have to use their badges, I would agree with your decision.

Your question about the paraphernalia and Chapter Room set up. I see your point about the work involved and the possibility of no quorum after the work has been done. My guidelines "Chapter Meetings - Covid Restrictions" issued May of 2020 are based on the clear instructions in both the Ritual and the GGC Red Book regarding the Chapter Room set up, (Ritual, Chapter Furniture, pg. 168; GGC Red Book Bylaws, Chapter VII., 4. Chapter Furniture, pgs. 73-74). I did my best to adhere to the bare, basic requirements of setting up Chapter Rooms and yet retain the essence of Eastern Star (see below). It is my opinion these guidelines will need to be followed. I hope having one or two people who are responsible for this minimal set up will helpful in reducing the need for sanitization.

Chapter Room Setup. The following are required for Chapter Room setup:

- Altar in the center of the Chapter Room
- Bible on the Altar
- Pedestals at the Star Point stations with emblems
- Signet
- American Flag
- Your Country's Flag

The GGC will not be issuing participation waivers. If you, as WGM, feel this is necessary and/or it is something that would be beneficial to the Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware, I would encourage you to discuss this with your WGP and your supporting Committees (Jurisprudence, Trustees, etc.).

I hope I have been of some assistance. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please take care. Stay safe and well!

In friendship,

Marianne

Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

5) Email

September 26, 2021

From: Alma Lynn Bane, RWGS

To: Donna Hiddemen

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## General Grand Chapter

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September 26, 2020

### Clarification re: In-person Meetings

My Sisters and Brothers,

I am finding there is some confusion and misunderstanding regarding my statement about national and local governments partially lifting Covid-19 restrictions and how this applies to opening our Chapters.

I know we are all very anxious to return to in-person meetings, BUT that decision is to be made by the WGMs of the Grand Jurisdictions with the support of the WGP and supporting Committees such Trustees, Jurisprudence, etc., or in the case of Deputies of GGC, who oversee the Subordinate Chapters directly under GGC, who have been given this responsibility by the MWGM and MWGP. Your WGM, or Deputy, will make the decision that is best for your Chapter about re-opening and having in-person meetings. I am confident they will make the decision that will keep each of you safe and healthy, as well as abide by the government restrictions that are in effect for your Jurisdiction or area. Their decision is what will be followed regarding the opening of your Chapter for in-person meetings.

My apologies for any misunderstandings. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [mshene8185@yahoo.com](mailto:mshene8185@yahoo.com)

In friendship & love,

Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP  
Alma Bane, RWGS



6) Email

January 19, 2021

From: Alma Lynn Bane, RWGS

To: Donna Hiddemen

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons,

Progress is achieved by organizations with the important element of good communication.

Attached are three documents that Sister Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM, has asked that I share with each of you as we are “Moving Forward in 2021”.

After your review these documents, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact our MWGM for clarification or answers.

I wish for each of you a great day and a happy and healthy New Year...



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**General Grand Chapter**  
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January 19, 2021

TO: 2018-2021 Tri-Line (currently serving & upcoming); Grand Secretaries; and Deputies

I say farewell to 2020 and hello to 2021, my Sisters and Brothers! For the well-being of our Order, I believe it is necessary for Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters alike to move forward with their business, elections, installations, etc. I am aware there are challenges for doing this due to the various Covid restrictions, but I have every confidence that together we can figure it out. Attached to this letter are my guidelines "Moving Forward – 2021" and "Modified In-Person Open Installation Ceremony with Covid Restrictions," which were written with the intention of helping answer some of the inquiries I have received. Please understand I am not changing any of the requirements for joining the Order nor am I modifying any of the fundamental and foundational rules of the Ritual or the GGC Red Book with these guidelines.

I encourage you to do your best to follow your Jurisdiction's Constitution, Code of Laws, or similar source; however please realize it is entirely possible some of the rules may need to be temporarily adjusted in order to accomplish what needs to be done to move forward while adhering to the health and safety restrictions in your area. The time is coming when we will be able to get back to our regular ceremonies, etc., and once again we will have the pleasure of enjoying the comfort of familiarity. Hallelujah!

Forward into 2021! *"The perfect cure for worry is trust in God,"* --unknown.

In friendship & love,

Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron



CC: Henry S. Martin, MWGP  
Alma Bane, RWGS

**APPROPRIATE FOR IN-PERSON OPEN INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND GRAND CHAPTERS**

**Guidelines – In-person OES Installations with COVID-19  
Restrictions: Face Masks, Social Distancing, Limited Attendance  
These instructions are a temporary deviation from normal  
Eastern Star procedures due to the coronavirus pandemic**

I hereby issue the following temporarily modified guidelines for the Ritualistic Ceremony for conducting in-person open Installations adhering to COVID-19 restrictions. All participants are to wear face masks, maintain social distancing and attendance is to be limited as required by national and/or local health authorities. These modified Guidelines may be used by Subordinate Chapters and/or Grand Chapters wherever in-person meetings are allowed by national and local authorities and the Worthy Grand Matron. The following instructions are not permanent.

**Modified in-person Open Installation.** The Installation Ceremony language printed in the Ritual shall be used, adjusting wording as necessary to fit the circumstances (pages 98-126 or 127-151). The floor work shall be modified as follows in order to maintain social distancing. All participants will please wear face masks/coverings.

All Installing Officers shall be in their Stations six feet apart. The Installing Marshal will remain at her/his Station and invite the incoming Officers to enter the Chapter Room. The Officers will enter the Chapter Room carrying their badges and proceed to the Stations where they will be installed. It is possible their Stations will be on the sidelines six feet apart. When the Officers reach their Stations, they will be seated. The Installation Prayer will be given at the Altar or from the Installing Chaplain's Station. The Installing Marshal will read the roll of Officers to be installed. As their name is called, the Officer will stand at their Station and remain standing. All Officers remain standing and face the Altar to repeat the Obligation of Office given by the Installing Officer. The Officers will then be seated at their Stations.

The Worthy Matron-elect and the Worthy Patron-elect shall be seated in the Chapter Room wherever necessary to maintain social distancing. The Installing Officer shall direct the WM-elect to approach the Altar to be installed. At the Altar, she shall put on her badge when directed and then as directed proceed to the East or near East, whichever position maintains social distancing, to receive Grand Honors and be seated. The same procedure shall be used for the WP-elect.

All other Officers shall remain at their Stations, stand when addressed by the Installing Officer to receive their charge, put on their badge when directed and be seated.

At the end of the Ceremony, the Installing Officer shall direct the Installing Marshal to proclaim from her/his Station the Officers regularly installed.

If members and/or visitors are allowed to be present, strict adherence to the COVID-19 restrictions in your area shall be observed.

Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
UPDATED January 2021

## MOVING FORWARD - 2021

It is of the upmost importance that Jurisdictions and Subordinate Chapters alike move forward with their essential business such as elections, installations, etc., for 2021. Due to the restrictions in the duties and powers of the MWGM, it is not possible for me to become closely involved in the actual governance of a Grand Chapter or their Subordinate Chapters. I encourage you to follow your Constitution, Code of Laws, Law Book or similar source for your Jurisdiction as faithfully as possible and to do the best you can with fairness and loving kindness to your membership. In these unprecedented times, it may be necessary to move forward with the understanding it's possible none of the usual rules can be applied. The following information DOES NOT change any of the requirements for joining our Order or any of the other fundamental and foundational rules in the Ritual or the GGC Red Book.

- ♦ **To the Leadership:** Please realize the pandemic continues to be serious and is in full force. It may be necessary to make some practical and necessary adjustments to your Grand Chapter and/or Subordinate Chapter protocol/business in order for you to move forward. All possible effort should be taken to follow your Jurisdiction's Constitution and still obey health regulations, understanding that the health regulations imposed by your national and local governments override your Constitution. If there is a contradiction, lawful health regulations rule. Please be mindful of the fact that the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic are not to be used as an excuse to ignore, disregard or abolish your Constitution.

### **GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS - USING ZOOM OR OTHER VIDEO CONFERENCING METHODS**

**If your Grand Chapter Session is being held using Zoom or other means of video communication, you are directed NOT to perform any Ritualistic work whatsoever.** No portion of any of our established Ritualistic ceremonies from the Ritual are to be performed during a meeting using Zoom or other video conferencing method, with the exception of the previously authorized Abbreviated Installation using Zoom or other video conferencing methods, i.e., MWGM communications dated 4/6/20, 4/7/20 and 4/8/20, which states: *An "Installation ceremony" must be performed that includes (at a minimum) the Installation Prayer, the Obligation of Officers and the Proclamation of the Officers being duly installed. These portions of the Installation Ceremony in the Ritual must be accomplished. It is okay to use a conference call or video conferencing to do this, but it cannot be accomplished in person in order to safeguard the health and safety of our members until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.\**

\*At this time, I would like to adjust the last statement in the above information; "...cannot be accomplished in person...until the COVID-19 pandemic is over" because some Jurisdictions are conducting in-person meetings with appropriate COVID-19 restrictions in place so it may be possible to hold in-person open Installations. If your Jurisdiction's WGM and supporting leadership and government health regulations allow for in-person meetings, it is acceptable to conduct a Modified In-Person Open Installation Ceremony with Covid restrictions. Please see the attached Guidelines for a Modified In-Person Open Installation Ceremony with Covid Restrictions for Subordinate Chapters and Grand Chapters (updated January 2021).

It may be necessary to adjust the structure of your Grand Chapter Session if you are using Zoom (or other video methods) to hold your Session. It may basically become a business meeting with the essential portions of your business being taken care of in accordance with your Constitution as closely as reasonably possible with adherence to Covid health and safety restrictions in your area. Out of necessity due to the pandemic, it will not be possible to have the usual protocol, traditions, ceremonies or formalities we are accustomed to for our Sessions.

#### ELECTIONS

- **ELECTRONIC BALLOTING.** If your Jurisdiction has the expertise and technical support available to your membership to conduct confidential and secret balloting using Zoom or other video conferencing programs, this manner of voting can be used if your leadership is in agreement to do so. Please keep in mind you have a duty to ensure all who are entitled to vote are given the chance to vote.
- **MAIL-IN BALLOTS.** If your Jurisdiction is not holding in-person meetings, it is suggested you consider using mail-in ballots. It is possible this may be a better choice for your members to ensure all who are entitled to vote are given the opportunity to vote (not just those who have access and understand how to use Zoom or other video conferencing methods). The process for mail-in ballots would require time to discuss and choose a specific way of accomplishing this task such as preparation of the ballots, the actual mailing, setting a deadline for the return of the ballots, etc. Please take into consideration how you will handle nominations from the floor if you allow this type of nomination from members during your elections.
- **ABBREVIATED IN-PERSON VOTING.** This suggestion is courtesy of a kind and sharing Jurisdiction (thank you!) and is an acceptable alternative to mail-in ballots if in-person activity is allowed and your leadership is in agreement to use this method. Description: select a specific date and on that day have your Chapter Rooms open for a set time so that eligible voting members can come to the Chapter during that time and cast their ballot. The slate of Officers to be voted on could be sent to the members beforehand if desired. The official ballot would be given to them as they enter the Chapter Room. Members would mark their ballot, deposit it in the ballot box and leave (an "in" and "out" process). If desired and felt to be necessary, precautions such as signing in could be used. The preparations for the Abbreviated In-Person Voting protocol would need to be arranged prior to the voting day and the instructions discussed and presented clearly to the members well in advance. If this suggestion is used, please stay safe by wearing face masks, observing social distancing and restricting the size of attendance as necessary.

#### RESOLUTIONS

The following information is my viewpoint regarding handling Resolutions and is an acceptable manner of handling them if the Jurisdiction leadership is in agreement to do so.

It is my opinion for Resolutions to be properly considered, discussed and voted on by the membership, it is necessary for this business to take place at an in-person Grand Chapter

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Session. I believe this is especially true for major revision-type Resolutions, as well as Resolutions that may possibly be contentious. Body language, tone and the attention of those in the Grand Chapter Room are a part of conducting this important business. These components are not necessarily present on Zoom or other video conferencing methods. Additionally, the need for amendments could be complicated, as well as the need for secure and confidential voting if there is a call for a written ballot vote. Therefore, it is my opinion the membership would be better served if Resolutions were held over until they can be addressed in person at a Grand Chapter Session. Of course, it is possible there will be circumstances where this is not acceptable. Each Jurisdiction will need to address Resolutions in a manner that best serves their membership. Resolutions are the business of Jurisdictions.

Please understand the information in this communication is being provided with the intention of being supportive and useful. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
January 2021

7) Email Chain  
March 13, 2021

From: Donna Hiddemen

To: M.A. Shenefelt

Hello Sister Marianne,

I hope that you and your family are well and are preparing to be vaccinated, if you haven't already had the opportunity.

As I am preparing the outline for our subordinate chapter virtual installations, I find that I have a quick question: I may have missed it, but I don't recall seeing any reference to the presence of the chapter charter when completing a virtual installation. So, my question is this: Are we to go to the lodge or meeting place and pull out the charter to be present at the installing officer or outgoing Worthy Matron's home or is this requirement to have the charter present being waived for the installations being performed during the pandemic crisis?

I don't want to rock the boat, I'm just trying to be sure that I have all my i's dotted and t's crossed.

Thank you,  
Donna Hiddemen, WGM of DE

March 14, 2021

From: M.A. Shenefelt

To: Donna Hiddemen

Hi Sister Donna,

Nice to hear from you. You have asked a good question and one that was not covered in the virtual Installation guidelines. Due to the Covid restrictions, it would be acceptable if the Chapter charter is not present. I would say that if having the charter present in the location of the outgoing Worthy Matron can be accomplished easily and simply it would be great to have it there, but not mandatory due to these unsettled times.

I am confident you are doing a thorough and good job. Thank you for checking with me.

Hugs,  
Marianne

Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

### Guidance

In January 2021, I spoke with the Worthy Matrons of two chapters that had not had any Zoom meetings since we began that method of meeting. Both were struggling to make quorum due to the advanced ages of their members and their computer inability or unwillingness to call via phone in to the meetings. During the discussion I explained that if the chapter continued on their current path, I would have to take the charter once they had reached 6-months without a meeting. Both chapter's members worked together to ensure that quorum was met and that the business meetings could be held. Both chapters continue to have meetings at this point.

### Questions & Answers/Decisions

I received the following inquiries, my answers and in some cases the MWGM's answers with reasoning follow:

- 10/22/2019 Question: Can the Altar be draped for a former member who is a Past Matron/Patron or Past Grand Matron/Patron?
  - Answer: I was unable to find any documentation to specify for whom the Altar may or may not be draped . The only information I was able to find was for the procedures for *performing* the draping. Unfortunately, I had planned to write to the Most Worthy Grand Secretary to secure an answer, but for some reason, I did not complete the follow-up and the inquirer did not inquire again. Therefore, I will reach out at this time for a response, so I can reply, and the issue can be closed.
  - In 2020, I posed this question this question to the MWGM as follows and received the indicated response: Question: Can the Altar or Charter be draped for a former member? There is a funeral service for former members, but no indication of whether draping may be

performed. I researched this and asked our jurisprudence, I could only find procedures for performing the draping, not who is entitled to a draping of either the Altar or Charter. Typically, the Altar is for Past Grands or sitting Elected Grand Officers. The Charter is for chapter members. MWGM Answer: It is my opinion your question about draping the Altar or Charter would be addressed by you as WGM, with guidance from Delaware's OES Code, Law or Constitution. I researched the GGC Red Book, as well as the Ritual, regarding draping the Altar or Charter and there are no specific instructions or guidelines for this ceremony. It has been my experience that each Jurisdiction handles this particular portion in a specific way for their Jurisdiction.

- 3/9/2020 Question: Has there been any talk on the Grand or General Grand Chapter level about the Coronavirus? [I did not share the rest of the information in this email as there was personal health issues included. Answer: I have emailed the Most Worthy Grand Matron and they are preparing information to disseminate. I will keep you updated.
- 4/29/2020 Questions:
  - Face Masks - This one has two parts: With the directives from the Governor mandating the use of face masks in public, will face masks worn in chapter be required to be white? Will chapters be required to supply them if they must be white? My gut inclination on this one is that I hope we are not required to wear masks once we are opened up for having meetings, however, that may not be the case. In my personal opinion, any face mask should be acceptable as it would be a medical requirement, not a fashion prerogative. My second thought is that chapters should have a limited supply of disposable masks in the

event someone shows up uncovered. Again, just my personal opinion. MWGM Answer: It goes without saying that if your Governor's directives include requiring face masks to be worn, they will need to be worn (realizing there may be details I am unaware of). The color, style or other considerations for face masks would up to the Jurisdiction. I think it would be thoughtful and a kindness for a Chapter to have a limited supply of face masks so in case someone forgets theirs, they will not be without one.

- If members want to wear surgical gloves, will they be permitted since gloves are normally not permitted? MWGM Answer: I expect that wearing gloves will not be required, but this may be a personal preference for peace of mind, in which case I would permit it. Again, just my personal opinion. It is my opinion it would be permissible for a member to wear gloves if desired. The Ritual, pg. 50, Initiation Ceremony and the GGC Red Book, Section 88. Rules of Order, Rule 9., pg. 125, state: "...gloves are not worn..., except for medical or religious reasons...". In my opinion the coronavirus pandemic is a medical reason.
- 8/26/2020 Question: From Sussex Chapter:
  - First, since most of our members do not have computers will phone calls be adequate for contact instead of Zoom meetings? The Turkey Talk letter seemed to indicate that we had to have these Zoom meetings on Chapter nights. Answer: Zoom gatherings should be held for those who have access to join. Phone calls, cards, outside visits with masks and distancing can be used for those who have no computer access. News from the calls and visits could be shared at the Zoom gatherings.



- Secondly, since our chapter has its own building and can regulate who comes and goes, can we have a yard sale in the building following all the governor's guidelines? We must find a way to make some money to support the chapter. We haven't had any dinners or fund raisers since this whole Covid thing started. Answer: As far as the yard sale, my initial gut feeling is no because the liability is too high. Having something outside could be a possibility. Let me do some investigating and get back to you on that one. Some info that may help: Since you have your own building, do you have liability insurance and if so, you may want to ask your insurance agent about coverage for COVID during such an event. Let me know about that. Sorry to be such a pain, but we must err on the side of caution to protect not only our members, but our guests as well. I can sympathize with your situation as it is very unique. Have you investigated online methods of having your fundraisers? Or maybe a takeout dinner for reserved pick up? Your regulars just might be in the mood for that. Just a thought. I'll get back to you on the yard sale if you could let me know about the insurance.
- 9/3/2020 Question: Is there a list of questions I am supposed to ask the members about coming to meetings? When do you need them by? Answer: Sister Barbara Lott and I are preparing and will be sending out shortly. Very brief, if you could contact your active members via phone and ask the questions, then compile responses briefly. We'll called for you all to get them back to Barb, with a cc to me within a week from the date of my initial email request. Sound doable?
- 9/9/2020 Question: Franklin Lodge has requested that the members of Georgetown Chapter put on the dinner for the visit of the Grand Master of Delaware in October. The

event will be held in the Millsboro Fire Hall with the visitation meeting following in the same location. I have been studying the guidelines for COVID 19 for the restaurant industry plus other guidelines but before going any further felt that it was necessary to contact you and ask if you have a decision on Subordinate Chapter participation in events such as dinners. Answer: Thank you for inquiring about this request to serve. Knowing what we do about the spread of the COVID-19 virus and with current guidelines regarding food service, I have several concerns about honoring the lodge's request. I'm sure that the fire hall probably has adequate space to seat the diners. However, my concern is with being present in a room where several people will not have their masks on due to eating and will be conversing while they are eating. This scenario is also a little different than serving a family as all participants are coming from different households, which multiplies the risk. Additionally, we cannot be assured that the action of clearing the tables can occur after the men have left the area since the meeting is to take place in the same venue. Considering all these factors, I regretfully recommend that the chapter decline this request until we can be more confident in the safety of the situation. I appreciate you keeping the safety and welfare of your members as your top priority.

- 9/10/2020 Question: The lodge is open. On Tuesday they are having a meeting. I am planning to do a dinner for them as usual. However, there will be no mention or apparel eluding to OES. Just doing it on my own with a couple of friends according to the State of Delaware guidelines. Lodge is aware that OES has not opened up yet. However, the food was purchased for the Easter Dinner and put in the freezer. If its not used it will have to be thrown out. We will actually be helping DeMolay. They are open. Answer: Absolutely, no usage of OES anything, no monies from *or* to OES for this and this is a one-time permission.
- 9/25/2020 Question: Did you give permission for Victory Chapter to serve meals in our chapter? If so, why can't we have meetings in the room? I was told that some

members of the chapter served a dinner to the Union Lodge #7 members on 9/15 and plan to serve another dinner on 10/6, as well as serving a meal after a funeral on 9/20. Answer: Thank you so much for your inquiry. I did give permission as follows based on the information that was provided to me by Carolyn Van Heckle: The 9/15 dinner was presented to me as being served by the DeMolay with Carolyn and a couple other women helping the boys. No OES clothing or paraphernalia was being worn or used and this was not a Victory Chapter job. The food was described as having been in the freezer since a planned dinner in April and if not used would have to be discarded. The 10/6 dinner was a funeral dinner and was presented that the meal was pre-plated sandwiches with all condiments, utensils, etc. being pre-packaged. The expected attendance was to be less than 25. In both cases, Carolyn assured me that all CDC/DE serving guidelines were to be followed. In addition, I specified that the tables should not be cleared until the guests had left the dining area to minimize the amount of contact while their masks were still off due to eating. Carolyn assured me this would be done. Having said all that, I did not give permission for any future dinners to be served. As you're aware, I had emailed Jurisprudence and followed up by phone with Chairman Bob Bradish regarding these inquiries and those regarding other social gatherings. Bob's response was that the feeling was that Eastern Star in Delaware is closed at this time and that means everything across the board: No meetings, no other activities either. Therefore, I will email Carolyn and reiterate that message and let her know that any dinners occurring before we officially open cannot be catered or served by Eastern Star. I appreciate you bringing these concerns to me and thank you for your continued support especially during this unusual time.

- 9/27/2020: Follow-Up Letter to mentioned in the above Question and Answer: Hi Carolyn; I have received an inquiry regarding Victory Chapter serving dinners while Delaware Eastern Star is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, I believe that I need to clarify what

has occurred and our position going forward. I did give permission as follows based on the information that you provided to me: The 9/15 dinner was presented to me as being served by the DeMolay with you and a couple other women helping the boys. No OES clothing or paraphernalia was being worn or used and this was not a Victory Chapter job. The food was described as having been in the freezer since a planned dinner in April and if not used would have to be discarded. The 10/6 dinner was a funeral dinner and was presented that the meal was pre-plated sandwiches with all condiments, utensils, etc. being pre-packaged. The expected attendance was to be less than 25. In both cases, you assured me that all CDC/DE serving guidelines were to be followed. In addition, I specified that the tables should not be cleared until the guests had left the dining area to minimize the amount of contact while their masks were still off due to eating, you assured me this would be done. Having said all that, I did not give permission for any future dinners to be served. As a result of several questions from the chapters, I had emailed Jurisprudence regarding these inquiries. The feedback I received was that Eastern Star in Delaware is closed at this time and that means everything across the board: No meetings, no other activities either. Therefore, I must make the decision that any dinners occurring before we officially open cannot be catered or served by Eastern Star. I understand that this is a difficult time for all, especially with the other organizations having already resumed activities. However, our primary responsibility is to our members and keeping them safe. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Sincerely, Donna Hiddemen, WGM

- 10/10/2020 Question: Please clarify for me whether it is permitted that we conduct a zoom meeting for the purpose of conducting essential chapter business following the guidelines established by the MWGM. I have everything established to proceed, but want to be certain that I am following the appropriate procedures. Answer: Yes, the Zoom guidelines from the MWGM are specifically for conducting business, thus the requirement for checking

quorum. If you have any other questions or need someone to host so the meeting can run longer than 1 hour if needed, please let me know. Also, please advise your secretary that my correspondence under seal regarding the COVID restrictions do not need to be read, as long as they are spread upon the minutes, as they should be and paper copies supplied to those who request them. There were so many, reading all that would take much too long.

- 10/22/2020 Question: Do we need to have a quorum? Do we need to have our charter? Answer: Yes, chapter business is being conducted, therefore a quorum is required. We are unable to secure the charters from our buildings at this time, so no.
- 10/22/2020 Question: If a member signs a release for our November meeting must they again sign a release if they attend the December and later meetings? Answer: Yes, the waiver must be signed and dated each time a person enters the lodge. It has been suggested that the same form be used with lines for each meeting at the bottom. The signature and date can be completed by the attendee and the temperature recorded by the assigned person on those lines. That has the benefit of trimming multiple pages for each person, yet still keeps a running log.
- 10/29/2020 Question: I DO NOT AGREE with only Zoom meetings for the remainder of the year. The guidelines you sent states “To avoid setting up the meeting room and then find that quorum won’t be reached, the Worthy Matron should call the officers and members (who regularly attend meetings) in advance and confirm that enough members plan to attend to reach quorum for the upcoming meeting. “ After I sent the notice about the Zoom meeting, some of our regular members contacted me to say they could not attend a Zoom meeting, but could attend an in-person meeting. The members, who attended the Zoom meeting, had agreed to attend in-person meetings when surveyed. They seemed to be more inclined for socializing than having an Eastern Star meeting. If we do not have in- person meetings we will not be able to do the following: Ø Ballot on a petition that was received, which a

committee investigated. Ø Charter and Altar cannot be draped Ø Worthy Matron cannot sign minutes Ø Secretary cannot give funds received to the Treasurer Ø Demit granted by the Worthy Matron cannot be signed. I think we should follow the guidelines and have in-person meetings. Answer: I completely understand your feelings. I was surprised when I received such a lengthy list of dates for which Zoom meetings were requested. I acted based on the following:

- I agree that the guidelines should be followed. Having said that, I also understand that chapters, having made the initial contact with their members to determine attendance for the next meeting, may vote via their Zoom meeting to meet virtually until restrictions are lifted or relaxed.
- I set up the three meetings to the end of the year based on the expectation that this is what the chapter had decided on.
- I did not go beyond December because I felt that many things could change before that time.
- Even though I created the Zoom meetings, the invitations do not need to be sent until you get closer to each meeting date. The invitations are for your use, but I can cancel them at any time if things change.
- If you feel that the guidelines were not being properly followed, it would have been best to address that during the meeting. However, even now you may refer to the guidelines as issued and cause the chapter to revisit the discussion at your next meeting. I am sure that some members may have initially replied that they felt comfortable enough to attend in person when the survey was taken, yet at this time may no longer feel that level of comfort.
- To address the items, you mentioned that cannot be done if you do not meet in person:

- You are correct, balloting cannot occur until the chapter meets in person.
- You are correct, the charter and altar cannot be draped until you meet in person. All chapters will be draped at their first in-person meetings for the specified 30 days.
- The Worthy Matron may signify her acknowledgement of the minutes as read or corrected via email and then apply her wet signature upon attending the in-person meeting when it occurs. Or, the secretary may deliver the pages to the Worthy Matron after each meeting and wait outside of her home for the signature. I would recommend the first option.
- The secretary should either mail the receipts or coordinate a meeting with the treasurer to exchange documents and cash. This is what is being done by the Grand Chapter. I have met with the Grand Secretary at the Wawa parking lot in Dover on a few occasions to sign warrants & checks and exchange other items that were not able to be mailed.
- The demit granted by the Worthy Matron, should be mailed to her for signature and return post to you. Or again, this could be accomplished via delivery to the Worthy Matron and wait outside of her home for the signature.
- Again, I completely understand your feelings and agree that the guidelines must be followed, and you should address that issue with the chapter. However, the Most Worthy Grand Matron has made it very clear that we are to find ways to complete the business needs of the chapter without endangering the welfare of our members. While I agree that our current situation is not ideal, most business of the chapter can be completed outside of in-person meetings. The issue of balloting certainly is a difficult one as it really should be time sensitive. The only

thing I can recommend is if your chapter does not choose to have an in-person meeting at this time, that someone be assigned to remain in touch with the potential candidate to keep the communication lines open, so they are aware they have not been forgotten or rejected. I hope this information is of assistance. If you have any problems or wish for me to sit in for your next meeting, please let me know.

- 11/23/2020 Question: did see that I had the latest edict from the Grand Lodge. I'm attaching it here so you can read it tonight. I reviewed the edict and also ran it past Bob as a general indicator of our current status and this is what came out of our conversation: At this point in time, the fundraiser may move ahead with the following caveats:
  - All State requirements and restrictions must be followed explicitly.
  - All Requirements and restrictions set forth in the Grand Master's edicts must be explicitly followed.
  - Specifically:
    - There must be less than 10 workers and proper social distancing must be maintained in the kitchen.
    - The meals are only for takeout and should be presented at the door of the lodge.
    - Masks and gloves must be worn at all times.
    - The kitchen must be sanitized before and after the event.
- As you are all aware, this situation is very fluid. If circumstances change before then, the event may have to be canceled and rescheduled for a later time. I appreciate your inquiry and hope that all can move forward as planned.
- 1/6/2021 Question: Several weeks ago, I inquired regarding what the Grand Chapter is doing regarding scholarships. Naturally, I was specifically asking about ESTARL. However, we had a call from Nancy Davis



about the Shustack Scholarship. As you can see from the message, I am forwarding I have received inquiry from Robin Hurley who was awarded the ESTARL Scholarship last year and is looking to apply for another year. Although COVID has shut lots of things down schooling continues for people and they need the financial assistance as much if not more than in the past. I have responded to Robin that I do not have a definitive answer to her inquiry but hope to get back to her after hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Answer: Thank you for the inquiry. I have been intending to re-write to you (will explain), but have been behind. I originally answered you with the statement that I would have to research the wording on the number of scholarships available for award in a particular term. Unfortunately, your inquiry was "stacked" with other responses to my Christmas donation email and my answer went to Cheryl Mongillo in error. So, now having already researched the issue. I am addressing this response to both you and Betty Abrams with the answer as I see it. According to the By-Laws Appendix C: ESTARL Item 1 states: "Each award is in an amount determined each year not to exceed \$1,000.00." Likewise: Shustack Scholarship Item 4 states: "There will be one award given annually in the amount of \$1,000.00." Therefore, given this unprecedented situation and the fact that students have continued with their education and would naturally expect to be given the opportunity to apply for these awards in the sequence of their pre-determined length of study, I feel that even though our leadership has not changed on the usual annual basis, because the By-Laws are stated as "each year" and "annually", we can award scholarships in 2021. Please move forward with your communications to the chapters. As an FYI: The first chapter meeting of the year is Naomi, which is tonight. So, you can make your letters brief and refer the members to the web for forms or have them contact you if they do not have access to the web. I hope this helps, I apologize for the delay.

- 2/8/2021 Question: Is this email (1/31/2021 to the Secretaries) to be considered as correspondence under seal? Can we file the Certificate of Election without signatures of the officers and the installing officer, but just the list of officers with their addresses and the name of the installing officer? Answer: Yes, an actual sealed copy was sent to the secretaries on 2/8/2021. The Certificates of Election may be sent without the signatures of the officers and the installing officer. The list of officers should contain the officer names, addresses and the name of the installing officer. Of course, it must be noted as usual, if any officers were not installed at the time of the virtual installation. Signatures may be obtained when we are in-person and those updated copies submitted after your first in-person meeting.
- 3/9/2021 Question: After reading your printed guidelines, and perusing the Ritual, I find there are two parts in the presentation of the badges: The first is the physical presentation of the badge by the installing marshal. The second part is a description of the badge by the installing officer (or assistant installing officer). I agree that the portion where the Installing Marshal invests the badge of the office should be eliminated (due to the impossibility of performing this part virtually), but I do believe the I.O. or A.I.O. should give the description of the badge to the individual who has been installed to that station. Please clarify for me that not the entire reference to badges is removed but only the portion that refers to the physical investing of badges. Thanking you in advance for your clarification. Answer: I'm not ignoring you, I'm just waiting for any other questions 'til tomorrow and then I'll answer all together so everyone's covered in one reply. [The items questioned were covered in the final version of the Installation Procedures given to the chapters].
- 3/15/2021 Question: Several members have asked about attending the Installation of the 2021-2022 Grand Officers ONLY. They are wondering must they pay the registration fee if they are only attending that portion of the session in May. Answer: I'm so sorry for the delay, I thought I had already replied, but I find no copy. I have

spoken with Jurisprudence and the Trustees and the guidance is that members who wish to come only for installation, will not have to register. Once registration closes in the morning, it will be done. Having said that, however, inquirers should be reminded that the business of the day will flow according to the outline of the call without hesitation. Therefore, it will be hard to determine when exactly installation will begin. Only registered members will be admitted until the Grand Chapter recesses to prepare for installation.

- 3/28/2021 Question: I was asked if there was to be a ballot box at sessions. The question was posed with this as an example: What if someone wants to place a name for Trustee, Gr. Sec., etc. Even though letters of intent have been requested does that mean no one else can place a name for nomination/election on the day of sessions. Answer: I did receive your inquiry. The nomination process was outlined in the manner it was so that preparations and verifications could be completed in advance. Therefore, in the event that we would have to abandon the in-person meeting, a virtual meeting could be held and the elections managed suitably. Therefore, I believe that there will be no nominations that day. However, I would like to consult Jurisprudence and will follow-up with you further. Subsequent Answer: I have consulted with the Jurisprudence Committee, and they confirmed that there will be no ballot box at this year's Grand Chapter Session. At our last leadership meeting it was decided that no nominations would be from the floor, therefore no ballot box. That is because there is still a potential of having to cancel the in-person session and go with a ZOOM meeting. Also seeing that this is going to be only a one-day event, timing and logistics would also be an issue. If the Nomination Committee has only one candidate for a specific office, then a unanimous ballot will be cast by the Grand Secretary (or Treasurer if the position is Grand Secretary). If the Nomination Committee has more than one name for a specific office, there will be a vote as usual if we are meeting in person. Any offices for which there are no nominees, will be

appointed for the term by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. In the event we are not able to meet in person and a virtual meeting must be held, the process would be the same as above with the exception of the situation where the Nomination Committee has multiple names for a specific office. Due to the difficulty of managing a vote of this nature on-line with numerous attendees, the incoming Worthy Grand Matron would call a special meeting at a later date for an in-person election to fill that specific office.

- 4/13/2021 Question: We have been asked to do Secretary's Association dinner the end of this month. It would be a plated dinner, everything disposable and would be limited number of Masons only. No outsiders. Small number of kitchen staff. Are we good for the? Answer: If there are a limited number of attendees, the lodge is following their protocol for admitting people to the building (and you follow those rules as well for you and the staff) and you all follow the required regulations for serving under these conditions, I think that would be ok. If your volunteers have had at least one shot, that's better yet. I'm sure you know all the required safety precautions, but in addition to those, if you can hold off on clearing the tables until the men are up and away from the tables, that would be best.
- 4/18/2021 Question: Was I right in reading the past grands memorials or was that wrong? Answer: Thanks Vickie. The memorials for the Past Grands and any notifications for chapter members should be read when received so everyone is informed. However, we cannot draped until we are in-person. Draping is supposed to be done at the first meeting back. If your altar and/or charter were already draped when we went into quarantine, then you or your Matron may just remind everyone of the names of all those lost and read an appropriate message/poem.

### Fifty-Year Members

I am pleased to be able to add 15 more members to honor for their 50 years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star! I know that some will be in attendance, and I look forward to greeting them.

Thelma Sisson	Caesar Rodney #8	9/10/1970
E. Jean Thornett, PM	Caesar Rodney #8	9/24/1970
Fred Thornett, PP	Caesar Rodney #8	11/12/1970
Erna Mulrine	Caesar Rodney #8	11/9/1970
Joanne Rohm	Caesar Rodney #8	3/4/1971
Patricia Morrison	Caesar Rodney #8	4/9/1971
Barbara Rouse	Caesar Rodney #8	4/21/1971
Barbara Lott, PGM	Georgetown #9	1/6/1971
Ruth Lorup	Victory #15	11/13/1970
Gail Sturdavant	Unity #16	5/26/1970
Annabelle Boire	Unity #16	9/22/1970
Joy Hopkins, PGM	Unity #16	12/22/1970
Susan Stone	Unity #16	4/13/1971
Judith Doughty	Naomi #20	5/3/1971
Elizabeth Holly	Naomi #20	5/5/1971

### Recommendations

I would like to recommend:

- That we take the experience from this year and add some continuity guidelines or at least some lessons learned in the event we have a similar situation arise in the future.
- That those who are delegates to the General Grand Chapter consider submitting legislation to allow chapters to more formally use virtual tools going forward for the business portion of their regular meetings. We now know that our members who are not in the jurisdiction or have health issues that prevent them from being present in chapter *are* interested and have attended virtually and that it is mentally beneficial for all.
- That we make an extra effort going forward to keep the lines of communication open to all our members. Sometimes concerns over finances prevents us from doing what is truly important for our members. I'd like to thank all those members who kept reaching out and kept the circle intact by sharing news and informing us on status, illness and joys throughout this difficult year.

## Appreciation

My appreciation was outlined in my first report, so I won't ramble on here. However, I do want to again thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for bringing my family and I through this crisis safely. I also want to give thanks for bringing my Eastern Star friends and family to the other side of the storm as well. There were many, many nights when sleep was elusive because of the plethora of concerns involved in the steering of this ship.

I want to give additional thanks to Bert and Olivia who suffered through the nitty gritty of this second year with me with all of us being locked in the house 24/7. [Hugs and Kisses]

Brother Tom, you have been a wonderful partner in this journey we have been through. It has had its peaks and valleys, but the memory of the valleys will fade, and we will remember only the marvelous view from the peaks. My thanks to Sister Linda for encouraging you to make the journey to the East of the Grand Chapter and for all her support and dedication not only as your life partner, but as your secretary as well. [Smile]

Again, to our Grand Family for holding the course and willingly moving forward with business and helping their chapters progress.

Special Thanks to Sisters Ann Street, Barbara Lott for hosting their chapter's Zoom business meetings and to Rosey Vanderhoogt for hosting not only her own chapter, but Sussex chapter as well.

I'd also like to extend my absolute and most sincere thanks to those who formed the team to meet and brainstorm on the issues before us. I thank God for having such a strong, dedicated, and knowledgeable group to work with. Your Leadership Team included:

Tom Morganstern, WGP

Bob Bradish, PGP Jurisprudence Chair

Kathy Trombly, AGM

Debbie Good, PGM Jurisprudence

Wayne Stacy, AGP

Joan S. Edwards, PGM Jurisprudence

Barbara Lott, PGM Grand Secretary

Steve Tolbert, PGP Grand Treasurer  
Cathy Yaiser, Head Trustee  
Wini Walton, Grand Conductress  
Jane Morris, PGM Trustee  
Bill Lott, PGP, Grand Sentinel  
Kathi Anderson, PGM Trustee  
Marty Mickles, Associate Grand Conductress  
Ann Street, PGM, GGCCM, Session Co-Chair &  
Medical Advisor  
Catherine “Scotty” Schultz, PGM, Session Co-Chair

This team worked tirelessly and always willingly took my calls and handled my questions, listened to me panic and walked with me through scenarios, expressed pros and cons and generally supported me in decisions that had to be made. I cannot express how deeply grateful I am to all of you. God Bless.

I hope that I have not forgotten anyone who added to our progress during 2020 – 2021, I truly did not intend to leave anyone out. Thank you all for the privilege of serving you once again.

### **WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Brother Thomas J. Morganstern (20)

This year was certainly not your typical year for our Grand Chapter or, for that matter, anyone. We encountered unexpected challenges that were dealt with to the best of our abilities. Thank all of you for supporting us and the difficult decisions that needed to be made.

#### **Dedication:**

I would like to dedicate my year to my wife, Linda and my parents Sophie and Delbert Morganstern. Linda has been an inspiration to me and my biggest supporter in my travel through the grand line. She is a wonderful traveling companion and a very good Grand Chaplain. She even perks up my pocket square for me!

My parents started me off on the right road of travel. My father participated in all three of my Masonic degrees to become a Master Mason as he is a Past Master. My mother was a member of Five Points Chapter #13 and would give me one of her gentle shoves when needed.

I thank all 3 of you for helping me achieve one of my highest goals in life.

**In Memoriam:**

It was with deep sympathy that we said goodbye to our Past Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Esther Berner and Past Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gene Lockerman. Sister Esther, from Sussex Chapter #7, was a devoted member and loved attending Sussex's meetings. Brother Gene from Naomi Chapter #20 was a true gentleman and a dear friend . They both will be dearly missed.

**My Chapters:**

I wish to thank all members of Naomi Chapter #20 for your dedication and support of me. It has been my deep honor and pleasure this year to stand before you as your Worthy Grand Patron. I thank the chapter for all the monetary gifts to my special projects and the members who presented me with all the "crabs of distinction".

Ruth Chapter: Thank you and Thank you for sharing Sister Donna with me on our journey to the Grand East as my Worthy Grand Matron. We are in a difficult time which was not in our schedule. She has conducted herself with dignity and continued to keep first and foremost the best interests of our order as her priority. I have been blessed by your continued support and I thank you.

**Official Visits/Birthdays:**

- 06/10/19 Victory Birthday
- 06/13/19 Georgetown Chapter #9 Birthday
- 09/12/19 Georgetown Chapter #9 Official Visit
- 09/18/19 Naomi Chapter #20 Birthday
- 09/19/19 Sussex Chapter #7 Birthday/Official Visit
- 09/25/19 Frankford Chapter #12 Official Visit
- 10/08/19 Unity Chapter #16 Birthday
- 10/21/19 Adah Chapter #5 Birthday/Official Visit
- 10/24/29 Caesar Rodney Chapter #8 Official Visit
- 10/28/19 Victory Chapter #15 Official Visit
- 11/04/19 Ruth Chapter #19 Official Visit
- 11/06/19 Naomi Chapter #20 Official Visit



11/12/10 Unity Chapter #16 Official Visit

**Exchange Visits:**

02/06/20 NJ and De Exchange at Penn's Grove Chapter #86,  
Penn's Grove, N.J.

**Out of State Events:**

I was treated with admiration and respect at all of my out of state visits.

05/20/10 – 05/21/19

Annual Session Grand Chapter of VA, Hampton,  
VA

05/21/19 Annual Session Grand Chapter of NJ, Atlantic  
City, NJ.

06/03/19 Caroline Chapter #62 Denton, MD, meeting

06/11/19 West Chester Chapter # 352 in West Chester, PA,  
meeting

06/21/19 Caroline Chapter # 62, Denton, Md., Grand  
Visitation

06/24/19 Annual Session Grand Chapter of PA, York, PA

08/01/19 – 08/03/19

Annual Session Grand Chapter of AZ, Phoenix,  
AZ

09/10/19 West Chester Chapter #352, West Chester, Pa.,  
meeting

09/11/19 Havre de Grace Chapter #27, Havre de Grace,  
Md., meeting

12/03/19 – 12/05/19

Annual Session Grand Chapter of AK Little Rock,  
AK

12/12/19 Friendship Chapter #551, Prospect Park, Pa.,  
meeting

02/11/20 West Chester Chapter # 352, West Chester, Pa.,  
meeting

03/05/20 Caroline Chapter # 62, Denton, Md., meeting

03/10/20 West Chester Chapter #352, West Chester, Pa.,  
meeting

03/11/20 Havre de Grace Chapter #27, Havre de Grace, Md.  
Installation

**Banquets:**

10/12/19 Ruth Chapter #19, Claymont, DE.  
10/13/19 Sussex Chapter #7, Seaford, DE  
10/20/19 Victory Chapter #15, Milford, DE  
03/21/20 Caesar Rodney #8, canceled  
03/21/20 Naomi #20, canceled

**Youth:**

05/19/19 Bethel #9 Installation of Officers, Newark, DE  
10/03/19 Bethel #9 Shadow Night, Newark, DE  
11/13/19 Bethel #7 Initiation, Dover, DE  
01/18/20 Bethel #7 Installation, Dover, DE  
03/01/20 Job's Daughter's Tea Party in Cocksaysville, MD

**Masonic Events:**

05/15/19 Meeting of Sovereign Bodies in Delaware City, DE  
06/25/19 Ionic Installation New Castle, DE  
08/04/19 Grand Lodge Picnic at Killen's Pond, DE  
10/06/19 Grand Master's Banquet in Rehoboth Beach, DE  
10/10/19 Grand Lodge Installation, New Castle, DE  
11/07/19 Ionic Lodge AF&AM Official visit New Castle, DE

**Honorary Memberships:**

I am pleased that all 8 Chapters presented me with Honorary Memberships. I am most appreciative to every chapter for this special honor.

**Installations:**

I was asked to participate in 2 installations. Unfortunately, no installations were held in April 2020 due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

**WGP Special Project: Benefit for Special Needs Children and Service Dogs.**

I appreciate everyone who supported, donated, and worked for our Projects this year. You gave of yourselves with your time and energies, and we thank you for everything you have done. Thank you also for the monetary donations which totaled \$270. The breakdown is as follows: Adah Chapter No. 5 \$40; Sussex Chapter No. 7 \$15; Caesar Rodney No. 8 \$30; Frankford No. 12

\$20; Victory No. 15 \$25; Unity No. 16 \$25; Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association \$100; and individual donations \$15.

### **Grand Chapter Trip:**

Our trip this year was a cruise to the Bahamas on Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas leaving Baltimore on January 23, 2020, and returning January 30, 2020. When we left Baltimore, it was quite cold and rough. We docked in Nassau and enjoyed shopping and seeing the city. We then sailed and docked at Coco Cay, Port Canaveral, Fla. and Charleston, S.C. The time spent aboard ship was enjoyable and they were very accommodating. The meals were wonderful and the crew and passengers very polite. There was so much to do that one had a hard time fitting it into your schedule. There were 41 of us in our group. In the evenings there was all the dancing one could handle by all the different bands aboard. A good time was had by all.

#### **Complete Itinerary:**

- 05/14/19 Installation of Grand Officers, Dover, De.
- 05/15/19 Meeting of Sovereign Bodies, Delaware City, De.
- 05/18/19 School of Instruction, Dover, DE.
- 05/19/19 Bethel #9 Installation of Officers, Newark, De.
- 05/20/19 - 05/21/19  
Virginia Sessions at Hampton, VA
- 05/21/19 New Jersey Sessions in Atlantic City, NJ
- 06/03/19 Ruth Chapter #19 regular meeting
- 06/05/19 Naomi Chapter #20 regular meeting
- 06/06/19 Caroline Chapter #62 Denton, MD regular meeting
- 06/07/19 Visited Sister Sandie Sahutsky, PGM and  
Brother William Edwards, PGP
- 06/10/19 Victory Chapter #15 Birthday
- 06/11/19 West Chester Chapter #352, West Chester, PA  
regular meeting
- 06/13/19 Georgetown Chapter #9 Birthday
- 06/15/19 Grand Reception at Timothy's Restaurant in  
Wilmington, De.
- 06/21/19 Attended funeral of Johanna Higgins,  
Boothwyn, Pa., member of West Chester  
Chapter #320, West Chester PA

06/21/19 Caroline Chapter #62, Denton, MD, Grand Visitation  
 06/24/19 Pa. Grand Sessions, York, PA  
 06/25/19 Ionic Lodge Installation, New Castle, DE  
 07/05/19 Visited Brother Gene and Sister Vada Lockerman  
 07/07/19 Visited Sister Jackie Kyle and Sister Jean Thornett  
 07/12/19 Attended Blue Rocks game with Naomi Chapter #20 in Wilmington, DE  
 07/17/19 Ice Cream Social at Joan Moore's Home in Lewes, DE  
 07/20/19 Sub and Sundae at Victory Chapter #15  
 07/31/19 Arizona Sessions, Phoenix, AZ  
 08/02/19 Returned from Arizona Sessions  
 08/04/19 Grand Lodge Picnic at Killen's Pond, DE  
 08/17/19 Grand Family Picnic at Joan Moore's Home, Lewes, DE  
 09/04/19 Naomi Chapter #20 regular meeting  
 09/10/19 West Chester Chapter #352, West Chester, PA meeting,  
 09/11/19 Havre de Grace Chapter #27, Havre de Grace, MD meeting  
 09/12/19 Georgetown Chapter #9 Official Visit.  
 09/18/19 Naomi Chapter #20 meeting  
 09/19/19 Sussex Chapter #7 Official Visit/Birthday  
 09/21/19 Grand Chapter Legislation Dover, DE  
 09/24/19 Unity Initiation Lewes, DE  
 09/25/19 Frankford Chapter #12 Official Visit  
 10/02/19 Naomi Chapter #20 meeting DE  
 10/03/19 Shadow Night at Bethel #9, Newark, DE  
 10/06/19 Grand Master's Banquet, Rehoboth Beach, DE  
 10/08/19 Unity Chapter #16 Birthday  
 10/10/19 Grand Lodge of DE Installation, New Castle, DE  
 10/12/19 Ruth Chapter #19 Banquet, Claymont, DE  
 10/13/19 Sussex Chapter #7 Banquet, Seaford, DE  
 10/20/19 Victory Chapter #15 Banquet, Milford, DE  
 10/21/19 Adah Chapter #5 Official Visit/Birthday  
 10/24/19 Caesar Rodney Chapter #8 Official Visit  
 10/26/19 Beef and Beer Newark, DE  
 10/28/19 Victory Chapter #15 Official Visit  
 11/02/19 Quarter Auction in Wilmington, DE

11/04/19 Ruth Chapter #19 Official Visit  
 11/14/19 Georgetown Chapter #9 meeting  
 11/17/19 Bethel #7 Initiation, Dover, DE  
 11/21/19 Home visit with Gene and Vada Lockerman  
 11/25/19 Victory Chapter #15 meeting  
 12/03/19 - 12/05/19  
     Attended Arkansas Sessions in Little Rock, AK  
 12/07/19 Grand Family Christmas Party in Claymont, DE  
 12/12/19 Friendship Chapter #551 Christmas Meeting,  
     Prospect Park, Pa.  
 12/16/19 Hospital visit to Emma Metzler,  
     member of West Chester Chapter #320, West  
     Chester, PA at Crozer Chester Medical Center,  
     Chester, PA  
 12/23/19 Attended funeral for Emma Metzler, member of  
     West Chester Chapter #320 West Chester PA in  
     Ridley Park, PA  
 01/08/20 Frankford Chapter #12 meeting  
 01/09/20 Georgetown Chapter #9 meeting  
 01/13/20 Victory Chapter #15 meeting  
 01/15/20 Naomi Chapter #20 meeting  
 01/16/20 Sussex Chapter #7 meeting  
 01/18/20 Bethel #7 Installation, Dover, DE  
 01/23/20 Cruise to Bahamas  
 01/30/20 Return from cruise  
 02/03/20 Ruth Chapter #19 meeting  
 02/05/20 Naomi Chapter #20 meeting  
 02/06/20 New Jersey Exchange Penn's Grove, NJ  
 02/10/20 Victory Chapter #15 meeting  
 02/11/20 West Chester Chapter #320, West Chester, PA  
     meeting  
 02/13/20 Georgetown Chapter #9 meeting  
 02/15/20 Enchanted Tea Party at Seaford, DE  
 02/17/20 Hospital visit to Sister Phyllis Bowmen, Sister  
     Lee Anderson, and Brother Gene Lockerman at  
     Christiana Hospital, Wilmington, DE  
 02/20/20 Sussex Chapter #7 covered dish and meeting.  
 02/22/20 Square Dance Dover, DE  
 02/25/20 Unity Chapter #16 Pancake Dinner and meeting.  
 03/01/20 Job's Daughter Tea in Cockeyville, MD

03/04/20 Naomi Chapter #20 meeting  
 03/05/20 Funeral of Gene Lockerman in Bear, DE  
 03/05/20 Caroline Chapter #62 Denton, Md., Installation  
 03/07/20 Unity Chapter #6 Banquet, Lewes, DE  
 03/09/20 Victory Chapter #15 meeting  
 03/10/20 West Chester Chapter #20 West Chester, PA,  
 meeting  
 03/11/20 Havre de Grace Chapter #27 Havre De Grace,  
 MD, Meeting  
 03/14/20 Participated in funeral for Naomi Chapter #20  
 member, Eleanor Huber, Lewes, De  
 03/25/20 Conference call with Worthy Grand Matron,  
 Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand  
 Patron, Senior Trustee, Senior Jurisprudence  
 Sessions co-chair

All O.E.S. events after March 12, 2020, were canceled due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

**Contingency Fund:**

I received \$100 from the Grand Chapter for the contingency fund. In a short period of time, all monies I received were used towards my gas and tolls.

**Correspondence:**

I have sent no personal correspondence under seal. I have sent many blanket letters under the Worthy Grand Matron's seal. My report will be under seal.

**Recommendations:**

I would like to see that the dividing line that has been formed between the upper and lower part of our state, be dissolved. Remember Sisters and Brothers, the water in the North is the same as the water in the South.

**Appreciation:**

In my farewell address I incorporated all my appreciations. I would again like to thank all those who accepted appointments to our committees. Your diligence and fortitude speak for themselves. Our Quarter Auction, Tea Party and Beef and Beer were all a tremendous success. The Quarter Auction doubled the profit that was made last year. Without the workers the leaders

would not succeed. I am very proud of what was accomplished, and I thank you.

## **WORTHY GRAND PATRON SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

### **Thomas James Morganstern (20)**

Due to the fact that our organization has been closed down for any/all events since March 12, 2020, this report consists only of my itinerary from my original report through April 15, 2021

- 05-18-2020 Zoom meeting of Grand Line Officers
- 08-18-2020 Zoom meeting of Grand Line Officers
- 10-01-2020 Zoom meeting of Grand Line Officers
- 10-13-2020 Naomi Chapter #20 Zoom social meeting
- 11-04-2020 Naomi Chapter #20 Zoom business meeting
- 11-05-2020 Attended Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP funeral
- 11-06-2020 Attended Brother Bud Porter's Masonic funeral
- 12-02-2020 Naomi Chapter #20 Zoom business meeting
- 12-05-2020 DelMar JDT Supreme Visit Zoom meeting
- 12-10-2020 Caesar Rodney #8 Zoom meeting
- 12-11-2020 In home visit with Sister Phyllis Bowman
- 12-12-2020 Attended Sister Grace Hitchens, PM funeral
- 01-14-2021 Friendship Chapter #551 Zoom business meeting
- 01-11-2021 Zoom meeting of Grand Line Officers
- 02-03-2021 Naomi Chapter #20 Zoom business meeting
- 02-04-3021 Meeting with Sessions Chairmen at Nur Shrine Temple
- 02-11-2021 Caesar Rodney Chapter #8 business meeting
- 03-12-2021 Installation rehearsal Zoom meeting
- 03-19-2021 Attended Sister Lee Anderson, PGM funeral
- 04-05-2021 Ruth Chapter #19 Installation of Officers Zoom meeting
- 04-07-2021 Naomi Chapter #20 Installation of Officers Zoom meeting
- 04-08-2021 Caesar Rodney #8 Installation of Officers Zoom meeting
- 04-12-2021 Victory Chapter #15 Installation of Officers Zoom meeting
- 04-13-2021 Unity Chapter #16 Installation of Officers Zoom meeting

04-14-2021 Sussex Chapter #7 Installation of Officers Zoom meeting

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**  
**Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)**

During the installation of Grand Officers, the Grand Secretary is told that the office of Grand Secretary is one of the most important gifts within the Grand Chapter. My goal has been to be faithful in the performance of the various duties that lay before me; endeavored to support the leadership of this Grand Chapter; be obedient to the orders or directions I have received throughout the year; impartially and faithfully perform the duties of the office and make myself useful to the members of this Grand Chapter.

I had no illusions about the position of Grand Secretary. I wasn't sure that I really wanted to stand for election to the position this time, as there were some other positions in Grand Chapter that I was hoping I would be asked to fill. There might be a lull in the work now and then but that is the calm before the storm. Below is an accounting of the duties performed during 2019-2021:

**Proceedings:** The initial draft of the Proceedings began in August of 2019. The Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron were given the next draft to proof in late September 2019 and requested to return that proofing on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Since sometimes there needs to be more than three pair of eyes, I also requested Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey to also proof providing her with a copy of the proceedings in the middle of October. The Junior Past Grand Patron and Sister Henrietta returned their proofs to me by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. The Junior Past Grand Matron returned her proof and a disc of pictures by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of November. Bids were received from Copies Done Right, Lewes Printing, and Print Coast2Coast. Print Coast2Coast with a low bid of \$850 was given the job on January 22, 2020, and it was completed on January 31, 2020, picked up and distributed according to the Rules and Regulations Section 5 A 7).

Two copies of each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 were sent to E&L Bindery, 708 Vandalia Street, St. Paul, MN 55114-1303



for binding for three years in one volume per the Rules & Regulations Article II Section 5 A) 6).

The proceedings of the Special Session held September 21, 2019, will be incorporated into the Proceedings for the 99<sup>th</sup> Session May 2021.

**Directories:** In conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen the directories were prepared and distributed according to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Chapter Section 5 B by mid-August 2019. Three bids were requested from Print Coast 2 Coast of Lewes, Copies Done Right of Lewes. With the low bid of \$106.25, Print Coast 2 Coast was given the job on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and it was completed and ready for pick up on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Distribution either in person or by mail was in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Section 5 B) 1 was completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Work on the 2021-2022 directories has begun.

**Care of Property:**

- 1) Received, duly filed and safety kept all papers, books, documents, paraphernalia, and other property of the Grand Chapter that were assigned to the Grand Secretary.
- 2) Kept a receipt from all Grand Officers for the jewel of their office and other properties and when those items were returned at the end of their term.
- 3) Kept the seal of the Grand Chapter and affixed the same to all documents emanating from this office of the Grand Secretary.
- 4) Although I am to keep copy of all contracts held by this Grand Chapter I found none in the materials I received.
- 5) Kept one complete set of Proceedings. Note: A second set of proceedings is in the possession of the Worthy Grand Matron for use during her term of office; to be returned at the end of her term of office.
- 6) Have copies of the current and ten years of back liability and Surety Bond

**Correspondence:**

- 1) Letter with legislation enacted at the Annual Grand Chapter Session was prepared and signed and forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron on May 22, 2019.

- 2) It appears that a letter was never prepared for the legislation enacted at the Special Session on September 21, 2019, but the legislation was forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee for their approval and mounted on the web on December 29, 2019.
- 3) Memorial notices were prepared after funeral services and distributed accordingly to the proper recipients: Sister Esther M. Berner, PGM (11/01/2019); Brother Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr., PGP (2/26/2020); Sister Winfred “Bicky” H. Hulme, PGM (10/14/2020); Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP (10/28/2020); and Brother William Elliott Edwards, PGP (4/11/2021).
- 4) The Thanksgiving letter signed by and under the seal of the Worthy Grand Matron and signed by the Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary was sent on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This letter was also distributed to the Grand Secretaries of Sister Jurisdictions.
- 5) The Christmas letter to Sister Jurisdictions was prepared and emailed as an attachment to all Sister Jurisdictions.
- 6) Holiday Greetings received from the following Sister Jurisdictions: Bolivia, Puerto Rico (Thanksgiving and Christmas), Wyoming, British Columbia and the Yukon, Georgia, Manitoba, New Hampshire, Vermont, Quebec, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma, Ontario, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and North Carolina.
- 7) In Memoriums on the passing of Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons of Sister Jurisdictions which were answered on behalf of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Delaware
- 8) Cards of sympathy on the passing of Brother George W. Taylor and Sister Doris E. Egbert from Sister Mayo Hellickson, Worthy Grand Chaplain on behalf of the Circle of Friendship and Service Around the World General Grand Family. Expressions of sympathy on the passing of Sister Winfred “Bicky” Hulme and Brother J. Eddie Morris were received from General Grand Chapter, Alberta, Bolivia, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Manitoba, Montana, New Jersey,

Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Saskatchewan, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Vermont, Sister Mayo Hellickson, Worthy Grand Chaplain on behalf of the Circle of Friendship and Service Around the World General Grand Family

- 7) Merchandise catalogs from several vendors.
- 8) Appeals for funds and impact statements from American Cancer Society, Shriner's Hospitals, Ronald McDonald House, Children's Beach House (forwarded to Benefit for Children Committee and WGM)
- 9) Newsletters from Children's Beach House, Nemours Fund for Children's Health, Delaware Hospice.
- 10) Invitation to special events for: Easter Seals Annual Dinner; Autism Ball.
- 11) Letter sent to Sister Donna S. Hiddemen for her use in distributing the legislation enacted at the Special Session December 20, 2019. Sent via attachment to email.
- 12) Thank you note from: Make A Wish Foundation for donation made in May of 2019 and Exceptional Care for Children for donation from Benefit for Special Needs 2020
- 13) Letter from Sister Donna Runyan, Grand Secretary requesting a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of Maryland for two individuals who wished to petition Chestertown Chapter received on February 26, 2020, and forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Donna S. Hiddemen on February 26, 2020.
- 14) Letter of Reprimand in reference to letter sent to Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Delaware AF&AM. My apologies to all for this misstep. The email was mistakenly sent from the Grand Secretaries' account when it was meant to come from my personal account. My communication was meant to clarify a question that I had concerning the COVID 19 edict. I learned from this to make sure of the account I am sending correspondence from that automatically provides a signature. Again, my apologies to the Worthy Grand Matron for the distress I may have caused.
- 15) Letter received for Sister Donna S. Hiddemen, Worthy Grand Matron granting the waiver of jurisdiction on April

6, 2020. After receiving this letter, I immediately notified Sister Donna Runyan of the decision via email with attached letter from the Worthy Grand Matron on April 6, 2020.

- 16) Letter from Subordinate Chapters with donations, invoice payments, etc.
- 17) Letter from Donna S. Hiddemen and Thomas J. Morganstern returning borrowed funds from ESTARL Fund.
- 18) Letter from United Cerebral Palsy requesting funds to assist in defraying camperships for attendees to Camp Lenape forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron and Chairman of the Benefit for Children With Special Needs Committee. Additional requests for donations were received from Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society (Wilmington), and Southern Delaware Therapeutic Riding Academy.
- 19) Proceedings received from Sister Jurisdictions were forwarded to the appropriate Grand Representative of that Jurisdiction in Delaware. Proceedings were received in multiple formats including CDs, hardcopies, as an email attachment in pdf or Word format.
- 20) Multiple letters from the Most Worthy Grand Matron distributed to Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and mounted on the Grand Chapter of Delaware Facebook account.
- 21) Thank you from First State Animal Shelter and SPCA for 7 bags of dog food collected at Grand Officers Christmas Party 2019
- 22) Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Farewell Letter.

### **Receipts and Disbursements**

- 1) Collected all funds due the Grand Chapter and kept account thereof in QuickBooks with hardcopy backup.
- 2) Made remittances of all funds to the Grand Treasurer bi-weekly or sooner.
- 3) A detailed account of all monies received during the period of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 showing whence

derived, together with receipts of Grand Treasurer can be found in the financial report of the Grand Secretary

- 4) Issued voucher on the Grand Treasury which were also signed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer

**Reports:** I am happy to say that all Subordinate Chapters Annual Reports together with all fees were received by the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline therefore there was no need to notify the Worthy Grand Matron of any Subordinate Chapters in Arrears.

**Supplies:**

- 1) The inventory of supplies for resale are kept to a minimum . All bills for supplies purchased during the year from General Grand Chapter have been paid. All bills for supplies purchased by Subordinate Chapters and members have been paid.
- 2) Forms to make returns for the year's work were supplied to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary and are available online.
- 3) Blanks to report the names of Officers installed were in the hands of the Subordinate Chapter Secretary's before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Office:** During the first week in June 2019, the office of the Grand Secretary was moved from Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey's residence to "The Cave" at 31183 Anchor Watch Loop, Dagsboro. Thank you, Brother Robert Hiddemen for providing your truck and trailer to assist with the move and Brother Bill for your major role in the move. There are some members that think I had an ulterior motive for accepting this position and moving the office to "The Cave". I never thought of it until it was mentioned to me. I have always wanted to finish the basement and the lack of lighting was a little push in that direction. Thank you, Brother Bill, for picking up on that need. Still need some more electrical outlets to do what needs to be done and it may involve boxing in some posts....all in due time.

**Identification and Receipts for Dues In Card Form:** Subordinate Chapters were furnished with identification and receipts for dues in card form as provided by the General Grand Chapter in early August.

**Meetings:**

- 1) As plans had been made in December of 2018 for a family wedding, I did not attend the Special Session of Grand Chapter on September 21, 2019. I thank Sister Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM for taking over in the absence. I also thank Brother Robert Hiddemen and Sister Olivia Hiddemen for the recording of the session.
- 2) A meeting of Subordinate Chapter Secretaries was held on December 14, 2019, at which time processes and procedures were reviewed and discussion took place on membership lists. Secretaries were provided copies of their membership list as of that date, procedures for retention of Chapter property.
- 3) I attended all virtual meetings held via Zoom that I was invited to.

**Selection of an assistant:** No assistant has been needed during 2019-2021.

**Legislation passed at the Annual and Special Sessions of Grand Chapter:**

- 1) Legislation enacted at the 2019 Annual Grand Chapter Session was sent the secretaries of all Subordinate Chapters and the Grand Lecturer accompanied by a cover letter bearing the seal of the Worthy Grand Matron including irregularities on May 16, 2019. Complete copies of this letter and legislation was also sent to the Jurisprudence Committee.
- 2) Legislation enacted at the 2019 Special Session of Grand Chapter, held on September 21<sup>st</sup> to complete legislation from the 2019 Annual Session posted on the Grand Chapter website and incorporated into the revised Constitution that was given to the Elected Grand Officers, Grand Lecturer and Jurisprudence Committee. The revised Constitution with all amendments presented at the 2019 Annual Grand Chapter Session and Special Session of September 21<sup>st</sup> are available in the “Members Only” section of the web site and can be purchased for \$15.00 from the Grand Secretary.

**Call or invitation to Grand Chapter Session**

- 1) Was prepared and distributed to ALL member of the Grand Chapter via email attachment or usps mail. To

reduce mailing costs and if a member was not a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, items mailed via usps only included the invitation with a letter indicating for the member to contact the Grand Secretary and forms would be mailed out.

- 2) Order forms for the 2021-2022 Directory were included with the trifold and requested to be returned by April 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) **Special Session** notification was prepared and distributed by the Worthy Grand Matron, although the Rules and Regulation of Grand Chapter Article II Duties of Grand Officers; Section 5 Grand Secretary; M) Call or Invitation to Grand Chapter Session 3) does state that this is the responsibility of the Grand Secretary.
- 4) Due to the COVID 19 situation the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Session to be held May 9 – 11, 2020 was postponed. Due notice was given to all members and refunds were made to individuals who had paid for registration and meals.
- 5) The call/invitation to the rescheduled 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Session to be held May 10, 2021, along with forms for preregistration, luncheon reservation and directories and proceedings were distributed to all members via email and usps mail.

### **Jurisprudence**

- 1) Current copy of the Constitution & Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Book of Instruction with seal affixed were provided to each Elected Grand Officer and to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee.
- 2) Copies of the current Constitution & Bylaws, Rules & Regulations were available for resale as well as in the “Members Only” section of the Grand Chapter of Delaware website.

**Log of Duties:** This report is a condensation of the duties of the Grand Secretary. For anyone interested, a complete excel spreadsheet will be provided. Suffice it to say that from May until November I did not watch much TV as I was in “The Cave”. Thanks to Bill for recording some of shows we both enjoy. There was that every now and then when I got hooked and “The Cave” was abandoned that night for TV or for a play or for an afternoon or morning sailing May to November. As the year went

on, I was not as diligent about keeping track of my activities but suffice it to say that all requirements of the office were met.

**Grand Representative Commissions:** Twenty-seven Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions in Delaware expired on December 31, 2019. After consultation with the Worthy Grand Matron, I attached twenty-seven letters with recommended Sisters or Brothers to the Grand Secretaries of those Jurisdictions that had expired or were expiring on December 31, 2019. It was determined that three other commissions needed to be filled. All letters were sent via email attachment in November 2019.

Grand Representative Packets were prepared for Sisters or Brothers in other Jurisdictions to Delaware and forwarded to the Grand Secretary of the appropriate Grand Jurisdiction.

Among the things that happened during this pandemic was the request of several Sister Jurisdictions to extend the terms of the Grand Representative to Delaware. After consultation with the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen, all requests were honored.

On December 31, 2020, the commissions of thirty Grand Representatives expired. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen requested that I recommend reappointment for 28 of Grand Representatives; one Grand Representative needed to be appointed as the commission expiring in 2020 had not be accepted and no replacement had been named; and one Sister Jurisdiction had not had a recommendation for the 2019 – 2020 term. Letters of recommendation for reappointment of these Sisters and Brothers was sent via email attachment to the Grand Secretary of Sister Jurisdictions.

**Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction:** While preparing the legislation enacted at the Special Session of September 2019, I also updated our 2017 Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction noting those section that were amended in 2018, 2019 and at the Special Session of 2019. The revised Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction with amendment can be found on the web. After consultation with the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and



Jurisprudence Committee one printed copy was provided to all Subordinate Chapters and elected Grand Line Officers.

**Membership database:** During the year I found that the membership database needed some revising to help make it more robust and easier to work with. It was fortunate that several Subordinate Chapters have a membership address list that I was able to obtain, and double check information currently contained in the database. When Annual Reports were due a list of the membership was included for the Secretaries to update. This information was used to create a list of members by Subordinate Chapter for the Registration/Credentials Committee.

**Social Media:**

- 1) Forwarded to the web administrator in pdf format the updated Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction, General Grand Chapter Forms as well as revised forms for the Grand Chapter of Delaware
- 2) Took over responsibility for the calendar on the web page for the Grand Chapter of Delaware.
- 3) Took advantage of the calendar of the Grand Lodge and posted as many of our events as possible.
- 4) In conjunction with Sister Deena Yale mounted a Facebook page for the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

**Insurance:** When the bill from Selective Insurance was received this year, I carefully reviewed it and found several red flags that resulted in a conversation with the insurance representative, Kimberly Bailey, at Wilgus Associates, Inc. in Bethany Beach. After correcting information concerning location of the Grand Secretary's office, I questioned who the insurance was covering and for a user-friendly version of the policy. The General Commercial Liability policy carried by the Grand Chapter of Delaware is written for the members of the Grand Chapter, but the premium basis was stated as 11 members. I questioned if those 11 individuals were specified in the policy and Kimberly Bailey, our insurance agent indicated there was none. At this point, Kimberly requested copies of our Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter and any

other information that could be provided so that she could assess if the policy were written correctly or if there were any problems.

Kimberly's conclusion was that the policy is written correctly but the number of members that were used as the premium basis were not only not correct according to the Article II of the Constitution but also not named.

I took the above action as I was concerned about the inaccurate information that I saw in the bill. Selective insurance was very accommodating and did not file a complaint of fraud against the Grand Chapter, which they were in their right to do. If no action had been taken, any claim filed against the Grand Chapter would have been paid but the policy would be dropped by Selective for falsely reporting the number of members of the Grand Chapter and a fraud complaint would also have been brought against the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

The policy is now corrected, and additional monies paid so that the policy covers all members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware while attending a Grand Chapter sponsored event.

**Honorary Membership:** While rummaging through some papers I found several piles of pre-registration forms for individuals who were dignitaries that would have been presented at the Altar during the Annual Grand Chapter Session. One individual who had been at a past session had contacted me several times asking about her honorary membership and I had no answer for her. While going through those papers I found the answer and it appeared that honorary membership had not been mailed to Sister and Brothers who for the first time had been presented at the Altar during the Annual Session of several sessions. Certificates been mailed to those individuals.

**Report to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary:** Reports was filed on June 16, 2019, and June 15, 2020. I was notified on June 17, 2019, and July 1, 2019, that the electronic copy had been accepted. A hardcopy of the reports with appropriate checks, updated list of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, report of charitable contributions and names, addresses and emails of Grand Officers installed at the 2019 Annual Session and the continuing Grand Officers for the year 2020-2021.

**Form 990N:** In November, a call from a Subordinate Chapter secretary in need of finding a 508 C, that was determined to be the IRS Determination Letter with the Subordinate Chapter's tax status rolled into a major issue. Upon checking the IRS.gov site to see what Subordinate Chapters had filed their 990N e-postcards uncovered the following information concerning the last filed 990N e-postcards. The 990N e-postcards must be filed for the previous year in the first month of the next year. This is not an option. If the 990N e-postcard is not filed for four years, there are repercussions and to be reinstated into the 501 C 8 status is not only time consuming but brings financial penalties.

The following information was taken from the IRS.gov site.

Chapter	Last filing
Adah Chapter No. 5	2018
Sussex Chapter No. 7	2017
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	2008
Georgetown Chapter No. 9	2018
Frankford Chapter No. 12	2014
Victory Chapter No. 15	2014
Unity Chapter No. 16	2018
Ruth Chapter No. 19	2015
Naomi Chapter No. 20	2013

Below is a table of when Chapters status was revoked and when the date revoked was posted. Each of the individuals named on the IRS records as the principal officer received a letter sometime between the date the status was revoked and the date it was posted.

Chapter	Date Status Revoked	Date Revoked Status Posted	Status Returned
Caesar Rodney No. 8	11/15/2021	03/11/2013	Reinstated
Frankford No. 12	09/15/2018	12/10/2018	
Victory No. 15	09/15/2018	12/10/2018	2019 but no reinstatement letter received
Naomi No. 20	05/15/2017	08/16/2017	Status Restored 4/30/2021

After downloading all information available on the IRS.gov website I was able to determine for each chapter that had not filed when the last 990N e-postcard was filed. Before notifying any of the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries, I alerted the Worthy Grand Matron to the issue. I then contacted all Subordinate Chapter Secretaries that were in arrears and provided them with as much information as possible.

A question was raised as to what contributions are tax deductible when given to a 501 (c) 8 organization. The IRS.gov website clearly states what is tax deductible so if you ever wondered...deductions to the Order of the Eastern Star for Benefit for Children with Special Needs, ESTARL, or any of our charities is tax deductible. For individuals who make donations to these charities a letter of acknowledgement has been issued for the donation. It should also be kept in mind that donations for fraternal purposes are not tax deductible.

**History:** A project was begun to bring the history of the Grand Chapter of Delaware to the web. The web administrator created a "History" tab. Under this will you find lists of the following: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron; In Memoriums for Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons; Past Grand Secretaries; Past Grand Treasurers; Past Grand Instructors/Lecturers; Proceedings; and Past Matrons and Past Patrons. As of this date 74 proceedings have been mounted on the web in pdf format.

**Strange happenings:** The 1<sup>st</sup> of November I received a call from Bruce Fine, PM of Hiram Lodge #8 and organist at Greenville Presbyterian Church, Kennett Pike, Wilmington to do a memorial service for a Christabel Murphy. The only Eastern Star information her family had provided was that she always talked about being a member of OES. At the time of her death, she was living in Pharr, TX. Checking the membership database turned up several Murphy's but no Christabel. A search of white pages premium found that she lived in New Castle, Bear and from 1973-1999 in Pottstown, PA. Hoping legacy.com would provide some answers, I searched for days for her obituary also checking the obituary notices of funeral homes in Pharr, TX. Still no answers as to where she was a member. I then contacted the

Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas hoping she might give me an answer. She forwarded the information to the Texas membership chairman who had no record of Christabel. Still looking and not wanting to step on any toes, I thought that she might belong to St. Matthew's Grand Chapter PHA. A delicately written note to both St. Matthew's Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Masons PHA was sent. Then, BINGO....her obituary appeared on legacy.com and I realized that there was no way she was a member of Eastern Star PHA. I then reached out to Sister Donna Runyan, Grand Secretary of Maryland thinking she might have had Maryland friends and joined in Maryland as I knew that she lived in Bear and New Castle. Still no success. I pondered for a few more days and realized that if she had lived in Pottstown, PA maybe that was where her membership was. By this time, I had contact Sister Debbie Good and asked if Caesar Rodney No. 8 would be willing to perform a memorial service. Although I had asked Sister Debbie about performing the service, I truly didn't want to have a service performed for someone who was no longer a member or had never been a member even though her family indicated that she was. EUREKA....Christabel was found, and I breathed a sigh of relief knowing that the service would be performed very legally as she was a member in good standing. A note to Sister Virginia Plyler, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania gave the answer that Sister Christabel was a member in Good Standing in Schuylkill Chapter #338, Quakertown, PA whose members were very grateful to Caesar Rodney Chapter for performing the memorial service.

The takeaway from this strange happening is that as members of the Order of the Eastern Star when doing estate planning there is a need to provide the information to the preparer or your family that you are a member and who they should contact within the Order of the Eastern Star to inform them of your death.

I was also contacted via email by the Grand Marshal of Oklahoma, Sister Kellie Tillman requesting information on the early history of Delaware. Sister Kellie was planning to use this in Oklahoma's parade of flags. I provided here with a short history of Delaware.

### **Acknowledgments:**

The members may not realize it, but this office is not just one person. I would not have been able to perform my work to the level it deserves without assistance from Sisters and Brothers around this jurisdiction. Sister Henrietta, thank you for your proofing; Sister Deena, thank you for all your graphic assistance this year and I know in years to come. Brother Bill, for all your help in creating forms to helping with computer and printer issues and lots, lots, more; to the members that offered encouragement and guidance, I thank you. Your words helped me do the job right. It takes a village to do this job right.

Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron: Your patience with me this year was most appreciated. I know at time I was like the farmer with the cattle prod, but that which needed got done. Sometimes not as fast as I should have but the job got done.

Brother Tom, Worthy Grand Patron: Remember life is short....eat cookies!

Brother Steve, Grand Treasurer: Thank you teaching this gal to love QB. I am not a fan of Quick Books as I think it is overkill. That said, with your guidance, I can handle financial transactions better today than in June of 2019.

Brother Bill: There have been times this year when I thought you made sure I took this position to get me out of your hair. We have surely had to carve time out for ourselves and our family. Thank you for your love and support. Maybe next year, I'll be up the steps before you are ready to hit the hay.... but don't count on it as there will always be that project that I need just a few more minutes on.

### Membership Summary 2019

<b>Total Membership as of January 1, 2019</b>				<b>801</b>
Initiated	12			
Affiliated	1			
Reinstated	2			
Correction from previous report	2			
Total Additions		17		
Deceased	33			
Demitted	7			
Suspended/NPD	28			

Expelled	0			
Unable to located/Presumed Deceased	1			
Plural in a Consolidated Chapter	9			
Correct from previous report	1			
Total Deductions		79		
<b>Total Membership as of December 31, 2019</b>				<b>739</b>
Total Plural Members				66

### Membership Summary 2020

<b>Total Membership as of January 1, 2020</b>				<b>739</b>
Initiated	0			
Affiliated	2			
Reinstated	0			
Correction from previous report	2			
Total Additions		4		
Deceased	37			
Demitted	8			
Suspended/NPD	23			
Expelled	0			
Unable to located/Presumed Deceased	0			
Plural in a Consolidated Chapter	1			
Correct from previous report	3			
Total Deductions		72		
<b>Total Membership as of December 31, 2020</b>				<b>671</b>
Total Plural Members				65

### CHARITABLE RECEIPTS 2019-2020

The Subordinate Chapters in Delaware have been very generous to the General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter Subordinate Chapters, and communities with their charitable works. Charitable receipts this year totaled \$19,202.19

Adah No. 5 .....	\$ 1,495.00
Sussex No. 7.....	\$ 1,295.12
Caesar Rodney No. 8 .....	\$ 1,155.20
Georgetown No. 9.....	\$ 910.50

Frankford No. 12.....	\$ 1,332.40
Victory No. 15 .....	\$ 2,120.00
Unity No. 16.....	\$ 9,479.61
Ruth No. 19.....	\$ 504.77
Naomi No. 12.....	\$ 909.59

**CHARITABLE RECEIPTS 2020-2021**

Despite COVID restrictions, the Subordinate Chapters in Delaware continue to be generous to General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter Subordinate Chapters, and communities with their charitable works. Charitable receipts this year totaled

Adah No. 5 .....	\$ 750.00
Sussex No. 7.....	\$ 58.00*
Caesar Rodney No. 8 .....	\$ 1875.00
Georgetown No. 9.....	\$ 771.00
Frankford No. 12.....	\$ 0.00
Victory No. 15 .....	\$ 800.00
Unity No. 16.....	\$ 1625.00
Ruth No. 19.....	\$ 0.00
Naomi No. 12.....	\$ 5,000.00

\*Members of Sussex Chapter No. 7 directed their donations of \$8,450.72 to Sussex Chapter to pay the expenses associated with the Eastern Star Hall at 7 North Pine Street.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

This report reflects Grand Secretary’s receipt number R2375 to R2388 and warrants 802-831

APRIL 16, 2019, TO APRIL 15, 2020

Ordinary Income Expense

Income

100000 – Benefit for Children

100200 – Chapter Donations	\$7,201.88
100300 – Other Donations	\$1,879.00
100400 – Beef & Beer	\$5,609.44
100600 – Tea Party	<u>\$2,320.26</u>

Total 100000 – Benefit for children \$17,010.58

101000 – Ways and Means

101400 – Quarter Auction	<u>\$8,136.35</u>
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Total 101000 – Ways and Means	\$8,136.35
102000 – Charity Contributions	
102100 – Cancer	\$ 657.40
102300 – Disaster Relief	\$ 150.00
102500 – VA Hospital Elsmere	\$ 625.39
102550 – VA Hospital Milford	\$ 520.57
102575 – Home of the Brave	\$ 313.56
102600 – WGM Special Project	\$ 250.00
102700 – WGP Special Project	\$ 270.00
102800 – Alzheimer’s	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total 120000 – Charity Contributions	\$ 2,986.92
103000 – ESTARL Account	
103100 – Chapter Donations	\$ 1,736.40
103200 – Other Donations	\$ 400.00
103300 – Necrology	<u>\$ 298.00</u>
Total – ESTARL	\$ 2,434.50
103500 – Benevolent Charities Account	
103510 – Heart	\$ 1,020.10
103520 – Service Dogs	<u>\$ 3,519.80</u>
Total 103500 – Benevolent Charities	\$ 4,539.90
104000 – Shustack Scholarship	
104100 – Fundraisers	<u>\$ 142.00</u>
Total 104000 – Shustack Scholarship	\$ 142.00
105000 – Chapter Fees	
105100 – Initiation Fees	\$ 45.00
105200 – Int’l Headquarters Fee	\$ 80.00
105300 – DE Per Capita Tax	\$ 9,607.00
105350 – GGC Per Capita Tax	\$ 1,478.00
105400 – Special Dispensations	\$ 20.00
105500 – Supplies	<u>\$ 1,456.29</u>
Total – Chapter Fees	\$12,686.29
107000 – Grand Chapter Session Income	
107100 – Registration	\$ 1,795.00
107200 – Grand Banquet	\$ 1,596.00
107300 – PAGP Breakfast	\$ 640.00
107400 – Distinguished Guests	
Breakfast	\$ 253.00
107500 – Pages Luncheon	\$ 1,223.00

107600 – Monday Night Dinner	\$ <u>780.00</u>
Total 107000 – Grand Chapter Session Income	\$ 6,267.00
109000 – Surety Bond	\$ 208.80
110000 – Other Income	
110100 – Grand Chapter Bus Trips	\$ 3,112.20
130000 – DE 100th Anniversary Account	\$ 1,478.00
Total Income	\$59,002.44
Expense	
201000 – Officers & Committee Expenses	
201100 – Benefit Chairman Expenses	\$ 3,505.44
201200 – Grand Lecturer Expenses	\$ 25.00
201500 – Ways and Means	\$ 851.59
201600 – WGM Expenses	\$ 225.00
201700 – WGP Expenses	\$ 100.00
201800 – Grand Chapter Bus Trip Expenses	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total 201000 – Officers & Committee Expenses	\$ 4,707.03
202000 – Charitable Contributions	
202100 – Benefit for Children	\$13,000.00
202200 – Charity Donation	\$ 1,209.13
202500 – ESTARL	\$ 3,000.00
202600 – Cancer	\$ 1,142.50
202900 – VA Hospital Elsmere	\$ <u>625.39</u>
Total 20200 – Charitable Contributions	\$18,976.92
203000 – Session Expense	
203010 – Grand Banquet	\$ 5,270.70
203100 – Distinguished Guests Breakfast	\$ 713.00
203120 – PAGO Breakfast	\$ 612.00
203130 – Pages Luncheon	\$ 1,612.80
203140 – Monday Night Dinner	\$ 1,154.40
203200 – Hospitality Chairman	

Expenses	\$ 1,943.40
203400 – Hotel Rooms	\$ 1,165.16
203500 – Session Ballroom Rent	\$ 3,000.00
230600 – Necrology Expense	\$ 75.00
203800 – Sessions Printing	<u>\$ 389.00</u>
Total 203000 – Session Expense	\$15,935.46
204000 – Shustack Scholarship Expense	
204100 – Scholarships	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total 204000 – Shustack Scholarship Expense	\$ 1,000.00
205000 Business Expense	
205300 – Professional Service Fees	\$ 701.63
205400 – Material and Supplies	\$ 1,937.12
205500 – Supplies of Resale	\$ 1,725.04
205600 – Grand Chapter Storage	\$ 2,646.20
205700 – Safe Deposit Box	\$ 60.00
205900 – Postage	<u>\$ 386.30</u>
Total 205000 – Business Expense	\$ 7,455.29
206000 – General Grand Chapter	
206100 – GGC Int'l Headquarters	\$ 60.00
206200 – GGC Per Capita Tax	<u>\$ 1,602.00</u>
Total 206000 – General Grand Chapter	\$ 1,662.00
208000 – Printing and Reproduction	
208100 – Grand Chapter Directory	\$ 106.25
208200 – Proceedings of	<u>\$ 850.00</u>
Total 208000 – Printing and Reproduction	\$ 956.25
20900 – Honorariums	
209100 – Grand Secretary	\$ 600.00
209200 – Grand Treasurer	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
Total 209000 – Honorariums	\$ 775.00
220000 – Insurance – Nonemployee	
220100 – Liability Insurance	\$ 255.00
220200 – Surety Bond	<u>\$ 232.00</u>
Total 220000 – Insurance Nonemployee	\$ 487.00
230000 – Website	
23000 – Reimbursement	<u>\$ 72.32</u>

Total 230000 – Website	\$ 72.32
Total Expense	\$52,027.27
300000 – Interest Earned	<u>\$ 399.58</u>
Total 300000 – Interest Earned	\$ 399.58

Net Income \$ 7,374.75

APRIL 16, 2020, TO APRIL 15, 2021

Ordinary Income Expense

Income

100000 – Benefit for Children

100200 – Chapter Donations \$ 1,069.77

100300 – Other Donations \$ 305.00

Total 100000 – Benefit for Children \$ 1,374.77

102000 – Charity Contributions

102100 – Cancer \$ 240.00

102200 – Diabetes \$ 50.00

102500 – VA Hospital Elsmere \$ 315.00

102550 – VA Hospital Milford \$ 40.00

102600 – WGM Special Project \$ 30.00

Total 120000 – Charity Contributions \$ 675.00

103000 – ESTARL Account

103100 – Chapter Donations \$ 1,381.00

103200 – Other Donations \$ 10.00

Total – ESTARL \$ 1,391.00

103500 – Benevolent Charities Account

103510 – Heart \$ 815.00

103520 – Service Dogs \$ 1,179.00

Total 103500 – Benevolent Charities \$ 1,994.00

104000 – Shustack Scholarship

104200 – Other Donations \$ 355.00

Total 104000 – Shustack Scholarship \$ 355.00

105000 – Chapter Fees

105200 – Int'l Headquarters Fee \$ 10.00

105300 – DE Per Capita Tax \$10,065.00

105350 – GGC Per Capita Tax \$ 1,342.00

105400 – Special Dispensations \$ 40.00

105500 – Supplies	<u>\$ 300.23</u>
Total – Chapter Fees	\$11,757.23
107000 – Grand Chapter Session Income	
107100 – Registration	\$ 785.00
107700 – Session Luncheon	\$ 1,110.00
107000 – Grand Chapter Session Income Other	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total 107000 – Grand Chapter Session Income	\$ 2895.00
109000 – Surety Bond	<u>\$ 211.50</u>
Total Income	\$20,653.50
Expense	
201000 – Officers & Committee Expenses	
201900 – GGCCMs Gifts	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Total 201000 – Officers & Committee Expenses	\$ 75.00
202000 – Charitable Contributions	
202100 – Benefit for Children	\$ 2,300.00
202200 – Charity Donation	\$ 1,209.13
202500 – ESTARL	\$ 3,000.00
202600 – Cancer	\$ 240.00
202800 – Diabetes	\$ 50.00
202900 – VA Hospital Elsmere	\$ 310.00
202910 – VA Hospital Milford	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total 20200 – Charitable Contributions	\$ 5,940.00
204000 – Shustack Scholarship Expense	
204100 – Scholarships	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total 204000 – Shustack Scholarship Expense	\$ 1,000.00
205000 Business Expense	
205060 – Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$ 99.99
205300 – Professional Service Fees	\$ 755.00
205400 – Material and Supplies	\$ 470.82
205500 – Supplies of Resale	\$ 219.55
205600 – Grand Chapter Storage	\$ 2,636.20

205900 – Postage	<u>\$ 720.48</u>
Total 205000 – Business Expense	\$ 4,901.84
206000 – General Grand Chapter	
206100 – GGC Int'l Headquarters	\$ 65.00
206200 – GGC Per Capita Tax	<u>\$ 1,478.00</u>
Total 206000 – General Grand Chapter	\$ 1,543.00
2070000 – Engrave/Purchase PG Jewels	
207300 – Engraving of Jewels	<u>\$ 48.50</u>
Total 207300 – Engraving of Jewels	\$ 48.50
20900 – Honorariums	
209100 – Grand Secretary	\$ 600.00
209200 – Grand Treasurer	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
Total 209000 – Honorariums	\$ 775.00
220000 – Insurance – Nonemployee	
220100 – Liability Insurance	\$ 1,310.00
220200 – Surety Bond	<u>\$ 232.00</u>
Total 220000 – Insurance Nonemployee	\$ 1,542.00
230000 – Website	
23000 – Reimbursement	<u>\$ 78.32</u>
Total 230000 – Website	\$ 78.32
Total Expense	\$52,027.27
300000 – Interest Earned	<u>\$ 455.25</u>
Total 300000 – Interest Earned	\$ 455.25
Net Income	\$ 5,205.09

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP BY  
SUBORDINATE CHAPTER  
JANUARY 1, 2019, TO DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	Adah	Sussex	Caesar Rodney	Georgetown	Frankford	Victory	Unity	Ruth	Naomi	Totals
Members Beginning of Year	29	75	158	54	73	111	98	97	106	801
Membership Increases										
Increases		3	3			4	2			12
Affiliated									1	1
Reinstated								1	1	2
Corrected							2			2
<b>Total Number Increases in Membership</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>
Membership Decreases										
Died	3	3	9		2	3	2	5	6	33
Deleted due to Transfer										0
Deleted/Demit		2	3			1	1			7
NCP and/or Suspended			2	2	4		8		12	28
Expelled										0
Plural in Consolidated Chapter		6					3			9
Unable to locate/resumed deceased						1				1
Corrected										1
<b>Total Number Decreases in Membership</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>79</b>
Membership End of Year	26	67	147	52	67	110	87	93	90	739
Plural Members	8	8	3	8	1	7	15	9	7	66

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP BY  
SUBORDINATE CHAPTER  
JANUARY 1, 2020, TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Adah	Sussex	Caesar Rodney	Georgetown	Frankford	Victory	Unity	Ruth	Naomi	Totals
Members Beginning of Year	26	67	147	51	67	110	86	95	90	739
Membership Increases										
Increases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reinstated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corrected	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Total Number Increases in Membership</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Membership Decreases										
Died	1	3	5	7	5	2	2	7	5	37
Deleted due to Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted Derrit	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	8
NQP and/or Suspended	0	1	0	1	1	3	4	13	0	23
Expelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plural in Consolidated Chapter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unable to locate/resumed deceased	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Corrected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Total Number Decreases in Membership</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Membership End of Year</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>671</b>
<b>Plural Members</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>65</b>
Members \$15.00 Grand Chapter Per Capita each	\$ 375.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 915.00	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 10,065.00
Member \$2.00 General Grand Chapter Per Capita Each	\$ 50.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,342.00
International Headquarter Fund \$5.00 per Initiation Fee \$5.00 per initiate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 425.00	\$ 1,054.00	\$ 2,397.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,037.00	\$ 1,751.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,258.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 11,417.00



# CHARITABLE RECEIPTS BY SUBORDINATE CHAPTER 2019 - 2020

	Adah No. 5	Russess No. 7	Caesar Rodney No. 8	Georgetown No. 9	Frankford No. 12	Victory No. 15	Unity No. 16	Birth No. 19	Naomi No. 20	Totals
ESTABL	\$ 144.50	\$ 83.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,747.50	\$ 1,747.50	
Service Dogs	\$ 600.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 182.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,823.00	
Benefit for Children with Special Needs	\$ 35.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 107.50	\$ 275.00	\$ 6,411.55	\$ 134.77	\$ 383.04	\$ 7,537.86	
Cancer Research	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 347.40	\$ 200.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 607.40	
Heart	\$ 108.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 333.00	
Heart for CPR										
Veterans - Elmore	\$ 35.00	\$ 89.12	\$ 49.20	\$ 30.00	\$ 64.06	\$ 25.00	\$ 64.06	\$ 158.55	\$ 550.93	
Veterans - Willford	\$ 285.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 762.00		\$ 869.00	
Veterans - Home of the Brave	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	
WGM Special Project	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	
WGP Special Project										
GGC Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00	
GGC International Peace Garden									\$ 100.00	
Alzheimer's										
Knight Templar Eye Foundation			\$ 50.00		\$ 200.00					\$ 200.00
Job's Daughters										
Knights of Columbus										
Job's Chapter Scholarship	\$ 500.00		\$ 50.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00			\$ 75.00
Special Olympics		\$ 450.50								\$ 250.00
Jefferson Lodge - Xmas Meals										\$ 500.00
Jefferson Lodge Sisterhood Fund										\$ 450.50
Special Olympics in DE							\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Adopt-a-Family		\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
Caring Pears - Helping Hands						\$ 50.00				\$ 100.00
Sunday Breakfast - Willson		\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
Marshallton United Methodist Church		\$ 50.00				\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
Newark Senior Center		\$ 50.00								\$ 50.00
Wheaton Senior Center		\$ 50.00								\$ 50.00
Wheaton Senior Center		\$ 50.00								\$ 50.00
Richardson Park United Methodist Church		\$ 50.00								\$ 50.00
Compassionate Care Hospice		\$ 50.00						\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Local Family								\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Dignity for the Aging								\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Woodlawn Memorial Chapel								\$ 564.77		\$ 564.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,495.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,295.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,155.20</b>	<b>\$ 910.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,332.40</b>	<b>\$ 2,120.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,479.61</b>	<b>\$ 564.77</b>	<b>\$ 969.59</b>	<b>\$ 19,202.19</b>

# CHARITABLE RECEIPTS BY SUBORDINATE CHAPTER 2020 - 2021

	Adah No. 5	Sussex No. 7	Caesar Rodney No. 8	Georgeto wn No. 9	Frankford No. 12	Victory No. 15	Unity No. 16	Ruth No. 19	Naomi No. 20	Totals
ESTABL	\$ 25.00			\$ 191.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 790.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 1,396.00
Service Dogs	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 243.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 783.00
Benefit for Children with Special Needs			\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00			\$ 610.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 935.00
Cancer Research	\$ 25.00		\$ 50.00			\$ 200.00				\$ 275.00
Heart		\$ 18.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 12.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 125.00			\$ 755.00
Heart for CPR										
Veterans - Elsmere			\$ 50.00						\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Veterans - Millford										
Veterans - Home of the Brave										
WGM Special Project										\$ -
WGP Special Project										\$ -
GEC Disaster Relief			\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
GEC International Peace Garden			\$ 25.00							\$ 25.00
Perry Belmont Bldg Fund			\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
Alzheimer's			\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation				\$ 50.00						\$ 50.00
Diabetes										
Job's Daughters										
Demolay										
Adah Chapter Scholarship	\$ 500.00									\$ 500.00
Special Olympics										
Shriners' Hospital			\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
Jefferson Lodge for Xmas Meals										
Jefferson Lodge Scholarship Fund										
Special Olympics in DE										
Adopt-a-Family										
Caring Hearts- Helping Hands										
Sunday Breakfast Mission			\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
Marshallton United Methodist Church										
Newark Senior Center										
Helen Graham Cancer Center										
Richardson Park United Methodist Church										
Compassionate Care Hospice										
Local Family										\$ -
Dignity for the Aging										
Woodfin Memorial Chapel										
Margaret Keith Fund				\$ 100.00						\$ 100.00
Harvest Ministries	\$ 100.00		\$ 50.00							\$ 150.00
Jobs Daughters-HIKE Fund			\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
Naomi Chapter #20 /Phyllis Bowman									\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 750.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 771.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,879.00

**GRAND TREASURER**  
**Brother Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP (16)**

Following this report is a recapitulation of the various accounts of our Grand Chapter held in the Dover Federal Credit Union for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Grand Chapter years.

Please note that our Grand Chapter finances are based on the Grand Chapter's Fiscal Year which runs from April 16<sup>th</sup> of one year to April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. So, even though we have had a Grand Chapter year of 2019 – 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it encompasses two Grand Chapter Fiscal Years.

I want to highlight some things that you will see in the recapitulations for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Grand Chapter years which may need a short explanation.

1. We had a CD (#102) mature on 11/07/2019. At the direction of the Grand Trustees, we retained \$5,000 of that CD in our Savings Account (#01) and started a new 36-month CD (#105) with the remaining proceeds.
2. In December 2019, with the concurrence of the Grand Trustees, we opened an additional Money Market Account and transferred the proceeds of the Service Dog Account and the Heart Account into what is now called the Benevolent Charities Account (#21).
3. We had a CD (#103) mature on 11/07/2020. Due to the COVID-19 situation and me being in quarantine due to having an upcoming operation, the CD rolled over to a new 24-month CD that will mature on 11/07/2022.

Sister Barbara, I want to thank you for your willingness to learn QuickBooks over the past two years. You did well and we made it through these two years with no loss of hair and our sanity mostly intact. Thanks for a great two years.

To the members of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me, and it has been and continues to be a distinct pleasure for me to serve this Grand Chapter as your Grand Treasurer.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, Grand Trustees, Sisters Cathy, Jane, and Kathi, I have enjoyed working with each of you and I hope that you have

received all the financial information you needed in order to make your various jobs easier. Associate Grand Matron, Sister Kathy and Associate Grand Patron, Brother Wayne, I look forward to your year in the East of this Grand Chapter and I wish for you both calm seas and fair winds.

**RECAPITULATION OF GRAND CHAPTER ACCOUNTS**

Business Primary Share Account – XXXXXX000-01	
Balance Forward 04/16/2019	\$ 2,563.96
Proceeds from Matured CD	\$15,067.64
Interest Earned	\$ 2.30
Sub-total	\$17,633.90
Safe Deposit Box Payment	\$ 60.00
Disbursement to New CD #105	\$10,067.64
Balance as of 04/15/2020	\$ 7,506.26
Business Primary Share Account – XXXXXX000-01	
Balance Forward 04/16/2020	\$ 7,506.26
Interest Earned	\$ 0.97
Sub-total	\$ 7,507.23
Safe Deposit Box Payment	\$ 00.00
Balance as of 04/15/2021	\$ 7,507.23
Business Checking Account – XXXXXX000-02	
Balance Forward 04/16/2019	\$31,875.52
Receipts (#2347-#2374)	\$59,619.28
Sub-total	\$91,494.80
Disbursements	
(Warrants #001-#019)	\$60,203.83
Balance as of 04/15/2020	\$31,290.97
Business Checking Account – XXXXXX000-02	
Balance Forward 04/16/2020	\$31,290.97
Receipts (#2375-#2388)	\$19,926.53+
Sub-total	\$51,217.50
Disbursements	
(Warrants #001-#010)	\$16,021.46
Balance as of 04/15/2021	\$35,196.04
Business Money Market Account (E.S.T.A.R.L.) – XXXXXX000-10	
Balance Forward 04/16/2019	\$10,445.39
Receipts (#499-#516)	\$10,806.60

Interest Earned	\$	10.78	
Sub-total			\$21,262.77
Return Esther Bus Trip (2019-2020)		\$5,260.00	
Scholarships Awarded (2019-2020)		\$3,000.00	
Balance as of 04/15/2020			\$13,002.77

Business Money Market Account (E.S.T.A.R.L.) –  
XXXXXXXX000-10

Balance Forward 04/16/2020			\$13,002.77
Receipts (#517-#524)	\$	1,391.00	
Interest Earned	\$	2.16	
Sub-total			\$14,395.93
Scholarships Awarded (2020-2021)		\$3,000.00	
Balance as of 04/15/2021			\$11,395.93

Business Money Market Account (Benefit for Children) –  
XXXXXXXX000-11

Balance Forward 04/16/2019			\$ 1,126.54
Receipts (#672-#690)	\$	17,425.14	
Interest Earned	\$	5.27	
Sub-total			\$18,556.95
Fundraising Expenses (2019-2020)	\$	3,400.00	
Grants Awarded (2019-2020)		\$15,000.00	
Balance as of 04/15/2020	\$		156.95

Business Money Market Account (Benefit for Children) –  
XXXXXXXX000-11

Balance Forward 04/16/2020			\$ 156.95
Receipts (#691-#698)	\$	1,404.77	
Grants Undeliverable (2019-2020)	\$	2,000.00	
Interest Earned	\$	0.54	
Sub-total			\$ 3,562.26
Grant Re-awarded (2019-2020)	\$	1,000.00	
Grants Awarded (2020-2021)	\$	1,300.00	
Balance as of 04/15/2021	\$		1,262.26

Business Money Market Account (Shustack Scholarship) –  
XXXXXX000-12

Balance Forward 04/16/2019		\$7,427.62
Receipts (#002-#002)	\$ 142.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 5.97	
Sub-total		\$7,575.59
Scholarship Awarded	\$1,000.00	
Balance as of 04/15/2020		\$6,575.59

Business Money Market Account (Shustack Scholarship) –  
XXXXXX000-12

Balance Forward 04/16/2020		\$6,575.59
Receipts (#003-#005)	\$ 355.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 1.08	
Sub-total		\$6,931.67
Scholarship Awarded	\$1,000.00	
Balance as of 04/15/2021		\$5,931.67

Business Money Market Account (Benevolent Charities) –  
XXXXXX000-21

Opening Balance 12/01/2019		\$ 0.00
Receipts (#001-#007)	\$6,905.98	
Interest Earned	\$ 3.89	
Balance as of 04/15/2020		\$ 6,909.87

Business Money Market Account (Benevolent Charities) –  
XXXXXX000-21

Opening Balance 04/16/2020		\$ 6,909.87
Receipts (#008-#017)	\$1,994.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 1.22	
Balance as of 04/15/2021		\$ 8,905.09

12-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-102 (Matured 11/07/2019)

Balance Forward 04/16/2019		\$15,026.83
Interest Earned	\$ 40.81	
Transferred to Share Savings (000-01)		\$15,067.64
Balance as of 11/07/2019		\$ 0.00

24-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-103 (Matures 11/07/2020)

Balance Forward 04/16/2019		\$15,038.77
Interest Earned	\$ 98.32	
Balance as of 04/15/2020		\$15,137.09

24-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-103 (Matured 11/07/2020 and now matures 11/07/2022)		
Balance Forward 04/16/2020		\$15,137.09
Interest Earned	\$ 68.47	
Balance as of 04/15/2021		\$15,205.56
36-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-104 (Matures 11/07/2021)		
Balance Forward 04/16/2019		\$15,053.71
Interest Earned	\$ 136.43	
Balance as of 04/15/2020		\$15,190.14
36-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-104 (Matures 11/07/2021)		
Balance Forward 04/16/2020		\$15,190.14
Interest Earned	\$ 137.29	
Balance as of 04/15/2021		\$15,327.43
36-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-105 (Matures 11/07/2022)		
Beginning Balance 11/07/2019		\$10,067.64
Interest Earned	\$ 95.81	
Balance as of 04/15/2020		\$10,163.45
36-Month CD – XXXXXX1000-105 (Matures 11/07/2022)		
Beginning Balance 04/16/2020		\$10,163.45
Interest Earned	\$ 243.52	
Balance as of 04/15/2021		\$10,406.97

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES**

**Sister Catherine Yaiser, PM (20) 1 year, Chairman**

**Sister Jane Morris, PGM (12) 2 years**

**Sister Kathi Anderson, PGM (8 & 15) 3 years**

I personally thank all of you for attending the 99<sup>th</sup> Grand Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Delaware so that we can move forward after the many challenges faced in the last 14 months. The work of the Grand Trustees continued during the entire two years. This report covers actions taken during that time.

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL: Met with the Director of Sales and Lisa Skelley to review the 2018-2019 Sessions concerning the complaints of hotel staff and the Sessions Chairman. We were made aware of the new owners and the changes to our upcoming contracts since Grand Chapter was not meeting the hotel room usage requirement. There was an attempt to get credit for Gold Card rooms, but it seemed doubtful we were successful. Before our attempt at negotiations, we were informed that the ballroom

rental rates would cost us \$14,400 for the 100<sup>th</sup> Grand Sessions. Other rooms would cost \$6,000 (Diamond Room).

**CONTRACTS:** As per the Bylaws, we reviewed contracts for the 2019-20 Grand Banquet. We also reviewed the contract for the Beef ‘n Beer to assure that liability for the liquor consumption was assumed by the Aetna Fire Company.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH LINE OFFICERS:** We became aware that the line Officers had many questions and misconceptions about the finances, the workings of the budget, and how that relates to their responsibilities. We met for an in-depth discussion in October 2019. We would recommend that such meetings be continued.

**VENUES FOR FUTURE SESSIONS:** As previously mentioned, Dover Downs Hotel informed us of the upcharges in our future contracts when we contacted them to discuss the 100<sup>th</sup> Grand Sessions. Inquiries were made into other venues:

Modern Maturity: not available on Sunday because of church service

Rehoboth Convention Center: not available on Sunday because of Prom Contracts

Atlantic Sands: in season beach rates for May

Christiana Sheraton: has become a county homeless shelter

Christiana Hilton: Sunday Mother’s Day conflicts

Embassy Suites: ballroom too small for Chapter setup

Nur Shrine: available at Masonic family discount \$975 when booking was allowed. Housing would be about 4 miles away

St. John’s Lodge: not accepting reservations because of Grand Master’s edict

When the Worthy Grand Matron decided to hold her Sessions on May 10, it was decided to rent the Nur Shrine because it would have the floor space, we need for proper 6’ distancing. No contracts have been made for future sessions at this time because of currant uncertainties.

**INSURANCE:**

- A. Liability: After questions were independently presented to Wilgus Insurance Company by the Grand Secretary, our liability insurance was increased from \$255 to \$1310.



(The Grand Secretary questioned the limitations of the original policy.) Liability is determined by the number of the organization's voting members not the attendance at an activity. When we gave voting rights to all members attending Grand Chapter Sessions, the number of voting members increased from 12 to 725.

- B. Marine: The Grand Trustees investigated insurance coverage for equipment held by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. The cost was greater than \$2000 per year and would include depreciation of the value of our equipment. No action was taken because it is not cost effective.
- C. Surety Bond remains the same.

#### FINANCIAL

- A. It was decided to not change the financial institution from Dover Federal Credit Union. This decision is reviewed annually.
- B. The CD maturing in Nov. 2019. The amount was reinvested: \$10,000 in a CD and \$5000 was placed in the Savings account. At that time the budget had a huge deficit, and we were uncertain of expenses.
- C. The CD maturing in Nov. 2020. Because of the covid-19 restrictions, it was decided to rollover the CD until such time as a better rate could be received.
- D. Credit Card: The Grand Trustees investigated establishing a credit card account for collection of Grand Chapter fees and for paying Grand Chapter expenses. To establish an account requires monthly fees by the financial company and a charge per item entered. No action was taken because there is no cost benefit to Grand Chapter.
- E. Electronic payments with the consent of the WGM was approved.
- F. Created a money market account for monies collected for General Grand Chapter projects. Presently the account holds monies for Service Dogs and Heart projects. These monies are not included in the budget.
- G. The Grand Treasurer requested to transfer \$1000 from Savings to be placed permanently in the Benefit for

Children Money Market account so that the interest received would be included in distributed funds. After consultation with the WGM, no action was taken. There has always been a challenge to leave the least amount of money for the incoming WGM. We feel that this recommendation should be decided by the Grand Chapter.

H. Storage unit: inventory to follow

I. Safe deposit box: Inventory was taken March 4, 2021:

PGM jewel, Effie Marvonek, PGM

PGM jewel, Doris Egbert, PGM

1 Grand Trustee badge

1 large copy of the Grand Chapter Charter

6 small copies of Grand Chapter Charter

PGM jewel and PGP jewel removed for cleaning and engraving for presentation JEWELS

The PGM jewel previously worn by Eliza Crossland, PGM and Nancy Edwards, PGM was cleaned and engraved by Heritage Jewelers, Seaford, Delaware for presentation at this Session. The PGP jewel worn previously by Robert Stineman, PGP was cleaned and engraved by Heritage Jewelers for presentation at this Session.

Unfortunately, as was predicted by Sara Quinby, PGM, AR Morris Jewelers, Wilmington, Delaware, as of this time, has not found the dyes for the PGM and PGP jewels. They were not returned when the jewels were made for Ginny Crocket, PGM and William Lott, PGP. I have been in touch with the owner recently, who was going to check at Philadelphia location.

#### AUDITS

A. 2019-2020 Audit was done June 17, 2020, when the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Trustees felt sufficiently safe to meet. The Grand Chapter books and accounts were found to be in good order.

B. The loan to the ESTARL Committee was returned to the Money Market fund in a timely manner.

C. Payments should be made to vendors rather than individuals.

- D. Repayment made to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer should be made in a timely manner so that expenses can be reviewed as they are occurring. The Grand Secretary prefers to combine all expenses for payment before the close of Grand Chapter books.
- E. 2020-2021 Audit was completed on April 30, 2021. Again, the Grand Chapter books were found to be in good order. Grand Secretary Barbara Lott, PGM and Grand Treasurer Steve Tolbert, PGP are to be congratulated on the professional in the performance of their duties.

## BUDGETS

- A. 2020-2021: A budget was created even though the Grand Chapter remained closed through most of the year. The Grand Trustees felt it was important to give the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer guidelines for paying ongoing expenditures rather than having to delay payments while the WGM and Grand Trustees approved each expenditure. It was the intention to have that budget approved when the Grand Chapter held its Sessions in August. Since that never occurred, the Grand Trustees requested the Line Officers approve the budget. It is included with the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget showing the expenditures for 2020-2021. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the efforts of the Quarter Auction co-chairmen Susan Marge, Cheryl Mongillo and committee member, Steve Quillen plus Sue Peronti for their success. Also, Bronwyn Millman gave us the unique experience of the Beef 'n Beer. Thank you to these Sisters and Brother and to all who took part in these activities as workers and participants.
- B. 2021-2022: The proposed budget is included as an attachment to this report. It is impossible to present a zero-balanced budget as required. Normally our expenditures for Grand Sessions 2020 would show in the "actual" column. With the one-day Session and a cancelation of many activities, there are no expenditures. Fees for the 2022 Sessions will begin to be received prior to April 15, 2022. No requests for monies were received from Grand Chapter committees.

C. Centennial Fund: The amount set aside to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Grand Sessions (\$4830) is not included in the budget because it was collected in the 3 previous years. The Grand Trustees believe that the use and/or distribution of these funds are the responsibility of 2021-2022 Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sr Kathy Trombley in consultation with her Special Committee. Contracts in excess of \$2000 will be entered into by the Grand Trustees.

This is my final report to this Grand Chapter, so I have a few acknowledgements to extend.

Sister Barbara Lott, PGM and Grand Treasurer Brother Steve Tolbert, PGP and all the past Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurer that have put up with my quirks and requests for information, thank you.

Sisters Jane Morris, PGM and Kathi Anderson, PGM, thank you for all your involvement, suggestions, hospitality, and shared knowledge. We have led as best we could and were allowed. The success of your years ahead will help to maintain the Grand Chapter of Delaware. Your newly elected colleague will be enthusiastically awaiting to make his/her impact on this Board.

**GRAND LECTURER**  
**Sister Joan L. Moore, PGM (16)**

2019-2020 was a year to remember so far as national and international events that kept us from socializing and getting to know our Sisters and Brothers. As of the date of this report we are still confined to homes and not allowed to have meetings.

My year as Grand Lecturer started with a conference call from our Worthy Grand Matron on May 16 to go over details to be discussed at the School of Instruction on May 18, 2019, a summary of those details were given to each Deputy Grand Lecturer. The signs and passes were exemplified.

Legislation adopted at the 2019 Grand Session states within the duties of the Grand Lecturer , Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Art. II, Sec. 8, F. Page 24. Instruct the Deputy Grand Lecturers in “The Book of Protocol” and Eastern Star etiquette as provided by the General Grand Chapter to be used by Grand

Chapters, along with Delaware protocol.” In accordance with this legislation the “2018-2021 DEPUTY HANDBOOK, SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION, GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER” was given to each Deputy Grand Lecturer and is to be returned to the Grand Secretary upon completion of their term of office. The “Grand Chapter Book Of Instruction” is used as this jurisdiction’s protocol.

The following Certificates of Proficiency were earned:

#### Conductress

Marge Swain, Naomi Chapter No. 20, July 2, 2019

Keri Bradford, Unity Chapter No. 16. Aug. 19, 2019

Dawn Hoesten, Sussex Chapter No. 7, April 13, 2020

#### B Certificates

Carol Fehnel, Unity Chapter No. 16, July 10, 2019

Keri Bradford, Unity Chapter No. 16, March 6, 2010

#### Recertification

Henrietta McKelvey, PGM, Naomi Chapter No. 20, March 26, 2020

Due to circumstances beyond their control two Associate Patrons did not complete their certifications. Hopefully, they will in the future.

I attended all Official Visits and Birthdays. We are grateful for the many substitutes who are willing to do their part. It is my observation that there is inconsistency in the usage of text from the Ritual and the signs and passes. It had been recommended that the signs and passes be practiced by all members. (See Ritual, Page 45). also refer to Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters, Art. X, Sec. 4, Vacancies preferences, Page 57, A) “preference MUST be given members of her or his Subordinate Chapter”. After each visit, an email was sent to the Deputy Grand Lecturer pointing out inconsistencies or answering questions using the Grand Chapter Book of Instruction as reference. We do strive for perfection.

2020-2021 started with a letter dated May 28, 2020, was mailed to all Deputy Grand Lecturers urging every officer and member to keep our ritualistic words foremost in our minds lest we forget what we have so patiently learned. This has been a long year without meeting and greeting each other and therefore may need some refreshing when the time comes that we are able to meet person-to-person.

Unfortunately, there is only 1 certification to report from our total membership and that is as follows:

A Certificate of Proficiency earned by Rosemarie (Rosey) Vanderhoogt, Unity Chapter No. 16, Lewes on January 21, 2021.

All questions directed to me as Grand Lecturer have been referred to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna S. Hiddemen.

### **SESSION COMMITTEE**

**Sister Ann L. Street, PGM, GGCCM Service Dogs (5)**

**Sister Catherine “Scotty” Schultz, PGM (12)**

Planning for the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Session “Radiate Positivity” began in 2019 focusing on the various themes chosen by Sister Donna and Brother Tom to represent their planned year 2019 – 2020. With the pandemic emerging fast and furious in early March 2020, Grand Chapter sessions were put on hold and eventually cancelled along with our hopes of making this session exceptional for a very deserving Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. From that point forward, Sister Donna felt decorations were not necessary and requested the committee not spend money on decorations for an abbreviated session that, hopefully, would be planned for May 2021. The sessions committee regrouped via “Zoom” for committee meetings.

“The Enchanted Forest” Tea Party celebrated Sister Donna and Brother Tom’s fun themes. Sister Jennifer Grasset (09) was very accommodating and loaned us the scenery from that venue. Thus, we were able to surprise Sister Donna and Brother Tom with a new twist to some familiar décor.

Committee members added green trees and Sister Linda Morganstern (20) provided artificial crabs, crab netting and turkeys to embellish the North, South, East, and West. Crab netting with a blue crab hanging mat, provided by Sister Donna, hung on Brother Tom’s podium.

The background for the East was a scenic draped of a fairy forest. Brown tree trunks that surrounded the forest were enhanced with lighted vines. A tall life size Smokey the Bear standing on one side was guarding the forest. Red caped mushrooms, and various animals from the Worthy Grand Matron’s personal collection laid across the front of the scene. Butterflies and owls dressed the

trees that surrounded the scenic draped. Sister Linda Morganstern's beautiful picture puzzle of animals walking in the forest was placed on an easel in the center.

A linear biblical banner with baby Jesus in the manger, surrounded by animals in the stable, was positioned behind the Associate Grand Conductress. Another biblical banner of Jesus sitting on a rock surrounded by rabbits, holding a bird in one hand, while petting a doe with the other hand, was situated behind the Grand Conductress. Both banners were from the Worthy Grand Matron's collection. The front of the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress podiums were draped with netting. A large silver crab in the North and a painted crab tray surrounded with ceramic blue crabs in the South were positioned on the nets.

In the West was another fairy forest scene with various sized trees and broken tree trunks further depicting the forest. A cardboard painted bear, fox, and doe encroached trees along with a standing birdcage, and lanterns.

Additional six-foot trees adorned the perimeter to the chapter room.

Sister Donna's home chapter, Ruth #19, loaned their white chairs for the Grand Officers, Adah's sword and veil, Esther's crown and scepter, the cloth OES signet, the altar cloth and the Grand Marshal's baton stand that was dedicated in memory of the Worthy Grand Matron's father, Brother Robert J. Shustack PP (19). The altar cloth was made by Past Grand Matron Sister Eliza Crossland's family and given to Ruth Chapter #19 in memory of her brother, John R. Crossland PP (19). Sister Sue Peronti PM (19), Grand Marshal, carried the baton given to her mother, Georgena Jones PM (19), when Julia M. Story Chapter #3 closed. We appreciated everyone's assistance in making this session memorable for Sister Donna and Brother Tom.

The Pages were lovely in their champagne empire waisted dresses representing the warm hues of sand and earth. We appreciated their assistance with various duties throughout the day. We had three men, Brother Pat Shearon (16), Brother Mercer Quinby (20) and Brother Clarence Timmons (08) who volunteered to serve as Pages. The Worthy Grand Matron

requested us to use OES brothers as some of the Pages. A special “thank you” to the Grand Officers who asked these brothers to serve.

Lunches were provided by Haass’ Family Butcher Shop catering service in Dover, Delaware. Members had a choice of a roast beef wrap with arugula and caramelized onions topped with horseradish sauce, white meat chicken salad wrap with grapes, celery and mayonnaise or a pesto chicken caprese on a ciabatta roll. Each lunch box included a fruit cup, bag of chips, cookies, and a bottle of water. Thank you to Pat Martin (16) for managing reservations. Pat, Virginia Robertson (19), and January Wright (19) organized and distributed the lunches to members. Eighty lunches were purchased. We would like to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Jeffrey Haass (15), and his catering coordinator Chrissy, who worked with us on the menus. Amid the pandemic he provided the services and was willing to allow us to cancel, if needed, without penalty. Starpoint colored drapes adorned the lunch tables. Sister Linda Morganstern provided decorations throughout.

The services of session nurses, Keri Bradford (16) and Kathy Kee (08), were much appreciated for being in attendance to scan members’ temperatures upon entrance into the chapter room and provide medical assistance. The Grand Chapter had one first aid kit and Keri Bradford brought her personal first aid kit to use in case of an emergency. The Grand Chapter’s first aid kit needs to be checked every year or a new one needs to be purchased. Several items were found to be outdated.

Two tables were set up for Grand Chapter Committees: Sister Sara Quinby, PGM (20) displayed colorful, pristine crafts made by the Craft Circles. Sister Nancy Davis (09, 16) had several items for purchase at the Service Dogs table.

Rueben Kelley, volunteer at Nur Shrine, assisted us greatly with setting up tables, chairs podiums, lighting, temperature control, trash removal and fogging to sanitize bathrooms and officer badges.

Brother Bert Hiddemen, PGP (19, 20) and Olivia Hiddemen (19) provided and managed the sound system.



COVID PRECAUTIONS: All members were required to wear masks during the meeting. Hand sanitizer was available at registration and at the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's desks. Touchless temperature scanners were provided by the WGM and Ann Street (05). Bleach wipes were provided for wiping down equipment and surfaces as needed. Gloves were provided to registrars for handing packets to members and at lunch distribution for use when handing lunches/water to members. Fogging restrictions had been lifted, however, the Grand Officer badges were fogged between the meeting and installation. The restrooms were fogged once during the day.

- Session Expenses:
  - \$ 0
  - Décor from “The Enchanted Forest” Tea Party (provided by J. Grassett)
  - Bleach wipes (donated)
  - Hand Sanitizer and touchless scanners (provided by WGM, A. Street)
  - Bleach wipes, gloves (donated)
- Lunch Expenses:
  - Meals \$1337.50
  - Water (donated by A. Street)
  - Table coverings and décor (donated L. Morganstern, A. Street)

Our awesome committee was Lisa Ellis (05), Joan Godwin (08), Bert Hiddemen PGP (19,20), Charlotte McCall (08), Linda Morganstern, PM (20), Sue Peronti (19), Leigh Ann and David See (05), Karen Smith (19) and Robert Street (05). We would also like to acknowledge our volunteers, Gena Peronti PHQ, MM of Bethel #11, John Peronti and Bill Smith for their assistance with the sound system set-up and decorating.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been an unusual and extraordinary two years, to say the least. Your service to the Grand Chapter of Delaware has been stellar. It was an extreme privilege for this committee to add these special touches to your Grand Session.

## **ESTARL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Doris Laurer, PGM, Chairman (16), 1 year**  
**Susan C. Tolbert, PM, Acting Chairman (16), 2 years**  
**David A. Holley, PGP (5), 3 years**

On behalf of Sister Doris Lauer, PGM and Brother David Holley, PGP and myself I am pleased to announce the ESTARL Committee awarded three scholarships in 2020. As the May 2020 Informal Opening was put on hold and the committee felt the recipients needed to know, letters with certificates were mailed to Robin Lynn Hurley (first time award recipient attending Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC), Jeffrey Paul Peters (also first-time award recipient attending Palmer Theological Seminary in St. David's, PA) and Tyler Anderson Farmer (third time award recipient attending Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA)

Due to Governor Carney's emergency directive, I had the time to go through the Committee Chair's box that had been given to me. According to Article XI, Section A 10), Disposal of Materials paragraph a), "the Chairperson of Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) Committee should keep all the applications, correspondence (except late application requests) and supporting data until the next selection process is completed (one year)" and, paragraph b), "After the next selection process is completed, all scholarship materials from the previous year should be destroyed." That directive had not been followed for many years. There were materials still in the box that dated back to 1999! It certainly made for interesting reading, such as the directive from one of the Most Worthy Grand Matrons that there would be church services to benefit ESTARL during her term, previous committee decisions to award scholarships of \$1,500 rather than \$1,000 and, unlike what we see now for contributions to ESTARL from the chapters, there were years when the total was \$10,000!

I also found a discrepancy in the Rules and Regulations that I feel should be clarified. Under Article XI, Section A, 3) Restrictions, paragraph c) reads, "No more than four (4) awards will be given to an ESTARL recipient." However, Article XI, Section A, 8) Renewal, paragraph b), says, "the maximum number of renewals will be four (4)" which would make it possible for a recipient to

receive a total of five (5) ESTARL awards! Interestingly, I found a document that provided Guidelines for ESTARL Scholarship Award for Second and Third Awards making one think there was a maximum of three awards. According to those guidelines all that was required for renewal was “a letter requesting a grant with a copy of your transcripts to the chairperson no later than April 1.” However, under Article XI, Section A, 8) Renewal, paragraph a), “the same procedure for original application will be followed for scholarship renewal including the submission of grades from the previous semester”, implying the applicant needs to write the essay “Why I Wish an ESTARL Award” and submit three letters of reference as indicated in Article XI, Section A, 4) Applications, paragraph b). I contacted Jurisprudence for clarification as to what I should do as there was a possibility one of the recipients would apply again in 2021. I was told to permit the recipient to apply again. As the Grand Officers and the Worthy Grand Matron’s Committees were extended until May 2021, I have submitted proposed legislation for the above recommendations.

As the term of office was extended, I contacted Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron as to whether scholarships would be awarded in 2021. She responded by saying scholarships should be awarded annually and not by term. Therefore, the committee chose to award scholarships to Robin Lynn Hurley (second award recipient attending Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC), Jeffrey Paul Peters (also second award recipient attending Palmer Theological Seminary in St. David’s, PA) and Tyler Anderson Farmer (fourth award recipient attending Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA). Once again as there will be no ESTARL service at Grand Session letters and certificates were mailed to them.

Both 2020 and 2021 I sent correspondence to each chapter reminding them of the available scholarship and requesting each chapter send me their ESTARL report. Neither year did I receive reports from any chapters other than Unity #16, so I contacted the Grand Treasurer for the figures needed to give my financial report.

ESTARL donations received for the two Grand Chapter years ( April 16, 2019 - April 15, 2021) are included in the financial report.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron we thank you for giving us the honor of serving on this committee and pray that your session will “Radiate Positivity” once it happens!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### 2019-2020

#### **Income**

##### **Chapter Donations**

Sussex Chapter No. 7 .....	\$159.50
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8.....	\$ 83.00
Georgetown Chapter No. 9 .....	\$400.00
Victory Chapter No. 15 .....	\$200.00
Unity Chapter No. 16 .....	\$839.90

##### **Other Donations**

Offering from 2018-2019 Necrology Service.....	\$298.00
Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association	
Annual Donation.....	\$100.00
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association	
Annual Donation .....	\$150.00
Donna S. Hiddemen in Memory of	
Esther Berner and Gene Lockerman .....	\$100.00
Phyllis Bowman.....	\$50.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$2,434.50</b>

#### **Expenses**

Honoraria to Necrology Speaker .....	\$75.00
Scholarships:	
Robin Lynn Hurley – first time.....	\$1,000.00
Jeffrey Paul Peters – first time .....	\$1,000.00
Tyler Anderson Farmer – third time .....	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$3,075.00</b>

### 2020-2021

#### **Income**

##### **Chapter Donations**

Adah Chapter No. 5 .....	\$25.00
Georgetown Chapter No. 9 .....	\$191.00
Victory Chapter No. 15.....	\$200.00

Unity Chapter No. 16.....	\$790.00
Ruth Chapter No. 19.....	\$75.00
Naomi Chapter No. 20.....	\$100.00
<b>Other Donations</b>	
Donna S. Hiddemen, WGM.....	\$10.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$1,391.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Scholarships	
Robin Lynn Hurley – second award .....	\$1,000.00
Jeffrey Paul Peters – second award.....	\$1,000.00
Tyler Anderson Farmer – fourth award .....	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

**GRIEVANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
**Sister Barbara W. Ewing-Joseph, PGM (16), Chairman**  
**Sister Henrietta McKelvey, PGM (20)**  
**Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP (12) Deceased**  
**Sister Ann L. Street, PGM (5) Appointed to complete the**  
**term of Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP**

For 2019-2020, we are happy the Grievance & Appeals Committee has nothing to report

For 2020-2021, we are again, happy there were no incidents to report. The Committee was saddened by the passing of our friend and committee member, Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP on October 28, 2020. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Jane, his family and Frankford Chapter No. 12 and his Eastern Star family. He will be missed.

**JULIA M STORY AWARD**  
**Sister Kathi Anderson, PGM (8, 15), Chairman**  
**Sister Lee Anderson, PGM (8)**  
**Sister Carol Fehnel, PM (16)**

The Julia M. Story award is an important and prestigious award that we here in Delaware give to a deserving individual every year (excluding Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, or Past Grand Matrons and Patrons) who have given outstanding service to their Chapter and community. During the summer and fall of 2019, a letter was sent to all the Chapters reminding them to have a secret written ballot nominating a member that they felt exemplified exceptional service and support to their Sisters and

Brothers, in their own chapter or other chapters in Delaware and their community. The Chapter Secretaries were reminded to have a resume drawn up for the top one to three members nominated and send them to the Committee before the end of the year.

We are pleased to announce that we received 8 nominations from 7 Chapters. All the nominees were well deserving of this award. However, we could only choose one.

The Committee “met” through emails and phone calls as it was not possible for us all to get together because of schedules and the beloved Coronavirus. A choice was made by the committee. We contacted Brother Sheldon Edwards, PGP who volunteers and donates having the plates on the Julia M. Story plaque engraved. We also contacted Sister Sara Quinby, PGM who has had the individual pin made for the recipient.

We were pleased to announce that because of her dedication to her Chapter(s), Georgetown No. 9 and Unity No. 16 and her community service, that Nancy K. Davis was the recipient of the Julia M. Story Award. She met the criteria and then some set up by Nancy Edwards, PGM during her year. Nancy Davis was nominated by both of her Chapters, which says how dedicated to our Order she is. She has substituted in Chapters all over the state and has done many volunteer hours.

The only expense that the Committee incurred was payment to Sister Jennifer Grasset, PM (9) for the engraving.

We would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom for giving us the opportunity to serve on this worthwhile committee

### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

**1 Year: Brother Robert A. Bradish PGP (15), Chairman**

**2 Years: Sister Debbie D. Good PGM (8)**

**3 Years: Sister Joan S. Edwards PGM (15)**

The 2019 – 2020 to 2021 Grand Chapter year for this Jurisprudence Committee was at times very quiet and at other times extremely hectic. A leap year along with the unprecedented world-wide epidemic converted a 366-day Grand Chapter year to a 731-day year. Much of the first 300 days could

be considered a standard year. However, the last part became extremely challenging. The suspension of meetings, the use of online computer meetings, the ability to meet challenged both Grand Chapter Constitution and Bylaws not to mention General Grand Chapter. Never were these circumstances imagined nor were rules and regulations written to handle them.

In summary we thoroughly reviewed the Bylaws of Sussex Chapter No. 7, Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 and Georgetown Chapter No. 9. While each Chapter by-laws were approved, we also had the opportunity to recommend some needed changes other than the ones submitted for approval. We need to remind the Subordinate Chapter secretaries once the bylaws have been approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and reprinted, a new copy needs to be sent to the WGM, Grand Secretary and the Chairman of Jurisprudence.

Items that came to the Jurisprudence Committee from the membership for a formal ruling were:

- ❖ Special meeting to continue Grand Chapter bylaw voting
- ❖ Handling of funds for Grand Chapter fundraiser.
- ❖ Subordinate Chapter not electing a Worthy Patron
- ❖ Requirement of having to send out hard copy of Session Announcement to all members vs electronic.
- ❖ Can one member be Secretary of more than one Chapter at the same time.
- ❖ Non appointment of special committee to review moving the date of Grand Chapter sessions.
- ❖ Postponement of Grand Chapter Sessions.
- ❖ Can more than one Shustack Scholarship be awarded in a single year.
- ❖ What happens when all top four offices in a single Subordinate Chapter are unfilled by elections?
- ❖ How to list a Subordinate Chapter in the White Book when all top 4 officer positions vacant.
- ❖ How to handle ESTARL award when recipient school closed due to the pandemic.
- ❖ Request to extend Grand Commissions.
- ❖ Multiple meetings and questions on the state of Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters due to COVID and the shutdown, return of in person meetings and the use of

online (ZOOM and other electronic meeting software) for meetings as well as elections and installations.

The Jurisprudence committee were active participants on the Executive Committee over this last year as they dealt with all of the COVID issues. Initially looking at how to handle our meeting needs then the closure of all Lodges in the State by the Grand Master. Some of the first major issues were the postponement of Installations for Subordinate Chapters followed closely by the 2020 Grand Chapter Sessions. Initially plans were made to hold Sessions Installations at the first meetings in September and have an abbreviated Grand Session in August / September. All of this was ultimately canceled due to the severity of COVID. As the 2020 year progressed and the virus became even worse discussions were again initiated by the WGM Donna on how to get Chapters back active if members would be willing to meet in person or virtually along when Installations of Subordinate Chapters and even when Grand Chapter Sessions will be held.

The last official act was reviewing the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's reports. This was performed in April of 2020 not knowing we were going to be faced with another full year. We approved both with some requested modifications.

We thank both Sister Donna and Brother Tom for serving this Grand Chapter and providing interesting and creative Chapter visits in the extremely different Grand Chapter year (lasting 2 years). Needless to say, this will probably be the most memorable year in the existence of Delaware Grand Chapter.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
ON THE REPORT OF THE  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**1 Year: Brother Robert A. Bradish PGP (15), Chairman**

**2 Years: Sister Debbie D. Good PGM (8)**

**3 Years: Sister Joan S. Edwards PGM (15)**

We, the members of the Jurisprudence Committee have examined the report of the Worthy Grand Matron and have approved it in its entirety. We did request the following needed to be completed in her 2019 – 2020 report



All irregularities be included in the report along with the justification.

All questions asked of her be included including her responses.

Worthy Grand Matron, we appreciate your enthusiasm and creativity in making the official visits and birthdays memorable and thank you for this long-extended year's dedication to the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
ON THE REPORT OF THE  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**1 Year: Brother Robert A. Bradish PGP (15), Chairman**

**2 Years: Sister Debbie D. Good PGM (8)**

**3 Years: Sister Joan S. Edwards PGM (15)**

We, the members of the Jurisprudence Committee have examined the report of the Worthy Grand Patron and have approved it in its entirety. We appreciated your comprehensive itinerary which represented your devoted service on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for your dedication to this Grand Chapter and the goodwill extended to our Subordinate Chapters of Delaware.

**NECROLOGY**

Mrs., Barbara Davison, PM (20,19), Chairman

Mrs. Linda Morganstern, Grand Chaplain (20)

Mr. Ernest Fehnel, Grand Organist (16)

We had hoped that we could return to our Sunday (before the start of session service) Schedule after COVID-19 caused the cancelation of our 2020 sessions; however, Covid restrictions limit our 2021 sessions to just one day.

The roll of names of all the notified deaths we received in the periods of 2019,2020, and 2021 were laid at the Altar during the opening of the session and will be printed in the proceedings. The fact that the service will not be the same as usual does not lessen our remembrance of our Sisters and Brothers. Our Eastern STARS are now the STARS in heaven guiding our actions.

## **PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Mrs. Barbara F. Lott, PGM, Grand Secretary (9)**  
**Mrs. Virginia E. Crockett, Junior PGM (08,19)**  
**Mr. William F. Lott, Junior PGP (09)**

After the Grand Chapter Session, the Grand Secretary produced the 2019-2020 “Radiate Positivity” directory. Bids were received from Lewes Printing, Copies Done Right, and Print Coast2Coast Graphics. The job was given to Print Coast2Coast with a low bid of \$106.25. Copies were distributed to those entitled to a copy and sold to members wanting additional or personal copies for \$2.00

The Grand Secretary typed the 2019 proceedings and gave a copy to the Junior Past Grand Matron and attached to an email sent to the Junior Past Grand Patron on October 24, 2019. It was requested that proofing be done by November 15, 2019. The proofing of the Junior Past Grand Patron was received by November 1, 2019. The proofing of the Junior Past Grand Matron was received November 30, 2019. It is always wise to have another pair of eyes when proofing and we thank Sister Henrietta McKelvey for her assistance with this project. The final draft of the proceedings was ready and sent to the printer on January 13, 2020, and completed on January 27, 2020.

As required by the Grand Chapter Bylaws, three (3) bids were requested from (3) printers: Lewes Printing; Copies Done Right; and Print Coast2Coast. The bids were emailed to the Junior Past Grand Matron, Junior Past Grand Patron, and the Grand Trustees. The job was given to Print Coast2Coast with a low bid of \$850.00. Distribution of copies of the proceedings began on January 31, 2020, to those entitled to copies per our bylaws. For individuals who had pre-ordered or wished a copy, the proceedings were sold at a cost of \$10.00.

The Grand Secretary produced in house all *In Memoriums* for our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who died during the 2019-2020 term.

During the 2020-2021 time period no printing outside printing was required. Preparations for the 2021-2022 term have been initiated for the directory.

**SERVICE DOG COMMITTEE**  
**Sister Nancy K. Davis, WM (9), Chairman**  
**Sister Barbara Davison, PM, (20)**  
**Sister Marjorie Swain (20)**

Thank you for the privilege of working with the Service Dog Program Committee. It has certainly been my pleasure to help with this particular program.

This has been a difficult year. I was appointed for a three-year term but found myself, the newly appointed member, chair of the committee. During the year, because of health issues, the other two committee members resigned. Therefore, for a good part of the year, it has been a committee of one.

Each Subordinate Chapter Worthy Matron was asked to appoint a Chapter member to be the contact person for the Service Dog Program. I am aware of only three appointments for the program. Each Subordinate Chapter was asked to inform me of all events which were happening in their area so that contact could be made with the event coordinator and the OES Service Dog Program could participate. We did participate in one event, the Seaford Riverfest. A table was set up with Dog Bone pins for sale and donations were gratefully accepted. A second event could not be attended due to it conflicting with OES Special Sessions. No other events were suggested.

Funds were requested from the Grand Chapter to purchase items to sell to the general public with all funds being returned to the Grand Chapter. No funds were available to get this project off the ground. I, personally, purchased: paw bling can covers, dog design socks, paw print gloves, key chains, paw print car magnets, Love paw plaques, paw lapel pins, and OES shooting star pins to be sold to members and the general public.

Each Subordinate Chapter was visited along with a mascot "Service Dog in Training." Members were asked to donate a dollar to name the mascot. "D" Dollars were collected to support the Service Dog program.

All funds received were forwarded to Ann Street, GGCC member. She, in turn, forwarded the funds to Grand Chapter. As each individual Subordinate Chapter submitted funds directly to Grand Chapter, it is impossible for me to include an accurate

financial report (other than monies I spent for items to sell). The Grand Chapter Secretary has provided me with a report on the Service Dog program that indicates \$3,519.80 was donated to Service Dogs this year.

Tentative plans for the future include the following: 1) A motorcycle ride of the Southern Masonic Riders to raise funds with a BBQ at a stop during the ride, 2) Dinner and a show by Dame Edna and/or Elvis impersonators, 3) A presence at festivals, parades, events, etc. with items to sell and information about the Service Dog Program and the Order of the Eastern Star, 4) A chicken BBQ held on a route where beach traffic would be passing, 5) Visitation to Masonic Lodges to explain the Order of the Eastern Star and the Service Dog Program, and 6) Establish contact with service dog owners who would be willing to explain their need for a service dog and how their dog helps them.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve on the Service Dog Program committee. I have enjoyed talking about dogs. And I would like to thank each and every member who has supported this program. Your help is greatly appreciated.

A financial report for 2019-2020 is attached. There was no activity during 2020-2021 to report.

**Grand Chapter of Delaware, OES (Grand Secretary)**  
**Transaction Detail by Account**  
 April 16, 2019 through April 15, 2020

11:13 PM  
 04/21/20  
 Account Basis

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Dr	Amount	Balance
		103500 - Benevolent Charities Account				
		103820 - Service Dogs				
05/15/2019	9388	William F. Lott	102920 - Donation	250.00	250.00	
06/13/2019	3471	Ann L. Street	102920 - Pins & Donations	623.00	773.00	
06/24/2019	3215	Veda L. Lockerman	102920 - Personal Donation	50.00	823.00	
11/06/2019	1033	Sherry Williams-Hyrtle/kempy LLC	102920 - Service Dogs	55.00	878.00	
11/06/2019	2847	Nancy K. Davis	102920 - Service Dogs	248.00	2,197.80	
12/19/2019	R001	Mariene L. Mickles	102920 - Service Dogs	220.00	2,417.80	
02/10/2020	2856	Nancy K. Davis	103520 - Service Dogs	135.00	2,614.80	
02/10/2020	927	Cheryl A. Mongillo	103520 - Service Dogs	27.00	2,641.80	
02/10/2020	1087	Betty L. Marker	103520 - Service Dogs	17.00	2,658.80	
08/19/2019	R2357	Ann L. Street	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs	48.00	1,048.80	
11/06/2019	R2383	Ann L. Street	102920 - Service Dogs	61.00	1,948.80	
08/19/2019	2837	Nancy K. Davis	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs Projects	36.80	985.80	
08/19/2019	1957	Carolyn E Van Hecke	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs Projects	11.00	1,000.80	
10/29/2019	R2391	Mariene L. Mickles	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs Raffle	500.00	1,585.80	
10/29/2019	R2391	Ann L. Street	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs "D" Dollars and Pins	144.00	1,732.80	
10/29/2019	R2391	Cesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs "D" Dollars	146.00	1,878.80	
04/02/2020	50466498	Donna S. Holdeman	103500 - Benevolent Charities Account 103520 - Service Dogs - Donation	85.00	3,269.80	
10/29/2019	6616	Cesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs - Chapter Donation	10.00	1,886.80	
09/25/2019	4225	Unity Chapter No. 16	102920 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs	26.00	1,073.80	
06/18/2019	4220	Unity Chapter No. 16	102920 - Contribution for Service Dogs	130.00	903.00	
10/15/2019	4537	Sussex Chapter No. 7	102000 - Charity Contributions 102920 - Service Dogs	15.00	1,088.00	
12/18/2019	4248	Unity Chapter No. 16	103520 - Service Dogs	7.00	2,479.80	
03/10/2020	4261	Sussex Chapter No. 7	103520 - Service Dogs	265.00	2,925.80	
03/10/2020	4265	Sussex Chapter No. 7	103520 - Service Dogs	5.00	2,926.80	
03/14/2020	4267	Unity Chapter No. 16	103520 - Service Dogs	20.00	2,946.80	
03/14/2020	4287	Unity Chapter No. 16	103520 - Service Dogs	36.00	2,982.80	
03/14/2020	4281	Georgetown Chapter No. 9	103520 - Service Dogs	200.00	3,184.80	
03/17/2020	1238	Victory Chapter No. 15	103520 - Service Dogs	250.00	3,519.80	
04/13/2020	1188	Frankford Chapter No. 12	103500 - Benevolent Charities Account 103520 - Service Dogs	3519.80	3,519.80	
		Total 103520 - Service Dogs				
		Total 103500 - Benevolent Charities Account				
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,519.80</b>

**SHUSTACK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Sister Elizabeth A. Abrams (20), Chairman, 1 year**  
**Sister Eleanor Ellis, PM (16) 2 years**  
**Sister Kathy Kee, PM (08), 3 years**

For the 2019-2020 three applications for the Shustack Scholarship were received.

The committee was impressed with all the candidates which made this decision difficult. However, the committee was impressed with Ethan's academic and rigorous curriculum and his Cumulative GPA of 3.917 which set him apart from the other applicants.

It was a pleasure to again award the \$1,000.00 scholarship to Mr. Ethan J. Watson. This is Ethan's second year for winning the award. Ethan is currently a second semester freshman at the University of Delaware studying Electrical Engineering. This Scholarship will supplement his second year as he returns to the University of Delaware in the fall.

We wish Ethan and the other applicants well in their future academic endeavors.

For the 2020–2021 two applications were received for the Shustack Scholarship, Ethan J. Watson, and Forest M. Dotter.

Again, the decision was difficult as the committee was impressed with both candidates. However, Ethan J. Watson's record at the University of Delaware and his outstanding 4.0 grade point average were most impressive.

Again, it is a pleasure that Mr. Ethan J. Watson is awarded the \$1,000.00 scholarship. Ethan will begin his third year at the University of Delaware in September of 2021.

### **Financial Report 2019-2020**

	Beginning Balance	\$ 7,427.62
Income		
Square Dance Profit	\$	116.00
Donation	\$	26.00
Interest Income	\$	5.97
	Income Available	\$ 7,575.59
Expenses		
Scholarship: E.J. Watson	\$	1,000.00
	Ending Balance	\$ 6,575.59

### **FINANCIAL REPORT 2020-2021**

	Beginning Balance	\$ 6,575.59
Income		
Chapter Donations	\$	50.00
Other Donations	\$	335.00

Income Available \$ 6,980.59

Expenses

Scholarship: E.J. Watson \$1,000.00

Ending Balance \$ 5,575.59

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**M. Barbara Nakai, PM (08), Chairman 1year**

**Lana Donovan, PGM (20, 19), 2-years**

**Patricia Martin, PM (16), 3-years**

After reading the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter Proceedings, we found that there is one piece of business tabled to the 2020-2021 Sessions. Article VII Meetings, Section 1 Annual Meeting Page 8, First Reading. A Motion was made to refer this change to a Special Committee and was Adopted.

It has been a pleasure to service on this committee.

**BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
BEEF AND BEER EVENT**

**Bronwyn Millman, (19), Chairman**

<b>INCOME:</b>			
	Ticket Sales (97X\$35)		\$ 3,395.00
	Ring Toss		\$ 200.00
	Jello		\$ 104.00
	Raffles		\$ 685.00
	50/50 for Grand Chapter		\$ 225.00
	50/50 Give Back		\$ 225.00
	Silent Auction		
	Blue Rocks	\$ 65.00	
	Golf Outing	\$ 75.00	
	Pampered Chef	\$ 85.00	
	Skull Painting	\$ 60.00	
	Flyers Tickets	\$ 205.00	
	Gutter Cleaning	\$ 65.00	
			\$ 555.00
	Donations		\$ 220.44

	Total Income		\$ 5,609.44
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
	Food pre-paid by Grand Chapter Check No. 727)		\$ 2,000.00
	Hall Rental (pre-paid by Grand Chapter Check No. 722)		\$ 550.00
	Drinks (pre-paid by Grand Chapter Check No. 728)		\$ 600.00
	DJ (pre-paid by Grand Chapter Check No. 723)		\$ 250.00
	Deserts/Snacks (paid out of cash income received)		\$ 37.74
	Tablecloths (paid out of cash income received)		\$ 25.70
	Wine for Ring Toss (paid out of cash income received)		\$ 42.00
	Total Expenses		\$ 3,505.44
	<b>TOTAL PROFIT</b>		<b>\$ 2,104.00</b>

The Beef & Beer Event to benefit the Benefit for Children with Special Needs in Delaware was held on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Aenta Banquet Hall, 400 Ogletown Road, Newark, DE 19711.

Ticket price was set at \$35 per ticket with 97 tickets being sold and one ticket purchased for the DJ, at the cost of \$26. A total of 100 meals were requested from the hall to cover any last-minute requests.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT AND ATTACHMENTS**

Attached to this report are the flyer for the event, letter sent to Subordinate Chapters concerning the event, letter explaining the event with tax number for vendors or other donating items and receipts for expense items.



## OES Grand Chapter of DE



September 3, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you know, the Grand Chapter of DE hosts fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for children with special needs in Delaware. This has been a long standing philanthropic beneficiary for our Order. This year, we are hosting a Beef and Beer as one of the fundraisers to support this wonderful endeavor.

The **Beef and Beer** will take place on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00pm** at the Actra Banquet Hall in Newark, DE. Tickets are \$35 per person which covers your food, soda, beer, wine, DJ, dancing and tons of FUN! There will also be a 50/50 and auction to add to the festivities.

Enclosed you will find a flyer to share with your members, friends and neighbors. Please also consider posting the flyer in your meeting place and posting flyers in other areas such as community bulletin boards or your place of worship.

Please contact Bronwyn Millman at 302-598-3751 or [bmrmillman@gmail.com](mailto:bmrmillman@gmail.com) with any questions or to purchase tickets. Tickets will not be available at the door so please reach out to reserve your tickets today!

In addition, if you or someone you know is able to donate an item for our auction, please contact Bronwyn Millman with that information. Many hands make light work and everyone working together will make this event a true success!

Sincerely,

*Bronwyn Millman*

Bronwyn Millman

## OES Grand Chapter of DE



September 3, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Order of the Eastern Star (OES) is an organization with stated goals of charity, fraternity, education and science. With over 500,000 members globally, OES is the largest fraternal organization to which both men and women can belong. The OES Grand Chapter of Delaware hosts fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for children with special needs in the state. This has been a long-standing philanthropic beneficiary for our Order. This year, we are hosting a Beef and Beer as one of the fundraisers to support this wonderful endeavor.

The Beef and Beer will take place on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00pm at the Aetna Banquet Hall in Newark, DE. Tickets are \$35 per person which covers your food, soda, beer, wine, DJ, dancing and tons of FUN! There will also be a 50/50 and auction to add to the festivities.

Our hope is that local businesses will join us in providing a donation for our auction to be held during the Beef and Beer. The more items that we collect, the more money we will be able to raise- allowing us to help more children in Delaware. We hope that you will take the time to consider assisting us with our request.

Please contact Bronwyn Millman at 302-598-3751 or [bmillman@gmail.com](mailto:bmillman@gmail.com) with any questions or for additional information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Bronwyn Millman*

Bronwyn Millman

Tax ID #: 51-6020555



## **GRAND CHAPTER WAYS AND MEANS QUARTER AUCTION**

**Sister Susan T. Marge, Grand Adah (20)  
Sister Cheryl A. Mongillo, Grand Ruth (19)**

On Saturday, November 2, 2019, we held our annual Quarter Auction for the Grand Chapter of Delaware. The event took place at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 7:00 p.m. (doors opened at 6:00 p.m.). We collected donations from each of the chapters and many of the individual members. Donations and gift certificates were solicited from local vendors throughout the state with many members helping to procure items from businesses in their area. We had over 100 prizes to be auctioned off for the night. We also gave away many door prizes throughout the evening (all donated by members). We invited direct sales vendors to be part of the evening in exchange for donated items from their product line.

Participants had the option of buying standard paddles at \$6 apiece and additional paddles for \$3, or all-in paddles for \$45. By selling the all-in paddles in advance, people were able to charge them on their credit cards.

Additional revenue was received through the sale of food and we also had a table with prizes that were chanced off by buying tickets, and held a 50/50.

We had a sold-out room and were overwhelmed with the support from all the members and chapters in the State. After giving a donation to the church, we earned a record \$7,284.76 for the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event by donating items, soliciting items from vendors, helping with the event, or attending. Much appreciation to all.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>INCOME:</b>			
	Entrance		
	Cash		\$ 2,756.00
	E-Vite		\$ 450.00
	Checks		\$ 1,015.00
	Chance Auction		\$ 685.00
	50/50		\$ 407.00
	Food		\$ 579.00
	Quarter Sales		\$ 1,374.35
	Donations		\$ 870.00
	Dover Downs	\$ 500.00	
	Cash	\$ 70.00	
	Check	\$ 300.00	
	Left Over Food Sales		\$ -
	Total Income		\$ 8,136.35
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
	Church Hall Donation		\$ 780.00
	Food Supplies		\$ 71.59
	Total Expenses		\$ 851.59
	<b>TOTAL PROFIT</b>		\$ 7,284.76

**Quarter Auction 2019 - Snack Bar Expenses and Consumption**

Expenses				Consumption	
<b>Hot Dogs</b>					
16 lbs	128 Dogs	\$21.01	\$0.19	9 lbs	\$7.28
15 pkgs	120 Rolls	\$12.60		7 pkgs	\$7.00
1 Bottle	Ketchup				Donated
1 Bottle	Mustard	\$1.99		1 Bottle	\$1.09
1 Bottle	Relish				Donated
	Onions				Donated
1 Cook Pot	Sausagekut				Donated
<b>Starchy Items</b>					
8 Cans	SI Mix	\$7.17			Donated
10.6 Lbs	Hamburger	\$31.79			Donated
10 pkgs	80 Rolls	\$10.00		7 pkgs	\$5.00
2 pkgs	Toco Saus	\$1.78		2 pkgs	\$1.78
2 pkgs	SUR Cheese	\$2.98		1 pkg	\$1.59
1 bd	Salsa				Donated
<b>Drinks</b>					
3 Cases	72 Water	\$7.71	\$0.11	5 cases	\$7.71
2 - 22 pks	28 Coke	\$4.94	\$0.21	2 - 12 pkz	\$4.94
1 - 12 pks	12 Diet Coke	\$3.47	\$0.21	1 - 12 pks	\$2.47
1 - 12 pks	12 Sprite	\$2.47	\$0.21	1 - 12 pks	\$2.47
1 bag	Ice	\$3.99		1 bag	\$3.99
Chips	6 cases	\$25.50		2 Cases	\$7.50
<b>Vegetables</b>					
Cucumbers	6	\$2.00		6	\$2.00
Carrots	3 bags	\$6.00		2 bags	\$5.00
Celery	3 bunches	\$3.00		2 bunches	\$3.00
Brussels	2 bags	\$5.00		1 bag	\$2.00
Ranch Dic.	2 bottles	\$7.99		2 bottles	\$7.99
<b>Meat/Platter</b>					
Peperoni	1 pkg	\$6.99		1/2 pkg	\$3.50
Chesse	6 pounds	\$9.98		3 pounds	\$4.99
Cruelers	1 box	\$6.99		1 box	\$6.99
<b>Paper Products</b>					
Plates					Donated
Napkins					Donated
HD Bosta					Donated
Cash Donation: Bion F. emfema McKelvey					\$20.00
					\$71.59

## **NEWSLETTER "THE FIRST STATE CHRONICLE"**

**Sister Catherine Bradish (9) Chairman**

**Sister Jennifer Grasset (9)**

If you have subscribed to the newsletter in the past and look forward to getting it every other month than you noticed that there was no newsletter this past year. A vote was taken at Grand Chapter Sessions last year (May 2019). The motion on the floor was to approve financials and distribution of the newsletter i.e., electronic and or snail mail or both. There was a bit of discussion and several comments made that those without electronic devices could no longer receive the newsletter and the Grand Chapter voted down all financial resources and no distribution approval was given. As the newsletter committee was cut off by recess for lunch it was never returned to in the next session and the newsletter issues were never given time to resolve and therefore no newsletter was able to be distributed. A new newsletter was newly designed in hopes that we would have a resolution from the Worth Grand Matron and Jurisprudence. The issue was never resolved, and it was tabled. To redesign the newsletter, the cost based on time and skills involved in the redesign the newsletter would have been about \$3,000 for a professional graphic designer. This cost was completely absorbed by becomes a donation to the Delaware Grand Chapter by Sister Catherine Bradish even though a newsletter was unable to be distributed. In the future it is the wish of this committee that a newsletter have acceptance of budget approval and a distribution decision to keep its members informed and connected. The future of the newsletter is in the hands of the members of the Grand Chapter.

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Sister Linda K. Morganstern, WM, Gr. Chaplain (20)**

Traditionally, the end of the first week in October is the weekend for the Blessing of the Animals. This year I was asked to make available to our members the information regarding this tradition. I was happy to be able to designate 3 churches in each county that were still participating in this ceremony. I have listed below the list I compiled. I am sure there were more throughout the state, but these were a starting point for those who did not have any information.

New Castle County  
Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew  
St. Peter's Catholic Church

Kent County  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Church of Holy Cross

Sussex County  
St. George's Church  
St. Paul's Church

I was happy to have served on this worthwhile committee. I hope we continue in keeping our pets close to our hearts and giving them the love and blessings, they deserve.

**CRAFT CIRCLE**  
**'THE HAPPY HOOKERS' AND 'KNIT-WITS'**  
**Sister Sarah Quinby, PGM (20)**

July 2019, a small group of members got together at the home of Sister Barbara Davison. The purpose was to start a craft circle in the northern part of our state. All being people who crochet and knit, we named ourselves 'The Happy Hookers'.

We decided we would work on charitable projects to be given to the various facilities here in our state. This past year we have given hand-made 'Baby Caps' to the NIC (Neo-intensive Care Units) at Christiania and Beebe Hospitals. We made chem-caps for the Helen Graham Center and lap robes for the VA Hospital in Elsmere.

I am pleased to report the 'Hookers' reached out to the community and spread the light from our Eastern Star.

On October 6, 2019, Sister Betty Toy and I visited Christiania Hospital and gave 125 baby caps to their NIC Unit. They were very happy to receive our gift. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna told me she still has the little cap her daughter, Olivia wore when she was in the NIC Unit. I couldn't help but think of the mothers who would tuck away the caps we made and save them in a special place.

On February 6, 2020, I gave Sister Rose Vanderhoogt, 25 caps to deliver to Beebe Hospital.



At the present time we have over 300 more caps on hand. We also have 24 small incubator covers. These are placed over the incubators. They are used when parents visit. The blankets are then given to the babies when they go home. These will all be delivered to the hospitals in Delaware when the quarantine is lifted.

We have had a terrific time this past year. Getting together monthly for lunch, exchanging patterns, and of course socializing.

I would like to thank the 'Happy Hookers'. Sisters Lana Donavon, Barbara Davison, Henrietta McKelvey, Jackie Kyle, and Elizabeth Toy for sharing their time and talent with us. There were no expenses incurred this year. All our yarn and supplies were donated by our little group.

The 2020-2021 year has been a plus minus situation. On the minus side, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic the 'Hookers' were unable to meet in person. We enjoy our monthly lunches. It's fun to get together and share patterns and ideas for new stitches. However, on the plus side, being confined to our homes during the quarantine we kept our hands busy knitting and crocheting.

I am very happy to report that even though our Chapters were dark this past year we were still able to reach out to the community in the name of Eastern Star.

Early in March when some of the hospital restrictions we delivered to Christina Hospital NIC Unit 150 baby caps and 50 incubator covers. We took 75 baby caps, and 25 incubator covers to St. Francis Hospital NIC Unit. My thanks and appreciation to Sister Rose Vanderhoogt who delivered 75 caps and 25 covers to Beebe NIC Unit for us. Our total for the year 2020-2021 was 300 caps and 100 covers. We have caps and covers on hand, ready to begin the new year.

I would like to thank the 'Hookers and Knit Wits' for so generously donating their time and yarn for our projects. A BIG thank you to Sisters Henrietta McKelvey, Lana Donavon, Jackie Kyle, Barbara Davison, and Elizabeth Toy. All of our yarn and supplies were donated by the members of the committee.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving us the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and the community.

## **CRUISE**

### **Sister Charlotte McCall, PM (8)**

The Grand Chapter Cruise to the Bahamas with Worthy Grand Matron Donna and Worthy Grand Patron Tom set sail from Baltimore, Maryland on January 23, 2020. Our group traveled on the Grandeur of the Seas with the Royal Caribbean fleet and a fun time was had for all. It was an exciting 8 days with stops at Nassau, Coco Cay, Port Canaveral, and Charleston. I worked directly with the Royal Caribbean Group Reservations team to plan the trip. They were very helpful and recommend going directly thru the cruise line instead of using an outside vacation planner. In doing this we also were able to return the credit of: \$1,278.00.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Donna and Worthy Grand Patron Tom, for allowing me to organize this event for you. I hope you had a wonderful time.

## **Bus Trip**

### **Susan C. Tolbert, PM (16)**

The early part of February 2019, Sister Donna contacted me to ask if I would plan a trip to Sight and Sound to see "Esther". The show was to begin in mid-March 2020. I agreed with one caveat that any proceeds would benefit ESTARL. Sister Donna agreed and I was off and running. First to call Sight and Sound to set a date. I ordered 40 tickets for the March 28, 2020, 3:00pm performance. Needing a deposit to hold the reservation I used my personal credit card for the \$100.00. However there remained \$3012.20 which needed to be paid before seating would be assigned. After some discussion with the Grand Trustees, it was authorized that the balance would be taken as a loan from the ESTARL account. Thank you, Grand Trustees!

As I wanted to have all the information to be able to present it at the May Session, I needed to contact a transportation company. Although Dawson out of Camden-Wyoming may have been more reasonable they would not give me a quote that far ahead. I then contacted Jor-Lin in Milford and made arrangements that there would be a pickup at Union Lodge in Dover and then another at Cabela's in the Christiana Mall. The cost for the bus was \$1,179 with a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit.

Finally, I contacted Shady Maple Smorgasbord to have dinner after the show and before we returned home. Each meal was to cost \$25.11.

By rounding the total figures of 40 tickets @ \$79.80, dividing the transportation by the 40 passengers and \$25.11 for the meal I decided \$140.00 was a fair price to charge. Tickets went very rapidly and at one point I even added a ticket which was later returned. All was set!

Then COVID-19 hit!! First, I received a message that productions were cancelled up to March 26. With our date being March 28, we were safe! Then I received another update that productions were cancelled through mid-May. When I received that message, I called Sight and Sound to see if we could reschedule. The only date that would have been available for a group the size of ours was December 26. I felt our members would be with family over the holidays and it would not be a good date. So, I requested a refund which was graciously and generously honored. I must mention here that I later received a message indicating Sight and Sound was closed, and all refunds would be given when it reopened. I had already been in contact with Jor-Lin and knew we would receive as a refund of \$1,179.00 less the \$250.00 deposit. I also was given a call that Shady Maple Smorgasbord was closed. Of course, we had nothing outstanding with them.

Full refunds were given to all those who had paid for the trip. The \$250 bus deposit that was non-refundable has been generously donated by the WGM, Sister Donna. Thank you! The remaining bus payment and the tickets have been refunded to us as well.

It was an honor to be asked to arrange the trip and I am terribly disappointed, as I know many others are, that we were not able to do it. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron may you have a session that “Radiates Positivity” once it happens!

### **Financial Report**

#### **Income**

39 “tickets” @ \$140.00 .....	\$5,460.00
1 “ticket” @\$150.00 .....	\$ 150.00
1 deposit @\$50.00 .....	\$ 50.00
Sight and Sound Refund.....	\$3,112.20

Jor-Lin Tour and Charter Refund ....\$ 929.00  
 Total .....\$9,701.20

Expenses

Sight and Sound Tickets.....\$3,112.20  
 Jor-Lin Tour and Charter.....\$1,179.00  
 1 “ticket” refund @150.00 .....\$ 150.00  
 1 “ticket” refund @\$70.00 .....\$ 70.00  
 36 “ticket” refunds @140.00.....\$5,040.00  
 Total .....\$9,551.20  
 Profit .....\$ 150.00

You will see there were 39 tickets @ \$140.00 as income, but only 36 tickets @ \$140.00 as expenses. Our WGM, Donna Hiddemen, purchased 3 tickets @140.00 totaling \$420. When I spoke to her about her refund, she generously requested the \$250.00 bus deposit be taken from her refund and apply 2 memorials at \$50.00 each to ESTARL leaving her a refund of \$70. The deposit that was not refunded was from a sister who placed the deposit and then decided to see the show with another organization, but requested we retain the deposit as a donation to ESTARL. The \$150 of “profit” has been re-designated by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as “donations to ESTARL” and will not appear in the Bus Trip Income or Expense category.

**ENCHANTED TEA PARTY**

**Sister Jennifer Grasset, PM, (9) Chairperson**

**Sister Deena M. Yale, PM, (7, 9) Co-Chair**

The duties of this committee were to organize and work the Tea Party to earn money for then Children with Special needs program.

The committee consisted of the chairperson, co-chair with 13 volunteers, we gathered on 4 different occasions prior to the event to discuss what was needed and prepared items for the tea party. Many of the committee members took projects home to prepare for the event, for which we are grateful for their assistance. We would not have been able to do this event without their help.

Attendance this year while slightly less than last year due to the date (Valentines) down by 16 guests. Seated guests this year were 72 with only 3 children in attendance one of whom had Special

needs dressed as Snow White. She was also the winner of the children's costume contest with one adult winner both receiving a prizes, a Children's Tea Set, and the Adult (Donne Neibert) received and Glass tea pot with flowering teas.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Income:	Ticket sales	\$2245.00
	Auction items	\$ 177.00
	Decorations	\$ 0.00
	Sale items	\$ 299.00
	Cash Donation	\$ 50.00
	Other Donations	\$ 252.93
	Total income	\$3,023.93
 Expenses:	Reimbursement	
	To Chairman	\$ 400.75
 Total Profit		 \$2,623.93
	<b>Total Donation of</b>	<b>\$252.93</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROFIT</b>	<b>\$2370.25</b>

#### **This year's Menu was:**

Assorted Tea's, Squash Pumpkin Soup with Fresh Pecans, Veggie Pizza, Blueberry Almond Scones, Sandwiches: Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, cream cheese with Strawberry, Asparagus with lemon curd. Desserts: Cheesecake bites (raspberry and cherry), sugar cookies with lemon icing and graham crackers, toffee bars, brownie bites, and acorn bon bons.

Donated Items such as advertisement (Media Choice Billboard in a Restaurant), decorations and food totaled \$1080.87. For all who donated we would like to thank you for all that you provided to this year's event as well as for future events. All decorations will be stored for future use. The committee would also like to thank Sussex Chapter for hosting the tea party again this year.

### **SQUARE DANCE "FUN NIGHT"**

**Brother Tom McLaughlin, PP (8)**

**Sister Sue McLaughlin (8)**

We were asked by the WGM Donna Hiddemen to get a square dance caller for a Fun Night on Feb 22, 2020. We asked Clay

Goss and he accepted for a fee of \$300.00. We then gave WGM Donna Hiddemen Clay's phone number to coordinate the event. The Fun Night turned out to be a fun night for all.

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THE SQUARE DANCE  
"FUN NIGHT"**

**Sister Donna S. Hiddemen, WGM (19)**

The event was strictly for enjoyment and was held at my request in memory of my parents, Brother Bob & Sister Jean Shustack because they had met at a square dance.

I had planned that we would estimate attendance and charge a fee not for profit, but simply to cover expenses. All of this worked out beautifully. The only cost we really had to cover was the caller. There was no cost for the hall and the snacks and drinks were donated. We had charged \$13 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. With this entrance fee, we were able to cover the cost of the caller and have some left over. I decided it would be appropriate to donate the overage to the Robert & Jean Shustack Scholarship fund. So, the breakdown is as follows:

Admission Receipts (32@\$13.00)	\$ 416.00
Caller Fee	<u>(300.00)</u>
Overage (Donated to Robert & Jean Shustack Scholarship Fund)	<u>\$116.00</u>

I received many phone calls and emails after the event thanking me for hosting it. So many reported that they had a great time and it brought back fond memories of when they used to attend square dances as kids or young married couples. We also had attendees from the square dance group to which Brother Tom and Sister Sue McLaughlin belong. The ladies and men from the square dance group were great fun and taught us a LOT!

Many thanks go out to:

Brother Tom and Sister Sue McLaughlin for making the arrangements for the caller

John & Sister Sue Peronti for bringing homemade goodies.

Sister Carolyn VanHekle for securing the hall.

To all attendees for making this event such a success!

**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**  
**(No Report Received)**  
**GRAND LODGE LIAISON**  
**Brother Robert R. Hiddemen, PGP**

I met with the Grand Master, Donald E. Rosenberry, regarding working with the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star. He asked that we be in touch whenever we need their assistance. Then, the pandemic hit, and the Lodge buildings were closed. The Grand Lodge Grand Secretary, M.W. Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM, made sure to include the Worthy Grand Matron with all edicts published by The Grand Lodge.

A very sincere thank you to M.W. Davis for including us in all the information pertinent to the appendant bodies. The following served as Grand Masters during this Grand Chapter “year”, M.W. Donald E. Rosenberry, PGM, 2018-2019; M.W. Evan R. Moody, PGM, 2019-2020, and M.W. Jeffrey D. Haas, Sr., Grand Master.

**OES LICENSE PLATES**  
**Brother J. Eddie Morris, PGP (12)**

During the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter year there were five (5) tags issued.

Due to the COVID 19 stay-at-home order the employees of DMV were on furlough, and I was unable to receive a report to ascertain the number of tags returned to the pool.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, it has been my pleasure to serve on this committee.

**SUNSHINE**  
**Sister Deborah Dale Good, PGM (8)**

The duty of this new committee was to send out congratulations, get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards on behalf of the “Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Delaware” to our members when needed. The Worthy Grand Matron provided me with a list of all the member names and addresses for this task. I sent out an email to the chapter secretaries on August 30th requesting them to send me the names of any of their members that might need a card. I received information from chapter secretaries; members, meetings I attended, the “Turkey Talk”, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I want to thank all of you for this information.

The following is the breakdown of the cards sent:

	5/21/2019 - 4/26/2020	5/11/2020 - 4/28/2021
Congratulations (Baby)	3	0
Get Well	21	36
Sympathy	20	12
Thinking of You	17	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>53</b>

I was given an initial supply of Get Well and Sympathy cards. Additional cards and all the stamps used were donated.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, for giving me the privilege to be the chairman this committee.

**Veterans Hospital (Elsmere) Hobby Cart**  
**Brother Mercer A. Quinby, PP (20), Chairman**  
**Brother Walter Evans, PP (20)**  
**Brother E. Watson Day, PGP (19)**  
**Sister Janet Day, PGM (19)**

Thank you for the privilege of working with the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Elsmere, DE. I consider it my honor to represent the members of our Order in Delaware.

During 2019-202 five members who volunteer at the hospital gave almost 400 hours at the hospital. The five members who alternate weekly turns in pairs are: Brothers Wally Evans, and Chuck Porter, Sisters Bernadette Porter, my wife Sara, and myself. Every week we visit with 39 residents in the CLC (Community Living Center) and the patients on the surgical and in-patient floors. All our volunteers are members of Naomi Chapter #20. We desperately need volunteers to help us if we are to continue the 'Hobby Cart'. I sent letters to the subordinate chapters in the northern section of our state and received no responses (which was the same as last year).

This past year we participated in the 'Angel Tree' project. This was the first year the VA took part. We received a list from the administrator with suggestions of Christmas presents for a



designated family. Although, we didn't know who our family was, we were given the following information. Our family consisted of a single father with 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, ages 6 to 12 years. The father, who is a patient at the VA Hospital was unable to work. Christmas looked bleak. We sent out letters to our chapters with suggestions and sizes for gifts. I thanked the individual members and Naomi Chapter #20, who responded and donated to this project. Our goal was accomplished, and Santa delivered the presents.

This year due to the addition of two more veteran facilities in our state we were limited on our accomplishments. We were not supported by the chapters and individual members who have supported us financially in past years. We did not receive the donations we have come to rely on in the past.

I would like to acknowledge Ruth Chapter #19, for their gift of clothing to the cart. Sister Deena Yale, PM of Sussex Chapter #7, gave us a very generous donation of a whole carton of pocket tee shirts. Ionic Lodge, #31, F&AM donated five very large bags of men's clothing. The clothing was used, but in good condition. We thanked the widow who made this donation. Whatever we couldn't use we gave to The Purple Heart.

We thank our Worthy Grand Matron for designating the charity collections taken at her 'official visits' to the veterans. The money that was received was divided 3 ways half to the VA in Elsmere, one quarter to Home of the Brave and one quarter to the VA facility in Milford. Nothing was given to Victory Village in Middletown, which is also a half-way house very similar to Home of the Brave.

In the past 47 years, OES in Delaware has served the men and women veterans here in our state. The VA Hospital treats patients from the entire state of Delaware. This year due to the lack of funds and interest, I would like to make the following suggestion:

The Hobby Cart visits be cut from weekly to twice a month. In recent years our membership has declined, and chapters have closed. At the present time we only have nine chapters. The addition of another facility influenced the amount of money and clothing donations we received. Last year I presented this

in my report and received no response. Grand Chapter recently added another facility, so now there are three.

During 2020-2021 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Veterans Hospital has been 'shut down' to all outside visitors since March of 2020. The four members who faithfully visit the residents in the 'Community Care Center' each week have been unable to distribute our usual weekly toiletries and clothing. Needless to say, this has been a disappointment. However, looking on the bright side, there has not been one single case of covid reported among the residents.

The 'Hobby Cart' at the Veterans Hospital in Elsmere, DE had it's beginning in 1946, soon after World War II. Since then, our members have faithfully supported our veterans for 75 years. In all these years, there never was one like 2020!

I would like to acknowledge Ruth Chapter #19, for their generous donation of one dozen beautiful plush throws. I know our gentlemen are going to enjoy these when we're able to distribute them. We appreciate the monetary donations from the chapters in our state. Although, no money was needed this year, we will certainly need it soon (we hope) to replenish our cart.

Never let it be said that Delaware Eastern Star ever shirked any responsibility. When we weren't able to push our hobby around the hospital we began serving as 'hospital escorts'. We take the patients in wheelchairs and stretchers from department to department for tests and treatments. We have enjoyed doing this and plan to continue with this service even after the quarantine is lifted.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Brother Charles Porter and Sisters Bernadette Porter and Sara Quinby for their service. This year even though we weren't able to distribute our usual items on the 'Hobby Cart' we were still able to let our light shine at the hospital. These four members altogether gave 196 hours of escort service at the hospital.

Early in January we received a telephone call from the Director of Volunteers to come to the hospital to be vaccinated! The four members each received two doses of the Moderna vaccine, thanks to the VA.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. I have enjoyed working with the members of my committee. It is my honor to give service in the name of our grand chapter to the men and woman who have given their service to our country.

As no money was requested by the committee this year, there is no financial report.

### CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS

2019-2020

Adah Chapter No. 5	\$ 35.00
Sussex Chapter No. 7	\$ 26.03
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	\$ 61.10
Georgetown Chapter No. 9	\$ 30.00
Frankford Chapter No. 12	
Victory Chapter No. 15	\$ 37.50
Unity Chapter No. 16	\$ 50.00
Ruth Chapter No. 19	\$ 50.00
Naomi Chapter No. 20	\$ 50.00

2020-2021

Adah Chapter No. 5	
Sussex Chapter No. 7	
Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	\$ 50.00
Georgetown Chapter No. 9	
Frankford Chapter No. 12	
Victory Chapter No. 15	
Unity Chapter No. 16	
Ruth Chapter No. 19	
Naomi Chapter No. 20	\$ 200.00

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

**2019-2020**

INCOME:			
	From Grand Chapter	\$ 929.50	
	Donation	\$ 10.00	
	Donation	\$ 100.00	
	From Grand Chapter	\$ 300.00	
	Total Available		\$1,339.50
EXPENSES:			
	Popcorn Bags	\$ 12.00	
	Pretzels 200	\$ 78.00	
	Popcorn Bags	\$ 30.00	
	Polo Shirts & T-Shirts	\$ 91.00	
	Leisure Pants 37 Pair	\$ 58.38	
	Leisure Pants 23 Pair	\$ 102.00	
	Polo Shirts 21 Color Ts	\$ 90.00	
	Writing Tablets Back Scratchers	\$ 12.00	
	Notebooks, Pencils, Gloves, Hats, Denture Cream	\$ 35.00	
	Color Markers Socks	\$ 15.00	
	Socks & Back Scratchers	\$ 23.72	
	T-Shirts, Polos, Sweatshirts	\$ 21.90	
	20 Ts & 12 Throws	\$ 80.50	
	Hats & Gloves	\$ 15.00	
	Grabbers, brushes, etc.	\$ 41.00	
	Soap, Bodywash, Shampoo, Deodorant	\$ 25.00	
	T-Shirts White & Color	\$ 89.78	
	T-Shirts, writing tablets, combs, grabbers	\$ 64.00	

	Mercer Quinby – Expenses	\$325.39
	Total Expenses	\$1,409.67
	Closing Balance	\$ -70.17

**2020-2021**

INCOME:			
	Beginning Balance		\$ -70.17
	From Grand Chapter	\$ 0.00	
	Other donations	\$ 40.00	
	Donations Subordinate Chapters	\$ 275.00	
	Total Available		\$ 244.83
EXPENSES:			
	Mercer Quinby – Expenses	\$310.00	
	Total Expenses		\$ 310.00
	Ending Balance		\$ -65.17

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve this grand chapter. I have enjoyed working with the members of my committee. I consider it a high honor to be able to serve the men and women who have served our country.

**DELAWARE VETERANS HOME MILFORD  
COMMITTEE**

**Debi Hodges, PM, Co-Chairman  
Carolyn VanHekle, PM Co-Chairman**

The Delaware Veterans Home (Milford) Committee of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, 2019-2020 also included collecting items for the Home of the Brave Foundation in Milford.

Deliveries were made twice this year to both the Veterans Home and Home of the Brave and thanks to the generosity of our Chapters up and down the state; we had large contributions each time to both places. Of course, a big thanks to Sister Linda Morganstern, WM

and others who picked up the items from the Chapters and delivered them to us, so that we might deliver them.

Items donated to the Veterans Home included gift cards, personal items, batteries, assorted writing materials, stamps, magazines, cross word books, and clothing. We also delivered a Rustic American Flag that was made by an Eastern Star veteran for the veterans and donated to the Grand Chapter who then donated it to the Veterans Home. This flag is now displayed in the dining room for all to see.

Items donated to the Home of the Brave and Home of the Brave II included gift cards, personal items, a large assortment of writing materials, planners and calendars, magazines, rugs, stamps, batteries, activity books, children's coloring books and crayons, puzzles, cleaning supplies, Christmas decorations.

This year we received a few Christmas cards from people at the Delaware Veterans Home expressing thanks for all that we do and look forward to working with us again in the future. The Home of the Brave Foundation again was very appreciative of that we have done for them and again and look forward to working with us again in the future.

There was no activity during 2020-2021.



Donation of rustic American Veterans flag to the Delaware  
Veterans Home in Milford  
by the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

From left to right: Debi Hodges, PM, Victory Chapter #15; Cindy Schapp, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Delaware Veterans Home; Carolyn VanHekle, PM, Victory Chapter #15; and Kyle VanHekle, Kent Chapter DeMolay assisting in the delivery.

### **Web Administrator Report Brother William F. Lott, PGP (9)**

The 2019-2020 Grand Chapter year began with a new Web Administrator, Sister Joan Siler of Victory Chapter 15. At a meeting in June at Smyrna Diner, passwords to the site were transferred to Sister Joan. She then transferred control of the site to herself and billing for the domain to her credit card. After having problems working with GoDaddy and the Linux structure of our website, Sister Joan decided to resign as Web Administrator early in the fall. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, asked me to resume the role of Web Administrator.

After resuming the role of Web Administrator and given that the key FTP password to the site has not been changed by Sister Joan, I was able to update all web pages on our website. Actual control of the site was not regained until late in March. As of today, I am listed as the Administrator of our website and all billing for the site is attached to my credit card.

As I do not as of this date know who the 2020-2021 Communication Committee has selected as Web Administrator, I am still performing the duties. When the new Web Administrator is named, I will work with them to transfer control of our GoDaddy account to them and their credit card.

Our website is there to serve our members and members of our Order from around the world. To do this properly, the Web Administrator must receive information for the website from Chapter Secretaries, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of Grand and Subordinate Chapter activities. While Turkey Talk gets the word out about events, it infrequently repeats the info. If the info is on our website, members can access it at any time when they realize they need it. Please help keep our website up

to date and useful by forwarding all information that should be shared with our members about events and activities to the Web Administrator well in advance of the activity.

## **2020-2021**

During 2020-2021, our web site continued to be a source of information for our members. The home page was redesigned to make it responsive so that it would fit comfortably on both a personal computer, tablet and cell phone. As this was the start of our 100th year as a Grand Chapter, a new “History” tab was added to the home. To date, this tab will allow one to access:

1. Pictures and session info for all of Delaware’s 98 Past Grand Matrons and 98 Past Grand Patrons.
2. List of all Delaware members that have served as General Grand Chapter Officers or Committee Members.
3. List of all Past Grand Secretaries.
4. List of all Past Grand Treasurers
5. List of all Past Grand Instructors or Past Grand Lecturers.
6. Over  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the all the past Proceedings. (This is an ongoing project).
7. List of all Past Matrons and Past Patrons for all 20 Delaware Chapters.

I thank the Grand Secretary for hours of work in providing the Web Administrator with this material.

A page has been added to the Members’ Only section with all the forms from our Grand Secretary that our Subordinate Chapter Secretaries need in both Word and PDF format. The legislation to be considered at this session was also mounted on the Members’ Only page. A page with the information for this session was created with access from the Grand Chapter tab on the home page.

After several attempts to hijack our page, I have purchased at no expense to the Grand Chapter upgraded security service for our site from GoDaddy. All other charges for the web site are billed



to my credit card and I am reimbursed for the expense by the Grand Chapter. Thanks.

It was my pleasure to again serve as your Web Administrator and I thank an outstanding 2019-2021 Communication Committee that provided me with guidance as to what is needed on the Grand Chapter of Delaware website. I look forward to working with the 2021-2022 Committee to make our webpage one that truly serves the needs of the Eastern Star members of Delaware.

### **WEB PAGE COMMITTEE**

**Sister Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9), 1-Year, Chairman**

**Sister Teresa Sharon, PM (16), 2-Years (Deceased)**

**Sister January Wright (19), PM, 3-Years**

According to Article III Committees of the Grand Chapter Section 16 Committee Duties and Composition Section O, the Web Page Committee is to work in conjunction with the web administrator to see that a website is maintained for the Grand Chapter of Delaware. From May 2019 to September 2019 the committee continued to be in contact with the Web Administrator and review the web page.

At the 2019 Special Session this Committee was dissolved with the passage of proposed legislation for a Communication Committee, which was to incorporate the web page, social media, and other outreach communications. Although the committee performed no further actions after September 2019 as we received no communication as to our status, the Chairman continued to reach out to the web administrator in mounting the updated Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Book of Instruction as well as mounting the legislative packet for the 99th Annual Session and other appropriate material.

### **INSTALLATION**

#### **BIBLE EXCHANGE**

Preceding the Installation of Grand Officers for 2021-2022 an exchange of Bibles took place with Sister Linda Morganstern returning Sister Donna S. Hiddemen's, bible that had been used during the 2019-2021 year, to her and Sister Ethelene F. Krauss, Past Grand Matron, placing Sister Kathleen A. Trombly's bible on the Altar.

**INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS  
2021-2022**

The Installing Grand Officer, Sister Joan S. Edwards, PGM, Grand Secretary Emeritus was assisted by:

Asst. Installing Grand Officer ..... Jeffery B. Dennis, PGP (15)  
Installing Grand Marshal..... Joy H. Hopkins, PGM (16)  
Installing Grand Organist..... Ernest Fehnel, PP (16)  
Assist. Installing Grand Organist ..... Susan C. Tolbert, PM (16)

*The Installing Grand Officer directed the Grand Conductress to attend at the Altar after which she called up the Grand Chapter.*

*The Installing Officer then requested that all repeat in saying the “Lord’s Prayer “after which she seated those assembled.*

*Per COVID 19 restrictions Grand Officers for 2021-2022 being installed were invited into the Grand Chapter Room and seated at their stations with their badges which they put on after being installed.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were seated in the Southwest following COVID 19 protocol.*

*Once the Grand Officers Elect and Appointed were at their stations the Installing Grand Officer seated them.*

*The Installing Officer directed the Installing Grand Marshal to call the roll of Grand Officers to be installed, after which all the Grand Officers to be installed remained at their seats and responded to the Obligation given by Brother Jeffrey B. Dennis, PGP (15), Assisting Installing Officer*

**Grand Officer – 2021-2022**

Worthy Grand Matron..... Kathleen A. Trombly (15)  
Worthy Grand Patron ..... Wayne A. Stacey (9)  
Associate Grand Matron ..... Wini Walton (7)  
Associate Grand Patron..... William F. Lott, PGP (9)  
Grand Secretary..... Barbara F. Lott, PGM (9)  
Grand Treasurer..... Stephen P. Tolbert, PGP (9)  
Grand Conductress ..... Marlene Mickles (7)  
Associate Grand Conductress.....Rosemarie Vanderhoogt (16)  
Grand Lecturer ..... Henrietta R. McKelvey (20,19)  
Grand Chaplain .....Brenda T. Stineman (8)

Grand Marshal.....	Carolyn VanHekle (15, 7)
Grand Organist.....	Phyllis Ann Bowman, PGM (8,20)
Grand Adah.....	Laura Williams (5)
Grand Ruth.....	Kristine Butler (15)
Grand Esther.....	Jacqueline Kyle (20)
Grand Martha.....	Linda Morganstern (20)
Grand Electa.....	January Kendall Wright (19)
Grand Warder.....	Prestina M. Crockett (8,15)
Grand Sentinel.....	Robert R. Hiddemen, PGP (19, 20)
Grand Trustee-3 Years.....	Deena M. Yale (7)

*After the 2021-2022 Worthy Grand Matron came to the East, the Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to attention and the 2021-2022 Worthy Grand Matron was accorded Grand Honors.*

*After the 2021-2022 Worthy Grand Patron came to the Grand East, the Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to attention and the 2021-2022 Worthy Grand Patron was accorded Grand Honors.*

*The remainder of the Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Organist, Sister Phyllis Ann Bowman, PGM who will be installed at a later date, were installed at their station and put on the badge of their office and were seated with the exception of.*

*After all Appointed and Elected Grand Officers were installed, the Installing Grand Officer called up the Grand Chapter and the Installing Grand Chaplain led in prayer at the Altar after which she returned to her station.*

*Installing Grand Matron then directed the Installing the Grand Marshal to proclaim the officers of the Grand Chapter of Delaware regularly installed with the exception of the Grand Organist.*

*The Grand Marshal made the proclamation and addressed the Installing Grand Matron stating that her duties were concluded and that all Grand Officers were installed with the exception of Sister Phyllis Ann Bowman, PGM*

*The Installing Grand Officer presented the gavel to the Worthy Grand Matron who seated the Sisters and Brothers.*

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH  
OF  
THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
AND  
THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

*Note in the essence of time, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's remarks were done together*

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Kathleen A. Trombly:** It is with great joy that I accept this gift from you, your trust in electing me as your Worthy Grand Matron for the coming year. I pledge to you my heart and hands as we work through this year. I look forward to working side by side, shoulder to shoulder with you to continue the great legacy we have been handed by those who came before us.

*The Installing Officers were asked to rise.*

Sister Joan, over the years I have learned much from you and I hope you will continue to teach me. I am pleased to call you a dear friend. Thank you for serving as our Installing Officer this evening, and thank you for being willing to co-chair our Sessions Committee.

Brother Jeff, I've come to know you in the past few years as a considerate person, a straight talker, a gentleman. Thank you for your support, your friendship, and for helping launch us into this year.

Sister Joy, I was honored to serve as Grand Chaplain during your year with Brother Gene Edwards. Over the years you have provided me with ideas, well researched answers to my questions, and solid guidance. I thank you for starting this year for us by serving as our Installing Grand Marshal

Sister Debbie, years ago you and I made plans for our travels up the line and Grand Line, but it turned out that God had other ideas for each of us. It means a great deal to me that you are our Installing Grand Chaplain. Thank you so much.

Brother Ernie, as always, your music has added greatly to the seriousness of our work and to the atmosphere of fellowship. Thank you for being a part of our Installing Suite.

Please join Brother Wayne and me in a hand of appreciation for our Installing Officers.

To our Grand Family: we thank you for accepting the mantle of service to this organization and this Grand Chapter. It is a true delight to see you all together for the first time. Each of you owns a special corner of our hearts and we know we will have a grand year indeed in spite of COVID.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you have stood here in our shoes with the coming year such an unknown. We know we have your support and love and that we can call on each of you. I know you will step up and whisper in my ear any time you see a need. I thank you in advance for sharing the wisdom of your journey with us.

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne A. Stacey:** All that I can give you in return for this wonderful evening is a little sentence of three words: I thank you.

Although I have assumed the duties and responsibility by my election to the station of Worthy Grand Patron, I am truly humbled and very grateful for the opportunity to serve during our Centennial year.

Let me assure you that I do not take the responsibilities of Worthy Grand Patron lightly. I was taught many years ago as a young military officer that “a Captain is only good as his crew”. Therefore, I would ask each and every one of my sisters and brothers to support your chapters and, in doing so, support the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Along with the Worthy Grand Matron, I promise faithful obedience to our promises made this evening. I promise to do all in my power to promote the welfare and prosperity of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Donna and Brother Tom, we congratulate you on a job well done and a most successful and surprising two-year run. It has been our privilege to serve with you as we marched our way up the line. I pray we will always enjoy the bonds of our friendship we have experienced over the years.

We are delighted with our committee appointments which are listed in your program. To our Committee chairmen and

members, we appreciate that you have taken on a year of dedicated service to our Grand Chapter by accepting these appointments and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We know it will be a great year with you in charge of so much that is to come. Sisters and Brothers, we invite you to say 'yes' when they call on you for your assistance and the use of your talents.

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Kathleen Trombly:** Our session will be entitled "The Sands of Time." As you can see in the program for this evening, we have centered our theme around time: the past, present, and future of our Grand Chapter. We have also given recognition to our privilege of having served as commissioned officers in the military of our great country. And thus, the email newsletter Turkey Talk is renamed Now Hear This.

The charities supported this year by Grand Chapter include our VA Hobby Cart at Elsmere, Heart, Cancer, ESTARL, and Service Dogs. For this year, our traditional Benefit funds will be combined with those of the Service Dog committee which will provide a greater amount for this purpose.

Brother Wayne and I have chosen as our personal charity Delaware Hospice, who blessed me and my mother during the last weeks of her life. We request that there be no gifts other than donations to charities, and these charities in particular. Making the lives of others better is the heartbeat of our Grand Chapter, and we would see it continue strong into our new century of existence.

My year of service is lovingly dedicated to my parents, Brother James Pierce and Sister Marjorie Pierce, who believed in me from the very beginning of my life; to Glenn, my husband, who wonders what in the world can keep me away from home so often for so long but believes in this work, nonetheless. I dedicate this year to my Chapter, Victory No. 15 and Brother Wayne's Chapter, Georgetown No. 9, who have assisted us in all ways possible for the past three years. And of course, to Sister Jackie Collier.

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne A. Stacey:** My year of service is dedicated to my mother, Sister Nancy R. Stacey, a

fifty-year plus member of the Order who encouraged me to run for the office of Grand Sentinel.

I also dedicate this year to Sister Betty Loeffel. She was deputy of Georgetown Chapter for many years and made sure I learned the work of the Order properly to lead my Chapter as Worthy Patron and to make a good and lasting impression on candidates entering our Order. Sister Betty had great confidence in my ability and trained me well to stand here prepared to be your Worthy Grand Patron.

I dedicate this year to Victory Chapter and Georgetown Chapter, who have given to Sister Kathleen and me much help and support for the past three years. Without their love, I could not have made this journey by myself. Saving the best for last, I dedicate this year to my wife, Juliana, who has believed in me throughout our years of marriage and has fully supported my work in this Order.

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Kathleen A. Trombly:**

*The members of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 were asked to rise.*

Brother Homer and Sister Marge Jennings welcomed me into their home when I first asked about joining the Order; Sister Barbara Sturgill was the Deputy of Caesar Rodney Chapter in 1996, and she took great care to teach me the basics of the organization. You are the ones who placed the foundation of Eastern Star in my heart and head. See where your work has led me. Sisters and Brothers, please join me in a hand of appreciation for the members of Caesar Rodney.

*The members of Victory Chapter No. 15 were asked to rise.*

I am proud to be counted with you, to be included in the family that we are. I am proud of the work you do, and I hope you will be proud of the work I do this year. Brother Wayne and I thank you now for the support we know you will give us during this year - we are so grateful. Sisters and Brothers please join with me in a hand of appreciation and love for the members of Victory Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne A. Stacey:**

*The members of Georgetown Chapter were asked to rise.*

The members of Georgetown Chapter, who accepted me as one of their own back in 1993 while I was serving as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station Indian River Inlet. You all treated me like family and welcomed me into your chapter. Little did I know what was in store for me! Sister Kathy and I thank you in advance for the help and love we know you will give us during this special year. Please join me in a hearty hand of appreciation for all the love and assistance that Georgetown Chapter has given and will give in support of the success of our year.

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Kathleen A. Trombly:** The Bible on the altar was presented in 1981 by Victory Chapter to Sister Jackie Collier when she was installed as WGM. Jackie's daughter gifted it to me and, forty years later, it again resides on our altar. We hope this Bible will reside on the altar at all of our Official Visits. In honor of the deep and abiding friendship I shared with Jackie, it will be Sister Ethelene who will carry the Bible and place it on the altar.

#### **PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

The Worthy Grand Patron requested the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware AF&AM to approach the West where Most Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haas, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware AF&AM and a member of Victory Chapter No. 15 was introduced and then escorted to the East by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne A. Stacey.

#### **GREETINGS**

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Jeffrey D. Haas:**

It is such a pleasure to be out and see everybody. I do not know everybody but when you walk into this room you feel like you know everybody and that is the most important thing, and it is so great to be out. I have a few short words. We want to open the Chapters back up and hopefully we will have some good news coming out very soon. As soon as the Governor (*John Carney*) gives the go ahead, which will probably be next week, so look forward to getting out and doing what we do the best.

We want to make 2021 a great year and we want to start it off today.



*Most Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haas concluded his remarks by thanking everyone so much.*

*Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Kathleen A. Trombly thanked Brother Jeff for attending the Installation, which meant a lot to Worthy Grand Patron Wayne and her. She hope during the coming year when we are out of the basement and into the Chapter Rooms, that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter can get together and make good things happen.*

**PRESENTATION OF JEWELS  
JUNIOR PAST GRAND MATRON AND  
JUNIOR PAST GRAND PATRON**

Sister Kathi Anderson, PGM, 2-year, Grand Trustees and Sister Deena M. Yale, 3-year Grand Trustees presented the Past Grand Jewels with pleasure

*Before beginning the presentation Sister Kathi Anderson, PGM, requested that Sister Donna Hiddemen, Brother Tom Morganstern, Sister Brenda Steinman, Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP and Sister Linda Morganstern approach the East.*

The Past Grand Matrons jewel being presented was originally worn by Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Eliza Crossland and Nancy Edwards.

*Sister Kathi presented the pin to Brother Robert Hiddemen, PGP who then pinned the jewel on Sister Donna.*

Sister Donna remarked that it is an honor to receive the pin worn by Sisters Eliza and Nancy as they were from Ruth Chapter No. 19. Sister Eliza encouraged her take the path to Worthy Grand Matron and asked that she do so before she died. It didn't happen that way, but Sister Donna remarked that she was now here but hopes she wasn't the one who arranged to have her stay two years. Sister Donna then thanked everyone and was given a round of applause

*On behalf of the Grand Trustees, Sister Kathi Anderson, PGM, Chairman Grand Trustees addressed Brother Tom Morganstern remarking that they both deserve two pins for the added time served and turned the mike over to Sister Brenda Steinman*

**Sister Brenda Steinman, PM:** On behalf of a man who is in heaven, Brother Robert Steinman, I know he would want you to wear this pin. He wore it in pride in representing Delaware and I know that you will wear it with just as much pride. Unfortunately, I cannot give you the black fedora. Wear it in good health.

*Sister Brenda then presented the pin to Sister Linda Morganstern who pinned the jewel on Brother Tom.*

Brother Tom responded that it was with great pleasure that he accepted the Past Grand Patrons pin and although it was two years, he enjoyed every minute of it.

### **PRESENTATION OF TRAVELING JEWELS**

Sister Donna S. Hiddemen, Junior Past Grand Matron, presented the Worthy Grand Matron's Traveling Jewel to Sister Kathleen Trombly with the hope that she has many opportunities to wear it inside the state if you wish and outside. I hope that you wear it with great pride and hope you enjoy it. She also presented Sister Kathy with the Seal of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Tom presented the Worthy Grand Patron's Traveling Jewel with great pleasure to Brother Wayne Stacey, Worthy Grand Patron.

### **PRESENTATION OF DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS**

*The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the Deputy Grand Lecturers for the coming year please rise.*

Adah No. 5 ..... Catherine Schultz, PGM (12)  
Sussex No. 7..... Marlene Mickles, GC (7)  
Caesar Rodney No. 8..... Virginia E. Crockett, PGM (8,19)  
Georgetown No. 9 ..... Jennifer E. Grasset, PM (9)  
Frankford No. 12..... Jane M. Morris, PGM (12)  
Victory No. 15..... Joan S. Edward, PGM (15)  
Unity No. 16..... Joy Hopkins, PGM (16)  
Ruth No. 19..... Deborah D. Good, PGM (8)  
Naomi No. 20..... Sara A. Quinby, PGM (20)

We chose you specifically because we know you will work diligently with your Chapter members and encourage anyone who desires to complete a proficiency certification. We thank you for accepting this position of responsibility.



2022 Grand Family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From the Worthy Grand Matron:** We are coming out of the basement and into the yard with a September Dog Day Afternoon, October Fest in October and ESTARL Picnic in July. All are encouraged to get their shoes on and come out of the house.

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne A. Stacey:** I would like to thank each of you for sharing this evening with us. It is a once in a lifetime event for Sister Kathy and me. We invite you to join us in November when we hope to have our Grand Officers' Reception. Please greet your new Grand Family as you leave this evening. We wish you safe travels home.

Grand Officers are requested to come to the East for an Official photograph with masks after the Grand Chapter is closed.

## CLOSING CEREMONY

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress to attend the Altar.

At the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Marshal proclaimed the 99th Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star closed to reconvene for the 100th Session, May 9th, 2022.

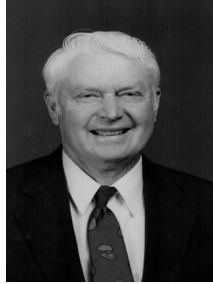
All repeated the *Mizpah Benediction*.

*The Sisters and Brothers were asked to remain seated while the Grand Officers of 2021-2022 departed the Grand Chapter Room. The Installing Grand Organist played "Anchors Aweigh" as the Grand Officers retired.*

*Due to COVID 19 restriction there was no receiving line or reception.*

***IN MEMORIUM***

*This page is dedicated to  
the member of*



*BROTHER CHARLES IRE CREECH  
Most Worthy Grand Patron  
General Grand Chapter  
2000 - 2003*

*Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Louisiana*

*Worthy Patron  
Guiding Star Chapter No. 86*

*Order of the Eastern Star*

*ENTERED INTO REST  
February 25, 2020*

*This page is dedicated to  
the memory of*



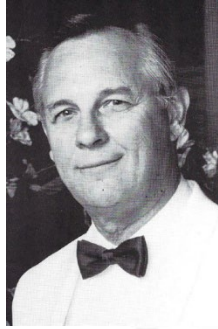
*SISTER ESTHER MELVIN BERNER  
Worthy Grand Matron  
1985 - 1986*

*ENTERED INTO REST  
November 8, 2019*

Another leaf has fallen, another soul has gone  
But still, we have God's promises in every robin's song.  
For He is in His Heaven and though He takes away  
He always leaves to mortals the bright sun's kindly ray,  
He leaves the fragrant blossoms And lovely forests, green,  
And gives us newfound comfort when we on Him will lean.

--Franklin Lee Stevenson

*This page is dedicated to  
the memory of*



*BROTHER EUGENE A. LOCKERMAN, JR*  
*Worthy Grand Patron*  
*1992 - 1993*

*ENTERED INTO REST*  
*February 26, 2020*

The sun has set on our Brother's life  
The end has come and now there is no more strife  
By the hand of God, he has been crowned  
Peace God gave and peace our Brother has found.



*This page is dedicated to  
the memory of*



*SISTER WINFRED "BICKY" HULME  
Worthy Grand Matron  
1971 - 1972*

*ENTERED INTO REST  
October 8, 2020*

...Those we love must sometimes  
pass beyond our present sight –  
But we know that, like the candle,  
they are just away.

That another room is brightened  
by their warm and lovely ray  
And in Heaven's candelabra  
they shine divinely birth –  
Each Candle burning  
forevermore in God's eternal light.

*From of Sister Winfred's Worthy Grand  
Matron's Report, May 1972*

*This page is dedicated to  
the memory of*



***BROTHER J. EDDIE MORRIS**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
2014 - 2015*

***ENTERED INTO REST**  
October 28, 2020*

To a beautiful garden these loved  
ones have gone to the land of perfect rest.  
Their work is done, and  
the setting sun has sealed their life's quest.  
They have left this earthly garden  
for a home beyond the sea.  
Though they are gone,  
they still live on in the garden of memory.

*From the report of Sister Vickie J. Nicklas'  
Worthy Grand Matron's Report, May 2015*

*This page is dedicated to  
the memory of*



*SISTER HELENA BEATRICE  
"LEE" ANDERSON  
Worthy Grand Matron  
1995 - 1996  
ENTERED INTO REST  
March 14, 2021*

*"Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I  
do not sleep, I am a thousand winds that blow.*

*I am the diamond glints on snow.*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain.*

*I am the gentle autumn's rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,*

*I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet  
birds in circled flight.*

*I am the soft star that shines at night.*

*I am not there. I did not die."*

*From of Sister Lee Anderson's  
Worthy Grand Matron's Report, May 1996*

*This page is dedicated to the  
memory of*



**BROTHER WILLIAM ELLIOTT EDWARDS**  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

**2010 - 2011**

**ENTERED INTO REST**

**APRIL 11, 2021**

After the clouds, the sunshine,  
After the winter, the spring,  
After the shower, the rainbow,  
For life is a changeable thing.  
After the night, the morning,  
Bidding all darkness cease,  
After life's cares and sorrow,  
The comfort and sweetness of peace  
*From Sister Jane M. Morris'*  
*Worthy Grand Matron's Report May 2011*



*This page is dedicated*  
*to the memory*  
*of*  
**OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS**  
**OF THE**  
**SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**  
**OF DELAWARE**  
**WHO ENTERED INTO REST**  
**2019 - 2021**

*One by one the links are severed  
from the Golden chain of love,  
One by one our Order's forming,  
in the Father's home above.  
Let our deeds be pure and noble,  
may our lives be not in vain,  
So that when the links are welded,  
complete again will be the chain.*

**MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS  
OF  
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF DELAWARE**

\*Deceased \*\*Suspended \*\*\*Demitted

Until 1986 the term for Subordinate Chapter Officers were January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Starting in 1987 terms were from April 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year.  
See the Proceedings of the 65<sup>th</sup> "Starlight Garden of Life" Session, page 109

## DELAWARE CHAPTER NO. 1 – WILMINGTON

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Mar. 10, 1914/Date of Charter Mar. 18, 1914

Consolidated with Ruth Chapter No. 19 on December 4, 1989

***Mrs. Julia M. Story, PGM	1914	*Col. Enoch Moore
***Mrs. Julia M. Story, PGM	1915	**Frank L. Howard, PGP
*Mrs. Margaret J. Redmile	1916	**J. Edward Truitt
*Mrs. Louise W. Green, PGM	1917	**J. Edward Truitt
*Mrs. Celia K. Pierson	1918	**William E. Simon
*Mrs. Mary N. H. Unruh	1919	***Oscar W. Stiegler
*Mrs. Laura V. McKay	1920	*C. Herbert Neutze PGP
*Mrs. M. Etta Keys PGM	1921	***Rev. Edmund Stevens
*Mrs. Jean H. Cauffman PGM	1922	*William H. Redmile PGP
*Mrs. Ruth A. Neutze	1923	*David J. Jones
***Mrs. Jeanette L. White	1924	*Frederick Lang, Jr.
*Mrs. Estelle Holt	1925	*Charles M. Blame
*Mrs. Ella M. Fisher	1926	**Cornelius E. Beatty
**Mrs. Mary E. H. Carpenter	1927	*Robert W. Johnson
*Mrs. Marguerite D. Pyle	1928	*Samuel H. Cauffman
*Mrs. Bertha B. Jones	1929	*Harry H. Stiles
*Mrs. Bertha B. Williams	1930	*Harvey Sanderson
*Mrs. Florence Lang Bodamer	1931	**G. Randall Carpenter
*Mrs. Edna Watson	1932	*Frank P. Keys
*Mrs. Jane Brinton Krauss	1933	*Fred L. Reuter
***Mrs. Ida N. McGinnis	1934	**Calvin M. Whitesell
*Mrs. Hallie Coleman	1935	*Walter Scheuler
*Mrs. Blanche N. Milbourn	1936	*Clarence R. Holt
*Mrs. Clara A. Reuter PGM	1937	*Perry C. Cotty PGP
***Mrs. Innes I. Escott	1938	*William D. Venn, Jr
*Mrs. Catherine Weaver	1939	*Raymond H. Wilhelm
*Mrs. Mildred S. Martin	1940	*Fred L. Reuter
*Mrs. Charlotte Venn	1941	***Harry A. Roberts
*Mrs. Eva M. Moulton	1942	*Percy C. Cotty PGP
*Mrs. Mamie P. Wendling	1943	*Robert J. Oliver
*Mrs. Elvira J. Ziegler PGM	1944	*L. Clark Ziegler
*Mrs. Madeline S. Litchfield	1945	*Perry C. Cotty PGP
*Mrs. Bertha Kelley	1946	*Raymond H. Wilhelm
***Mrs. Mildred Kitchen Lee	1947	*Robert J. Oliver
*Mrs. Helen Helbing	1948	*Otto Helbing
*Mrs. Sophronia Harmon	1949	*William Mutschler
***Mrs. Elsie I. Conley	1950	*Perry C. Cotty PGP
*Mrs. Miriam Ziegler	1951	*James Kitchen
*Mrs. Virginia Newth	1952	*Walter Scheuler
*Mrs. Margaret L. Wicks	1953	*Samuel M. Weldie
*Mrs. Florence Walls	1954	*John Conley PGP
*Mrs. Ruth D. Loveless	1955	*Raymond H. Wilhelm
*Mrs. Ruth E. O. Walls	1956	*Bryan Walls
*Mrs. Adelaide L. Martin PGM	1957	*William Tschamber
Mrs. Janet Martin Day PGM	1958	*Carl E. Olliver PGP
*Miss Dorothy W. Roberts	1959	*Bryan Walls
*Mrs. Theresa B. Olliver	1960	*Carl E. Olliver PGP
*Mrs. Flora E. Rust	1961	*William Tschamber
*Mrs. H. Eurith Schmucker	1962	*Bryan Walls
*Mrs. Edith H. Keiser	1963	**Clifford H. Downs
*Mrs. Florence L. Haines	1964	*E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
***Mrs. Margaret R. Hubbard	1965	*John Conley PGP
*Miss Theodora Collins	1966	*Carl H. Rust
*Mrs. Beatrice S. Neary	1967	**Clifford H. Downs
***Mrs. Elizabeth K. Conner	1968	*John Conley PGP
**Mrs. Patricia A. Bringle	1969	**Thomas J. Bringle

*Mrs. Marjorie D. Chris	1970	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
***Mrs. Virginia L. Semple	1971	**Thomas J. Bringle
*Mrs. Marguerite R. Davis	1972	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
***Mrs. Evelyn L. Williams	1973	*Carl H. Rust
Miss Barbara A. Hearn	1974	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith E. DeLacy Chris	1975	*Alexander Chris
*Mrs. Edith E. DeLacy Chris	1976	*Alexander Chris
Miss Irma J. King	1978	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith E. DeLacy Chris	1979	*Alexander Chris
*Mrs. Marjorie Chris	1980	*Alexander Chris
*Mrs. Elizabeth B. Kester	1981	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Martha L. Mossinger	1982	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith H. Keiser	1983	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith H. Keiser	1984	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith H. Keiser	1985	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith H. Keiser	1986-1987	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Edith H. Keiser	1987-1988	*Willard Cauffman
***Mrs. Frances Lindberg, (Acting)	1988-1989	E. Watson Day, Jr. PGP

\*\*\*James K. Schinn, Demitted from Adah Chapter No. 5

\*Mrs. Odell Guy, Demitted from Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8

\*Mrs. Anna M. Harrington, Demitted from Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8

\*Mrs. Beneta T. Meenan, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*\*\*Mrs. Frances Lindberg, Demitted from Laurel Chapter No. 18

#### MIZPAH CHAPTER NO. 2 – WILMINGTON

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Feb. 5, 1918/Date of Charter Apr. 18, 1918

Consolidated with Ruth Chapter No. 19 on March 16, 1987

*Mrs. Nellie J. Drake	1918	***Burton M. Meyer
***Mrs. Ethel M. Draine	1919	*C. Baker McCullough
*Miss Mary A. Green	1920	*Harry F. Newlin PGP
*Mrs. Florence McCullough	1921	*George A. Hodgson
**Mrs. Carrie H. Wright	1922	*Jacob R. Koffenberger
*Mrs. Rose E. Newlin PGM	1923	*Oscar D. Ridings
**Mrs. Helen Barrett	1924	*Howard E. Sheppard
*Mrs. Irene Bauer PGM	1925	*George H. Larrimore
*Mrs. Dora B. England	1926	*Leroy W. Beatty
*Mrs. Sadie C. Ridings	1927	*Sewel K. Lynch
*Mrs. Mary E. Porter	1928	*George M. Tattersall
**Mrs. Edna L. Maloney	1929	**Harry L. Rash
*Mrs. Isabelle F. Collins	1930	*George A. Hodgson
*Mrs. May A. Heathcote	1931	*George A. Hodgson
*Mrs. Mabel M. Gibney	1932	*Howard E. Sheppard
*Mrs. Sarah MacLachon	1933	*George M. Tattersall
*Mrs. Mary R. Blair	1934	*George A. Hodgson
*Mrs. Laura B. Fulmer	1935	*Harry F. Newlin PGP
*Mrs. Ethel M. Bard	1936	*Robert M. Rogers PGP
*Mrs. E. Mae Larrimore	1937	*Horace K. Fulmer PGP
*Mrs. Virginia Morris	1938	**Orville M. Steele
*Mrs. Bella S. Tattersall	1939	*Leroy W. Beatty
*Mrs. Edith Dunlop Houston	1940	***Orville M. Steele
***Mrs. Myra D. Robinson	1941	*Horace K. Fulmer PGP
*Mrs. Mabel C. Johnson	1942	*George M. Tattersall
*Mrs. Gladys E. Guerke	1943	*Horace K. Fulmer PGP
*Mrs. Marion Simpson PGM	1944	*Leroy W. Beatty
**Mrs. Ethel Adams	1945	*Jonathan J. Burris



*Mrs. Edna Carter	1946	*Leroy W. Beatty
*Mrs. Marie Burris	1947	*Jonathan J. Burris
*Mrs. Mildred Bryan	1948	**Charles E. Bryan, Jr.
*Mrs. Emma Wheeler	1949	*John W. Paulson, Jr
***Mrs. Edith C. Galloway PGM	1950	*John E. King
*Miss Eliza L. Crossland PGM	1951	*Harold G. Shaub
*Mrs. Alice Paulson	1952	*John W. Paulson, Sr.
*Mrs. Margaret King	1953	*John E. King
*Mrs. Myrtle Shaub	1954	*Harold G. Shaub
*Miss Emily Crossland	1955	***Edward Kopp
**Mrs. Adella Ruth	1956	**Edward A. Ruth
*Mrs. Jeanette D. Wilson	1957	*Harold G. Shaub
*Mrs. L. Virginia Ruth	1958	*Allen Ruth, Jr.
***Mrs. Elizabeth Loeffel	1959	*John E. King
*Mrs. Lucille J. Haller	1960	*Leon C. Haller
*Mrs. Effie Marvonek PGM	1961	*Samuel P. Stewart
*Mrs. Lulu Wallace	1962	*Allen Ruth, Jr.
*Mrs. Lillian R. Waggoner	1963	*Allen Ruth, Jr.
*Mrs. Mary E. B. McCloskey	1964	*Harold G. Shaub
***Mrs. Madelyn M. Seymour	1965	*John W. Paulson, Sr
***Mrs. Madelyn M. Seymour	1966	**James M. Johnson
*Mrs. Olga S. Tosh	1967	*Samuel P. Stewart
*Mrs. Margaret S. Wood	1968	*Leon C. Haller
**Mrs. Thelma E. Johnson	1969	*George J. Seymour
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1970	***Gordon F. Winegar
***Mrs. Gladys Fetterolf	1971	***Gordon F. Winegar
*Mrs. Myrtle V. Ellingsworth	1972	*George J. Seymour
**Mrs. Stephanie Getz	1973	*John W. Paulson, Sr
***Mrs. Mary Franks Kashishian	1974	*John W. Paulson, Sr.
***Mrs. Elsie W. Kemery	1975	*George J. Seymour
***Mrs. Elsie W. Kemery	1976	*George J. Seymour
*Mrs. Margaret S. Wood	1977	***Gordon F. Winegar
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1978	***Gordon F. Winegar
***Mrs. Elsie Kemery	1979	*George J. Seymour
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1980	***Gordon F. Winegar
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1981	***Gordon F. Winegar
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1982	*Charles Hattenfield
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1983	*Charles Hattenfield
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1984	*Charles Hattenfield
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1985	*Charles Hattensfield
***Mrs. Margaret R. Myers	1986-1987	*Charles Hattensfield

### JULIA M. STORY CHAPTER No. 3 – WILMINGTON

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Mar. 11, 1918/Date of Charter Jul. 22, 1918

Charter Surrendered January 31, 1979

*Mrs. Amy E. Meyer PGM	1918	***Rev. Thomas V. Wingate
*Mrs. Lily Ann H. Pyle	1919	*Robert S. Wood
*Mrs. Ann T. Hamilton	1920	*Elhanan B. Wilson PGP
*Miss Fannie W. Brown	1921	***Fred Macklin
***Mrs. Violet A. Rush	1922	*Andrew Cathcart
**Mrs. Jennie M. Hill	1923	*Dr. Jay W. Miller PGP
*Mrs. Annabelle Sauter PGM	1924	*John Frederick PGP

***Mrs. Alberta E. Stewart	1925	***James Duncan PGP
*Mrs. Helen C. E. Browne	1926	***James Duncan PGP
*Mrs. Myrtle C. Nesbitt PGM	1927	*Ellsworth L. Jones
***Mrs. Catherine B. Jones	1928	**William L. Nixon
*Mrs. Beulah G. Backus	1929	*John Frederick PGP
*Mrs. Elizabeth P. Frederick	1930	*Ellsworth L. Jones
**Mrs. Ellen K. Robinson	1931	*Dr. Jay W. Miller PGP
*Mrs. Beatrice C. Nah	1932	***J. Calvin Hastings
*Mrs. Frances M. Shorter	1933	***E. Everett Ragan
*Mrs. E. Lillian Miller	1934	***Charles V. Cleaver PGP
*Mrs. Mabel L. Nixon	1935	***Charles V. Cleaver PGP
*Mrs. Ella F. Cleaver	1936	*E. Everett Ragan
***Mrs. Helen R. Cleaver	1937	*Ellsworth L. Jones
*Mrs. Mary P. Frame	1938	* William L. Meenan
*Mrs. Harriet V. Scott	1939	**William L. Nixon
*Mrs. Alice M. Jones	1940	***Charles V. Cleaver PGP
*Miss Martha M. White	1941	*Harlan L. Cloud PGP
***Mrs. Marion T. Frederick	1942	*William L. Meenan
***Mrs. Beneta T. Meenan	1943	***Charles V. Cleaver PGP
***Mrs. H. Jean Cottman	1944	*Harlan L. Cloud PGP
***Mrs. Ruth V. Jenkins	1945	*William L. Meenan
*Mrs. Mabel L. Stirlith	1946	*Harlan L. Cloud PGP
***Mrs. Mary E. Pople	1947	*Joseph E. Nesbit
*Mrs. Phoebe E. Sharpley	1948	**Joseph N. Borglin
*Mrs. Sara Schafer	1949	*William L. Meenan
***Mrs. Sylvia M. Knox PGM	1950	*Charles E. Sharpley
**Mrs. Bessie M. Borglin	1951	*Joseph N. Borglin
*Mrs. Katherine Schroeder	1952	***Ross M. Lanius PGP
*Mrs. Edith Zeyher	1953	*William L. Meenan
***Mrs. Virginia Moore	1954	*Charles E. Sharpley
**Mrs. Isabelle D. Allen	1955	*Horace S. Allen, Jr
*Mrs. Julia H. Dawson	1956	***Charles V. Cleaver PGP
***Mrs. Elaine M. Watson	1957	***Charles V. Cleaver PGP
***Mrs. Iris M. Lyons	1958	*Horace S. Allen, Jr.
**Mrs. Marion V. Haefner	1959	***Howard C. Hall PGP
**Mrs. Phyllis S. Johnston	1960	*Charles E. Sharpley
***Mrs. Iva C. Hall	1961	***Howard C. Hall PGP
***Mrs. Helen Coyle	1962	***Paul Coyle
***Mrs. Bessie O. Murray	1963	***Thomas W. Lovell
***Mrs. Lillian A. Lovell	1964	***Thomas W. Lovell
***Mrs. Eleanor T. Reynolds	1965	***Robert W. Reynolds
***Mrs. Eleanor T. Reynolds	1966	***Robert W. Reynolds
***Mrs. Ellen E. Buckalew	1967	***Robert W. Reynolds
***Mrs. Katherine G. Devenney	1968	***Howard C. Hall PGP
***Mrs. Katherine G. Devenney	1969	***Howard C. Hall PGP
***Mrs. Frances C. McCrery	1970	***Thomas W. Lovell
***Mrs. Natalie Gardiner	1971	***Perc Gardiner
***Mrs. Florence Schroeder	1972	***Thomas W. Lovell
***Mrs. Florence Schroeder	1973	***Thomas W. Lovell
***Mrs. Iva C. Hall	1974	***Howard C. Hall PGP
***Mrs. Iva C. Hall	1975	***Ross M. Lanius PGP
***Mrs. Iva C. Hall	1976	***Ross M. Lanius PGP
***Mrs. Carol L. Lind	1977	***Howard C. Hall PGP
***Mrs. Carol L. Lind	1978	***Howard C. Hall PGP

**ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4 – WILMINGTON**

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Nov. 18, 1918/Date of Charter Mar. 28, 1919

Consolidated with Naomi Chapter No. 20 on June 20, 2007

*Mrs. Mattie Pyle Horn PGM	1918	*J. Stuart Horn
*Mrs. Mattie Pyle Horn PGM	1919	*J Stuart Horn
*Mrs. Bertha M. Smith PGM	1920	*Harvey F. Smith
*Mrs. Minnie A. Riley	1921	*Alfred M. Clower PGP
*Mrs. Mary M. Clower PGM	1922	*Willard T. Loreman
*Mrs. Sara S. MacNamee PGM	1923	*Frank L. Bartram
*Mrs. Hattie Wainwright	1924	*Frank L. Harrar PGP
*Mrs. Martha J. McMullen	1925	*Nicholas A. Grubb
*Mrs. Alice D. White	1926	*George E. Hirlinger
*Mrs. Bertha E. M. Harrar	1927	*Horace K. Brown
*Mrs. Anne G. Hirlinger	1928	*Grover C. MacNamee PGP
*Mrs. Margaret Peters	1929	*Herbert D. Peters
*Mrs. Helen M. Ludlum	1930	**J. Paul Adams
*Miss Elizabeth M. Woodrow	1931	*Charles T. Wainwright
*Miss K. Isabel Krause	1932	*Edward R. Livermore
*Mrs. Madeline C. L. Bailey	1933	*Elmer D. Howell
*Mrs. Elva W. Lang	1934	**Frederick Stout PGP
*Mrs. Jane Griffith	1935	*J. Harry Allbrittain
*Mrs. Anne Stout	1936	*George E. Hirlinger
*Mrs. Elizabeth E. George	1937	*Grover C. MacNamee PGP
*Miss Elizabeth M. Fisher	1938	*Joseph T. Maxwell
*Miss Bella B. Gray	1939	*Alfred T. Crossland
*Mrs. Mary A. Fiorelli	1940	*Willard T. Loreman
*Mrs. Florence G. Craig	1941	**Frederick Stout PGP
*Mrs. Ella V. Smack	1942	*Harry B. Murdock
*Mrs. Emma G. Thomas	1943	*J. Harry Allbrittain
*Mrs. Maude G. Ames	1944	*Willard T. Loreman
*Mrs. Lois Ayres	1945	*J. Harry Allbrittain
*Mrs. Alice M. Minner	1946	*William D. Ayres
*Mrs. Olivia Enright	1947	*Eugene Hackendorn, Jr.
*Mrs. Helen Camperson	1948	*Jacob S. Allen, Jr
*Mrs. Isabelle A. Minto	1949	*J. Harry Allbrittain
*Mrs. Marion J. Craig	1950	*Jacob S. Allen, J
*Mrs. Susan D. Cardwell	1951	*John F. Campbell
*Miss Laura Erdman	1952	***John R. Crossland, III
*Mrs. Grace S. Allen	1953	*William F. Nutter PGP
*Mrs. Ruth C. Nutter	1954	*J. Harry Allbrittain
*Mrs. Dorothy Sweeney Tagnon	1955	*John F. Campbell
*Mrs. Margaret O. Holloway	1956	*Edgar O. Holloway
*Mrs. Dorothy M. Cochran	1957	**Robert G. Revels
*Mrs. Gertrude Fleming	1958	*John F. Campbell
*Mrs. Anna M. Rohrbaugh	1959	*John F. Campbell
*Mrs. Elsie I. Sweeny	1960	*Charles R. Sweeny PGP
*Mrs. Bernadine E. Sipple	1961	*Thomas White, Jr.
*Mrs. Josephine Nichols	1962	*Thomas White, Jr.

*Mrs. Pearl L. Sweeny	1963	*Thomas B. Sweeny PGP
Mrs. Vada L. Lockerman PGM	1964	*Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr. PGP
Mrs. Lois H. Baker	1965	*J. Baptist Milano
Mrs. Marian O. Milano	1966	*Thomas B. Sweeny PGP
*Mrs. Jeanette Reed	1967	*Charles R. Sweeny PGP
*Mrs. Elizabeth B. Crosby	1968	*Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Frances Nowakowski	1969	*Thomas B. Sweeny PGP
*Mrs. Mary P. Hutchison	1970	*Lewis W. Hutchison
*Mrs. Ina W. Morton	1971	Robert G. Morton
*Mrs. Hilda Downward Sauer	1972	*Roland Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Hazel Rhodes	1973	*Charles R. Sweeny PGP
*Mrs. Helen O'Neal	1974	*Charles O'Neal
*Mrs. Lucille Willis	1975	*Edward R. Willis
Mrs. Anne Richter Lutz	1976	*Lewis W. Hutchison
*Mrs. Helen Johnson	1977	*Milton Johnson
Mrs. Patricia DeBonaventura	1978	*Charles O'Neal
Mrs. Betty Stahl	1979	*Roland Nichols PGP
Mrs. Helen O'Neal	1980	*Roland Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Mary P. Hutchison	1981	*Lewis W. Hutchison
*Mrs. Edwina Brooks Kenney	1982	*Roland Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Elsie Irene Burris	1983	*Ted Nowakowski
*Mrs. Shirley Evans	1984	Walter Evans
*Mrs. Shirley Evans	1985	Walter Evans
*Mrs. Frances Nowakowski	1986-1987	*Ted Nowakowski
*Mrs. Helen Johnson	1987-1988	*Roland Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Elsie Irene Burris	1988-1989	*Roland Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Linda Barry	1989-1990	Walter Evans
*Mrs. Lucille Willis	1990-1991	*Edward R. Willis
*Mrs. Anna Kramer	1991-1992	Walter Evans
*Mrs. Hazel Rhodes	1992-1993	*Edward R. Willis
*Mrs. Hazel Rhodes	1993-1994	*Charles O'Neal
Mrs. Mary Ann Needles	1994-1995	*Ted Nowakowski
Mrs. Mary Ann Needles	1995-1996	*Ted Nowakowski
*Mrs. Edith H. Foster	1996-1997	*Ted Nowakowski, (Acting)
*Mrs. Ann Panasewicz	1997-1998	*Ted Nowakowski
Mrs. Lana L. Donovan PGM	1998-1999	*Charles O'Neal
*Mrs. Edith H. Foster	1999-2000	*Charles O'Neal
*Mrs. Ann Panasewicz	2000-2001	*Charles O'Neal
Mrs. Sheila Davidson	2001-2002	*Charles O'Neal
*Miss Rinda Loftus	2002-2003	*Charles O'Neal
*Mrs. Frances Nowakowski	2003-2004	*Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr. PGP
Mrs. Vada L. Lockerman PGM	2004-2005	*Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Ann Panasewicz	2005-2006	*Charles O'Neal
*Miss Rinda Loftus	2006-2007	*Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr. PGP
*Mrs. Francis Nowakowski	2007-2008	*Eugene A. Lockerman, Jr. PGP

Mrs. Florence Schroeder, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

### ADAH CHAPTER NO. 5 – DELMAR

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. each month & 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of May at 7:30 pm. No meetings July or August.  
 Instituted under General Grand Chapter Sept. 3, 1918/Date of Charter Dec. 31, 1918  
 Meet in Masonic Temple, State Street, Delmar, MD 21875

Mrs. Laura Williams, 12947 Sycamore Road, Laurel, DE 19956-2730.....	Worthy Matron	
Arthur W. Holley, 6438 Oliver Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801-1725.....	Worthy Patron	
Mrs. Florence Horsey, 5214 Bob Horsey Road, Marion, MD 21838-2460.....	Associate Matron	
VACANT .....	Associate Patron	
Mrs. Lisa L. Ellis, 11193 E. Line Road, Delmar, DE 19940-3543 .....	Secretary	
*Mrs. Susie March	1918	*Joshua Ellegood
*Mrs. Susie March	1919	*Joshua Ellegood
*Mrs. Anna T. Ellis	1920	*Harry T. Hickey PGP
*Miss Rose L. Freeny	1921	*Albert R. Hearn
*Mrs. Fannie V. Hickman	1922	*James H. Conway
*Mrs. Anne S. Parker	1923	**Ira F. Hearn
*Mrs. Lelah Freeny	1924	*Thomas H. Esham
*Mrs. Irma Baker Barr PGM	1925	*Thomas H. Esham
*Mrs. Charlotte Lear	1926	*Carroll S. Barr
*Mrs. Flora Culver	1927	*Samuel M. Ellis
*Mrs. Ella Carmine	1928	*Victor J. Carmine PGP
*Mrs. Anna D. Peters	1929	***James K. Shinn
*Mrs. Anna Lee Waller	1930	**Paul K. Ellis
*Mrs. Dora Fitzgerald PGM	1931	*Walter H. Whayland
***Mrs. Mattie B. Kirk	1932	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Blanche L. Melson	1933	**Paul K. Ellis
*Mrs. Alice P. Hutchison	1934	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Daisy B. Dunn	1935	*Levin R. Lowe
*Mrs. Mattie W. Ritchie	1936	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Maria Lobdell	1937	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Mary L. Nichols	1938	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Berth G. Marvel	1939	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
***Mrs. Addie Mae Snowden	1940	*David J. Snowden
*Mrs. Georgia G. Jones	1941	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Annie O. Elliott	1942	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Mabel R. Hearne	1943	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Hettie F. Hall	1944	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Paris B. Ewart	1945	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Clemmie C. West	1946	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Ida C. Lowe	1947	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Reta C. Wilkinson PGM	1948	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Mabel Venables	1949	Robert Vincent
*Mrs. Margie Stokes	1950	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Dorothea Werner Jones	1951	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Marian L. Hearn	1952	**Paul R. Lowe, Jr.
*Mrs. Sara E. Mitchell	1953	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Doris E. Truitt	1954	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Anna C. Hudson	1955	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Ethel Hudson	1956	*Ralph A. Baker
*Mrs. Louise B. Truitt	1957	***Joseph J. Maitha
*Mrs. M. Pearl LeCates	1958	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Doris V. Hearn	1959	*Luther Mitchell
*Mrs. Lois B. Webster	1960	*Robert J. Webster
Mrs. Alma Lee Smith	1961	*Ross M. Smith
*Mrs. Mildred A. Wootten PGM	1962	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
***Mrs. Mona M. Maitha	1963	***Joseph J. Maitha
Mrs. Sara D. Simms	1964	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP
*Mrs. Betty A. Lloyd	1965	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Virginia Sparrow	1966	*John L. Sparrow
**Mrs. Vonna Hotchkins	1967	*Ralph E. Nichols PGP

Mrs. Elizabeth Sparrow	1968	*John L. Sparrow
*Mrs. Ann Orrell	1969	*Ross M. Smith
*Mrs. Clara C. James PGM	1970	*Richard E. Lloyd
*Mrs. Ruth Ann Williams Bonneville	1971	*Charles T. Williams
***Mrs. Wanda Collins	1972	***Robert W. Collins
***Mrs. Carolyn Wootten	1973	*James Orrell
Mrs. Christine L. Cannon	1974	***Billy J. Cannon
*Mrs. Jeanette Taylor	1975	*Charles Betts
***Mrs. Mona M. Maitha	1976	*Charles Betts
***Mrs. Mona M. Maitha	1977	*Charles Betts
*Mrs. Sara E. Mitchell	1978	***Robert W. Collins
*Mrs. Clara C. James PGM	1979	***Robert W. Collins
*Mrs. Clara C. James PGM	1980	***Robert W. Collins
*Mrs. Sara E. Mitchell	1981	*Charles Betts
*Mrs. Sara E. Mitchell	1982	*Charles Betts
*Mrs. Clara C. James PGM	1983	*Charles Betts
Mrs. Virginia Sparrow	1984	*John L. Sparrow
Mrs. Virginia Sparrow	1985	*John L. Sparrow
*Mrs. Clara C. James PGM	1986-1987	*John L. Sparrow
Mrs. Ann L. Street PGM	1987-1988	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Linda McCann	1988-1989	*Ross M. Smith
*Mrs. Jessie J. Calloway	1989-1990	*Charles Betts
*Mrs. Jessie J. Calloway	1990-1991	*Charles Betts
Mrs. Christine L. Cannon	1991-1992	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Christine L. Cannon	1992-1993	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Christine L. Cannon	1993-1994	*Richard E. Lloyd
***Mrs. Wanda Collins	1994-1994	*Richard E. Lloyd
***Mrs. Wanda Collins	1995-1996	*Richard E. Lloyd
***Mrs. Wanda Collins	1996-1997	*Richard E. Lloyd
***Mrs. Wanda Collins	1997-1998	*Richard E. Lloyd
***Mrs. Wanda Collins	1998-1999	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Ann L. Street PGM	1999-2000	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Ann L. Street PGM	2000-2001	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Ann L. Street PGM	2001-2002	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Linda McCann	2002-2003	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Linda McCann	2003-2004	*Richard E. Lloyd
Mrs. Linda McCann	2004-2005	VACANT
Mrs. Linda McCann	2005-2006	VACANT
Mrs. Linda McCann	2006-2007	*Ross Smith
Mrs. Ann L. Street, PGM	2007-2008	David Holley PGP
Mrs. Ann L. Street, PGM	2008-2009	Arthur W. Holley PGP
Mrs. Hazel Smith	2009-2010	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Hazel Smith	2010-2011	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Florence Horsey	2011-2012	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Marie Holley	2012-2013	Arthur W. Holley PGP
Mrs. Sheryl Peters	2013-2014	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Sheryl Peters	2014-2015	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Ann L. Street, PGM	2015-2016	Arthur W. Holley PGP
Mrs. Ann L. Street, PGM	2016-2017	Arthur W. Holley PGP
Mrs. Florence Horsey	2017-2018	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Florence Horsey	2018-2019	David A. Holley PGP
Mrs. Laura Williams	2019-2021	Arthur W. Holley, PGP
Ms. Sandra McAbee, Plural Member with Annapolis Chapter No. 46 MD		
Katherine Dukes, Plural Member with Roelma Chapter No. 113 MD		
David A. Holley, Plural Member with Roelma Chapter No. 113, MD		
Arthur W. Holley, Plural Member with Roelma Chapter No. 113, MD		
Mrs. Florence Horsey, Plural Member with Wicomico Chapter No. 91, MD		
Mrs. Sheryl Peters, Plural Member with Wicomico Chapter No. 91, MD		
Mrs. Hazel Smith, Plural Member with Roelma Chapter No. 113, MD		

## RADIANT CHAPTER NO. 6 – WILMINGTON

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Oct. 29, 1919/Date of Charter Jan. 17, 1920  
Consolidated with Brandywine Chapter No. 14 on December 31, 1983

*Mrs. Lillie S. Riley PGM	1919	*A. Vicktor Hughes
*Mrs. Anna Staubach	1920	**Harry J. Beckerie
***Mrs. Mary Woodus	1921	**Walter R. Wood PGP
***Mrs. Mabel P. Wood	1922	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Myrtle L. Sawdon	1923	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
***Mrs. Gladys E. Sidel	1924	***Joseph A. Jackson
*Mrs. Edith B. Harmstead	1925	***Joseph A. Jackson
*Mrs. Gertrude E. Vincent	1926	*John P. Zebley
*Mrs. Jane C. Zebley PGM	1927	*John P. Zebley
*Miss Essie J. Dempsey	1928	*John P. Zebley
*Mrs. Elizabeth S. Burkins	1929	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Elva R. Curry	1930	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. M. Agnes Strickland	1931	***Carroll J. Lloyd
*Mrs. Bertha B. Lee	1932	***Carroll J. Lloyd
*Mrs. Anna M. Cavender	1933	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Miss Helen R. Wilson	1934	*William J. Beatty
*Mrs. Sadie C. Beatty	1935	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Virginia E. Hambricht	1936	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Edith McLean	1937	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
**Mrs. Helen C. Taft	1938	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Hannah C. Corkadell	1939	***Carroll J. Lloyd
*Mrs. Mary Vannort	1940	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Eva Casper	1941	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
***Mrs. Ann C. Leonard	1942	*George W. Richards
*Mrs. Mary A. King	1943	*Charles C. Hastings
***Mrs. Anna Lloyd	1944	*Charles C. Hastings
*Mrs. Louise G. Pusey	1945	***Carroll J. Lloyd
*Mrs. M. Louise Marshall	1946	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
***Mrs. Eleanor W. Smith	1947	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Mary W. Waller	1948	*Walter E. Sawdon PGP
*Mrs. Katherine P. Marshall PGM	1949	*Boyd N. Hambricht
*Mrs. Beda H. Lentz	1950	*Edgar E. Mortlock
*Mrs. Sara M. Cordrey	1951	*Ira S. Cordrey
Mrs. Edith A. McLennan	1952	*Boyd N. Hambricht
*Mrs. Callie S. Wood	1953	*Benjamin H. Cooper
*Miss Eunice Wood	1954	*Edgar E. Mortlock
**Mrs. Mary Ellison	1955	*Elwood T. Marshall
***Mrs. Miriam L. Williams	1956	***George N. Williams
*Mrs. Nellie M. Maharty	1957	*Paul W. Jenkins
**Mrs. M. Jane Jester	1958	*Edward E. Knisell
*Mrs. Mary E. Seymour	1959	*Frederick E. Otto
*Mrs. Elzada H. Berry	1960	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Dorothy Otto	1961	*Frederick E. Otto
**Mrs. Marion Place	1962	*Harry B. Marshall
***Mrs. Marion Jenkins Calvert	1963	*Paul W. Jenkins
*Mrs. Catherine Caldwell	1964	***Thomas W. Harvey
*Mrs. Betsy Ann Conner PGM	1965	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
***Mrs. Anna E. Krauss	1966	***Thomas W. Harvey

***Mrs. Mabel E. Harvey	1967	***Thomas W. Harvey
*Mrs. Rebecca J. Meyers	1968	*Edward E. Knisell
**Mrs. Gloria D. Tackitt	1969	**Allen E. Tackitt
***Mrs. Marion Jenkins Calvert	1970	***Thomas W. Harvey
*Mrs. Betsy Ann Conner PGM	1971	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Virginia Hambright	1972	*Boyd N. Hambright
*Mrs. Betty P. LaPorte	1973	*Edward J. LaPorte
*Mrs. Margaret Rugg	1974	***Thomas W. Harvey
*Mrs. Mary A. King	1975	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Mary A. King	1976	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Betty P. LaPorte	1977	*Edward J. LaPorte
*Mrs. Helen P. Healey	1978	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Helen P. Healey	1979	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Helen P. Healey	1980	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Betsy Ann Conner PGM	1981	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Helen P. Healey	1982	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
*Mrs. Helen P. Healey	1983	*Thomas J. Berry PGP

- \*\*Mrs. Gladys Fetterolf, Demitted from Mizpah Chapter No. 2  
 \*Mrs. Edith C. Galloway PGM, Demitted from Mizpah Chapter No. 2  
 \*\*\*Mrs. Mary Kashishian, Demitted from Mizpah Chapter No. 2  
 \*\*Mrs. Bessie O. Murray, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

#### SUSSEX CHAPTER NO. 7 – SEAFORD

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at 7:30pm. No meeting July or August.

Instituted under General Grand Chapter Apr. 21, 1920/Date of Charter Dec. 1, 1920

Meets at 7 North Pine Street, Ext., Seaford, DE 19973

Mrs. Jean M. Nicklas, 25118 Oak Road, Seaford, DE 19973-8629 .....	Worthy Matron
David Melvin, PP, 8277 Hearn's Pond Road, Seaford, DE 19973-5715 .....	Worthy Patron
Ms. Deena M. Yale, PO Box 941, Seaford, DE 19973-0941 .....	Associate Matron
VACANT .....	Associate Patron
Ms. Vickie J. Nicklas, PGM, , 25118 Oak Road, Seaford, DE 19973-8629 .....	Secretary

*Mrs. Corrine W. Timmons PGM	1920	*William H. Miller
*Mrs. Josephine B. Miller	1921	*William H. Miller
*Mrs. Josephine B. Miller	1922	*William H. Miller
***Mrs. Addie Allen	1923	*William F. Allen
*Mrs. Abby H. Bell	1924	**Samuel J. Stein
**Mrs. Mary Elzey	1925	**Samuel J. Stein
**Mrs. Amelia J. Hardesty	1926	*T. Scott Purse
**Mrs. Fannie D. Stein	1927	**Samuel J. Stein
**Mrs. Arbella Gerker	1928	*Ezekial G. Coulbourn
**Mrs. Bernice V. Hurley	1929	*Ezekial G. Coulbourn
*Mrs. Grace Coulbourn	1930	*Ezekial G. Coulbourn
*Mrs. Esther Willin Parham	1931	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Louise E. Phillips	1932	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Mary T. King	1933	*Charles H. Wheatley
*Mrs. Kate Smith	1934	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Mary V. LeCates	1935	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Bertha S. Welch PGM	1936	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Louise W. Wright	1937	*T. Scott Purse
*Mrs. Mary L. Hudson	1938	*Charles F. Welch
***Mrs. Anna Wheatley Culver	1939	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Addie H. White	1940	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Helen Covey Eaton	1941	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Kathleen A. Politt	1942	*Charles F. Welch
***Mrs. Bertha West Messick	1943	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Elizabeth Lank Cheyney	1944	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Agnes W. Wooten	1945	*Charles F. Welch



*Mrs. Helen P. Turner	1946	*Charles F. Welch
*Mrs. Eunice K. Tull	1947	*Norris A. Tull PGP
*Mrs. Rachel Atwell Henry	1948	*Norris A. Tull PGP
*Mrs. Clara G. Smith	1949	*Norman M. West
*Mrs. Frances Truitt	1950	*Norman M. West
*Mrs. Anna White	1951	*Norman M. West
*Mrs. Mary R. Garton	1952	*C. Roland Garton
*Mrs. Anna Fryling	1953	*Wilbur Fryling
*Mrs. Evelyn T. Holden	1954	*Elwood Coulbourn
*Mrs. Katherine Bradley	1955	*Edgar F. Bradley
*Mrs. Beatrice Gilbert	1956	*Robert Gilbert
*Mrs. Lottie M. Cleaver	1957	*Joseph Bostick
*Mrs. S. Elizabeth Tull PGM	1958	*Norman H. Tull
*Mrs. Eunice M. Marshall	1959	*Robert T. Marshall PGP
*Mrs. Grace Glime	1960	*Robert Glime
*Mrs. Rosa T. Burton	1961	*Robert Gilbert
*Mrs. Beatrice M. Lankford	1962	*Norman H. Tull
*Mrs. Esther Dunkle	1963	*William J. Bryant
*Mrs. Eleanor O'Day	1964	*Robert T. Marshall
*Mrs. Mildred O'Day	1965	*William O'Day
*Mrs. Addie M. Lankford	1966	*Norman H. Tull
Mrs. Suzanna Holt Bramhall	1967	*Norman H. Tull
*Mrs. Janet Marshall	1968	*Robert T. Marshall PGP
*Mrs. H. Maxine Pinson	1969	*Edgar A. Moffett
*Mrs. Esther Melvin Berner PGM	1970	*Norman H. Tull
***Mrs. Estelle Hoopes	1971	*Robert Glime
*Mrs. Jacqueline Fooks	1972	*Leroy Fooks
*Mrs. Jacqueline Fooks	1973	*Norman M. West
*Mrs. Dorothy Thomas	1974	*Robert T. Marshall PGP
*Mrs. Anna Mae Marvel	1975	*Robert Glime
Mrs. Barbara Shenton	1976	*John Shenton
*Mrs. Esther Melvin Berner PGM	1977	*William J. Bryant
*Mrs. H. Maxine Pinson	1978	*John Shenton
*Mrs. Mary Boltz	1979	*William J. Bryant
*Mrs. Agnes Parker	1980	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Dorothy Collins	1981	*James Parker PGP
***Mrs. Marilyn Coulbourn	1982	*Robert T. Marshall PGP
*Mrs. Grace V. Tull Allen	1983	*Robert J. Tull
*Mrs. Marguerite Steele	1984	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Helen Holt	1985	*Robert T. Marshall PGP
*Mrs. Agnes Parker	1986-1987	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Marguerite Steele	1987-1988	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Eleanor O'Day	1988-1989	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Agnes Parker	1989-1990	*James Parker PGP
Mrs. Marlene Simpler PGM	1990-1991	D. Wayne Simpler PGP
*Mrs. H. Maxine Pinson	1991-1992	*Bruce W. Davis
*Mrs. Arlene Traister	1992-1993	*Ray E. Traister
*Miss Cynthia A. Simpler	1993-1994	D. Wayne Simpler PGP
Mrs. Marlene Simpler PGM	1994-1995	D. Wayne Simpler PGP
*Mrs. Eleanor O'Day	1995-1996	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Marguerite Steele	1996-1997	*Ray E. Traister
*Mrs. Agnes Parker	1997-1998	*James Parker PGP
*Miss Cynthia A. Simpler	1998-1999	*James Parker PGP
Mrs. Marlene Simpler PGM	1999-2000	D. Wayne Simpler PGP
*Mrs. Arlene Traister	2000-2001	*Leroy Fooks
*Mrs. Marguerite Steele	2001-2002	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Jacqueline Fooks	2002-2003	*Leroy Fooks
*Mrs. Catherine King	2003-2004	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. Marguerite Steele	2004-2005	*James Parker PGP
*Mrs. H. Maxine Pinson	2005-2006	*Paul Rhodes

*Mrs. Arlene Traister	2006-2007	R. Eugene Beachboard PGP
*Mrs. Arlene Traister	2007-2008	R. Eugene Beachboard PGP
Mrs. Ethelene Krauss PGM	2008-2009	D. Wayne Simpler PGP
Mrs. Ethelene Krauss PGM	2009-2010	D. Wayne Simpler PGP
Mrs. Susan Z. Calloway	2010-2011	David Melvin
Mrs. Ethelene Krauss PGM	2011-2012	David Melvin
*Mrs. Arlene Traister	2012-2013	David Melvin
Mrs. Ethelene Krauss PGM	2013-2014	David Melvin
Mrs. Wini Walton	2014-2015	David Melvin
Mrs. Marlene Mickles	2015-2016	David Melvin
Mrs. Marlene Mickles	2016-2017	David Melvin
Ms. Deena M. Yale	2017-2018	David Melvin
Ms. Jean Nicklas	2018-2019	David Melvin
Ms. Jean Nicklas	2019-2021	David Melvin

Mrs. Ethelene Krauss PGM, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19

\*Mrs. Arlene Traister, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19

\*\*R. Eugene Beachboard PGP, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19

Mrs. Susan Calloway, Plural Member with Roelma Chapter No. 113, MD

\*Mrs. Catherine King, Plural Member with Roelma Chapter No. 113, MD

Mrs. Billie Jean Snooks, Plural Member with Silver Springs Chapter No. 66, MD

\*Robert Snook, PGP, Plural Member with Silver Springs Chapter No. 66, MD

Mrs. Jane Webb, Plural Member with Constantia Chapter No. 123, NY

Mrs. Lillian Wootten, Plural Member with Adah Chapter No. 5

Mrs. Katherine Berfmark, Plural Member with Cheswick Chapter No. 453, PA

Mrs. Suzanne Haught, Plural Member with Chamblee Chapter No. 362, GA

Mrs. Norma Jones, Plural Member with Victory Chapter No. 96, NJ

Mrs. Marlene Mickles, Plural Member with Cravens Chapter No. 129, NC

Mrs. Sandra M. Sahutsky, PGM Plural Member with Unity Chapter No. 16

**Laurel Chapter No. 18 consolidated with Sussex Chapter No. 7 on October 16, 2008**

**CAESAR RODNEY CHAPTER NO. 8 – NEW CASTLE**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs at 8:00 pm except when meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. No meetings July or August.

Instituted under General Grand Chapter May 7, 1920/Date of Charter Dec. 1, 1920

Meets in Masonic Temple, 1406 Wilmington Road, New Castle, DE 19720

Mrs. Kathy Kee, PM, 800 New Road, Wilmington, DE 19805-5129 ..... Worthy Matron

J. Tom McLaughlin, PP, 112 Bellanca Lane, New Castle, DE 19720-2705 ..... Worthy Patron

Ms. Charlotte A. McCall, PM, 2800 Frazier Road, Newark, DE 19702-4947... Associate Matron

Charles A. Newton, PGP, 735 West 12th Street, New Castle, DE 19711-2597... Associate Patron

Miss Debbie Good, PGM, 6 High Pond Drive, Newark, DE 19711-2597 ..... Secretary

*Mrs. Elizabeth Leach PGM	1920	*H. Raymond Foster PGP
*Mrs. Elizabeth Leach PGM	1921	*H Raymond Foster PGP
*Miss Carrie L. Gemmill PGM	1922	*Edward H. Naylor
***Mrs. Sallie R. Meredith	1923	*H. Raymond Foster, PGP
*Miss Anna S. Vantine	1924	*Edward H. Naylor
*Mrs. Wilena Yetter	1925	*John Ries
*Mrs. Mary C. Hanf	1926	**William G. Gebhart
*Mrs. Mary K. Naylor	1927	*Edward S. Bratton
*Mrs. Mary L. G. Burris	1928	*Edward S. Bratton
*Mrs. Bessie R. Hewlett	1929	*Clifford W. Hyrons
*Mrs. Ida J. Smith	1930	*Howard L. Wilhelm
*Mrs. Marjorie R. Montgomery	1931	*Howard L. Wilhelm
*Mrs. Reba L. Greer	1932	*Frank L. Hewlett
*Mrs. Bessie Williams	1933	***Robert H. Harrington, Jr.
*Mrs. Catherine Ellison	1934	***Robert H. Harrington, Jr.
*Mrs. Sophronia Hewlett	1935	*Frank L. Hewlett
*Mrs. Emily V. Fleming	1936	*Robert W. Larrimore PGP
*Mrs. Mabel M. Davis	1937	*Frank L. Hewlett
*Mrs. Lillian L. Arters	1938	Robert W. Larrimore PGP
**Mrs. Lillian M. Larrimore	1939	***Robert H. Harrington, Jr.

Mrs. Florence M. Arters	1940	*Martin E. Arters
**Miss Laura Porter	1941	*Howard L. Wilhelm
*Mrs. Isabelle V. Klabe	1942	*Howard W. Simpson
*Mrs. Anna Hirzel	1943	*Martin E. Arters
***Mrs. Anna M. Harrington	1944	*Robert W. Larrimore PGP
*Mrs. Marian Kumpel	1945	*J. Albert Kumpel PGP
*Mrs. Florence Ballard	1946	*J. Ralph Duling
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Heinel-Lewis	1947	*Martin E. Arters
*Mrs. Mary N. Banks	1948	*J. Albert Kumpel PGP
*Mrs. Esther Clymer	1949	*William Tubbs
*Mrs. Vera E. Snedeker	1950	*William Tubbs
*Mrs. Bessie E. Miles PGM	1951	*Herman E. Williams
Miss Elizabeth Foster	1952	*Harley E. Clymer
***Mrs. Odell Guy	1953	*J. Albert Kumpel PGP
*Mrs. Grace Moore	1954	*Robert W. Larrimore PGP
*Mrs. Ruth Steele	1955	*William Tubbs
***Mrs. Mildred Carlisle	1956	***Bernard Carlisle
*Mrs. Mildred Miles McDermott	1957	**Alfred Mills
*Mrs. Phyllis A. Howell PGM	1958	*Alvin L. Miles
*Mrs. Leora M. Myers From	1959	*William L. Myers
***Mrs. Bertha M. Carlisle	1960	***Bernard Carlisle
*Mrs. Gladys Kennedy	1961	*Henry E. Snedeker
Mrs. Betty Swain	1962	*George Swain
*Mrs. Kathryn Crompton	1963	*Alvin L. Miles
*Mrs. Helen V. Berger PGM	1964	*Charles L. Wade
**Mrs. Mollie Revels	1965	*William B. Short, Sr.
*Mrs. Helen Ennis	1966	*J. Albert Kumpel PGP
*Mrs. Elizabeth S. Nelson Mavity	1967	*George Austin
Mrs. Norma Armstrong	1968	*J. Albert Kumpel PGP
*Mrs. Nellie C. Wade	1969	*Charles L. Wade
*Mrs. Josephine Moore	1970	*William B. Short, Sr.
*Mrs. Emily Anderson Forestieri	1971	*J. Albert Kumpel PGP
*Mrs. Marjorie Jennings	1972	*Homer Jennings
Mrs. Joyce Hoffman	1973	*Robert W. Larrimore PGP
Mrs. Eleanor Allione	1974	*Joseph Allione
Mrs. Thelma Sisson	1975	*Walter Wonchoba
**Mrs. Mary Beaston	1976	*Joseph Allione
Mrs. Mary McMahan	1977	*Arnold Eugene McMahan
Mrs. Alice Hoeflinger	1978	*Joseph Allione
*Mrs. Elinor Gay Huston	1979	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Virginia Wonchoba	1980	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Hilda Webb	1981	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Hilda Webb	1982	*Walter Wonchoba
Mrs. Eleanor Allione	1983	*Walter Wonchoba
Mrs. Eleanor Allione	1984	*Joseph Allione
Mrs. Patricia A. Miller	1985	*Joseph Allione
Mrs. Patricia A. Miller	1986-1987	*Walter Wonchoba
Mrs Patricia A. Miller	1987-1988	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Virginia Wonchoba	1988-1989	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Elinor Gay Huston	1989-1990	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Barbara Sturgill	1990-1991	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Barbara Sturgill	1991-1992	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Elinor Gay Huston	1992-1993	*Walter Wonchoba
*Mrs. Elinor Gay Huston	1993-1994	*Walter Wonchoba
Mrs. Virginia E. Startt Crockett	1994-1995	*Homer Jennings
Mrs. Virginia E. Startt Crockett	1995-1996	*Homer Jennings
Mrs. Joan B. Newton	1996-1997	Charles A. Newton PGP
Mrs. Charlotte N. McCall	1997-1998	Charles A. Newton PGP
Mrs. Louisa Mitchell	1998-1999	*Walter Wonchoba
Miss Deborah Dale Good PGM	1999-2000	*Walter Wonchoba

*Mrs. Marie Good	2000-2001	Kenneth J. Norris
Miss Deborah Dale Good PGM	2001-2002	Kenneth J. Norris
Mrs. Joan B. Newton	2002-2003	Charles A. Newton, PGP
Mrs. Louisa Mitchell	2003-2004	*Charles Mitchell
Mrs. Dorothy Pringle	2004-2005	Charles A. Newton, PGP
Mrs. Louisa Mitchell	2005-2006	*Charles Mitchell
Mrs. Joan B. Newton	2006-2007	Charles A. Newton PGP
Miss Deborah Dale Good PGM	2007-2008	Charles A. Newton, PGP
Mrs. Louisa Mitchell	2008-2009	*Charles Mitchell
Mrs. Joan B. Newton	2009-2010	Charles A. Newton, PGP
Miss Deborah Dale Good PGM	2010-2011	*Charles Mitchell
Mrs. Louisa Mitchell	2011-2012	Thomas McLaughlin
Mrs. Joan B. Newton	2012-2013	Charles A. Newton PGP
Miss Deborah Dale Good PGM	2013-2014	Thomas McLaughlin (Acting)
Mrs. Virginia E. Startt Crockett	2014-2015	Charles A. Newton PGP
Mrs. Kathy Kee	2015-2016	Thomas McLaughlin
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	2016-2017	Walter Myslewicz
Ms. Charlotte N. McCall	2017-2018	Charles A. Newton, PGP
Ms. Joan Newton	2018-2019	Charles A. Newton PGP
Mrs. Kathy Kee	2019-2021	Thomas McLaughlin

Thomas McLaughlin, PP, Plural Member with Havre de Grace Chapter No. 27, MD  
Mrs. M. Frances Miller, PP (NJ), Plural Member with Penns Grove Chapter No. 87, NJ  
Mrs. Brenda Stineman, PM, Plural Member with Worcester Chapter No. 102, MD

**Esther Chapter No. 17 consolidated with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 in April 2006**  
**Newark Chapter No. 10 consolidated with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 on March 27, 2014**  
**Five Points Chapter No. 13 consolidated with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 on May 12, 2016**

**GEORGETOWN CHAPTER NO. 9 – GEORGETOWN**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday September through June  
and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays May and October

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Oct. 19, 1923/Date of Charter Apr. 26, 1924  
Franklin Lodge, 201 E. Market Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

Mrs. Barbara F. Lott, PGM, PO Box 186, Dagsboro, DE 19939-0186.....	Worthy Matron
Wayne A. Stacey, PP, 38490 Velta Drive, Ocean View, DE 19970-3178 .....	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Nancy K. Davis, 115 Mermaid Lane, Milton, DE 19968-1561 .....	Associate Matron
Oliver Hitchens, PP, PO Box 94, Selbyville, DE 19975-0094.....	Associate Patron
William F. Lott, PGP, PO Box 186, Dagsboro, DE 19939-0186.....	Secretary
*Mrs. Annie V. See	1923 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Annie V. See	1924 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Florence B. Swain	1925 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Bessie M. Warrington PGM	1926 *John F. Kaiser
*Mrs. Martha Z. Pepper	1927 *John F. Kaiser
*Mrs. Nellie M. Lynch	1928 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Bessie N. Hudson	1929 *Crawford B. Bailey
*Mrs. Olivia C. Wilkins	1930 *Frederick H. Warrington PGP
*Mrs. Mary H. Calhoun	1931 *John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Mary H. Bailey	1932 *Lawrence E. Sipple
*Mrs. Irma O. LeCompte PGM	1933 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Olive B. Holson	1934 *John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Minnie C. Hitchens	1935 *Frederick H. Warrington PGP
*Mrs. Mildred H. Minner PGM	1936 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Florence S. Brereton	1937 *John L. LeCompte PGP
*Miss Elizabeth A. Wilkie	1938 *Crawford B. Bailey
*Mrs. Tevillia M. Lenhart	1939 *Frederick H. Warrington PGP
*Mrs. Helen Calhoun	1940 *Thomas B. Pepper PGP
*Mrs. Grace W. Wilkins	1941 *John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. M. Isabelle Buhl	1942 Thomas B. Pepper PGP

*Mrs. Edith L. Swain	1943	*George S. Buhl
*Mrs. Ida Coy Kapp	1944	*John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Elberta S. Clendaniel	1945	*George S. Buhl
*Mrs. Florence Pusey	1946	*John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Lovely J. Stemples	1947	*Frederick H. Warrington PGP
*Mrs. Mary K. Keeler	1949	*John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Elizabeth M. Swain	1940	*Frederick H. Warrington PGP
*Mrs. Alma B. Mustard	1950	*John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Eva M. Hudson	1951	*Frederick H. Warrington PGP
*Mrs. C. Linda Sammons	1952	*Theodore Jester
*Mrs. Frances Warren	1953	**Herbert Von Goeres
*Mrs. Myrtle E. Stevenson	1954	*Theodore Jester
*Mrs. Marcella E. DeMoss	1955	*Emerson M. Keeler
***Mrs. Ruth M. Porter	1956	*John L. LeCompte PGP
*Miss Phyllis Lenhart	1957	*Emerson M. Keeler
*Mrs. Edna Lynch	1958	*Frederick H. Warrington PGP
***Mrs. Marion K. Holson	1959	*Emerson M. Keeler
*Mrs. Rachel R. Sherwin	1960	*John L. LeCompte PGP
*Mrs. Helen W. Carpenter	1961	*Emerson M. Keeler
*Mrs. Mary Alice Isaacs	1962	*W. Graham Dill
*Mrs. Beatrice L. Argo	1963	*Frederick H. Warrington PGP
**Mrs. Eva L. Booze	1964	**James A. Booze
*Mrs. A. Louise Bunting	1965	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
*Mrs. Anita D. Rees	1966	**James A. Booze
*Mrs. Eva H. Gordy`	1967	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
*Mrs. Gladys A. Palmer	1968	*W. Graham Dill
*Mrs. Mary T. Argo	1969	*Theodore Jester
*Mrs. Lydia Pride Waldo	1970	*Emerson M. Keeler
*Mrs. Anna Mae Jester	1971	*Theodore Jester
*Mrs. Joyce Quillen	1972	**James A. Booze
Mrs. Marianne W. Truitt Sylvester	1973	*Richard M. Webb
*Mrs. Rena Morgan Wheatley	1974	*A. Warren Wheatley PGP
*Mrs. Margarette A. Webb	1975	*Richard M. Webb
*Mrs. Eleanor Lenhart	1976	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
Mrs. Judith Webb Lawson	1977	*Richard M. Webb
Mrs. Judith A. Harrison Thoroughgood	1978	George H. Harrison
**Mrs. Renee Young Watson	1979	*Richard M. Webb
*Mrs. Edna T. Esham	1980	George H. Harrison
*Mrs. Ruth A. Harris	1981	*Richard M. Webb
*Mrs. Evelyn S. Irwin	1982	*William J. Irwin
*Mrs. Dorothy Crew	1983	*William J. Esham, Jr.
*Mrs. Almira Lewis	1984	*Russell Lewis
*Mrs. Eileen Veasey	1985	*John A. Hoefler
Mrs. Alice Adams Baker	1986-1987	*William J. Irwin
Mrs. Gloria Fox	1987-1988	*Melvin Fox
Mrs. Etta L. Edwards	1988-1989	*Ronald Jefferson
*Mrs. Dorothy Crews	1989-1990	*Charles Farrell
*Mrs. Bette L. Harris	1990-1991	*William J. Esham, Jr
*Mrs. Doris Howell	1991-1992	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
*Mrs. Louise Bunting	1992-1993	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
*Mrs. Louise Bunting	1993-1994	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
*Mrs. Edna T. Esham	1994-1995	*William J. Esham, Jr.
Mrs. Honora R. Whaley	1995-1996	*James R. Whaley

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Gable	1996-1997	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
Mrs. Michele L. Garner	1997-1998	*Harvey J. Bunting PGP
Mrs. Patricia J. Smith White	1998-1999	*Harvey J. Bunting, PGP
Mrs. Honora R. Whaley	1999-2000	*James R. Whaley
Mrs. Judith Webb Lawson	2000-2001	Wayne A. Stacey
Mrs. Michele L. Garner	2001-2002	Wayne A. Stacey
Mrs. Betty L. Marker	2002-2003	Harry J. Marker
Mrs. Betty L. Marker	2003-2004	Harry J. Marker
Mrs. Honora R. Whatley	2004-2005	Wayne A. Stacey
Mrs. Betty L. Marker	2005-2006	Harry J. Marker
Mrs. Michele L. Garner	2006-2007	Wayne A. Stacey
Mrs. Betty L. Marker	2007-2008	Harry J. Marker
Mrs. Judith Webb Lawson	2008-2009	Harry J. Marker
Mrs. Judith Webb Lawson	2009-2010	Harry J. Marker
Mrs. Michele L. Garner,	2010-2011	Wayne A. Stacey
Mrs. Jennifer Esham-Bradish	2011-2012	William J. Esham, III
Mrs. Logan Mason	2012-2013	William J. Esham, III
Mrs. Barbara F. Lott, PGM	2013-2014	William F. Lott, PGP
Mrs. Barbara F. Lott, PGM	2014-2015	William F. Lott, PGP
***Mrs. Donna Austin	2015-2016	VACANT
Mrs. Jennifer Grasset	2016-2017	Wayne A. Stacey
Mrs. Barbara F. Lott, PGM	2017-2018	VACANT
Mrs. Jennifer Grasset	2018-2019	Wayne A. Stacey

Wayne Stacey, Plural Member with Unity Chapter No. 112, MD

Mrs. Mary Lou Delp, Plural Member with Lenape Chapter No. 339, PA

Mrs. Etta Edwards, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20

Mrs. Barbara F. Lott, PGM, Plural Member with Temple Chapter No. 53, CT

William F. Lott, Plural Member with Temple Chapter No. 53, CT

\*Mrs. Grace Hitchens, PM, Plural Member with Frankford Chapter No. 12

Oliver Hitchens, PP, Plural Member with Frankford Chapter No. 12

#### NEWARK CHAPTER NO. 10 – NEWARK

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Apr. 23, 1925/Date of Charter Dec. 5, 1925

Consolidated with Caesar Rodney No. 8 on March 27, 2014

*Mrs. Martha W. Krapf PGM	1925	*Robert S. Gallaher PGP
*Mrs. Martha W. Krapf PGM	1926	*Robert S. Gallaher PGP
*Mrs. Alice D. Truitt	1927	*Robert S. Gallaher PGP
*Mrs. Arzi P. Lewis	1928	*Charles J. Krapf
*Mrs. Edna R. Wood	1929	*Conrad K. D. Lewis, Sr.
*Miss Anne E. Gallaher	1930	*William D. Holton
*Mrs. Florence C. Fader	1931	***Leslie T. Truitt
*Mrs. Irma L. Hopkins	1932	*Henry F. Mote
*Mrs. Esther K. Sheaffer	1933	***Leslie T. Truitt
*Mrs. Anna R. Slack	1934	*Charles J. Krapf
*Mrs. Lettie R. McMullen	1935	*Henry F. Mote
*Mrs. Naomi S. Knauss	1936	*T. Raymond McMullen
*Mrs. Martha Malcom	1937	***Leslie T. Truitt
*Mrs. Lydia F. McCloskey	1938	***Leslie T. Truitt
*Mrs. Alice C. Abbott, PGM	1939	*W. Harman Money
*Mrs. Dorothea K. Hickman	1940	*T. Raymond McMullen
***Mrs. Gladys C. Carr	1941	***Leslie T. Truitt
*Mrs. Ida A. Case	1942	*J. Nelson Abbott
***Mrs. Edna S. VanDaalen	1943	***Leslie T. Truitt
*Mrs. Martha C. Davis	1944	***Ellsworth Carr
*Mrs. Elizabeth Beswick Spencer	1945	*T. Raymond McMullen
*Mrs. Elizabeth D. Correll	1946	*Jacob A. Correll
*Mrs. Miriam R. Battersby	1947	*Jacob A. Correll
*Mrs. Catherine R. Gibbs	1948	*Conrad K. D. Lewis, Sr.

*Mrs. Mary R. Swan	1949	*Conrad K. D. Lewis, Sr.
*Mrs. Dorothy R. Diehl	1950	*Samuel L. Diehl, Jr.
***Mrs. Alma F. Long	1951	*Wilmer E. Psuey
*Mrs. Sarah R. Howell	1952	*Samuel L. Diehl, Jr.
*Miss M. Ella Steele	1953	*Conrad K. D. Lewis, Sr.
**Mrs. Marian V. Moore	1954	*Robert P. Major
*Mrs. Eleanor Tyler Poley	1955	*Dr. Charles H. Schultheiss PGP
***Mrs. Pauline M. Scheaffer	1956	*Michael D'Angelo
*Mrs. Euretta B. Schultheiss PGM	1957	*Dr. Charles H. Schultheiss PGP
***Mrs. Jacqueline D. Johnson	1958	***Wallace G. Johnson
*Mrs. Estelle Mote	1959	***Spencer Palmer
*Mrs. Katherine J. Lovett	1960	*Charles Granville McVey
***Mrs. Marie Palmer	1961	***Spencer Palmer
***Mrs. Alyce I. Donnell	1962	*William Donnell
**Mrs. Valma Burchard	1963	*Roy E. Francisco
*Mrs. Mollie Zappo	1964	*Joseph Zappo, Jr.
***Mrs. Evelyn Francisco	1965	*Roy E. Francisco
*Mrs. Tiny Burchard	1966	*William A. Burke
***Mrs. Sarah B. Carter	1967	*Michael D'Angelo
*Mrs. Doris L. Gabor	1968	**Van A. Lett
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	1969	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
*Mrs. Leah F. Cameron PGM	1970	*John C. Ort
*Mrs. Arlene DiStefano	1971	*Sylvester DiStefano
*Mrs. Leah F. Cameron PGM	1972	*John C. Ort
*Mrs. Evelyn T. Melton	1973	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
*Mrs. Nancy Ebbert	1974	***Spencer Palmer
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	1975	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Mary Ann Campbell	1976	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
***Mrs. Marjorie Homiller	1977	*Robert Homiller
*Mrs. Euretta B. Schultheiss PGM	1978	*Dr. Charles H. Schultheiss PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	1979	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
*Mrs. Katherine J. Lovett	1980	*William Donnell
*Mrs. Doris Payne	1981	***Louis Atwood
***Mrs. Helen M. Lee	1982	***Wayne M. Lee
***Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Starkey	1983	***Bruce Starkey
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	1984	Walter Myslewicz
Mrs. Kathryn Lewis	1985	*John C. Ort
*Mrs. Doris Gabor	1986-1987	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	1987-1988	Walter Myslewicz
**Mrs. Theresa Sizemore	1988-1989	*Clayton H. Keith, PGP
*Miss Cynthia Ebbert	1989-1990	*Clayton H. Keith, PGP
***Jana A. Bradish	1990-1991	***Robert A. Bradish, PGP
*Mrs. Euretta B. Schultheiss PGM	1991-1992	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
***Mrs. Beverly B. McLain	1992-1993	***Ronald A. McLain
*Mrs. Jane W. Shetzler	1993-1994	*John C. Ort
***Mrs. Beverly B. McLain	1994-1995	***Ronald A. McLain
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	1995-1996	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Wendy Lee Crouse	1996-1997	***Wayne M. Lee
***Mrs. Beverly B. McLain	1997-1998	***Ronald A. McLain
*Mrs. Euretta B. Schultheiss PGM	1998-1999	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
*Mrs. Jane W. Shetzler	1999-2000	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2000-2001	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2001-2002	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2002-2003	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2003-2004	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2004-2005	*Clayton H. Keith PGP

Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2005-2006	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2006-2007	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2007-2008	*Clayton H. Keith PGP
Mrs. Margaret S. Keith	2008-2009	*Homer Jennings
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	2009-2010	VACANT
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	2010-2011	Walter Myslewicz
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	2011-2012	Walter Myslewicz
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	2012-2013	Walter Myslewicz
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz PGM	2013-2014	Walter Myslewicz

\*Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds, Demitted from Esther Chapter No. 17

\*Homer Jennings, Plural Member with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8

### KENT CHAPTER NO. 11 – MILFORD

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Apr. 17, 1926. Date of Charter Apr. 16, 1927

Consolidated with Victory Chapter No. 15 in March 2010

*** Mrs. Marguerite G. Cooper	1926	*Randolph Graham
*Mrs. Sarah E. Riggin PGM	1927	*Randolph Graham
*Mrs. Lillian M. Harmstead	1928	***Jacob C. Messner
*Mrs. Mary H. Dolby	1929	***Jacob C. Messner
*Mrs. Helen F. Taylor	1930	*Sidney B. Dolby
*Mrs. Hester F. Reed	1931	*Sidney B. Dolby
*Mrs. Marie L. Roberts PGM	1932	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rogers	1933	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*Mrs. Sallie E. Satterfield	1934	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*** Mrs. Elsie R. Simpson	1935	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*Mrs. F. Ruth Sapp	1936	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*Mrs. Helen B. Legar	1937	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*Mrs. Alice N. Martin	1938	*** Archie A. Feagan
*Mrs. Kate W. Boyer	1939	*** Archie A. Feagan
*Mrs. Louise S. Emory	1940	*Dr. Russell J. Emory
*Mrs. Pearl B. Morris	1941	*W. Clifford Raughley
*Mrs. Henrietta Williams	1942	*** Archie A. Feagan
*Mrs. Emma S. Vinyard	1943	*** Archie A. Feagan
*Mrs. Beulah H. Rodway	1944	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Mae T. Ford	1945	*Archie C. Ford
*Mrs. Edna M. Williams	1946	*Earl K. Williams
*** Mrs. Isabelle W. Sylvester	1947	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Mildred Snowberger	1948	*W. Clifford Raughley
*Mrs. Lillian H. Wheeler	1949	*Archie C. Ford
*Mrs. Lanah Milbourne	1950	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Blanche B. Williams	1951	*Howard D. Williams
*** Miss M. Catherine Downing	1952	***Fulton J. Downing
*** Mrs. Edith Harcum	1953	*W. Clifford Raughley
*Mrs. Mary F. Sipple	1954	*Howard L. Sipple
*Mrs. Florence Q. Harmon	1955	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*** Mrs. Jeanette V. G. Legates	1956	***Russell K. Legates
*Mrs. Pearl W. Prettyman	1957	***John H. Walls
*Mrs. Jessie J. Calloway	1958	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Violet C. Bliss	1959	***Russell K. Legates
*Mrs. Ruth L. Bradley	1960	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*** Mrs. Marie Currey	1961	*C. Ray Scarborough
*Mrs. Rose H. Coffman	1862	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*** Mrs. Joan R. Field	1963	*C. Ray Scarborough
*** Mrs. Nadine Fleischauer	1964	***William J. Fleischauer
*Mrs. Maxine Crouch Kling	1965	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*** Mrs. Nadine Fleischauer	1966	***William J. Fleischauer
*** Mrs. Betty Lou Huffman	1967	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
** Mrs. Frances McCarthy	1968	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*** Mrs. LaVon Smith	1969	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Leona Gruwell	1970	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP



***Mrs. Elizabeth C. Homan	1971	*Rev. John Edward Jones
***Mrs. Elizabeth C. Homan	1972	*Rev. John Edward Jones
Mrs. Lena M. Lee	1973	**Granville D. Lee
*Mrs. Louise S. Emory	1974	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Carol G. Jordan PGM	1975	*Griffith L. Jordan PGP
*Mrs. Carol G. Jordan PGM	1976	*Griffith L. Jordan PGP
*Mrs. Mary F. Sipple	1977	*Howard L. Sipple
Mrs. Bonnie B. Jester	1978	Ronald W. Jester
*Mrs. Ruth K. Betts	1979	*Benjamin B. Betts
*Mrs. Dorothy Mullane	1980	*Griffith L. Jordan PGP
***Mrs. Carol F. Paisley	1981	*Charles W. Barkins
*Mrs. Ruth K. Betts	1982	*Charles W. Barkins
Mrs. Peggy Mullane	1983	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
***Mrs. Dorothy P. Pringle	1984	*Thomas C. Rodway PGP
*Mrs. Carol G. Jordan PGM	1985	*Griffith L. Jordan PGP
*Mrs. Dorothy Mullane	1986-1987	*Everett Pringle
***Mrs. Marie Price	1987-1988	*C. Ray Scarborough
***Mrs. Evelyn D. Brumbaugh	1988-1989	*Donald Butler
***Mrs. Marie Price	1989-1990	*Donald Butler
Mrs. Clara W. Lafontaine	1990-1991	*Roy A. Lafontaine
Mrs. Clara W. Lafontaine	1991-1992	*Roy A. Lafontaine
*Mrs. Carol G. Jordan PGM	1992-1993	*Griffith L. Jordan PGP
***Mrs. Dorothy P. Pringle	1993-1994	*Roy A. Lafontaine
***Mrs. Marie Price	1994-1995	Hank Jackson
Mrs. Orlene Jackson	1995-1996	Hank Jackson
Mrs. Clara W. Lafontaine	1996-1997	*Roy A. Lafontaine
Mrs. Clara W. Lafontaine	1997-1998	*Roy A. Lafontaine
Mrs. Linda Aspinwall	1998-1999	*Donald Butler
Mrs. Linda Aspinwall	1999-2000	Roy A. Lafontaine
Mrs. Clara W. Lafontaine	2000-2001	Roy A. Lafontaine
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2001-1002	Roy A. Lafontaine
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2002-2003	R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2003-2004	R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2004-2005	R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Brenda McGowan Riley	2005-2006	Russell Murphy
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2006-2007	R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2007-2008	R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Brenda McGowan	2008-2009	Russell Murray
Mrs. Cheryl J.S. Gladden	2009-2010	R. Dale Gladden PGP

#### FRANKFORD CHAPTER NO. 12 – MILLVILLE

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday at 7:30 pm. No meetings July or August.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Jan. 25, 1928/Date of Charter Apr. 21, 1928

Meets in Masonic Temple, Millville, DE 19967

Mrs. Jane M. Morris, PGM, 32248 Gum Road, Frankford, DE 19945-4023 ..... Worthy Matron  
 J. Eddie Morris PGP, 32248 Gum Road, Frankford, DE 19945-4023..... Worthy Patron  
 VACANT ..... Associate Matron  
 VACANT ..... Associate Patron  
 Mrs. Catherine Schultz, PGM, 37682 Crab Bay Lane, Selbyville, DE 19975-3922.....Secretary

***Mrs. Leveesa E. Cannon	1928	*Topp M. Heath
**Mrs. Margaret T. Heath	1929	*E. Washington Bryan
*Mrs. Helen C. West PGM	1930	*William B. Derrickson PGP
*Mrs. Jennie B. Ruark	1931	*Gardner L. Thomas
**Mrs. Martha P. Bunting	1932	*Rev. Charles W. Branford
*Mrs. Olive D. Gum	1933	*William B. Derrickson PGP
*Mrs. Florence Bunting McGee	1934	*Topp M. Heath
***Mrs. Ruth W. Branford	1935	*E. Washington Bryan
***Mrs. Hilda B. Jones	1936	*Gardner L. Thomas
*Mrs. Pearl W. McCabe	1937	*William B. Derrickson PGP

***Mrs. Maude L. Mitchell	1938	*Gardner L. Thomas
***Mrs. Hattie L. Thomas	1939	*William B. Derrickson PGP
*Mrs. Stella E. Chandler	1940	*Gardner L. Thomas
*Mrs. Edith P. Pennewell	1941	*William B. Derrickson PGP
**Mrs. Florence Burbage	1942	*William B. Derrickson PGP
*Mrs. Ruth Derrickson	1943	*William B. Derrickson PGP
*Mrs. Elsie E. Daye	1944	*Harley R. Burbage
*Mrs. Myrtle Hickman	1945	*John B. Williams
*Mrs. Mae T. Phillips	1946	*Harley R. Burbage
*Mrs. Ethel D. Derrickson	1947	*Albert Derrickson
*Mrs. Elizabeth Aydelott	1948	*George W. Mitchell
*Mrs. Irene Watson	1949	**Robert Derrickson
*Mrs. Edna Johnson PGM	1950	*Frank Johnson
*Mrs. Blanche Williams	1951	*John B. Williams
*Mrs. Dorothy Quillen	1952	*George W. Mitchell
*Mrs. Adella Holt	1953	*William B. Derrickson PGP
*Mrs. Hilda Wood	1954	*Stephen C. Evans
*Mrs. Mary Cobb	1955	*Ebe C. Quillen
*Mrs. Viola Burton	1956-	*Albert Derrickson
*Mrs. Laura Hickman	1957	*Ebe C. Quillen
*Mrs. Louise B. Wilgus	1958	*Frank Johnson
*Mrs. Lulu E. Kempston	1959	*Arthur R. Kempston PGP
*Mrs. Delthia Hickman	1960	*Tilghman Johnson
*Mrs. Elizabeth Wharton	1961	*George A. Wharton
*Mrs. Evelyn Bunting	1962	*James Flood
*Mrs. Cynthia Lewis PGM	1963	*Tilghman Johnson
***Mrs. Patricia W. Pepper	1964	*Ebe C. Quillen
Mrs. Jean Turner	1965	*Tilghman Johnson
*Mrs. Lucille Rickards	1966	*Oliver J. Foskey
*Mrs. Edna Murray	1967	*Arthur R. Kempston PGP
*Mrs. Mattie Powell	1968	*Ebe C. Quillen
Mrs. Grace Murray Hitchens	1969	*Arthur R. Kempston PGP
Mrs. Jeanette Hudson	1970	*Oliver J. Foskey
*Mrs. Viola Jackson	1971	*Paul Jackson
*Mrs. Irene Hocker	1972	*Ebe C. Quillen
***Mrs. Ruby Evans	1973	*Jesse Murray PGP
Mrs. Eleanor Steen DuBois	1974	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr
*Mrs. Mildred Carpenter	1975	*Sidney Hurley
***Mrs. Doris Wahl	1976	*Arthur R. Kempston PGP
*Mrs. Agnes Hurley	1977	*Sidney C. Hurley
*Mrs. Claire Supernaw	1978	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr.
*Mrs. Carol Noble Wood	1979	**Joseph J. Noble
*Mrs. Vivian Adams	1980	*Sidney C. Hurley
Mrs. Joyce Brittingham Morris	1981	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr.
Mrs. Elma M. McCabe	1982	*Jesse Murray PGP
*Mrs. Phyllis Daisey	1983	Lloyd Daisey
*Mrs. Grace Molnar Hitchens	1984	*James E. Molnar, Sr.
*Mrs. Verma Carey	1985	***Kenneth Hornberger
Mrs. Jane Smith Nock	1986-1987	Clifford S. Smith, Jr.
Mrs. Yvonne Cropper	1987-1988	*William S. Cropper
*Mrs. Doris Egbert PGM	1988-1989	*Emanuel Hornberger
*Mrs. Agnes Hurley	1989-1990	***Kenneth Hornberger
*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	1990-1991	*James E. Molnar, Sr
*Mrs. Margaret Justice	1991-1992	*C. Sanford Justice
Mrs. Catherine Schultz PGM	1992-1993	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr.
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	1993-1994	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
*Mrs. Doris Egbert PGM	1994-1995	*C. Sanford Justice
*Mrs. Cynthia Lewis PGM	1995-1996	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr.
*Mrs. Ida McFadden	1996-1997	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr.
*Mrs. Lucille Rickards	1997-1998	*Robert B. Supernaw, Jr.

*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	1998-1999	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	1999-2000	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
***Mrs. Betty B. Neary	2000-2001	*Thomas Neary
*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	2001-2002	Oliver Hitchens
*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	2002-2003	Oliver Hitchens
*Mrs. Doris Egbert, PGM	2003-2004	*Thomas Neary
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2004-2005	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
*Mrs. Mary Hutchison	2005-2006	Oliver Hitchens
*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	2006-2007	Oliver Hitchens
***Mrs. Betty B. Neary	2007-2008	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2008-2009	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2009-2010	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	2010-2011	Oliver Hitchens
*Mrs. Doris Egbert PGM	2011-2012	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2012-2013	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2013-2014	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
*Mrs. Grace F. Molnar Hitchens	2014-2015	Oliver Hitchens
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2015-2016	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris PGM	2016-2017	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Catherine Schultz PGM	2017-2018	*J. Eddie Morris PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris, PGM	2018-2019	*J. Eddie Morris, PGP
Mrs. Jane M. Morris, PGM	2019-2021	VACANT

\*\*\*Louis Atwood, Demitted from Newark Chapter No. 10

\*Mrs. Elizabeth K. Loeffel, Demitted from Ruth Chapter No. 19

\*Mrs. Mary Hutchison, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20

\*Mrs. H. Maxine Pinson, Plural Member with Sussex Chapter No. 7

\*Mrs. Effie Marvonek PGM, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19

Mrs. Claudia Jones, Plural Member with Daughters of Job, MD

#### FIVE POINTS CHAPTER NO. 13 – NEWPORT

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware, Feb. 6, 1930/Date of Charter May 21, 1930

Consolidated with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 May 12, 2016

*Mrs. Ellen G. Duncan	1930	*Paul W Lowden
*Mrs. Ellen G. Duncan	1931	*Theodore H. Work, Jr
*Mrs. Marian M. Haislett	1932	*James Duncan PGP
***Mrs. Mae P. Smith	1933	*Amos H. Cattrell
*Mrs. Josephine Wright	1934	*Lester B. Haislett
*Mrs. Edith M. Work	1935	***George R. Walker
*Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pierce PGM	1936	**Frederick K. Smith
*Mrs. Martha D. Mackey	1937	*Harry D. Maxwell
***Mrs. Mildred K. Grubb	1938	*Stevenson A. Hellen
*Mrs. Maybelle K. Vansant	1939	*Stevenson A. Hellen
*Mrs. Emma W. Thompson	1940	*George D. Baldwin
*Mrs. Sue R. Baldwin	1941	*Harold L. Emory
*Mrs. Frances A. Huber	1942	*Theodore H. Work, Jr.
***Mrs. Bessie S. Norris	1943	*Lee E. Nichols
***Mrs. Bessie S. Norris	1944	*Stevenson A. Hellen
*Mrs. Sadie C. Conley	1945	*Raymond K. Grubb
*Mrs. Gertrude R. Grubb	1946	*W. Pierce Laws
*Mrs. Lorraine C. Putzier	1947	*J. Paul Fleming
*Mrs. Ruth M. Betty PGM	1948	*Raymond W. Smith
*Mrs. May Payne Warrington	1949	*Richard A. Welsh
*Mrs. Jane C. White	1950	*Henry T. Miller PGP
*Mrs. Vera F. Hughes	1951	*Alvin C. Rememter
*Mrs. Bertha Smith Hall	1952	*Edward H. Livermore, Jr.
*Mrs. Margaret C. Wilkinson	1953	***Samuel R. Richerson
***Mrs. Jacqueline E. Kyle	1954	***Gordon E. Kyle PGP
*Mrs. Helen D. Weldie	1955	**C. Maurice Weldie
*Mrs. Jane C. Livermore	1956	*Joseph H. Ellis PGP
*Mrs. Vera M. Ellis	1957	*Edward A. Pelham
*Mrs. Sinah M. Pelham	1958	*Robert R. Wyatt

*Mrs. Dolores S. Varell	1959	*C. David Wiberg PGP
*Mrs. Jean V. Lutton	1960	*Thomas J. Waters
*Mrs. Mabel F. Wyatt	1961	*T. Garrett Robinson, Sr.
*Mrs. Gladys McBride	1962	*James E. Lynch
*Mrs. Bertha M. Wiberg	1963	*R. Edwin Wilkinson
*** Mrs. Edna L. Allen	1964	*Charles O. Bratton
*Mrs. Ellen E. Gregg PGM	1965	*Lawrence F. Donahoe
*Mrs. Elinor Donahoe Poole	1966	*Lawrence F. Donahoe
Mrs. Phyllis Stewart Bowman PGM	1967	*Fred G. Smith
*Mrs. Lucille M. Hopley	1968	*Fred G. Smith
*Mrs. Shirley G. MacDonald	1969	*Henry W. Boys II
*Mrs. Margaret H. Boys	1970	*John B. Betty PGP
*Mrs. Gloria Piergalline PGM	1971	*John B. Betty PGP
*** Mrs. E. Virginia Timmons	1972	*Leonard E. Timmons
*Mrs. Mary D. Taylor	1973	*Henry W. Boys II
Mrs. Janet Nibblett	1974	*Henry W. Boys II
*Mrs. Mildred E. Hurlock	1975	*Fred Thornett
*Mrs. E. Jean Thornett	1976	*William Finkley
** Mrs. Joann Keenan	1977	**Elmer Harris
** Mrs. Sandra Terranova	1978	*Owen Hopley, Jr
** Mrs. Phyllis M. Prucino Stiltner	1979	Thomas Morganstern
*Mrs. E. Gwynne Doelze	1980	*John A. Hoefer
Mrs. Margaret Morris	1981	*Carl Morris
Mrs. Sarah L. Marianelli	1982	*David Marianelli
*Mrs. Anne Burkhard	1983	*Victor Burkhard
*Mrs. Betty Warrington	1984	*Floyd France
*Mrs. E. Jean Thornett	1985	*Henry W. Boys II
*Mrs. Mildred Hurlock	1986-1987	*Floyd France
*Mrs. Lee Anderson PGM	1987-1988	*Richard A. Anderson PGP
Mrs. Jean Kenney	1988-1989	*Jay Hartlaub
*Mrs. Hannah Finkley	1989-1990	*William Finkley
*** Mrs. Ethel Philhower	1990-1991	*James L. Philhower
** Mrs. Joann Keenan	1991-1992	*Jay Hartlaub
Mrs. M. Barbara Nakai	1992-1993	*Robert G. Stineman PGP
Mrs. Kathleen Dennis Anderson PGM	1993-1994	*Richard A. Anderson PGP
Mrs. Kim Houben Morris	1994-1995	*Carl Morris
Mrs. Cheryl A. Mongillo	1995-1996	***Jeffrey B. Dennis PGP
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	1996-1997	*Robert G. Stineman PGP
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	1997-1998	*Robert G. Stineman PGP
Mrs. M. Barbara Nakai	1998-1999	***Jeffrey B. Dennis PGP
Mrs. Billie Lee Cochran Banning	1999-2000	***Jeffrey B. Dennis PGP
Mrs. Kathleen Dennis Anderson PGM	2000-2001	*Robert G. Stineman PGP
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	2001-2002	*Robert G. Stineman PGP
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	2002-2003	*Robert G. Stineman PGP
Mrs. Cheryl A. Mongillo	2003-2004	*Winfield W. Lane
Mrs. Cheryl A. Mongillo	2004-2005	*Winfield W. Lane
Mrs. Billie Lee Cochran Banning	2005-2006	*Winfield W. Lane
Mrs. M. Barbara Nakai	2006-2007	VACANT
Mrs. Cheryl A. Mongillo	2007-2008	Thomas Morganstern
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	2008-2009	Thomas Morganstern
Mrs. Billie Lee Banning	2009-2010	Thomas Morganstern
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	2010-2011	VACANT
Mrs. Brenda Stineman	2011-2012	VACANT
Mrs. M. Barbara Nakai	2012-2013	VACANT
Mrs. M. Barbara Nakai	2013-2014	VACANT
Mrs. M. Barbara Nakai	2014-2015	*Robert G. Steinman PGP
Mrs. Cheryl A. Mongillo	2015-2016	*Robert G. Steinman PGP

\*James Duncan PGP, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Mrs. Katherine Devenney, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Mrs. Nellie Gardiner, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

- \*Mrs. Lillian Lovell, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
- \*Mrs. Iris M. Lyons, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
- \*Mrs. J. Virginia Moore, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
  - \*Perc Gardiner, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
- \*Ross M. Lanius PGP, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
- \*Thomas W. Lovell, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3
- \*\*Mrs. Margaret Myers, Demitted from Ruth Chapter No. 19

### BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 14 – WILMINGTON

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware May 4, 1937/Date of Charter Dec. 7, 1937

Consolidated with Naomi Chapter No. 20 on October 3, 2007

*Mrs. Idella E. McCormick	1937	*Cheston R. McCormick PGP
*Mrs. Mildred Hickey	1938	*Cheston R. McCormick PGP
**Mrs. Ruby D. Porter	1939	*William A. Cottman
***Mrs. Thelma Dickerson	1940	*Cheston R. McCormick PGP
*Mrs. Edna L. Gifford PGM	1941	*Paul W. Hughes
*Mrs. Alice C. Frederick	1942	***Andrew Nowell
*Mrs. Grace R. Hild	1943	*George H. Ostendarp PGP
*Mrs. Virda Simpler	1944	*Cheston R. McCormick PGP
*Miss Edith H. Shinn PGM	1945	*Paul W. Hughes
*Mrs. Sarah Hoffman PGM	1946	*G. Lloyd Frederick
*Mrs. Frances Warren	1947	*George H. Ostendarp PGP
*Mrs. Ruth M. Stiggins	1948	*James H. Fulks
*Mrs. Ivah Ostendarp	1949	*James W. Keenan
*Mrs. Emma M. Gehret	1950	*William A. Gehret
*Mrs. Florence Gilbert Rawlins	1951	*Raymond E. Jensen
***Mrs. J. Cordella Rodenhiser	1952	**John A. Rodenhiser
*Mrs. Ruth DeCamp Spitzer	1953	*George H. Ostendarp PGP
*Mrs. Jeanette H. Gutzke	1954	*Cheston R. McCormick PGP
***Mrs. Marjorie S. Ward	1955	*Walter A. Gehret
*Mrs. Rebecca Haggenbuch	1956	*George H. Ostendarp PGP
*Mrs. Margaret Weir	1957	*Harold R. Harding
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	1958	*Lee R. Hawkins
*Mrs. Elizabeth Jeuell	1959	*Lousell S. Jeuell
*Mrs. Hilda D. Livingstone	1960	*G. Lloyd Frederick
**Mrs. Alice S. Harding	1961	*Harold R. Harding
*Mrs. Ethel R. Semple	1962	**William R. Semple
Mrs. Betty M. Jones	1963	*Raymond S. Borders
*Mrs. Genevieve Mowery	1964	*Harold R. Harding
*Mrs. Selma Fineman	1965	*Raymond S. Borders
*Mrs. Mary G. Dilks	1966	*Lee R. Hawkins
*Mrs. Helen Sterndale	1967	**John A. Rodenhiser
*Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds	1968	*George D. Bogart PGP
**Mrs. Betty M. Schultz	1969	*George D. Bogart PGP
*Mrs. Laura S. Taylor	1970	*Theodore E. Schultz
**Mrs. Melissa S. Richardson	1971	*George D. Bogart PGP
*Mrs. Margaret E. Bogart	1972	*George D. Bogart PGP
**Mrs. Ruth T. Duncan	1973	*George D. Bogart PGP
*Mrs. Phyllis A. Thomas	1974	*George D. Bogart PGP
*Mrs. Alverta W. Kandle	1975	*George D. Bogart PGP
*Mrs. Margaret E. Bogart	1976	*Walter T. Mills
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	1977	*Lee R. Hawkins
**Mrs. Margaret Mills	1978	*Walter T. Mills
**Mrs. Margaret Mills	1979	*Walter T. Mills
*Mrs. Estelle Berg	1980	*George D. Bogart PGP
*Mrs. Margaret Cahoon	1981	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
Mrs. Marion Purvis Townsend	1982	*Walter T. Mills
*Mrs. Bessie L. Steed	1983	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
**Mrs. Debra Leary Huie Bane	1984	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP

**Mrs. Joyce Townsend	1985	*Franklin R. Townsend
*Mrs. Margaret Pastore	1986-1987	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
Mrs. Susan T. Shustack	1987-1988	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Haroldine Walker	1988-1989	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	1989-1990	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
*Mrs. Ruth DeCamp Spitzer	1990-1991	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Miss Edith H. Shinn PGM	1991-1992	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	1992-1993	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
*Mrs. Louia McLaughlin	1993-1994	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	1994-1995	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
*Miss Edith H. Shinn PGM	1995-1996	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Margaret L. Pastore	1996-1997	*Howard M. Cahoon PGP
*Mrs. Jacqueline Stearns	1997-1998	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	1998-1999	*George W. Taylor PGP
Mrs. Susan T. Shustack	1999-2000	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Jacqueline Stearns	2000-2001	*George W. Taylor PGP
*Mrs. Charlotte M. Outten	2001-2002	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
Mrs. Susan T. Shustack	2002-2003	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
Mrs. Susan T. Shustack	2003-2004	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
Mrs. Susan T. Shustack	2004-2005	*Thomas J. Berry PGP
Mrs. Barbara Davison	2005-2006	*George W. Taylor PGP
Mrs. Barbara Davison	2006-2007	*George W. Taylor PGP
Mrs. Susan T. Shustack	2007-2008	*George W. Taylor PGP

**Radiant Chapter No. 6 consolidated with Brandywine Chapter No. 14 on December 31, 1983**

**VICTORY CHAPTER NO. 15 – DOVER**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Jan.-Apr, June, Sep-Nov, and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon in Dec at 7:30 pm. No meetings July or August.

Instituted by Grand Chapter of Delaware May 13, 1942/Date of Charter Dec. 10, 1942

Meets in Masonic Temple, 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE 19904

Ms. Kristine Butler, PM, 10 Willard Circle, Dover, DE 19901-5552.....	Worthy Matron	
VACANT .....	Worthy Patron	
Ms. Stephanie Young, 63 Moores Drive, Smyrna, DE 19977-3631 .....	Associate Matron	
VACANT.....	Associate Patron	
Mrs. Joan S. Edward, PGM, 6112 W. Denney's Road, Dover, DE 19901-1534.....	Secretary	
*Mrs. Myrtle E. Anderson	1942	*M. Eugene Gardner
*Mrs. Margaret E. Gardner	1943	*M. Eugene Gardner
*Mrs. Pauline Davis	1944	*John A. Kennedy, Jr.
*Mrs. Mildred J. Wilgus	1945	*M. Eugene Gardner
*Mrs. Florence Williams	1946	*Walter J. Williams
*Mrs. Lenora Watson	1947	*James A. McWilliams
*Mrs. Julia Slaughter	1948	*Robert Slaughter
***Mrs. Ann B. Cleaves	1949	*John J. Saxton
*Mrs. Mary McWilliams	1950	*I. Kendall Gibbs PGP
*Mrs. Katherine Smith	1951	*Earl D. Smith
*Mrs. Adelle Gibbs	1952	*Robert E. Chambers
*Mrs. Mary R. Miller	1953	*Joseph F. Miller
*Mrs. Jennie Thompson	1954	**Richard E. Chambers
***Miss Sue Baynard	1955	**William R. Chambers
**Mrs. Sara Coverdale	1956	**Paul Coverdale
*Mrs. Margaret D. Tomlinson PGM	1957	*Russell W. Chidester
**Mrs. Delsie S. Chambers	1958	*Clayton Jenkins
*Mrs. Marjorie L. Chidester	1959	*Russell W. Chidester
*Mrs. Lillian Jost	1960	*Victor Jost
*Mrs. Mildred Ney	1961	*Clayton Jenkins
*Mrs. Alberta Warren	1962	*Russell W. Chidester
*Mrs. Nancy L. Morton	1963	*Vernon Morton
***Mrs. Wilma Pitts	1964	**James W. Nunnery
*Mrs. Alice Calder	1965	*Jimmy Calder
*Mrs. Dorothy A. Russ	1966	*Ralph L. Russ

*Mrs. Phyllis M. Saxton	1967	*John J. Saxton
*Mrs. Catherine Cassey Ashton	1968	* Joseph Cassey
***Mrs. Janet Q. Brown	1969	*Harry Decker
*Miss Elisabeth Tomlinson	1970	*Frank H. Furr, Jr.
*Mrs. Jacqueline W. Collier PGM	1971	***James A. McWilliams, Jr
*Mrs. Judith Parrott	1972	*George A. Parrott
*Mrs. Annabelle E. Lutton	1973	*Henry Y. Lutton
*Mrs. Salena K. Sherwood	1974	*Robert L. Sherwood PGP
*Mrs. Mary W. Weik	1975	*Edward J. Hall
*Mrs. Lois B. Faircloth	1976	*Clifford W. Faircloth PGP
Mrs. Joan K. Edwards	1977	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
*Mrs. Pauline McPhee	1978	*George A. McPhee PGP
Mrs. Geraldine Harman	1979	*Edgar Harman
Mrs. Jacqueline McGuckin	1980	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
*Mrs. Clara Hall	1981	*Edward J. Hall
*Mrs. Joan L. Caulk	1982	*Rodney L. Caulk
*Mrs. Jacqueline W. Collier, PGM	1983	*Clifford W. Faircloth PGP
*Mrs. Jacqueline W. Collier PGM	1984	*Clifford W. Faircloth PGP
Mrs. Jacqueline McGuckin	1985	*Clifford W. Faircloth PGP
*Mrs. Salena K. Sherwood	1986-1987	*Robert L. Sherwood PGP
*Mrs. Bell Walters	1987-1988	*Clifford W. Faircloth PGP
Mrs. Cheryl Gladden	1988-1989	*Robert L. Sherwood PGP
*Mrs. Sarah O. Satterfield	1989-1990	*John H. Satterfield
*Mrs. Jacqueline W. Collier PGM	1990-1991	*John H. Satterfield
*Miss Elisabeth Tomlinson	1991-1992	*John H. Satterfield
*Mrs. Judith Parrott	1992-1993	*R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Joan S. Edwards PGM	1993-1994	*R. Dale Gladden PGP
Mrs. Cheryl Gladden	1994-1995	*R. Dale Gladden PGP
*Mrs. Sarah O. Satterfield	1995-1996	*John H. Satterfield
Mrs. Linda Aspinwall	1996-1997	*Robert L. Sherwood PGP
*Mrs. Laura Schmukler	1997-1998	*Robert L. Sherwood PGP
Mrs. Joan S. Edwards PGM	1998-1999	Jose V. Perrusquia PGP
*Mrs. Judith Parrott	1999-2000	*R. Dale Gladden, PGP
*Mrs. Judith Junge	2000-2001	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Kathleen Trombly	2001-2002	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
*Mrs. Margaret Perrusquia	2002-2003	Jose V. Perrusquia PGP
Mrs. Joan K. Edwards	2003-2004	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Joan S. Edwards PGM	2004-2005	Jose V. Perrusquia PGP
Mrs. Joan K. Edwards	2005-2006	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Maria Peterson	2006-2007	Robert Peterson
Mrs. Maria Peterson	2007-2008	Robert Peterson
Mrs. Joan S. Edwards PGM	2008-2009	Jose V. Perrusquia PGP
*Mrs. Laura Schmukler	2009-2010	Jeffrey B. Dennis PGP
Mrs. Joan S. Edwards PGM	2010-2011	Jeffrey B. Dennis PGP
Ms. Donna Austin	2011-2012	Jose V. Perrusquia PGP
Mrs. M. Ruth Lorup	2012-2013	*Eugene L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. M. Sue Kennedy	2013-2014	Robert Peterson PGP
Miss Kristine Butler	2014-2015	Robert A. Bradish PGP
Mrs. Carolyn Van Hekle	2015-2016	Jeffrey B. Dennis PGP
Mrs. Debra Hodges	2016-2017	Robert A. Bradish PGP
Mrs. Carolyn Van Hekle	2017-2018	Jeff B. Dennis PGP
Ms. Prestina M. Crockett	2018-2019	Jeff B. Dennis, PGP

\*Mrs. Ruth Lorup, Plural Member with Friendship Chapter No. 551, PA

\*Mrs. Jane W. Shetzler, Plural Member with Newark Chapter No. 10

Ms. Kathleen S. Anderson, PGM, Plural Member with Caesar Rodney No. 8

\*\*\*Mrs. Jana A. Bradish, Plural Member with Providence Chapter No. 1, RI

Robert A. Bradish PGP, Plural Member with Providence Chapter No. 1, RI

**Kent Chapter No. 11 consolidated with Victory Chapter No. 15, in March 2010**

## UNITY CHAPTER NO. 16 – LEWES

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of each month except the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of June and Dec.  
or the evening of Grand Chapter Sessions at 7:30 pm. No meetings July or August.

Instituted by Grand Chapter of Delaware Mar. 20, 1946/Date of Charter Oct. 29, 1946

Meets in Masonic Temple, 116½ W. Second Street, Lewes, Delaware 19958

Mrs. Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, 17204 Shiraz Lane, Lewes, DE 19958-2511 ..... Worthy Matron  
George Sahutsky, PP (PA), 96 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, De 19966-9290..... Worthy Patron  
Mrs. Carol Fehnel, PM (PA), 4800 Halyard Street, Millsboro, DE 19966-6109 Associate Matron  
Patrick Shearon, 16902 Jays Way, Milton, DE 19968-3411..... Associate Patron  
Mrs. Sandie Sahutsky, PGM, 96 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966-9290 ..... Secretary

*Mrs. Mary H. Bevis PGM	1946	*H. Edward Maull
*Mrs. Gladys H. Lynch	1947	*E. Elwood Lynch
*Mrs. Dorothy Larrimore	1948	*H. Edward Maull
*Mrs. Ruth H. Roberts	1949	*Walter O. Bryan
*Mrs. Goldia M. Palmer	1950	*Clarence E. Rickards
*Mrs. Claire Andress	1951	*Walter O. Bryan
*Mrs. Mabel E. Guthrie	1952	*Clarence E. Rickards
*Mrs. Ruth J. Bryan	1953	*Walter O. Bryan
*Mrs. Helen T. Joseph	1954	*Clarence E. Rickards
*Mrs. Jane D. Brittingham	1955	*Walter O. Bryan
*Mrs. Margaret E. Russell	1956	*Wilbert E. Schmierer
*Mrs. Grace A. Hall	1957	*Clarence E. Rickards
*Mrs. Marguerite L. Yamall	1958	*Rupert O. Hall
*Mrs. Elizabeth Greene	1959	*Wilbert E. Schmierer
*Miss Sara M. Tikio	1960	*Walter O. Bryan
*Mrs. Dorothy L. Collins	1961	*Wilbert E. Schmierer
***Mrs. Arzle M. Powell	1962	***Charles R. Powell
*Mrs. Susan E. Volk	1963	*Rupert O. Hall
*Mrs. Doris M. Downs	1964	*William J. Downs
Mrs. Barbara W. Ewing Joseph PGM	1965	*Rupert O. Hall
*Mrs. Jane Bell Wilson	1966	***Charles R. Powell
Mrs. Nancy J. Burbage	1967	*Rupert O. Hall
*Mrs. Signa Souder	1968	*John W. Souder
*Mrs. Martha E. Pratt	1969	*Archilaus A. Pratt
*Mrs. Meta Mae Harper West	1970	*John H. Souder
Mrs. Joan L. Moore PGM	1971	*Harry A. Moore PGP
Mrs. Betty H. Macintire	1972	*Harry A. Moore PGP
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hill	1973	*John W. Souder
**Mrs. Celia S. Green	1974	**George Green
**Mrs. Louise V. Hanby	1975	*William J. Downs
*Mrs. Martha L. Little	1976	**George Green
*Mrs. Minna H. Lodge	1977	*Harry A. Moore PGP
Mrs. Joy H. Hopkins PGM	1978	*Harry A. Moore PGP
*Mrs. Linda H. Good	1979	*William R. James
*Mrs. Barbara K. Edginton	1980	*William R. James
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Anderson PGM	1981	*Anthony J. Kowalski
Mrs. Jennie L. Dull	1982	*William R. James
Mrs. Cathy H. Brady	1983	*William R. James
*Mrs. Nancy C. Spiros	1984	*Harry A. Moore PGP
*Mrs. Irene P. Sorbara	1985	*William R. James
*Mrs. Lurene F. Kowalski	1986-1987	*Anthony J. Kowalski
Mrs. Marie Savin	1987-1988	*William R. James
Mrs. Fay Welch	1988-1989	*Ray Welch
*Mrs. Shirley M. Carey	1989-1990	*Ronald L. Carey PGP
*Mrs. Dorothy A. Fields	1990-1991	*William R. James
Mrs. Claire Watkins	1991-1992	*Robert S. Watkins PGP
*Miss Margaret Moore	1992-1993	*William R. James
*Mrs. Madelon Kidwell	1993-1994	*Richard O. Kidwell
*Mrs. Isabel Turley	1994-1995	*William R. James
*Mrs. Ethel Shellender	1995-1996	*Thomas W. Harvey
Mrs. Annabelle Boire	1996-1997	*Robert S. Watkins PGP
*Mrs. Mabel E. Harvey	1997-1998	*Thomas W. Harvey
Mrs. Jennie Dull	1998-1999	*Ronald L. Carey PGP



Mrs. Doris E. Lauer PGM	1999-2000	*James A. Carmean PGP
*Mrs. Mary A. Doerfler	2000-2001	Leon D. Ware, Sr. PGP
Mrs. Claire Watkins	2001-2002	*Robert S. Watkins PGP
*Mrs. Shirley Haynie	2002-2003	*Warner C. Haynie PGP
Mrs. Sandra Sahutsky PGM	2003-2004	*William E. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Nancy Ware	2004-2005	Leon D. Ware, Sr. PGP
Mrs. Patricia A. Martin	2005-2006	*Warner C. Haynie PGP
Mrs. Colleen Willis	2006-2007	*Warner C. Haynie PGP
Mrs. Sandra Fawcett	2007-2008	Christian Dull
Mrs. Rhonda Lee Zawora	2008-2009	Bryan Ware PGP
Mrs. Susan Tolbert	2009-2010	Stephen Tolbert PGP
Mrs. Sandra Sahutsky PGM	2010-2011	Joseph G. Bishop
*Mrs. Shirley Haynie	2011-2012	*Warner C. Haynie PGP
Mrs. Eleanor Ellis	2012-2013	*Warner C. Haynie PGP
*Mrs. Teresa Shearon	2013-2014	*William E. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Terese Hensel	2014-2015	Robert Roby
Mrs. Nichole Pantuliano	2015-2016	*William E. Edwards PGP
***Ms. PJ Roby	2016-2017	Stephen P. Tolbert PGP
Mrs. Terese Hensel	2017-2018	Christian Dull
Mrs. Joan L. Moore, PGM	2018-2019	Stephen P. Tolbert PGP
	*Mrs. Helen Coyle, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3	
	*Paul Coyle, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3	
	*Mrs. Mabel E. Harvey, Demitted from Brandywine Chapter No. 14	
	*Thomas W. Harvey, Demitted from Brandywine Chapter No. 14	
	*Mrs. Elsie I. Conley, Demitted from Ruth Chapter No. 19	
	** Mrs. Phyllis Carmean, PGM Affiliated from Naomi Chapter No. 20	
	*James A. Carmean PGP, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20	
	*Mrs. Alverta Kandle, Plural Member with Brandywine Chapter No. 14	
	*Mrs. Mildred McDermott, Plural Member with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8	
	*Mrs. Isabel Turley, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19	
	*Joseph Turley, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19	
	*Mrs. Eleanor Huber, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20	
	*** Mrs. Marcia L. Belmont, Dual Member with Wall Chapter No. 143	
	Mrs. Georgia Bishop, Plural Member with Palmyra Chapter No. 402, VA	
	Mrs. Eleanor Ellis, Plural Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA	
	*Mrs. Shirley Haynie, Dual Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA	
	*Warner C. Haynie PGP, Plural Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA	
	Mrs. Patricia Martin, Plural Member with Morning Star Chapter No. 22, NJ	
	Mrs. Terese Hensel, Plural Member with Bethlehem Chapter No. 40, NJ	
	Mrs. Carol Fehnel, Plural Member with Calypso Chapter No. 130, PA	
	Ernest Fehnel, Plural Member with Calypso Chapter No. 130, PA	
	Mrs. Sally Fox, Plural Member with Stewart Chapter No. 166, NJ	
	Mrs. Doris Lauer PGM, Plural Member with Howard Chapter No. 20, MD	
	John C. Williams, Plural Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA	
	Mrs. Rhonda Lee Zawora, Plural Member with Laurel Springs Chapter No. 227, NJ	
	Mrs. Vickie J. Nicklas, PGM, Plural Member with Sussex Chapter No. 7	

#### ESTHER CHAPTER NO. 17 – MIDDLETOWN

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Sep 27, 1950/Date of Charter May 2, 1951

	Consolidated with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 in April 2006	
*Mrs. Eugenia G. Hall	1951	*Oscar G. Biddle
*Mrs. Florence Mannering	1952	*Samuel Carpenter
**Mrs. Grace Cochran	1953	**Winfield J. Cochran
**Mrs. Patricia Mears	1954	**C. Groome Mears
*Mrs. Edith Labour	1955	*C. Martin Mitchell
***Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds	1956	*Howard L. Donovan
**Mrs. Mabel C. Guessford	1957	**John W. Guessford
**Mrs. Elizabeth C. Barnes	1958	*John W. Guessford
*Mrs. Helen Baker	1959	*James R. Truitt PGP
*Mrs. Melita Knolls	1960	*Howard L. Donovan
*Mrs. Edna S. Riggan	1961	**George I. Schrader
*Mrs. Mary V. Truitt	1962	*James R. Truitt PGP
Mrs. Evelyn Holland	1963	*Elton Holland
*Mrs. Edith B. Chas	1964	*Joseph A. Chas

*Mrs. Dorothy A. Englert	1965	**Dr. Fred A. Englert
*Mrs. Kathryn Chas	1966	*Joseph A. Chas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1967	*James R. Truitt PGM
*Mrs. Margaret C. Douglas	1968	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Margaret C. Douglas	1969	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Mary V. Truitt	1970	*James R. Truitt PGM
*Mrs. Helen M. Keskemety	1971	*Joseph A. Chas
*Mrs. Dora C. Biddle	1972	*Milton C. Douglas
Mrs. Barbara C. A. Rouse	1973	*Joseph A. Chas
Mrs. Barbara C. A. Rouse	1974	*Joseph A. Chas
*** Mrs. Frann Hutchinson	1975	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Dora M. Ford	1976	*John Wilson
*Mrs. Margaret Douglas	1977	*Milton C. Douglas
** Mrs. Elizabeth C. Barnes	1978	**Thomas C. Chas
Mrs. Barbara C. A. Rouse	1979	**Thomas C. Chas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1980	**Thomas C. Chas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1981	*Joseph A. Chas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1982	*Joseph A. Chas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1983	*Joseph A. Chas
*Mrs. Margaret C. Douglas	1984	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1985	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Eugenia G. Hall	1986-1987	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1987-1988	*Milton C. Douglas
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1988-1989	***William S. Eveleigh
*** Mrs. LaVerne Eveleigh	1989-1990	***William S. Eveleigh
*** Mrs. LaVerne Eveleigh	1990-1991	***William S. Eveleigh
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1991-1992	*Elton Holland
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1992-1993	*Elton Holland
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1993-1994	*Elton Holland
*Mrs. Doris Pyle	1994-1995	*Elton Holland
Mrs. Jane B. Brackin	1995-1996	Jay R. Brackin
*Mrs. Doris Pyle	1996-1997	Jay R. Brackin
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	1997-1998	Jay R. Brackin
Mrs. Jane B. Brackin	1998-1999	Jay R. Brackin
*Mrs. Doris Pyle	1999-2000	Jay R. Brackin
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	2000-2001	*Homer C. Jennings
Mrs. Jane B. Brackin	2001-2002	Jay R. Brackin
*Mrs. Doris Pyle	2002-2003	*Homer C. Jennings
Mrs. Jane B. Brackin	2003-2004	Kenneth J. Norris
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	2004-2005	Kenneth J. Norris
*Mrs. Edna C. Alfree PGM	2005-2006	Kenneth J. Norris
*Mrs. Fran Hutchison, Demitted from Esther Chapter No. 17		
*Mrs. Madalyn M. Seymour, Demitted from Ruth Chapter No. 19		

### LAUREL CHAPTER NO. 18 – LAUREL

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Apr. 4, 1952/Date of Charter Jan. 18, 1953  
Consolidated with Sussex Chapter No. 7 on October 16, 2008

*Mrs. Minnie S. Kytile	1952	*William E. Hall PGM
*Mrs. Mary E. Woerner	1953	*William E. Hall PGM
*Mrs. Thirza P. Hall PGM	1954	*William E. Hall PGM
*Mrs. Catherine Ruston PGM	1955	**Albert E. Quillen
*Mrs. Marilyn M. Cooper	1956	**E. Pratt Ingersoll
*Mrs. Frances Tulloch	1957	*Lawrence Tulloch
*Mrs. Ruth Pollitt	1958	***Walter W. Pollitt
*Mrs. Pearl E. Johnson	1959	**James W. Flood
*Mrs. Anna Brittingham	1960	**James W. Flood
*Mrs. Isabel Phillips	1961	*Raymond Orendorff
*Mrs. Pauline White	1962	*William E. Hall PGM
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1963	*William Womach
*Mrs. Etta Marine	1964	*Raymond Orendorff
*Mrs. Marie Orendorff	1965	*Raymond Orendorff
*Mrs. Glenna S. Phillips	1966	*William Womach
Mrs. Lillian H. Wooten	1967	***Walter W. Pollitt
Mrs. Nancy McMasters	1968	***Walter W. Pollitt
Mrs. Gail Henderson	1969	*Glenn Lowe

*Mrs. JoAnn Bailey	1970	*Edwin Bailey
*Mrs. Hazel Baker	1971	*Ralph Baker
*Mrs. Sylvia Johnson	1972	*Ralph Baker
*Mrs. Pearl Austin	1973	*Calvin Jones
*Mrs. Lyda Niblett	1974	*Ralph Baker
*Mrs. Lyda Niblett	1975	*Ralph Baker
*Mrs. Pearl Austin	1976	*Ralph Baker
Mrs. Vickie J. Nicklas PGM	1977	*J. Norman Nicklas
*Mrs. Isabel Phillips	1978	*Ralph Baker
*Mrs. Isabel Phillips	1979	*Ralph Baker
***Mrs. Frances Lindberg	1980	Roy Davis
Mrs. Vickie J. Nicklas PGM	1981	*J. Norman Nicklas
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1982	*J. Norman Nicklas
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1983	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Marilyn M. Cooper	1984	*J. Franklin Cooper
Mrs. Karen Womach Plummer	1985	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Hazel Baker	1986-1987	*Ralph Baker
*Mrs. Thirza P. Hall PGM	1987-1988	*Ralph Baker
Mrs. Vickie J. Nicklas PGM	1988-1989	*J. Norman Nicklas
Mrs. Karen Womach Plummer	1989-1990	*T. Eugene Womach
Mrs. Marlene P. Rutherford	1990-1991	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Claire Address	1991-1992	*J. Franklin Cooper
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1992-1993	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1993-1994	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1994-1995	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1995-1996	*T. Eugene Womach
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	1996-1997	*T. Eugene Womach
Mrs. Susan Z. Calloway	1997-1998	***Jay F. Plummer
Mrs. Karen Womach Plummer	1998-1999	***Jay F. Plummer
Mrs. Susan Z. Calloway	1999-2000	***Jay F. Plummer
Mrs. Susan Z. Calloway	2000-2001	Richard Marine
Mrs. Tina Marine	2001-2002	Richard Marine
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	2002-2003	Richard Marine
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	2003-2004	Richard Marine
*Mrs. Janet C. Womach PGM	2004-2005	Richard Marine
*Mrs. Judith Booze	2005-2006	Richard Marine
*Mrs. Judith Booze	2006-2007	Richard Marine
*Mrs. Judith Booze	2007-2008	Richard Marine
Mrs. Susan Z. Calloway	2008-2009	Richard Marine

\*Mrs. Edna L. Allen, Demitted from Five Points Chapter No. 13

\*Mrs. Claire Address, Plural Member with Unity Chapter No. 16

#### RUTH CHAPTER NO. 19 – WILMINGTON

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Feb., May, June, Nov. & Dec.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Jan. & Sep.;

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Mar., Apr., & Oct at 7:30 pm. No meetings July or August

Instituted by Grand Chapter of Delaware Mar. 30, 1960/Date of Charter Jan. 16, 1961

Masonic Temple, 2016 Foulk Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810

Mrs. January Kendall Wright, PM, 25275 Church Road, Seaford, DE 19973-8664.....	Worthy Matron	
VACANT.....	Worthy Patron	
Mrs. Virginia A. Robertson, PM, 2906 Green Street, Claymont, DE 19703-2025 .....	Associate Matron	
VACANT.....	Associate Patron	
Ms. Cheryl A. Mongillo, PM, 8 Glen Berne Drive , Wilmington, DE 19804-2631.....	Secretary	
*Mrs. Ruth Russell	1960	*John R. Crossland, III
Mrs. Mamie L. Nazarian	1961	*Gregory H. Nazarian
*Mrs. Helen Oliver	1962	***George G. Patterson
*Mrs. Winifred H. Hulme PGM	1963	*Joseph C. Galloway PGP
*Mrs. Louise M. Hildebrand	1964	*James G. Moore
Mrs. Ethelene F. Krauss PGM	1965	***Albert H. Westerside
*Mrs. Lois M. Schiff	1966	*Wilmer H. Reburn
*Mrs. Kathryn R. Hoey	1967	*Elmer K. Roush
*Mrs. Marion C. Crossland	1968	*John R. Crossland, III
Mrs. Doris H. Latta	1969	*John R. Crossland, III

Mrs. Beverly A. Wittenberg	1970	*Paul L. Walbridge
*Mrs. Kathleen D. Hall	1971	*Ralph P. Hall
*Mrs. Melba L. Minshall	1972	**William Minshall
*Mrs. Editha Hinchliffe	1973	*James W. Hinchliffe
*Mrs. Lorraine W. Carver	1974	*Frank W. Carver PGP
*Mrs. Shirley Flickinger McShane	1975	*John R. Crossland, III
Mrs. Faith Benson Kelley Mulqueen	1976	***Richard W. Benson
*Mrs. Isabel E. Turley	1977	*Joseph H. Turley
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM	1978	*Joseph H. Turley
***Mrs. Jean S. DeGraw	1979	*John R. Crossland, III
Mrs. Susan E. Beachboard	1980	R. Eugene Beachboard PGP
*Mrs. Evelyn Meck	1981	*Harry Meck PGP
*Mrs. Lorraine W. Carver	1982	*Frank W. Carver PGP
Mrs. Donna S. Hiddemen	1983	*Robert J. Shustack
*Mrs. Kathryn R. Hoey	1984	*Frank W. Carver PGP
Mrs. Ethelene F. Krauss PGM	1985	*John R. Crossland, III
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM	1986-1987	*Joseph H. Turley
*Mrs. Deborah C. Butzbach	1987-1988	*Frank W. Carver PGP
*Mrs. Kathleen Raney Murphy	1988-1989	**David R. Dawson
Mrs. Anna P. Giannatos	1989-1990	*Frank W. Carver
Mrs. Susan E. Peronti	1990-1991	*Charles S. Hattenfield
*Mrs. Georgina L. Jones	1991-1992	*Frank W. Carver
Mrs. Donna S. Hiddemen	1992-1993	*Robert J. Shustack
*Mrs. Deborah C. Butzbach	1993-1994	*Frank W. Carver PGP
Mrs. Anna P. Giannatos	1994-1995	*E. Watson Day PGP
*Mrs. Helen A. Oliver	1995-1996	*Frank W. Carver PGP
*Mrs. Helen A. Oliver	1996-1997	*Frank W. Carver PGP
*Mrs. Kathryn R. Hoey	1997-1998	*Frank W. Carver PGP
*Mrs. Jean Shustack	1998-1999	Robert R. Hiddemen, PGP
Mrs. Susan McKinney	1999-2000	*R. Dale McKinney
*Miss S. Amanda Beachboard	2000-2001	R. Eugene Beachboard PGP
*Mrs. Kathryn R. Hoey	2001-2002	*Frank W. Carver PGP
*Mrs. Shirley McShane	2002-2003	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Miss Heiress Stevens	2003-2004	*Frank W. Carver PGP
Mrs. Anna P. Giannatos	2004-2005	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM	2005-2006	R. Eugene Beachboard PGP
Mrs. Donna S. Hiddemen	2006-2007	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Miss Heiress Stevens	2007-2008	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Mrs. Diane Boyer	2008-2009	R. Eugene Beachboard PGP
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM	2009-2010	*Wayne Slack
Mrs. Diane Boyer	2010-2011	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM	2011-2012	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Miss Heiress Stevens	2012-2013	*Wayne Slack
Mrs. Virginia Robertson	2013-2014	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Mrs. Virginia Robertson	2014-2015	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Ms. January Kendall	2015-2016	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Ms. January Kendall	2016-2017	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Ms. January Kendall	2017-2018	Robert R. Hiddemen PGP
Mrs. January Kendall Wright	2018-2019	Robert R. Hiddemen, PGP

\*Mrs. Ellen E. Buckalew, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*\*Mrs. Carol Hall Lind, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Mrs. Iva C. Hall, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Howard C. Hall PGP, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Mrs. Margaret R. Hubbard, Demitted from Delaware Chapter No. 1

\*Mrs. Elsie Kemery, Demitted from Mizpah Chapter No. 2

\*Mrs. Vivian Pugh, Demitted from Chapter No. 536 in PA

\*Mrs. Mae Buss, Demitted from Little Walnut No. 362 in Kansas

Mrs. Diane Boyer, Plural Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA

Sheldon L. Edwards PGP, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20

Mrs. Virginia E. Crockett, Plural Member with Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8

Mrs. Barbara Davison, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20

Mrs. Lana Donovan, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20

Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey, PGM, Plural Member with Naomi Chapter No. 20

**Mizpah Chapter No. 2 consolidated with Ruth Chapter No. 19 on March 16, 1987**

**Delaware Chapter No. 1 consolidated with Ruth Chapter No. 19 on December 4, 1989**

**NAOMI CHAPTER NO. 20 –WILMINGTON**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of April, June, October-February.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of March, May, and September.

If meeting falls on New Year's Day, it would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed at 7:30 pm.

No meetings July or August.

Instituted under Grand Chapter of Delaware Sep. 27, 1961/Date of Charter Jun 20, 1962

Mrs. Linda K. Morganster, PM 212 Scarecrow Lane, Camden, DE 19934-2741 ..... Worthy Matron  
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 Miss Henrietta McKelvey, PGM, 87 Joyce Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808-4927..... Secretary

*Mrs. Clara R. Wittenberg	1961	Vernon F. Huber
*Mrs. Clara R. Wittenberg	1962	Vernon F. Huber
*Mrs. Eleanor J. Huber	1963	*Harry S. Bristow PGP
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bundick	1964	**Alfred L. Bundick
Mrs. Dee W. Hook	1965	*William E. James
*Mrs. Rebecca S. Welsh	1966	*Elias D. Hontz
*Mrs. Hannah E. Hackett	1967	Vernon F. Huber
*Mrs. Mary Bristow Woollen	1968	*Harry S. Bristow PGP
*Mrs. Joan M. Hontz	1969	*Elias D. Hontz
Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey PGM	1970	*Stanley McKelvey
*Mrs. Geraldine C. Edwards	1971	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
*Mrs. Mary C. Ziegler	1972	**Garvin W. Greer
Mrs. Dorothy P. James	1973	*William E. James
**Mrs. Doris K. Simmons	1974	**Preston L. Simmons
*Mrs. Alverta C. Bowman	1975	*Frederick D. Bowman PGP
***Mrs. Esther C. Carre	1976	***Victor J. Carre
*Mrs. Patricia A. Dillon	1977	*Lonnie Dillon
*Mrs. June H. Enright	1978	*William E. James
***Mrs. Phyllis P. Carmean PGM	1979	*James A. Carmean PGP
**Mrs. Margaret B. Murray	1980	*John E. Accord
Mrs. Judith A. Doughty	1981	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	1982	*James A. Carmean PGP
*Mrs. Helen I. Green	1983	*Wilson Green
**Mrs. Betty A. Kaminski	1984	***Victor J. Carre
***Miss Evelyn Francisco	1985	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
*Mrs. Helen I. Green	1986-1987	*Wilson Green
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	1987-1988	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey PGM	1988-1989	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
***Mrs. Esther C. Carre	1989-1990	***Victor J. Carre
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	1990-1991	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle	1991-1992	*Robert Trate
Mrs. Linda L. Baker	1992-1993	***Victor J. Carre
***Mrs. Phyllis P. Carmean PGM	1993-1994	*James A. Carmean PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	1994-1995	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle	1995-1996	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
Mrs. Linda L. Baker	1996-1997	*Robert Trate
Mrs. Lois Hall	1997-1998	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
*Mrs. Gertrude Long	1998-1999	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	1999-2000	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey PGM	2000-2001	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
*Mrs. Gertrude Long	2001-2002	*Frederick D. Bowman PGP
***Mrs. Esther C. Carre	2002-2003	***Victor J. Carre
Mrs. Linda L. Baker	2003-2004	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	2004-2005	*Newton Willoughby
Miss Catherine Yaiser	2005-2006	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey PGM	2006-2007	*Gordon E. Kyle PGP
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM	2007-2008	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	2008-2009	VACANT
Miss Catherine Yaiser	2009-2010	Robert Hiddemen PGP

Mrs. Barbara Davison	2010-2011	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Susan Shustack Marge	2011-2012	Thomas J. Morganstern
Miss Catherine Yaiser	2012-2013	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Sara Quinby	2013-2014	Robert Hiddemen PGP
Mrs. Barbara Davison	2014-2015	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey PGM	2015-2016	Thomas J. Morganstern PGP
Miss Catherine Yaiser	2016-2017	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	2017-2018	Thomas J. Morganstern PGP
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss PGM	2018-2019	Sheldon L. Edwards PGP
Mrs. Linda K. Morganstern	2019-2021	Thomas Morganstern PGP

\*Mrs. Sylvia M. Knox PGM, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Mrs. Frances McCrery, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Mrs. LaVon Smith, Demitted from Kent Chapter No. 11

Mrs. Jacqueline Kyle, Demitted from Five Points Chapter No. 13

\*Gordon E. Kyle PGP, Demitted from Five Points Chapter No. 13

\*Mrs. Marion J. Calvert, Demitted from Brandywine Chapter No. 14

\*Mrs. Florence A. Schroeder, Demitted from Julia M. Story Chapter No. 3

\*Edward Kopp, Demitted from Mizpah Chapter No. 2

\*Mrs. Euretta B. Schultheiss PGM, Plural Member Newark Chapter No. 10

Mrs. Phyllis A. Bowman PGM, Plural Member Five Points Chapter No. 13

\*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards PGM, Plural Member Ruth Chapter No. 19

\*Mrs. Blanche Picken, Plural Member with Charity Chapter No. 155, KS

\*\*Mrs. Joan Murphy, Dual Member with Covenant Chapter No. 199, PA

Mrs. Barbara Davison, Plural Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA

Mrs. A. Elizabeth Davison, Plural Member with West Chester Chapter No. 352, PA

Robert Hiddemen PGP, Plural Member with Ruth Chapter No. 19

Mrs. Linda Morganstern, Plural Member with Friendship No. 551, PA

Thomas Morganstern, Plural Member with Five Points Chapter No. 13

Mrs. Sara Quinby, PGM, Plural Member with Signet Chapter No. 129, PA

Mercer Quinby, Plural Member with Signet Chapter No. 129, PA

**St. John's Chapter No. 4 consolidated with Naomi Chapter No. 20 on June 20, 2007**  
**Brandywine Chapter No. 14 consolidated with Naomi Chapter No. 20 on October 3, 2007**

**PAST GRAND MATRONS  
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DELAWARE**

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF DELAWARE**

\*Deceased \*\*Suspended \*\*\*Demitted

*Mrs. Julia M. Story (1)	1921-1922	*Harry F. Newlin (2)
*Mrs. Amy E. Meyer (3)	1922-1923	*Harry T. Hickey (5)
*Mrs. Lillie Schofield Riley (6)	1923-1924	*Alfred McClower (4)
*Mrs. Corrine W. Timmons (7)	1924-1925	*William H. Redmile (1)
*Mrs. Louise W. Green (1)	1925-1926	*Elhannon B. Wilson (3)
*Mrs. Elizabeth Leach (8)	1926-1927	*Walter Wood (6)
*Mrs. Rose E. Newlin (2)	1927-1928	*Thomas B. Pepper (9)
*Mrs. Jean H. Cauffman (1)	1928-1929	*H. Raymond Foster (8)
*Mrs. Mattie Pyle Horn (4)	1929-1930	*Robert S. Gallher (10)
*Mrs. Irma Baker Barr (5)	1930-1931	*Walter D. Sawdon (6)
*Mrs. Mary M. Glower (4)	1931-1932	*Frank L. Howard (1)
*Mrs. Anna Bell Sauter (3)	1932-1933	*Grover C. MacNamee (4)
*Mrs. Irene Bauer (2)	1933-1934	*C. Herbert Neutze (1)
*Mrs. M. Etta Keys (1)	1934-1935	*Dr. Jay W. Miller (3)
*Mrs. Bessie M. Warrington (9)	1935-1936	*Victor J. Carmine (5)
*Mrs. Bertha M. Smith (4)	1936-1937	*James Duncan (13)
*Mrs. Sarah E. Riggan (11)	1937-1938	*John Frederick (3)
*Mrs. Martha W. Krapf (10)	1938-1939	*John L. Lecompte (9)
*Miss Carrie L. Gemmill (8)	1939-1940	*Frank L. Harrar (4)
*Mrs. Jane C. Zebley (6)	1940-1941	*William B. Derrickson (12)
*Mrs. Berta S. Welch (7)	1941-1942	*Robert M. Rogers (2)
*Mrs. Myrtle C. Nesbitt (3)	1942-1943	*Frederick Stout (4)
*Mrs. Clara A. Reuter (1)	1943-1944	*Robert W. Larrimore (8)
*Mrs. Elizabeth E. Pierce (13)	1944-1945	*Cheston R. McCormick (14)
*Mrs. Helen C. West (12)	1945-1946	*Charles V. Cleaver (3)
*Mrs. Alice C. Abbott (10)	1946-1947	*Percy C. Cotty (1)
*Mrs. Sarah S. MacNamee (4)	1947-1948	*Horace K. Fulmer (2)
*Mrs. Marie L. Roberts (11)	1948-1949	*Harlan L. Cloud (3)
*Mrs. Dora E. Fitzgerald (5)	1949-1950	*J. Albert Kumpel (8)
*Mrs. Edna L. Gifford (14)	1950-1951	*Frederick H. Warrington (9)
*Mrs. Irma O. Lecompte (9)	1951-1952	*Thomas C. Rodway (11)
*Mrs. Marian J. Simpson (12)	1952-1953	*Henry T. Miller (13)
*Mrs. Elvira J. Ziegler (1)	1953-1954	*I. Kendall Gibbs (15)
*Mrs. Lillian M. Larrimore (8)	1954-1955	*George H. Ostendarp (14)
*Mrs. Ruth M. Betty (13)	1955-1956	*Norris Tull (7)
*Mrs. Mary H. Bevis (16)	1956-1957	*William F. Nutter (4)
*Mrs. Sarah Hoffman (13)	1957-1958	*John Conley (1)
*Mrs. Mildred H. Minner (9)	1958-1959	*William Hall (18)
*Miss Eliza L. Crossland (2)	1959-1960	*Joseph H. Ellis (13)
*Mrs. Reta C. Wilkinson (5)	1960-1961	*Ross M. Lanius (3)
*Mrs. Katherine P. Marshall (6)	1961-1962	*Dr. Charles H. Schultheiss (10)
*Mrs. Edith H. Shinn (14)	1962-1963	*Carl E. Oliver (1)
*Mrs. Bessie E. Miles (8)	1963-1964	*Arthur R. Kempston (12)
*Mrs. Edna E. Johnson (12)	1964-1965	*C. David Wiberg (13)
*Mrs. Adelaide L. Martin (1)	1965-1966	*Charles R. Sweeney (4)
*Mrs. Margaret D. Tomlinson (15)	1966-1967	*James R. Truitt (17)
*Mrs. S. Elizabeth Tull (7)	1967-1968	*Thomas J. Berry (14)
*Mrs. Edith C. Galloway (2)	1968-1969	*Ralph E. Nichols (5)
*Mrs. Sylvia M. Knox (3)	1969-1970	*Harvey J. Bunting (9)
*Mrs. Euretta B. Schultheiss (10)	1970-1971	*Joseph C. Galloway, Jr. (19)
*Mrs. Winifred H. Hulme (19)	1971-1972	*Robert T. Marshall (7)
*Mrs. Ellen E. Gregg (13)	1972-1973	*Thomas B. Sweeney (4)
*Mrs. Mildred A. Wooten (5)	1973-1974	*Harry S. Bristow, Jr. (20)
*Mrs. Phyllis A. Howell (8)	1974-1975	*Harry A. Moore (16)
Mrs. Vada L. Lockerman (4)	1975-1976	*Howard C. Hall (3)
614 Loveville Road Apt E-F1 Hockessin, DE 19707-1622		
*Mrs. Thirza P. Hall (18)	1976-1977	*John B. Betty (13)



Mrs. Ethelene F. Krauss (19) 24275 Church Road Seaford, DE 19973-8664	1977-1978	*George D. Bogart (14)
*Mrs. Betsy Ann Conner (6) Mrs. Phyllis Ann Stewart Bowman (13) 130 Holly Lane Pilesgrove, NJ 08098-2417	1978-1979 1979-1980	*A. Warren Wheatley (9) *E. Watson Day (1)
*Mrs. Cynthia Lewis (12)	1980-1981	*Griffith L. Jordan (11)
*Mrs. Jacqueline W. Collier (15)	1981-1982	*Clayton H. Keith (10)
Miss Henrietta R. McKelvey (20) 87 Joyce Drive Wilmington, DE 19808-4927	1982-1983	*George A. McPhee (15)
Mrs. Joan L. Moore (16) 31360 Point Circle Lewes, DE 19958-3868	1983-1984	Sheldon L. Edwards (20) 4 Westmeadow Lane Newark, DE 19711-2961
*Mrs. Helen Berger (8)	1984-1985	*Roland Nichols (4)
*Mrs. Esther M. Berner (7)	1985-1986	*Harry Meck (19)
*Mrs. Catherine Ruston (1) Mrs. Janet M. Day (1) 210 Gordon Avenue Wilmington, DE 19809-3114	1986-1987 1987-1988	*Jesse Murray (12) *Clifford W. Faircloth (15)
*Mrs. Gloria W. Pergalline (13) Mrs. Elizabeth M. Anderson (16) 320 Lakeside Drive Lewes, DE 19958-8968	1988-1989 1989-1990	*Howard M. Cahoon (14) *Richard A. Anderson (13)
*Mrs. Carol G. Jordan (11) Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss (20) 296 East Chestnut Hill Road Newark, DE 19711	1990-1991 1991-1992	*James A. Carmean (20, 16) *Eugene A. Lockerman (4)
*Mrs. Joyce Ann Myslewicz (8)	1992-1993	*Frank W. Carver (19)
*Mrs. Clara C. James (5) Mrs. Barbara Ewing-Joseph (16) 90 Creek Drive W.C.V. Millsboro, DE 19966-9679	1993-1994 1994-1995	*Ronald L. Carey (16) *Robert L. Sherwood (15)
*Mrs. Lee Anderson (13)	1995-1996	D. Wayne Simpler (7) 21715 Maple Drive Seaford, DE 19973-1426
***Mrs. Phyllis P. Carmean (20, 16)	1996-1997	*George W. Taylor (14)
*Mrs. Effie L. Marvonck (2)	1997-1998	*Robert S. Watkins (16)
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*Mrs. Janet C. Womach (18) Mrs. Catherine Schultz (12) 37682 Crab Bay Lane Selbyville, DE 19975-3922	1999-2000 2000-2001	*Gordon E. Kyle (20) *James E. Parker (7)
Mrs. Joan S. Edwards (15) 6112 W. Denneys Road Dover, DE 19901-1534	2001-2002	Jeffrey B. Dennis (13) 38 Iris Court Dover, DE 19904-1451
*Mrs. Nancy L. Edwards (19)	2002-2003	*Frederick D. Bowman (20)
*Mrs. Edna Chas Alfree (17)	2003-2004	R. Eugene Beachboard (19) 1403 Athens Road Wilmington, DE 19803-5111
Mrs. Joy H. Hopkins (16) 20141 Hopkins Road Lewes, DE 19958-5529	2004-2005	*Eugene L. Edwards (15)
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Mrs. Lana L. Donovan (4) 712 Walnutree Lane Claymont, DE 19703-2214	2007-2008	Jose Perrusquia (15) 821 Carvel Drive Dover, DE 19901-6883

Miss Deborah Dale Good (8) 6 High Pond Drive Newark, DE 19711-2597	2008-2009	Robert Hiddemen (19) 2204 Kingsridge Drive Wilmington, DE 19810-2712
Mrs. Marlene Simpler (7) 21715 Maple Drive Seaford, DE 19973-1426	2009-2010	*R. Dale Gladden (15)
Mrs. Jane M. Morris (12) 32248 Gum Road Frankford, DE 19945-4023	2010-2011	*William E. Edwards (16)
Mrs. Sandra M. Sahutsky (16) 96 Comanche Circle Millsboro, DE 19966-9290	2011-2012	Charles Newton (8) 755 West 12 <sup>th</sup> Street New Castle, DE 19720-4947
Mrs. Kathleen Anderson (13) 39 Iris Court Dover, DE 19904-1451	2012-2013	Bryan Ware (16) 20601 Rust Road Harbeson, DE 19951-2829
*Mrs. Doris E. Egbert (12)	2013-2014	Stephen P. Tolbert (16) 22575 Waterview Road Lewes, DE 19958-5749
Mrs. Vickie J. Nicklas (7) 25118 Oak Road Seaford, DE 19973-8629	2014-2015	*J. Eddie Morris (12)
Miss Euretta L. Schultheiss (20) 296 East Chestnut Hill Road Newark, DE 19713	2015-2016	David A. Holley 6524 Mary Jane Drive Salisbury, MD 21801-1728
Mrs. Barbara F. Lott (9) PO Box 186 Dagsboro, DE 19939-0186	2016-2017	Robert A Bradish (15) 92 Wyatt Street Frederica, DE 19946-1205
Mrs. Sara M. Quinby 108 Lums Pond Rd. Bear, DE 19701-2144	2017-2018	Arthur W. Holley (5) 6438 Oliver Drive Salisbury, MD 21801-1725
Mrs. Virginia E. Crockett 504 East Hazeldell Avenue New Castle, DE 19270-6118	2018-2019	William F. Lott PO Box 1886 Dagsboro, DE 19939-0186

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**  
**2018 - 2021**

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2018-2021

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Right Worthy Grand Secretary  
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Right Worthy Grand Conductress  
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Right Worthy Grand Trustee  
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Most Worthy Grand Patron  
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Arizona		
Arkansas	Florence Horsey, PM	12/31/22
Australia	Catherin Schultz, PGM	12/31/22
Bolivia		
British Columbia & Yukon	Dawn Hoesten, PM	12/31/22
California	Henrietta McKelvey, PGM	12/31/22
Colorado	Ann Street, PGM	12/31/21
Connecticut	Prestina M. Crockett WM	12/31/22
District of Columbia	David A. Holey, PGP	12/31/21
Florida	Terese Shearon*	12/31/21
Georgia	Susan Haught	12/31/22
Idaho	Patrick Shearon	12/31/22
Illinois	Jeffrey B. Dennis, PGP	12/31/21
Indiana	Bernadette Porter	12/31/21
Iowa		
Italy	Mercer A. Quinby PP	12/31/22
Kansas	Nancy K. Davis	12/31/21
Kentucky	Deborah Siefer	12/31/22
Louisiana	Susan Peronti, PM	12/31/21
Maine	Kristine Butler, PM	02/28/21
Manitoba		
Maryland	Susan McLaughlin	05/31/22
Massachusetts	Sandra McAbee, PM	12/31/22
Michigan	Lana Donovan, PGM	12/31/22
Minnesota	Robert R Hiddemen, PGP	12/31/21
Mississippi	Delisa Saunders	12/31/22
Missouri	Lisa Ellis	12/31/22
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada	Chad Marvel	12/31/22
New Brunswick	Kate Marvel	12/31/22
New Hampshire	Diane Boyer PM	12/31/21
New Jersey	Sherry Wilkins	12/31/21
New Mexico	Karen E. Womach, PM	12/31/22
New York	Rosemarie Vandergooht	1231/21
North Carolina	Charles Porter	12/31/21
North Dakota		
Nova Scotia & PEI	Phyllis A. Bowman, PGM	12/31/21
Ohio	Sara M. Quinby, PGM	12/31/22
Oklahoma	Carol Fehnel, PM	12/31/22
Ontario	Ethelene Krauss, PGM	12/31/21
Oregon	Arthur W. Holley, PG	12/31/22

Pennsylvania	David Boyer	12/31/22
Puerto Rico	Terese J. Hensel, PM	12/31/21
Quebec		
Rhode Island	Sandra Sahutsky, PGM	12/31/21
Sao Paulo, Brazil	Robert Bradish, PGP	12/31/22
Saskatchewan	M. Sue Kenney, PM	12/31/21
Scotland		
South Carolina	Jean Nicklas, PM	12/31/22
South Dakota	Logan Mason, PM	12/31/22
Tennessee	Frances Miller, PM	12/31/21
Texas	Barbara Ewing-Joseph, PGM	12/31/21
Utah	Heiress Stevens, PM	12/31/21
Virginia	Kathleen Anderson, PGM	12/31/22
Washington	Deena M. Yale, PM	12/31/22
West Virginia	William Esham, III, PP	12/31/22
Wyoming	Susan C. Tolbert, PM	12/31/22

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Arizona	George Hannon	12/31/21
Arkansas	Melanie Diglman	12/31/23
Australia	Erin Kennedy	12/31/22
Bolivia	Monica Carallo De Cabezas	06/01/21
British Columbia & Yukon	Dale Pfaff	12/31/24
California	Janet Monroe	12/31/20
Colorado	Debie Kier	12/31/23
Connecticut	Maresa Slater	12/31/23
District of Columbia	Joel Kahn, PGP	12/31/22
Florida	Mary Hicks	12/31/20
Georgia	Donna Gasdin	12/31/23
Idaho	Leann Owens	12/31/23
Illinois	Cheryl Aronson	12/31/22
Indiana	Rhonda Maggard	12/31/22
Iowa	Kevin Brown	12/31/22
Italy		
Kansas	Margaret Nelson	12/31/22
Kentucky	Annette Flores	12/31/22
Louisiana		
Maine	Georgia Farnsworth	12/31/22
Manitoba	Elwyn Brown	12/31/21
Maryland	Frank D. Bradley	12/31/18
Massachusetts	Colleen Evers	12/31/23
Michigan	William Bellairs	12/31/23

Minnesota	Lerette Smith	12/31/23
Mississippi	Becky Rogers-Sneed	12/31/21
Missouri	Francis Wells	12/31/21
Montana	Stacy Corcino	12/31/20
Nebraska	Brandon Van Skye	12/31/22
Nevada	Kristine Porter	12/31/22
New Brunswick	Terrance Spence	12/31/23
New Hampshire	Nancy Splacy	12/31/23
New Jersey	Steve McWilliams	12/31/20
New Mexico	John McCord	12/31/21
New York	Irene Lahtinen	12/31/21
North Carolina	Dwight Abernathy, Sr	12/31/20
North Dakota	Susan Vivatson	12/31/24
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island	Heather Matthews	12/31/24
Ohio	Sheryl Jane McAlister	12/31/23
Oklahoma	Barbara Goodwin	12/31/20
Ontario	Debra Bechamp	12/31/21
Oregon	Nancy Stanek	12/31/24
Pennsylvania	Geraldine I. Yoh	12/31/23
Puerto Rico		
Quebec	Christina Hefferman	12/31/21
Rhode Island	Catherine Bradish	12/31/21
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Saskatchewan	Carol-Anne Wilson	12/31/21
Wisconsin	Patricia Mattson	12/31/22
Scotland	June Miller	Lifetime
South Carolina	Linda Harris	12/31/22
South Dakota	Jan Grage	12/31/22
Tennessee	Laura Taylor	12/31/20
Texas	Nancy Peikert	12/31/23
Utah	Gayle Cook	12/31/21
Vermont	Esther Meyer	12/31/21
Virginia	Cecile Gillespie	12/31/22
Washington	Midge McDonough	12/31/21
West Virginia	Kathy Jo Blue	12/31/22
Wisconsin	Pat Mattison	12/31/22
Wyoming	Artha Smith	12/31/22



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**LEGISLATION ADOPTED AT THE  
SPECIAL SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 4; Add (D). Delete (O)**

**Article III Committee Duties and Composition Section 6**

**Add: (D) Communication Committee Delete (O) Web Page**

**(D) Communications Committee**

- 1) It shall be the duty of the members of the Communications Committee to utilize or see that appropriate digital and print media are provided by the Grand Chapter to communicate to the membership information concerning activities of the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters in Delaware.
- 2) Will consist of three (3) members, one of which shall be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
- 3) The Chairman will be the member whose term next expires.
- 4) This committee in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron will select annually those tools of information dispersal that will best keep the membership informed concerning activities and actions of the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapter. These tools may include but are not limited to:
  - a. Website
  - b. Newsletter
  - c. Social media
  - d. Email list
  - e. Other tools as are deemed appropriate
- 5) This committee in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron shall select individuals to serve for one year as administrator or editor or moderator or coordinator to administer the means of communication as needed.
- 6) If there are costs associated with providing of these mediums of communication, they shall be budgeted for in the annual budget of the Grand Chapter of



Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star and if recoverable (such as print media) via subscription from the users, the committee shall establish a price for the service and establish a method to see that these funds are deposited to the appropriate Grand Chapter account.

***Article III Committee of the Grand Chapter, Section 6 H 2) Jurisprudence Committee.***

e) Review and Approve all proposed amendments to the....**by March 31st.**

f) Prepare the above legislation in proper form **electronically and deliver to the Grand Chapter website for review by the membership 30 days in advance of the first morning session of Grand Chapter.**

***Article IV, Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year, Section 1 G)***

G) Registration for the Annual Session

- 1) Pre-Registration Fee for the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter \$15.00
- 2) Onsite Registration Fee for the Annual Session of Grand Chapter \$20.00
- 3) Fifty (50) year members are exempt from paying the registration fee for the Monday afternoon session only, if attending.

***Article VII Grand Chapter Proficiency***

**ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTED OR ELECTED GRAND OFFICES THAT REQUIRE PROFICIENCY**

(Note Article name change)

- A) Anyone intending to serve as Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Lecturer, Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress or Associate Grand Conductress must hold an “A” Proficiency Certificate.
- B) Anyone intending to serve as Associate Grand Patron or Worthy Grand Patron must hold a “Worthy Grand Patron” Proficiency Certificate.

- C) See Book of Instructions Section 30 for proficiency requirements.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

### ***Article III Membership, Section 17: Fifty (50) Year Membership***

#### **Section 17: Fifty (50) Year Membership**

- C) To be awarded during the presiding Worthy Grand Matron's Term.

### ***Article VIII, Election***

Section 1: The first eight (8) officers of a Subordinate Chapter will be elected annually at the **first** stated meeting in **March**. (See Book of Instruction Section 11: Election Procedure)

Section 2: Three trustees will be elected, one for one (1) year, one for two (2) years and one for three (3) years after which one trustee will be elected annually for a term of three (3) years. (See Book of Instruction Section 11: Election Procedure)

Section 4: To be renumbered to Section 3.

Section 5: To be renumbered to Section 4.

*Rationale:* To coincide with the Book of Instruction Section 11: Election Procedure.

### ***Article XVII Ritualistic Work, Etc., Section 4 Rituals***

- C) Any member of the Order can procure a Ritual from the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter. Only members of this Order should be in possession of the rituals, and they must never be placed in the hands of others.

- D) Only one (1) Ritual should be open during the meeting of a Subordinate Chapter and that is for the use of Deputy Grand Lecturer, or a prompter designated by the Deputy.

### ***Article XIX, Amendments, Section 1***

Section 1. **Amendments:** No amendment(s) to these Rules and Regulations, either by alteration or addition will be made unless in the following manner:

- A) Proposed amendment(s) must be presented **electronically** to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose.
- E) All proposed amendments presented for consideration by the membership of the Grand Chapter of Delaware be signed by a minimum of at least two (2) members of this Grand Chapter.
- F) Any proposed amendment present for “Emergency Legislation” during the Grand Chapter Annual Sessions, must require a minimum of at least ten (10) signatures, representing at least three (3) different Subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction.

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 8 Balloting E)***

E) The Secretary is directed by the Worthy Matron to IMMEDIATELY inform the candidate of election to receive the degrees, giving time and date of initiation; if a female, to wear Sunday dress or suit, no hat, gloves, or slacks; if male, to wear formal or business attire (suit).

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 11: Procedure of Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers***

**Section 11: Election Procedure**

C) Grand Chapter: See Constitution Article V Elections

1) Election Procedure:

a) The Worthy Grand Patron will say:

- i. All elective offices shall be filled by secret ballot. However, if only one name is presented for a respective office, the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer shall cast a unanimous vote of this Grand Chapter. In the case of the

Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer will cast a unanimous vote.

**ii.** All nominees must be a Past Matron or Past Patron of Delaware and hold the appropriate proficiency for the office for which they are nominated as defined by the Constitution Article 5 Section 3 and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter A

**b)** Election Procedure for election of all Grand Officers

**c)** All persons running in an elective office will stand; state their name along with the name of their primary as well as secondary Subordinate Chapters in Delaware.

WGP will say: There being only one name presented for the Grand Office of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of office), the Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer you will cast a unanimous vote for \_\_\_\_\_ (name presented) for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Grand Office) of this Grand Chapter. [Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer casts vote.]

Sister/Brother [name], you have been elected by this Grand Chapter to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ [Grand Office name] for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

[After acceptance] Sister/Brother [name], I declare you elected to hold the Grand Office as \_\_\_\_\_ [name of Grand Office.]

For the office of Grand Secretary. Note if current Grand Secretary is nominated the Grand Treasurer should cast the ballot. If current Grand Secretary is not a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary, then they may cast the ballot.

OR

In the case of a contested election

Since Sister/Brother \_\_\_\_\_(name); Sister/Brother \_\_\_\_\_[name]; [repeat as many times as necessary to include all nominees] have been nominated for the Grand Office of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of Grand Office] you will prepare ballot number \_\_\_\_\_ [number]. [Pause long enough for all to complete their ballots]

Have all voted? If no one indicates they have not voted, say “I declare the ballots closed.” Pages you will take the ballots to the tellers in the \_\_\_\_\_ [location of tellers].

- D) Subordinate Chapter: See Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters in Delaware Article**
- 1)** Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers shall be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> stated meeting in March.
  - 2)** No recess will be declared during election.
  - 3)** Any individual wishing to be elected to a specific office will place their name and the office desired in a sealed envelope on the Secretary’s desk prior to the start of the chapter meeting at which elections are to be held.
  - 4)** A member or spouse of a member cannot hold the offices of Secretary or Treasurer and Trustee at the same time.
  - 5)** Officers may only hold the office of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron in one of the plural Chapters to which they belong.
  - 6)** Before each position to be balloted upon begins, the Secretary will read the names of those interested in holding an office; in turn each member will rise and introduce themselves.
  - 7)** If an office has no submissions, the presiding officer may issue a call for nominations from the floor.
  - 8)** Those seeking elected office must have the appropriate proficiency for the office they are seeking as specified in the Rules and Regulations

of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware Article VIII.

- 9) The first eight officers and one Trustee will be elected by a majority vote (one vote more than half of the ballots cast) no blank ballots shall be counted.
- 10) The remaining officers will be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect.
- 11) The election shall be by a majority vote on a separate, written ballot, and if there are more than three candidates for the same office, the name of the one receiving the lowest number of votes cast shall be dropped after the third ballot is announced.
- 12) Election Procedure
  - a) At the first meeting in March, Under New Business, the Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ will announce those to be appointed tellers and distributors preferably sideline members, according to the needs of the Chapter.
  - b) Ballots provided by the Grand Chapter MUST be used.
  - c) The Distributors will pass the ballots and pencils (which must be provided and waiting on the Secretary's desk).
  - d) For uncontested offices, the Worthy \_\_\_ \_ will say, "there being only one name presented or nominated, and if there are no objections, the Secretary will cast a unanimous vote of this Chapter except for the Secretary which will be done by the Treasurer. [Vote is cast]"
  - e) For contested offices, the Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ will say, "you will prepare ballot number [number] for the office [name of contested office]. [Pause long enough for all to complete their ballots]. Have all voted? If

so, I declare the ballot closed. Sisters Conductress [and Associate Conductress] you will collect the ballots and take them to the tellers.

- f) [When the result is given]Sister/Brother [name] you have been elected by this Chapter to serve as [name of office] for the ensuing year. Do you accept? [After acceptance] Sister/Brother [name], I declare you elected to serve as [name of office]
- g) If there are no nomination for an office the Worthy Patron after asking three times, will declare the office vacant.
- h) If vacancies occur the Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ will declare the election is complete and any unfilled office will be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect provided that these appointees are eligible for the position which she/he may be appointed.
- i) Blank ballots must not be counted.
- j) All elected officers must affirm the acceptance of their office in Chapter before being installed, if not preset at time of their election.
- k) A special election to fill a vacancy requires a dispensation and a notification to members, ten days before the election.
- l) If a Chapter desires to elect a Sentinel, this must be incorporated in the Bylaws of the Chapter.

### ***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 15***

New H) During introductions, Sisters and Brothers elected to serve as Grand Trustees will be introduced as “Grand Trustee” with no mention of term.

New I) During introductions Sisters/Brothers appointed to serve as Grand Trustee will be introduced as “Acting Grand Trustee” with no mention of term.

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 30: Proficiency C) 2)***

Recite from memory all Associate Patron and Worthy Patron work in the Ceremonies of Opening and Initiation including the short form version of the Worthy Patron’s Lecture as found on page 86-90 in the *Ritual*.

***Grand Chapter Book of Instruction Section 31: Amendments to the Book of Instruction***

**Section 31: Amendments to the Book of Instruction**

- A) Proposed amendment(s) must be presented **electronically** to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose.
- B) The amendment will then be presented by the Jurisprudence Committee to the Grand Secretary who will present it in writing at an Annual Grand Chapter Session or Special Meeting called for that purpose and after being heard, discussed, and if so, ordered amended.
- C) The amendment may then be adopted by two thirds (2/3) vote of all members present and voting.
- D) When printed after amendments are adopted, the date of adoption will be printed with the change.
- E) All proposed amendments presented for consideration by the membership of the Grand Chapter of Delaware be signed by a minimum of at least two (2) members of this Grand Chapter.
- F) Any proposed amendment presented for “Emergency Legislation” during out Grand Chapter Annual Sessions, must require a minimum of at least ten (10) signatures, representing at least three (3) different Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction.



**LEGISLATION ADOPTED AT THE 99TH SESSION  
MAY 10, 2021**

**Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Delaware**  
***Article VI Vacancies, Section 4: Grand Trustees (Second Reading)***

Grand Trustees

- B) If a Grand Trustee position becomes vacant between an Annual Grand Chapter Session through resignation, death or being incapacitated:
  - 3) The Worthy Grand Matron shall appointment a Sister or Brother to serve until the next Annual Grand Chapter Session when an election will be held to fill the remaining time, if any remains, in the position of the Grand Trustee who resigned, became disabled or died in office.
  - 4) Individual(s) appointed to serve in the vacant position will be introduced as “Acting Grand Trustee”

***Article VII, Meetings, Section 1, Annual Meeting A) (Second Reading):***

- B) The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract, of no less than three years in duration, negotiated by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the second Monday in May at **9:30 a.m.** for a period of two consecutive days.

***Article XII Amendments, Section 1 A (second reading)***

- B) **First hearing.** The amendment proposed must be presented **electronically** to the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of ninety (90) days before the Annual Meeting or Special meeting called for that purpose, and after being heard, discussed, and if so ordered, amended, and if it is then approved by a majority of the votes present, it will be entered on record and printed in the Proceedings or minutes as amended.

***Article VII Vacancies, Section 1: Annual Meeting A) (First Reading)***

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in accordance with an approved contract for one (1) two (2), or three (3) years in duration, but no more than three (3) years, as deemed in the best interest of the Grand Chapter by the Grand Trustees in cooperation with the elected line officers and held in any town or city in Delaware beginning on the Second Monday in May at 9:30 am for a period of two consecutive days.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER**

***Article I, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Session, C) Order of Business 9) Reports g) Committee Reports, iii)***

- 9) Reports
  - g) Committee Reports
  - iii) Registration

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 2 Worthy Grand Patron H) and I)***

H) Will give the Ballot Box to the Chairman of Registration Committee prior to the opening of the Grand Session on the morning of the first full day of the Annual Grand Chapter Session, to be returned to him after the close of receipt of nominations on the morning of the second full day of the Grand Chapter Session.

I) Will call for the report of the Registration Committee and Committee on Nominations prior to the election of Grand Officers.

***Article III, Committees of the Grand Chapter, Section 3, 2)***

**Now reads:**

2) Committees of Benefit for Children, Registration, ESTARL, Grievances and Appeals, Jurisprudence, Service Dogs, and Shustack scholarship shall serve for a term of three years. (AM 2019)

***Article III, Standing Committees (meaning ongoing every year) of the Grand Chapter, Section 4, D)***

D) Registration

***Article III, Committee Duties and Composition, Section 6 D) Credentials and Registration, D)***

1) It will be the duty of the members of the Registration Committee to record the name of all members attending the Grand Chapter Session and keep an accurate account of those present.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers Section 5, Grand Secretary A) Proceedings, 7) Distribution, b) bullets one and two***

- One (1) per Grand Officer of the year of the proceedings.
- One (1) per Deputy Grand Lecturer of the year of the proceedings.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5 Grand Secretary, M) Call or Invitation to Grand Chapter Session, 1) and 2)***

1) Will prepare and distribute ninety (90) days before the opening of the Grand Chapter Session the call to the Annual Grand Chapter Session to all members of the Grand Chapter in both electronic form for those with an email address on file with the Grand Secretary and print form for all others, as requested.

2) Will include in the call or invitation to the Annual Grand Chapter Session forms to order Directories and Proceedings which must be returned at least two (2) weeks before the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5) Grand Secretary, N) Jurisprudence 1)***

Will provide a current copy of the *Constitution and Bylaws* of this Grand Chapter “marked property of Grand Chapter” and with seal affixed to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, elective Grand Officer, and Grand Lecturer. Current update each year will be provided at no cost to these members. These copies to be returned to Grand Secretary on their retirement from office.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers Section 7 F) : Grand Trustees***

Deleted in its entirety.

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers Section 8: Grand Lecturer,  
F)***

Section 8: Grand Lecturer

- A) Must be a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of Delaware and hold a current “A” certificate of Proficiency.
- B) Visit each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction and to see that is Deputy is instructing the officers and members in the correct performance of their duties.
- C) Provide all interested individuals the necessary information including question that are used for the “A” proficiency, so that the Grand Lecturer will have knowledge of who is interested in taking the different levels of proficiency.
- D) Give all proficiency examinations no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Grand Chapter Session.
- E) Will be the only one to test individuals and issue certificates of proficiency.
- F) Forward copies of Certificate of Newly Installed Officers to the Incoming Appointed Grand Lecturer
- G) Instruct the Deputy Grand Lecturers in “The Book of Protocol” and Easter Star etiquette as provided by the General Grand Chapter to be used by Grand Chapters, along with Delaware protocol.

***Article II: Duties of Grand Officers, Section 9: Deputy Grand Lecturer***

- G) Must be a Past Matron or Past Patron of Delaware and hold an “A: Certificate of Proficiency.
- H) Instruct the Subordinate Chapters in the *Ritual* and *Book of Instruction* as it applies to the ritualistic work of the order.
- I) Will be provided a copy of the current *Ritual*, *Secret Work*, and current *Constitution, Bylaws and rules and Regulations, and Book of Instruction*, with the seal of the Grand Chapter, during their term of office which will remain property of the Grand Chapter of Delaware

- J) Request a practice of Chapter officers when necessary.
- K) Refer matters in question concerning ritualistic work to the Grand Lecturer and all matters concerning law to the Worthy Grand Matron
- L) Will assist as requested by individuals desiring to prepare for a proficiency examination

***Article II Duties of Grand Officers, Section 12 Emeritus Title***

To receive an Emeritus Title, a Grand officer must have served in the Grand Office for a period of six (6) consecutive years and motion made and adopted by vote of the members.

***Article IV Revenues, Expenditures and Fiscal Year***  
***4) Honorariums, gratitude, Expense Accounts, and Other Expenses***

G) Contingency to read

- 4) Ways and Means Committee will receive a Contingency of \$1500.00 to be returned at the end of the Fiscal year. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.
- 5) Benefit for Children with Special Needs Committee will receive a Contingency of \$1500.00 to be returned at the end of the Fiscal year. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.
- 6) Session Committee will receive a Contingency of \$500.00 to be returned at the end of the Fiscal year. Receipts will be required for all expenditures.

***Article IV Revenues, Expenditures, and Fiscal Year, Section 5 Advances***

All committees with needs for the forthcoming year shall submit request for funds with justification, to the Grand Trustees by thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Session each year, so that these requests may be considered for funding within the proposed annual budget except the aforementioned Ways and Means, Benefit for Children with Special Needs and Session Committees.

***Article XI Grants, Awards, and Scholarships Rules and Regulations***  
***A) Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership Scholarship 8)***

- 8) Renewal – the following information will be submitted by a previous awardee for renewals one (1) through (3)
- d) A letter requesting the renewal of the scholarship award
  - e) A copy of their current transcript.
  - f) A current letter of reference from one of the following: their minister or church leader, current school professor/teacher, or a prominent citizen.

***Article XI Grand, Awards, and Scholarships Rules and Regulations, A) Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, 10)***

- 10) Disposal of materials
- c) The chairperson of the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) Committee should keep all the applications, correspondence and supporting data form each applicant until they can no longer be awarded another scholarship.
  - d) All late applications that have not been acted upon may be destroyed in the new Grand Chapter year.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

***Article II Meetings C) Special Dispensations 4)***

4) No stated meeting may be opened at a time or date different than as stated in the Chapter Bylaws except by Special Dispensation of the Worthy Grand Matron.

***Article III Membership, Section 11, J)***

Plural membership in any Subordinate Chapter is obtained by means of a petition for plural Membership on a form provided by the Grand Secretary's office of the Grand Jurisdiction in which one is seeking such membership and accompanied by a letter or Certificate of Good Standing (and it understood that the current year's dues card, now in general use , shall be construed as the equivalent of a Certificate of Good Standing) from any Subordinate Chapter. *See General Grand Chapter Preamble, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction.*

### ***Article IV Fee, Section 1***

The minimum fee to become a member of a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction by initiation, affiliation or plural membership shall be not less than \$25.00 but each Subordinate Chapter may provide in its bylaws for any larger amount that it may wish.

### ***Article XI Returns, Section 1 Abstract B)***

The abstract will show the names of all the members, the number initiated, demitted, suspended, expelled, or deceased setting out the names in alphabetical order, making a distinction in sex and between women prefixing Miss, Mrs., or Ms.

## **BOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS**

### ***Section 13, J), 1), 2) and 3) Funeral Services***

The Marshal leads all processions. Use the following order to lead into the room. (see diagram above):

- 4) On the left side the Worthy Matron, Adah, Esther and Electa.
- 5) On the right side the Worthy Patron, Chaplain, Ruth and Martha.
- 6) All other officers filling in behind the Star Point officers when space allows.

### **Section 13, F) Funeral Services**

#### **Now reads:**

Flowers in the color appropriate for each Star Point should be used; with the officer placing them above the waistline, on the left, as near to the heart as possible, forming a Star. In the case of an urn, no urn or no casket place the flowers in a formation as close as possible to form a Star.

## **APPENDIX A AND APPENDIX B**

***Appendix A and Appendix B: Introduction of report and who is spoken to.***

“Worthy Grand Matron/Patron, Sisters and Brothers.



## **APPENDIX C**

### ***Appendix C: Scholarship, Grand, and Award Application Forms and Instruction, Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership Instructions For Completion Of The Application, Application***

Include telephone number(s) and email contact on application form.

### ***APPENDIX D – Remove, Replace and Re-letter:***

Title Page:

## **APPENDIX C COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Following page:

### **APPENDIX C: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(These are required topics that need to be included in ALL Standing and Special Committee reports)

Name of Committee or Event

Members of the Committee, titles, and (Subordinate Chapter number)

Introduction: Worthy Grand Matron Sisters and Brothers:

Duties of the committee and charge.

If an event, the name of the event; date it took place; location; and number of participants.

Action(s) taken by the committee during the year.

### **APPENDIX “TBD” Addition of an Appendix to show the format and guidelines for submitting a proposed change to our Legislation.**

### **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION CHANGES**

Location of proposed change

(e.g. *Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Rules and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters, Book of Instruction*).

Article Number, Title, Section Number, Page Number(s)

Example

Article I, Meetings, Section 1, Stated Annual Meetings, Page 10

**Now Reads:**

**Proposed Change:**

**Change to Read:**

**Rationale:**

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