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Left to right: Robert Parsons, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Diane Capel, Most Worthy Grand Matron



Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I begin to write this message the Christmas season is in full swing and we are about to enter into the New Year of 2017.

I don't know where the time has gone. This year has been most memorable and more wonderful than I had anticipated. It is because of you the membership; our Sisters and Brothers, who have supported the Grand Officers, our Charity projects and your attendance at the District Meetings, Grand Officer nights and other visitations we have made throughout the year. We will have a total of 4, 100th Birthday nights celebrated by our chapters, by the end of our Star year!

Our meeting rooms have been full and with the earlier hours for the District Meetings they have met with the approval of the membership. Our Grand Officers have done beautiful ritual work and have made their Fraternal Parents extremely happy. The Worthy District Deputies have done an outstanding job with their responsibilities. The Grand Representatives have really been Ambassadors to other jurisdictions and our own meetings. We thank all for their service to our Beautiful Order.

I would like to thank the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for their support and wisdom that they have shared.

To My Fraternal Parents, Sister Mary Jane Lojewski, PGM, Brother William Ennis, PGP and Brother Robert Bell, PGP, I treasure all of the support, caring and love that you have given me on this journey.

Now that I have reached my destination, I can't thank you enough for all that you do for me, have done for me and are doing for me. Grand Session is not far away, but I have memories to last a lifetime because you first believed in me.

We have traveled to Pennsylvania's Grand Session, Quebec's Grand Session and I also attend Texas' Grand Session in August; since I was visiting my adorable Granddaughters in Texas. We also attended Supreme Rainbow in Rhode Island, NJ DeMolay, NJ Rainbow and will be making plans to travel to a few more Grand Sessions for Eastern Star.

Our cruise took us North to ports in Boston, Portland, Nova Scotia and Halifax. This was an exciting time for us. Another wonderful, successful venture.

I would like to thank the Corporate Board for their support this year and being there when needed. I wish for each of you, good times, safe travels, and good health. Enjoy the journey as it does go by quickly.

Sister Diana, you have been such a wonderful part of our Top 3. We have had some many good times as we have traveled around the state. A special wish for you, as you begin your year of sharing your plans with the membership. I am looking forward to your Rosepinning and your year. I am always there for you and the elected line; all you need to do is ask.

To all of the State and District Chairs, I thank you for your dedication to our Beautiful Order, and our Charity projects, so we can help those less fortunate.

To My MWGP; Brother Bob, I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated all you and Elaine have done for me. This year has been one of the most treasured of my life. You are always there with your support and ideas. We have worked together for my entire trip up the elected line. I am thrilled that you said yes, and I hope that you have enjoyed the journey with me. Love to you both.

We still have projects to support such as Derby Day at the OES Home. This should be a wonderful time for all. There will be special surprises and new events to enjoy on May 6, 2017. Come out and join the fun.

We are excited about Grand Session on May 22 – 25, 2017, when we will be back on the Boardwalk at Bally, Atlantic City. Details are contained in this edition of the Journal. We are looking forward to greeting each and every one of you then.

Walk in Faith, Share your Smile, and Extend your Hand in Friendship. ❖

*In Star Faith, Family and Friends,
Diane S. Capel*

Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2016-2017



Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I sit here thinking about the final article that I will write as your Most Worthy Grand Patron, so many events flash through my mind, but I know this article cannot be too long. So I have decided to just hit the highlights of this wonderful year, yes we have been busy but that is what you would expect from your top three as we have traveled around our State. We have celebrated two Chapters so far obtaining 100 years in existence Pearl and Ocean City and know that Penns Grove will also be joining them in this milestone. We have had the honor to present 50, 60, 75 and even 80 year pins to our Sisters and Brothers who have reached these plateaus. Congratulations to you and we hope that you have many great memories of all those years of dedicated service to our order. We have also had the pleasure to present several Shining Star Awards to Sisters and Brothers for their outstanding service and dedication to our order and we are thankful to have them.

We have been on a cruise to New England and Canada, a bus trip to the Shenandoah Valley and a bus trip to Lancaster for some Christmas Shopping and to the Brandywine Museum to see some wonderful art exhibits. To all that have supported these events we say thank you and hope that along the way you learned something new and hopefully made some new friends. Many thanks to Diane Schmolze, Joan Smith and Francine Zioance for all of the planning that went into those trips. We held our first fund raiser for the Shriners Hospital with Tommy Zito as the entertainment and through the generosity of those present we were able to present, to the Board of Directors for the Shriners Hospital a check for \$2,500.00. And I want to thank Brother Paul Lojewski a Past Potentate of Crescent Shrine for his help in making this event a huge success! And I do not want to forget our Charity Ball,

which was well attended, and what a selection of baskets to choose from for the tricky tray. I want to thank Judy and Dan Brown and their team for putting together a great night!

There have been numerous Receptions and Honor Nights for Right Worthy Grand Officers, Grand Officers, Worthy District Deputies, and Grand Representatives and all have proven to be very enjoyable. Throw in a couple of District Meetings and Grand Officer Nights and you are pretty much up to speed. As we look forward there are a few Grand Officer Nights and District Meeting to attend and more Receptions and Honor Nights, and I am looking forward to each and every one. We also have a Tea coming up and I hope you will all try to attend that as well.

It just dawned on me that by the time you read this, Sister Diana will probably have disclosed her choice for her Grand Patron at the Rose Pinning. To Sister Diana and her choice for Grand Patron I wish for you nothing but success as you get ready for your year in the Grand East.

To the members of our wonderful Eastern Star, thank you all for the support you have given to your Grand Chapter, you have truly made this year a blessing and I have enjoyed our time together. Before you know it, Grand Session will be upon us and I hope to see you all there as we have a lot of items to discuss. The future of our order rests with each one of you and I know you will make the right choices. Sisters and Brothers let us remember to Honor the Past, Live the Present and Dream the Future. ❖

*In Star Love, in this year of Faith,
Family and Friends,*

Robert Parsons

Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2016-2017



Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



Dear Sisters and Brothers.

The time just flying by. Where did the Holidays go? I hope all had an enjoyable Holiday Season and I would like to give my best wishes to all for a Joyous and Healthy New Year.

This has been a most rewarding year as I serve as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. I had the pleasure to name my Associate Matrons, "Diana's Snow Flakes," and announce my trips. The first is October 17 thru Oct 20, 2017; a bus trip to Boston and then January 8 thru January 20, 2018, my cruise to the Southern Caribbean, leaving from Bayonne, NJ.

To Sister Diane and Brother Bob, it has been a pleasure to be part of your TOP 3, Faith, Family and Friends year. It has been my honor to share this time together. My best wishes to you for a successful Grand Session.

February is a "Special Time," when I will be sending out my Valentines. All those secrets that I have

been keeping will finally be revealed at my Rose Pinning. The Rose Pinning takes place on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at which time I will have the pleasure to pin that "special rose" on that "special man" I have asked to be at my side next year. I will also be honored to announce at that time, and present the Grand Officers and Committee Chairpersons who will serve with us.

As I take that giant step to the East, I look forward to having each and every one taking that step with me. No one can do it alone. This is "Our Order". It takes all the members to work together to make "Our Order" prosper and grow.

May God Bless each and every one, and our Beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. ❖

*In Faith, Family and Friends,
Diana D. Affsa
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*

MWGM & MWGP'S Holiday Weekend Submitted by Francine Zioance, GO

On December 10, 2016, 28 members of NJ OES boarded a bus to spend the weekend with the MWGM & MWGP in beautiful Lancaster, PA. We arrived at Kitchen Kettle Village at 10:30AM and everyone did some much anticipated Christmas shopping at the many shops available. Most of us also took the time to enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants. At 1PM we boarded our bus again and were joined by an Amish Mennonite tour guide. Rachael was a delight and showed us many things not normally on the "tourist" route. At the end of the tour she managed to fit in a visit to a quilt shop where some of our sisters purchased gifts and a visit to a bake shop where everyone seemed to purchase goodies.

At 4PM we arrived at our hotel, the Eden Resort, a truly delightful place. The dinner buffet was a more than expected treat for everyone. Back on the bus and to the American Music theatre for their Christmas Show "Winter Wonderland" at 7PM. On the way back to the hotel we all marveled at the beautiful show we had just seen.

It put all in the Holiday spirit!

Breakfast Buffet and check out the next morning and on to Brandy Wine Museum in Chadds Ford, PA. We all had tour guides who took us through the various exhibits, including a train display. Lunch was included, with some very nice music and a little time to shop in the Museum gift shop.

We arrived back in Audubon, NJ before 4PM. It was a super trip and everyone enjoyed themselves in true Eastern Star fashion.



From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Happy New Year! This year I tried something a little different and held workshops. In the beginning of this year, Sister Gail and I held three workshops to help secretaries who were new and for those Secretaries who had questions and needed help. One of these workshops also helped those on eTapestry who had questions, or just needed help.

Please do not forget our Secretaries/Treasurer's meeting on February 4, 2017, at the Eastern Star Home. Etapestry instructions start at 9:30a.m and the meeting will follow at 10:30a.m. We will be going over the Preliminary, Annual and Financial Reports. Remember, the Preliminary Report, with your per-capita, must be received in the Grand Chapter Office within a week after your Chapter elections and the Annual and Financial Reports by May 1, 2017.

Our Annual Luncheon/Meeting will be at Bally's on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 12:00 PM. All information for a reservation is in the Star Journal plus it will be sent out to the Chapters. I hope you will be able to attend. If you have any questions regarding the law, our Most Worthy Grand Matron will be happy to answer them. The luncheon is open to anyone who wishes to attend. I am looking forward to greeting you all at this time.



Continue to take advantage of our email. The email for Grand Chapter remains the same njoesgc@optonline.net. Our Web site, www.njoes.com continues to be informative. We have strived to make sure you can see all the happenings throughout the state, plus sickness, happy news, social events, etc.

For those Chapter Secretaries who need supplies during the year, please continue to request it with your order forms if possible.

I have tried to help your Chapters save money with postage and have been delivering them when we attend a special evening in your Chapter or District.

To all Chapter Secretaries I always look forward to working with each of you. Elections are right around the corner, and I wish to thank those Secretaries who have dedicated years of Service to our Order, and I welcome those new Secretaries who will be taking over.

Congratulations to Sister Diane, and Brother Bob as you served during your year of Faith, Family and Friends. ❖

Love with Happiness.

*Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGW
RW Grand Secretary*

Garden Tea Party

By Joanne Parsels, PGM



We are very fortunate in Haddonfield Chapter #140 to have Sister Debbie Partenheimer, PGO as a member. Sr. Debbie opens her lovely home in Haddonfield for Ways and Means meetings. But this year she opened her home for a "Garden Tea

Party". Sr. Debbie is a Master Gardener and her yard is as lovely as her home.

On Sunday afternoon, September 18th we gathered at Debbie's for a Garden Tea. As we arrived, at front door there was a lovely white sandwich chalk board stating "Debbie's Garden Tea". We then continued to her deck in the back of the house. All the flowers of her lovely garden were in full bloom and her garden talent was very clear. The day could

not have been more beautiful as are many fall days in New Jersey.

The Tea began with a Pound Auction which was a lot of fun as always with our wonderful auctioneer, Sister Arlene Baker. She always makes it tantalizing and fun.

As always Debbie has "delicious" food. The Tea Sandwiches, desserts, and Tea's were just great and that we were outside in a gorgeous garden on a lovely large deck was just perfect.

Our Worthy Matron, Sister Karen Sorbella was the waitress that day with the help of her daughter.

A wonderful afternoon spent with our Star Sister's.





Grand Chapter OES of New Jersey
Invites you to their annual

Membership Dinner

Please join our



Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Diane S. Capel

and

Most Worthy Grand Patron, Robert A. Parsons

For an evening of fellowship and good times celebrating our membership

on

Monday, May 22nd, 2017

6:00 PM Social Hour - 6:30 PM Dinner

Followed by an evening of mirth and entertainment by the Piano Man himself

Tommy Zito

at

Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Dinner includes:

Minestrone Soup,
fresh gathered garden green salad with chef's vinaigrette dressing,
Chef Mark's Lemon Chicken,
fresh seasonal mixed vegetables and rice pilaf,
assorted rolls and butter,
individual apple crumb tarts served with homemade vanilla ice cream,
coffee, brewed decaf, hot tea and iced tea
Cash Bar



Make your reservations now! **RSVP by : May 12th, 2017**

Make checks payable to: Grand Chapter OES of NJ

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609-665-3288
njhines@comcast.net



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Cost is **\$50.⁰⁰** per person

Name _____

Title _____ Chapter & District _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Will be attending _____ (# of people attending)

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____
(Please list additional names of those attending on the back of this slip)

_____ I am a 50 year member _____ I am a 60 year member
_____ I am a 70 year member _____ I am a 75 year member
_____ I am a 80 year member _____ I am a 850 plus year member

Any special dietary requests must be submitted with this reservation
Parties of eight or more can reserve a table



Grand



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Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

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To Our Honored Member:

You've been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey for Fifty years or more!

The service you have offered to our Order, and the times you have shared with your Sisters and Brothers in your local chapter prove to be an inspiration to us all. This year, at the 147th Annual Grand Session, dedicated to Faith, Family and Friends, we want to take a moment to honor long-standing members such as yourself at the Membership Dinner. The dinner will take place on Monday evening, May 22, 2017, at Bally's Hotel and Casino on the boardwalk in Atlantic City. This special event will consist of a sit-down dinner, cash bar, entertainment by the phenomenal Tommy Zito - the Piano Man, as well as recognition of all the Fifty-Plus Year members in attendance. It is a time to share sociability, reminisce with our Sisters and Brothers, and enjoy the fellowship of our beautiful Star. We've attached a flyer for the event, and hope that you will be able to join us! When you send in your reservation and subscription, please make sure you note that you are a member more than 50 years, so we can include you in the celebration!

We hope to see you in Atlantic City on May 22nd, and to hear your Star stories!

Very truly yours,

Norma J. Hines

Norma J. Hines,
Right Worthy Assoc. Grand Conductress
Chairman

Jeannette Wallace

Jeannette Wallace
Right Worthy Grand Trustee
Co-Chairman





147th "FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS" GRAND SESSION
MEAL PLAN

BALLY'S, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

MAY 23RD - 25TH, 2017

MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

OPTION ONE \$160.00



BREAKFAST- 3 Mornings- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Assorted Chilled Juices, Oatmeal, Pastries/Donuts/Muffins, Low Fat Granola and Dry Cereals, Fresh Fruit Medley, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee/Tea

Tuesday – French Toast.....Wednesday – Pancakes.....Thursday – Waffles

Dinner – 2 Nights - BUFFET- ENTREES – Tuesday - Salad Bar, Roasted Turkey and Tenderloin Beef Diane with vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

BUFFET – ENTREES – Wednesday – Marinated Pork Loin with Roasted Apples, and Seafood Catch of the Day, Vegetables and Potatoes Dessert/Coffee/Tea



OPTION TWO - \$90.00

Dinner – 2 Nights- BUFFET- ENTREES – Tuesday - Salad Bar, Roasted Turkey and Tenderloin Beef, vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

BUFFET – ENTREES – Wednesday – Marinated Pork Loin with Roasted Apples, and Seafood Catch of the Day, Vegetables and Potatoes Dessert/Coffee/Tea

OPTION THREE - \$80.00



BREAKFAST- 3 Mornings- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Assorted Chilled Juices, Oatmeal, Pastries/Donuts/Muffins, Low Fat Granola and Dry Cereals, Fresh Fruit Medley, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee/Tea

Tuesday – French Toast Wednesday – Pancakes.....Thursday – Waffles

PLEASE INFORM US OF DIETARY RESTRICTION AT TIME OF REGISTERING!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GRAND CHAPTER OES OF NJ

MAIL WITH BELOW REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Patti Rhinesmith, RWGS, Grand Chapter Office, 111 FINDERNE AVE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS: April 24, 2017 – ONLY 1 FORM PER PERSON

Name_____

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THE GRAND CHAPTER
Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey
Cordially invites you to attend their
One Hundred Forty-Seventh
Annual Grand Session

May 23, 24, 25, 2017

At

Bally's Hotel
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Formal Opening, Tuesday, May 23, 2017
7:00 PM

Diane S. Capel
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Robert A. Parsons
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
111 FINDERNE AVENUE
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08007

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE HOURS

Monday, May 22, 2017	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	9:00 AM to 11:30 AM 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 24, 2017	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Thursday, May 25, 2017	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

HOSPITALITY

Monday, May 22, 2017	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 24, 2017	8:30 AM to 12:00 PM 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 25, 2017	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM



GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NEW JERSEY ANNUAL GRAND SESSION SCHEDULE

**Bally's Resort
Atlantic City, NJ**

Monday, May 22, 2017

**Membership Dinner with Tommy Zito,
the Piano Man** 6:00-9:30 PM

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Processional Rehearsal 9:30 AM
State Secretary/Treasurer
Annual Meeting and Luncheon Noon
Memorial Rehearsal 2:00 PM
W.G. Fraternal Correspondent Rehearsal 3:00 PM

Evening Session

Opening Processional 7:00 PM
Informal Opening of Grand Session
**Introduction of: Jr. Past Grand Master; Amaranth;
Rainbow; De Molay**
Formal Opening of Grand Session
**Receiving of: Visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy
Grand Patrons**
**Receiving of: Visiting Associate Grand Matrons and
Associate Grand Patrons**
**Presentation of: Past Grand Matrons and Past
Grand Patrons of New Jersey**
Receiving of: Visiting Distinguished Guests

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Business Session 9:00 AM
Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer
Grand Representatives Luncheon Noon

Afternoon Session

2:00 PM
Report of Auditor
**Charity Foundation Annual Meeting and Election of
Directors**
Election of Grand Officers of New Jersey
Necrology Report and Memorial
Presentation of All Grand Representatives

Evening Session

7:00 PM
Presentation of: Right Worthy Grand Officers
Worthy Grand Officers
Worthy District Deputies
Report of the Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent
Grand Representatives Commissions

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Business Session 9:00 AM
Greetings by Bally's Hotel
**Report of Administrator of the New Jersey Eastern
Star Home, Inc.**
Election of Right Worthy Grand Trustee
Voting on Recommendations
RWAGM Rehearsal Immediately following morning session
Evening Session 7:00 PM
**Presentations of Hostesses, Hosts, Hospitality
Committee, Pages, Location Committee**
OPEN Installation of Grand Officers, 2017-2018

**** Committee Reports will be given during business sessions at
the discretion of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.**

Grand Representative Message

Happy New Year. I wish to thank all those for coming to the Halloween Party to help celebrate the visitation of the Rainbow Girls. At their convention in August, 2016, it was my pleasure to present the monetary gifts to those Rainbow Grand Representatives for the best costumes.

I wish all could have received a prize as all costumes were unique. The following girls received the prizes: First place was Amy Wilkie, GR of Missouri pushed around an ice cream truck that she constructed; second place, Naomi Kramer, GR of New York, who was King Kong, who was carrying her own Empire State Building; third place was Brianna Matone, GR of North & South Carolina, who was dressed as a Southern Bell carrying a basket full of items representing her two States.

Our February meeting will be held at Musconetcong Lodge where Starlight Chapter meets on Saturday, February 25th Meet-

ing is scheduled for 11:00 AM with Installation of new Officers followed by luncheon.

Please remember, if there are any new Grand Representatives in your district or former ones who do not currently belong, extend to them an invitation to join our group. We need and appreciate all of your interest.

I have enjoyed serving as the President and looking forward to installing Sister Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO as your new President along with all the other officers for 2017. I wish them good health and happy traveling.

Come out and join the fun.

Fraternally,
Alice Good, PGM
President, GRANJ



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEMBERS

THE GRAND CHAPTER
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147TH "FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS"
GRAND SESSION
May 23, 24, 25, 2017

ONE FORM PER PERSON — FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED
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REMITTANCE BY APRIL 30, 2017 TO:

Mrs. Blanch Jaggers, PGO
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(856) 697-3921

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10.00 PAYABLE TO
GRAND CHAPTER OES OF NJ

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Signature _____
Emergency Contact _____
Phone _____ Relation _____

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR GUEST

THE GRAND CHAPTER
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Phone _____ Relation _____

Reservations

Grand Session - May 23, 24, 25 2017

Bally's Atlantic City, Park Place and Boardwalk, Atlantic City New Jersey 08401

1-888-516-2215

Reservation are to be made under the name of

Order of the Eastern Star Group, use code SB05EA7

Rate: \$65.00 nightly for single and double

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/sb05ea7>

Monday May 22, 2017

Membership Banquet with Tommy Zito Piano Man

Reservation to:

Norma Hines, RWAGC

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Secretary/Treasurer Association

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Reservation to: Michele Hess, PGM

Wednesday, May, 24, 2017

Grand Representatives Luncheon 12 noon

Hosted by: Sharon and Bill's "Reflectors"

Meal Plan Available

1. 3 Breakfast, 2 Dinners - \$160.00

2. 3 Breakfast - \$ 80.00

3. 2 Dinners - \$90.00

Includes:

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 am to 8:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Dinner: Tuesday 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Wednesday 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Reservation to; Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM, RWGS

See enclosed flyers to sign up for all meals



Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

Diane S. Capel, MWGM
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856-478-4086 ~ grquebec@hotmail.com

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star,

It's that time of year again and we look forward to greeting you at Bally's Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ, 6th floor.

Please remember that all reservations must be made direct with Bally's Atlantic City and listed under the name of Order of the Eastern Star of NJ. This is important because the usage of all the convention rooms (location storage, hospitality, banquet room, vendor area and meeting rooms) is contingent upon the number of rooms reserved. We have a web site available to make your reservations. This information will also be on our own web site- www.njoes.com.

We welcome all of you and hope to see you at our Membership Dinner on Monday evening, May 22, 2017.

Come and join us as we have gone back to the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. Come and join us for the special events at the Faith, Family and Friends 147th Grand Session.

Walk in Faith, Share your Smile and Extend your Hand in Friendship,

Diane S. Capel
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Robert A. Parsons
Most Worthy Grand Patron



The Snowman Fling Charity Ball



The Snowman Fling Charity Ball was held on November 12, 2016 at Paris Caterers in Berlin NJ. Sister Judy and Brother Dan Brown were co-chairmen. What a tremendous evening they and their committee planned. The decorations that graced the tables were Snowman heads with top hats. They were adorable. The Grand March was a special touch as the Band, "All Tuned Up" with our own Jim Hines played the music for the evening. Pictures were taken with a lighted Snowman Fling Banner and lighted Snowman figures as a backdrop. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to our co-chairs and their committee for another successful charity event and a job Well Done.





51st ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON OF THE STATE SECRETARIES/TREASURERS CLUB

You are invited to join the State Secretaries/Treasurers Club
and attend the Luncheon and Annual Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2017
LOCATION: Bally's Atlantic City | 1900 Pacific Avenue | Atlantic City, NJ
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PRICE: \$30.00/Person (Luncheon only) \$32.00 w/annual dues
MENU:

Chef's Soup Du Jour
Twin Croissant Sandwiches (Tune & Chicken Salad)
Dessert: "Hello Dolly"
(Layers of Chocolate, Coconut, Graham Cracker & Chocolate Mousse)
Beverages: Coffee & Tea (hot and cold)

PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR RESERVATION

Please make sure your reservation(s) are in by the due date of May 1, 2017

Make checks payable to "**Michele Hess**" and mail your reservation to:

Michele Hess, PGM, Treasurer
PO Box 157

Stillwater, NJ 07875-0157
973-579-1975/973-390-1250

Hessm902@aol.com

This invitation is extended to all Past and Present Secretaries and Treasurers to join our club, stay for lunch and attend our Annual Meeting. Hope to see you there!



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

Chapter/District: _____

Luncheon: \$ _____ Dues: \$ _____ Secy: _____ Treas: _____



Right Worthy Grand Conductress



Greetings to my sisters and brothers:

Unfortunately, my article did not make the deadline for the September edition. I felt it was important to see what was written as well as my thankfulness to be elected to this position, thus I am sending it

again with some additions.

WOW, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, it seems like just the other day I was getting used to being Right Worthy Grand Trustee. I have always felt this station is one of our most meaningful lectures. You not only lead the new candidate, who will shortly become another Sister or Brother, but you are the one who teaches them what our Order is all about. You begin asking if they have considered the "step they have taken." Leading them to the altar for their obligation and then to the Star points who will explain our five heroines. Concluding with helping them to know our ritualistic signs, emblematic colors, flowers and why we follow his star.

Being able to do this at our Grand Officers nights will be the highlight of this year for me. (We have had 2 GO Nights and have 3 more before we go to Grand Session. It was so

beautiful to be part of four new Sisters being initiated with one being a former Rainbow Girl.) I do feel now that I have done this part of our ritualistic work that our new members and membership have a deeper feeling for our Star.

I hope this is a healthy and prospers' year for our members and chapters. Always remember we are all here to help and assist in any way we can. The future of our Eastern Star is the responsibility of the entire membership. If we live our obligation to the fullest we will be able to see growth in our Order.

This is a busy year for me as I work on finalizing my plans to serve in the Grand East. Having your support on this journey is most encouraging and I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to seeing you in May at Grand Session as well as for the reminder of the year as we continue traveling throughout the state.

I leave you with this thought..... **Believe in yourself, have faith in God and always follow your dreams.** ❖

*Lynn Billingham,
Right Worthy Grand Conductress*

Resignation of Linda Frascati

December 14, 2016

To the Corporate Board
Order of the Eastern Star of NJ

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron,
All members of the Elected Line:

It is with great difficulty that I am writing this letter of resignation, due to medical reasons. As you are all aware, it has been a dream of mine to serve this Order in an executive capacity for some time, but things do not always turn out as planned.

The nature of my illness requires me to lead a stress-free life and I feel that I can no longer continue to serve in the manner this Organization deserves.

Unfortunately, I have come to realize that I cannot devote the time required to live up to my duties and expectations. I will continue to serve this Order, which I love dearly, and will do whatever is necessary to see that the transition period will be as smooth as possible.

I thank you for understanding and I thank the membership for their confidence in electing me to this honored position. I sincerely hope everyone understands my decision and that I have in no way disappointed my supporters.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and look forward to a continued relationship with all of my colleagues.

In Star and Fraternal Love,

Rosalinda Frascati

Rosalinda Frascati
Right Worthy Grand Trustee



Sister Sharon and Brother Bill's

The Key to Success is Teamwork



REFLECTORS cordially invite you to their

Grand Representatives' Luncheon
at Bally's Atlantic City
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Subscription: \$40.00

Menu

Chicken Francaise with lemon butter sauce
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Rice Pilaf
Strawberry Shortcake Square
Coffee (Regular and Decaf)/Hot Tea/Iced Tea

RSVP by April 20, 2017

Reservations to: Shirley Snyder, 17 Nassau Rd, Lumberton, NJ 08048 1-609-267-1624

Make Checks payable to: The Reflectors

Name: _____ Chapter _____
Title as of May 24, 2017 _____
If a Past Grand Representative, please list State _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Email _____
Please List Any Dietary Restrictions You May have: _____

Ocean City #83 100 Year Celebration



Sunday, November 13th Ocean City Chapter #83 celebrated 100 years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star. We feasted on Crab Cakes and Filet Mignon.

We were honored to have Sis Diane Capel, MWGM, Bro Bob Parsons, MWGP, and Sis Diana Affsa, RWAGM along with many Grand Officers, Chapter members from various Districts as well as Ocean City Chapter. The celebration was held at the Crab Trap in Somers Point, just over the bridge from beautiful Ocean City. We were entertained by Sis Cricket Brennan and Bro Eric Johnson with their beautiful voices. Everyone received a container of the Famous Ocean City Carmel Corn from Johnson's Pop Corn, and of course we had another Ocean City favorite from Shriver's Salt Water Taffy.

The Top 3 gave their greetings and then we all sang Happy Birthday lead by Sis Cricket and Bro Eric while our WM, Sis Rita Germanio and WP, Bro Louis Germanio blew out the candles on a delicious birthday cake.

We were able to read the 1st minutes of the 1st meeting held in January, 1917. Information was shared on historical facts of 1916. I'm sure that this 1917/1916 has confused you. Ocean City Chapter was Instituted January 1916 but Constituted January 1917.



The Queen of Sheba



The Queen of Sheba is a Biblical figure. The tale of her visit to King Solomon has undergone extensive Jewish, Arabian, and Ethiopian elaborations, and has become the subject of one of the most widespread and fertile cycles of legends in the Orient.

This Degree was held on November 5, 2016 at Caesar Rodney No. 8, in Delaware. Multi-Jurisdictional Exchange - St. John's Lodge, New Castle, DE, 1:30 PM.

Protrayal of Queen of the South. The WG Matron Sister Barbara Lott, wanted this to be an exchange night with other states. There were Past Grand Matrons and Past Grant Patrons from DE, MD, PA and NJ. Our very own PGP Richard Anderson was King Solomon.

We were treated to a lunch prepared by the members of Caesar Rodney Chapter, a good time was had by all.



Top Three Visit Fairview

HO HO HO! On December 14th, the Top Three visited Fairview Chapter #219. The chapter room was festively decorated with poinsettias and greenery centerpieces made by members of the Chapter during their annual holiday greens fundraiser. The Chapter received a surprise visit from Santa who presented the Worthy Matron Joan Smith and Worthy Patron Joseph Rival with Christmas gifts! Before he flew back to the North Pole, Santa made sure that everyone received a chance to have a picture with him and pass along any last-minute Christmas wishes! He assured everyone that Fairview Chapter was indeed on the "Nice" list again this year.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron were presented with poinsettias and wished a very merry Christmas. The evening concluded with delightful Christmas treats, sociability and wishes for a wonderful holiday season!



Haddonfield Chapter and Ronald McDonald House

By Joanne Parsels, PGM

Six Sisters from Haddonfield Chapter volunteered to cook, serve, and clean up at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden. The date given to the Chapter by the Ronald McDonald house was Sunday, November 27, 2016. Our Sisters prepared a Meat Loaf Dinner, with mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables, rolls, and butter. For dessert, they served a homemade cupcake by our famous cupcake maker Sister Pam DeLisa and a homemade brownie. The Sisters in the picture are Betty Phillips, Joanne Johnson, Marie LaVigne, Karen Sorbello, WM, Lauren Boerlin, and Pam DeLisa.



Although it was a Sunday and the Chapter served another dinner the next night, all were very happy they participated.

As most of you know the Ronald McDonald House serves various hospitals and houses and feeds the families of children who are in the hospital. Many are not from the area and it would be very expensive for them to pay for hotels and meals. It must be a big job for the coordinator of obtaining various charitable groups to provide meals. The amount varies on how many will be served. In conclusion our Sisters believe it was a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

This was a project our WM, Sister Karen wanted to pursue.



A Gift at Christmas and All Year Long

By Anna Tews, GO



Tuckerton Chapter # 54 is very proud to have Sister Mary Beth Wegman, GO and Brother Boone Wegman, WP along with their daughters, Sr. Jena and Sr. Casey. Every Friday night, fifty two weeks a year they unselfishly give of their time to run a youth night at the Little Egg Harbor Community Center.

On any Friday night you will find children of all ages playing games, basketball, ping pong, coloring, watching movies and most of all having dinner. The

Wegman's tell me that many times it is the only dinner these children will have that day. Meals are generously provided by local eateries or churches.

For Christmas this year Tuckerton Chapter adopted the program and purchased a ping pong table to be dedicated at a later date. At the November meeting, the chapter voted to donate 30

turkeys for their annual Christmas dinner which was open to the community. Sister Cindy Shelden, Worthy Matron said that 30 twenty-two pound turkeys almost didn't fit in her car. The Chapter helped bake turkeys with the help local churches. Brothers of Masonic Temple #4 helped cook, serve and co-ordinate. Sister Lynn Robbins volunteered to be the liaison between the chapter and Brother "Boone" for future needs of the youth activities.

Sunday night, December 11th, was an evening filled with children, parents, senior citizens and adults of all ages. The Christmas trees were all twinkling and the air of Christmas all around. It was a scene that brought a tear to my eye. At the entrance to the parking lot I saw a handful of the older children dressed as elves, and maybe a minion or two, with signs inviting everyone that passed by to come for dinner.

The kitchen was well coordinated by Sr. Jena Covello and Sr/ Mary Beth Wegman. On gravy duty was Sr. Pat Hoagland, PGO and Sr. Rene Gresko, PGO was in charge of the cranberry sauce. Sr. Irene Wanke, PGO manned the beverage table. Bro. "Boone" and Sr. Casey were 'hands' on where needed and when they were serving almost 300 people. It was amazing!

For another Christmas project the chapter members brought in homemade soups and breads to be delivered to the shut ins from our chapter. This project will continue.

At our December meeting cards were signed and collected to be sent to the military for our troops and their families.

So as I close, it is with a warm heart that I can say that I witnessed the beautiful meaning of Our Eastern Star and our Masonic Brothers at work at a time when it is so needed.

Message from OES Home Board President

Happy New Year. I hope everyone is supporting the special project for our Home and that You will support what your District Chairperson is planning for your district. Remember our Home is one of the main projects of our Grand Chapter and donations can be made in honor of sisters and brothers, family and friends at any time during the year. Please make sure your check is made payable to the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc. and forwarded to Sister Carole Moore, PGM, Treasurer of our Home Board.

Just a reminder we now have a state of the art Rehabilitation Unit and hope that you will consider our facility should you or someone you know is in need of our service.

I wish to thank the Board members for their devoted time to our Home, and for their attendance at our Board meetings but other meetings they may have to attend. I also would like to thank Diane Baldwin, our Administrator and her staff for their untiring service to our Home. We often receive letters from the families who have or had someone at our Home for the good care and understanding they have received.

*In Star Love,
Sister Alice Good, PGM
President*



Sister Competes in Triathlons

By Sister Joanne Parsels, PGM



Happiness is... waking up at 5:00 am to enter a Triathlon and the 1st event you are in the water at 7:45 am? Well that's what Diane Howe, PGO of Collingswood #150 does. After entering the water for a 1/4 mile swim, she then gets on her bike and rides 15 or 17 miles ending with a 5K (3.1) mile run.

Diane's 1st Triathlon was Last summer (2015). She loves training on the bike and going for runs. She has participated in running races all year long.

Diane completed her first charity bike ride on June 12, 2016 for the American Cancer Society, riding 67 miles. Her longest distance yet. She will ride on September 24 & 25th from Woodcrest Patco station to Ocean City for MS. She will finish 2016 with her first ever half marathon on November 19th, the Philly 1/2 which is 13.1 miles. Diane's husband Peter is her consummate coach, supporter and training partner. She says he makes it all possible with his love and support. Diane served as Worthy Grand Adah in 2013-14. Diane has been in some position on the floor since being initiated as well as serving as Ways and Means Chair. Diane's smile, wonderful personality, and happiness defines the terrific person she is.

Tilden Chapter Pin Presentation

Arlene Anderson, PGO received her 50 yr pin, Robert Gill, WP received his 60 yr bar, and Joyce Thompson, PGO received her 60-year bar at the Official Visit of the WDD Sr. Deborah Lynn LaDoux.

Sis Elaine Welch also received her 50 yr pin (not pictured). In addition those unable to attend were Sisters Dorothy Holt, PGO, Martha Cambeis, PM and Sarah Mills 75 year bars; Sisters Alice Boyjian, Jeanne Chatteron, Joan M Ace, Ruth Ann Malfatto, Shirley Ulm, PGO and Bro Henry C. Hemmer, PP 60 year bars; and Sisters Gladys Wagner, Marie Krieger, PGO, Jacqueline Graziano, PGO and Patricia Post, PM, 50 year pins.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more Eastern Star years.



Morning Star Enters the Tech World

Morning Star enters the tech world. Since Gregg Guynn working in Georgia and unable to be in the chapter to receive his 25 year pin it was done by cell phone.

Mary Guynn was pinned while Gregg watched the ceremony. Gregg thanked the chapter for his pin and said he missed everyone. Mary told Gregg when she got back to Georgia she and their daughter would pin it on him.



DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?

Do you shop Amazon.com? Did you know that you can benefit the Eastern Star Charity Foundation when you do, at no additional cost? The next time you plan to shop on Amazon, simply log in as Smile.Amazon.Com. You can then designate the Eastern Star Charity Foundation as the charity you support. From then on, every time you purchase eligible items on Amazon Smile, a small percentage of your purchases will be donated by Amazon to the Charity Foundation. You use your existing Amazon account, there are no additional fees, and it's very easy to do! Please spread the word to family and friends, and any businesses who make purchases on Amazon - as long as they designate the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ as the charity they support, the Charity Foundation will receive those small donations, which will ultimately benefit our members in need. Should you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Wallace, RWGT. Thank you for your help!



Special Project for Our Eastern Star Home

This year, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sr. Diane Capel, asked if I would chair a project for our Eastern Star Home. The wheels started working and I came up with an idea to host a fund raising luncheon. Instead of holding one luncheon, each District will host a luncheon with the thought of using the theme of fun and fellowship. With a District luncheon, the chairperson would have a sense of the activities in their own District, so there would not be a conflict of dates, and the luncheon would be localized, so the members would not have to travel very far, and hopefully would be able to support this event. My mental rolodex began running through the many sisters that I have met and friendships made while traveling up and down the State while serving our Grand Chapter. The members I contacted who agreed to be their district chairpersons, I knew would be able to assist with this special project, and they are, Jennifer Schiffrin, GO District 31, Linda Kaplarczuk, PGO, District 32, Lisa Biczi PGO, District 33, Pamela Lindson, PGO District 34, Dale VanHouten, GO, District 35, Lynda McDowell, GO District 36, Deborah Martin, PGO, & Lynne Lowe, PGO, District 37, Shirley Snyder, PGO District 38, and Amy James, WM, District 39. Again, thank you all for accepting.

As a member of the Board of Directors for our Eastern Star Home, a suggestion was made at one of our meetings that maybe we should send out a request to all our members asking for a donation/support for our Eastern Star Home. Since I was

already planning a luncheon project, and the State Chairperson for that, I spoke with Sr. Diane and offered to take on this special mailing as well. The Board felt that there were many faithful members, who for one reason or another, were not able to get out to Chapter, or maybe live out of State and we thought that those tried and true faithful members may want to support our Eastern Star Home as well. You all have no doubt received a copy of the Bakeless Bake Sale flier in your Chapter bulletin. To all those members who have donated, I can't thank you enough for your continued support of our beautiful Eastern Star Home. If you have not received your Bakeless Bake Sale flier, it will probably be in your next Chapter bulletin mailing. All donations are tax deductible and the deadline is March 15, 2017 for those donations. Please make checks payable to Voluntary Donations, and in the memo section indicate Eastern Star Project and mail to Sharon E. Rosequist, PGO, Member Board of Directors, 52 Maple Avenue, Netcong, New Jersey 07857.

Please support your District luncheon and/or the Bakeless Bake Sale special project for your Eastern Star Home. All monies received for this special project will be used for the general operations of our Eastern Star Home.

In Star Love and Friendship,
Sr. Sharon E. Rosequist, PGO
Member Board of Directors Eastern Star Home

EVESHA13 | ETSD | EVESHAM ENEWS | OCT. 2016 **EVESHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Making the world a better place, one student at a time. Walk down the halls of Van Zant Elementary School and you just might think you are in the Hawaiian Islands! As you walk by the school library on a Wednesday afternoon, you will hear the sweet, bright, mellow sounds of 75 strumming ukuleles, because this is where the fourth-and fifth-grade Ukulele Club practices each week. You may ask . . . how did this club begin? You may ask . . . where did Van Zant get 75 ukuleles? Well, let me tell you. It all began with a hard-working one-on-one aide at Van Zant School named Mrs. Michelle Hack. One day, on a whim, Mrs. Hack bought herself a ukulele and began the journey of learning how to play. It did not take long before she fell in love with the tiny stringed instrument. Her husband, observing her passion, decided to support it and donated 15 brand new ukuleles to Van Zant School. As exciting as



this may sound, Mrs. Hack did not stop here. During the summer months of June and July, Mrs. Hack entered a contest with Kala Brand Music, with the possibility of winning 60 ukuleles. With the support and help of friends from Van Zant School, who worked tirelessly to win at least a few ukuleles, Mrs. Hack ended up taking First Place and winning the grand prize of 60 brand new ukuleles! So . . . that is how it all

began! In addition to being a one-on-one aide at Van Zant School, Mrs. Hack has served as a medic in the United States Navy and as chef in the private sector. She has worn many hats, and Van Zant School certainly has benefited greatly from her many talents through the years! Thank you, Mrs. Hack! HAWAIIAN ISLANDS OR VAN ZANT?

PS. DAUGHTER OF OUR RW GRAND TREASURER, GAIL NAIA, also a member of Gloria #159.



Pancreatic Cancer - 2015-2016

By Sr. Elaine M. Dukin, PGO State Chairmen, PEARL CHAPTER #79 - 39TH DISTRICT

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of New Jersey Eastern Star for supporting our Jr. P.G.P. Donald W. Robinson's Charity this past year. I am especially honored and happy to announce WE raised \$8,103.50 for Pancreatic Cancer. We are also able to send June Anderson from Haddonfield Chapter #140, in the 37th District and her family to any Great Wolf Lodge of their choice (except Niagara Falls) for a 2 night stay and \$700.00 in gift certificates a total valued well over \$1,400.00. It all paid off.

But it's not all about the money. I have learned so much about this disease and have been amazed at how it has affected our membership and families. This year I had a personal scare when I got sick and my pancreas level was up. I knew to ask for the blood work to check for Pancreatic



Elaine M. Dukin, Bill Colavito and Eileen Doeshimer at Great Wolf Lodge, Pocono, PA.

Cancer. I was fine. However, just recently I was standing talking with one of our members asking how they were doing following a recent hospital visit and my heart sunk when she informed me she has Pancreatic Cancer, may God watch over her in the coming months. Here it was right in front of me and in front of you. So Sisters and Brothers it's not always about the money it's about compassion and awareness.

A special thank you to my nephew Chris Hammond—Corporate Director of Food Services for all Great Wolf Lodges, Bill Colavito—Manager and Eileen Doeshimer—Customer Service of Great Wolf Lodge in the Pocono's for their outstanding assistances.

AGAIN MY BIGGEST THANK YOU TO

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Pearl Chapter No. 79, Proudly Celebrates 100th Birthday

By Elaine M. Dukin, PGO

At our meeting on June 17th, 2016 Pearl Chapter not only proudly received out new Worthy District Deputy of the 39th District Mara L. Dukin, one of our own, but we celebrated Pearl's 100th birthday. Our biggest celebration however, took place on Sunday afternoon June 26 at Acacia Lodge Dover. In attendance, we had our MWGM Diane S. Capel; M WGP Robert A. Parsons; RWAGM Diana D. Affsa; and other elected, grand and appointed officers. We were fortunate to have members of Pearl Chapter in attendance from Florida, Virginia as well as local states and towns. A great time was had by all.

Sr. Helen Remshifski's family was able to bring her so she could receive her 50-year pin from the M.W.G.M.

Pearl Chapter No. 79 was instituted on June 30, 1916. Their 1st meeting, July 21, 2016, was held in Acacia Lodge, which at the time met on East Blackwell Street in Dover. They officially received their charter on January 17, 1917.

Some interesting facts: Dues in 1916 were \$3.00 and payable in 2 installments of \$1.50 each; Initiation Fee was \$5.00; Affiliation Fee was a \$1.00. When 2 or more family members joined at the same time the initiation fee was lowered to \$4.00 per person. Rent was \$17.00 per quarter = \$68.00 per year.

Pearl Chapter has had the following mergers:

- Evening Star #74 was instituted in 1916 and held their meetings in Morristown. In 1965 Majestic Chapter #157 from Chatham (instituted in 1921) merged into Evening Star. By 1982 Evening Star had to merge into Purity Chapter #252
- Madison Chapter #274 (instituted in 1931) met in the Elks Lodge because Madison Lodge wouldn't let women meet



in their lodge building. They moved into Kane Lodge in East Hanover, until they merged with Pearl in 1989.

- Overlook Chapter #45 was instituted in 1910. It met at 1st in New Providence then moved to Scotch Plains. In 1994 they merged into Pearl.
- Purity Chapter #252 was instituted in 1928. They had two chapters merge into them. Evening Star #74 in 1982 and Harding Chapter #194 (instituted 1923) from Rockaway in 1984. Purity met in North Star Lodge in Wharton until they merged with Pearl in 2001.
- Therefore, while Pearl Chapter is made up now of 7 different chapters only 3 actually merged into Pearl.

A great afternoon was had by all looking at old memorabilia, eating from the several food stations around the room and especially the fellowship had by all. We wish Pearl many more celebrations.



Home Day

Saturday, May 6, 2017

visit the

Trustee's Boutique

Gently used gowns, skirts, tops in both

white and color

Tuxes, Tux Shirts

Shoes

and accessories



You'll find us in the

Board Room

on the Lower Level

Great Bargains!!





New Jersey Eastern Star Home Offers a Full Service Rehab Program to Members of the Order of the Eastern Star and General Public

The New Jersey Eastern Star Home is offering comprehensive rehab services as a part of the facility's new programming. Since the opening of the new wing in October of 2015, the New Jersey Eastern Star Home has offered Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy in a brand new gym designed to promote a return to independence after an illness and/or hospital stay.

All therapy is done under the supervision of both a physician and a licensed therapist. A physician will issue orders for a therapy evaluation, and if appropriate, you will receive treatment.

A licensed therapist will perform an evaluation to determine the need for therapy and an appropriate plan of care. With physician approval, the plan of care will be carried out under the supervision of a licensed therapist.

Treatment may include, but is not limited to, the following: exercise, application of therapeutic techniques such as ultrasound and electrical stimulation, strengthening, training in daily living activities, and patient education.

Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of physical therapists to assist you in reaching your treatment goals.

The Goals of the Therapy Team Are:

- Increase functional mobility
- Restore patient dignity and self-esteem
- Improve meaningful and appropriate communication
- Decrease contractures
- Increase strength through therapeutic exercises
- Heal wounds
- Improve independent self-care skills
- Reduce pain
- Promote safe swallowing and oral intake
- Return patients to their prior level of function

All patient accommodations are private with full private baths. The environment is conducive to healing and the goal is to promote a speedy return to independence in order to return each individual to their home in their community.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Department at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home at 908-722-4140.





New Jersey Eastern Star Charity Foundation

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

The New Jersey Charity Foundation has been very busy helping our sisters and brothers who need financial assistance. So, if any sister or brother knows of another sister or brother who may need help please ask them to contact either Sister Jane Berger, Secretary at 215-735-1321.

If you would like to help the Charity Foundation to continue its work, we invite you to consider submitting a nomination form for election to the Board. These forms may be obtained from your chapter secretary. Additional forms can be obtained from Sister Jane, or they can be reproduced. Forms may also be obtained via the NJOES website under the ES Charity Foundation banner then clicking on the "Eastern Star Charity Foundation Petition".

Please mail the forms to:

Jane Burger, GO, Secretary
90 Maple Avenue
Morrisville, PA 19067
215-736-1321

Reminder that any student who has received a scholarship application must return the completed application by March 1, 2017 to Patricia Hoagland, PGO, 95 Perry's Lane, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The scholarships will be award during the opening ceremonies of New Jersey Eastern Star Grand Session on May 23, 2017.

Any student who has a relative (Parents, Step-parent, Grandparents, or legal guardian) who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and is interested in obtaining an interest free student loan please contact Sister Pam Lindson, 35 Dodd Place South Amboy, NJ 08879 for more information and an application. All donations to the Educational Loan Fund should be sent to Pam Lindson.

The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey,

Inc is designated by the IRS as a 501:C (3) charitable organization, making donations tax deduction. Checks should be may payable to Eastern Star Charity of NJ, Inc with designation of the funds on the memo line of your check (for example, general assistance, scholarship, life skills and sent to the Secretary: Jane Burger, GO, 90 Maple Ave, Morrisville, PA.

Do you shop Amazon.com? Did you know that you can benefit the Eastern Star Charity Foundation when you do, at no additional cost? The next time you plan to shop on Amazon, simply log in as Smile.Amazon.Com. You can then designate the Eastern Star Charity Foundation as the charity you support. From then on, every time you purchase eligible items on Amazon Smile, a small percentage of your purchases will be donated by Amazon to the Charity Foundation. You use your existing Amazon account, there are no additional fees, and it's very easy to do! Please spread the word to family and friends, and any businesses who make purchases on Amazon - as long as they designate the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ as the charity they support, the Charity Foundation will receive those small donations, which will ultimately benefit our members in need. Should you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Wallace, RWGT. Thank you for your help!

Any member of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey can attend our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of each month except August, and if January 1st falls on a Wednesday. The only time you are not allow in our meeting is when we go into Executive Session to discuss a case. Please come to our meetings to see your Eastern Star Charity Foundation at work.

Hope to see you at the NJ Order of Eastern Star Grand Session, May 22-25, 2017.

Happy New Year.

Candace Walling, President

New Jersey Eastern Star Charity Foundation 2016-2017

Warren Sandbach

Warren 'Sandy' Sandbach, PGP being congratulated on receiving his 50 year pin by John W. Carter, PGP on 28 November 2016, his wife Marge had the honor of pinning it on him.





Educational Loan Fund Needs Your Help!

**By Pamela J. Lindson, PGO
Educational Loan Fund Coordinator**

Have you thought about donating to the Charity Foundation and thought to yourself, what will my donation do to help? Well, I can tell you if you donate to the Educational Loan Fund, you will be helping the daughters, sons, granddaughters, grandsons, nieces and nephews of our Members. Loans given to qualifying applicants are given in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year up to five years (if noted on the original application that the applicant is enrolled in a five year program). The applicant must apply each year to obtain a loan and they must be sponsored by a member in Good Standing of the Order.

There have been a lot of loans granted and paid back over the years and I was curious as to what these individuals are doing now. I have contacted 9 of our recent borrowers to find out exactly what they are up to. Here are the results of my inquiry.

Craig Davidson, son of Janet Sandbach Davidson (sponsor) Molly Pitcher #198, District 34 and grandson of Marge and Sandy Sandbach, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2011 with a degree in Aviation Management and is currently a corporate pilot for 44SH, LLC. Then while I was researching, I found out that 38 years ago, Eastern Star loans helped Janet Sandbach Davidson follow her dream of becoming a teacher and becoming a first-generation college graduate. Wow! Look at what can happen when you donate to the Charity Foundation.

Adam Brusky, grandson of the late Barbara Bain of Morningstar #22, District 38 (sponsor) graduated in 2015 from Rutgers University with a degree in Graphic Design and is employed at IBM. Congratulations Adam!

Elizabeth Lacy, niece of Martha Thomas, Wall #143, District 34 (sponsor) graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor's of Science in American Sign Language/English Interpreting and is currently a Freelance Interpreter. Amazing and best of luck Elizabeth.

Marissa DeMichele, granddaughter of JoAnn Bingenheimer, Tuckerton #54, District 35 (sponsor) graduated in 2015 with a B.S. in Forensic and Toxicological Chemistry from West Chester University of PA. Marissa is currently employed at Frontage Laboratories, Inc. in Exton, PA as a "Scientist". Yes, girls and science, you gotta love it!

Alyssa Santamaria, granddaughter of Marie DeRosa, Eclipse #226, District 32 (sponsor) graduated in 2010 from Loyola College in Maryland and is currently a MSA student at UCONN. Alyssa is employed with the Siegfried Group, LLP (which is an accounting resource service) in New York City. Keep up the good work Alyssa.

Dayton Beasley, grandson of Irene Schulze, Amore #176, District #32 (sponsor) graduated in 2015 with a B.S. in Neuroscience and is working at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem, PA. Dayton is pursuing his Masters Degree at the University of Scranton. May all your dreams come true, Dayton. This is why we offer loans.

Matthew DeMichele, grandson of JoAnn Bingenheimer, Tuckerton #54, District 35 (sponsor) graduated in 2012 from Ramapo College of New Jersey with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and is currently employed as a Senior Soft-ware Developer at Pearson, Inc. Outstanding, a job well done Matthew.

Christine Sandbach, granddaughter of Margaret Sandbach, Molly Pitcher #198, District #34 (sponsor) graduated in 2016 from the University of Vermont with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology. Christine is currently employed by National Ecological Observatory Network as a Field Technician in Front Royal, VA. Keep our wildlife safe, Christine. And thank you!

Caitlyn Beasley Hollingshead, granddaughter of Irene Schulze, Amore #176, District #32 (sponsor) graduated in 2006 from the University of Scranton with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and then in 2009 with a Master of Science Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and will be graduating in 2019 with a Master of Science in Human Resources. WOW! Caitlyn is currently the Director of Graduate, Transfer & International Admissions for the University of Scranton and has been in that position since 2006. Way to go Caitlyn, the University of Scranton is lucky to have such a hard-working woman.

So as you can see from the above, the loans given by the Charity Foundation do GOOD work. They allow our future to be the best they can be. They ease a little bit of the burden of paying for a college education. The Charity Foundation is dedicated to helping our future and if that means being able to offer interest-free loans than that is what the Charity Foundation is going to do. But like everything else, the Charity Foundation cannot do it alone. As you know the Charity Foundation is not allowed to hold fundraisers so we are at the mercy of YOU the members for donations to a very worthwhile cause OUR FUTURE and all that that entails. Please consider making a donation to the Educational Loan Fund and perhaps you can find it in your heart to put us in your Estate Planning. Please remember all donations are tax-deductible as the Charity Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

Thank you to all who allowed me to tell their story.



Children's Dyslexia

By Elaine M. Dukin, PGO

This year I have the honor to serve as State Chairman for Children's Dyslexia, one of our Most Worthy Grand Matron's Charities. Over the last several years, Bro. Charles Levering has worked long and hard on creating a beautiful counted cross stitch picture depicting a theme of the M.W.G.M. This is he has outdone himself. This gorgeous handmade counted cross stitch which is 22 count (for those who don't know extremely small) The outside frame measures approximately measures 31" x 33" and the picture is 22" x 27".

Children's Dyslexia affects so many people. The Scottish Rite Learning Centers of New Jersey are here to help and hopefully so are we. Any donation you can make would certainly be appreciated. Although there is no guarantee, those who send a donation of \$5.00 or more, will be given the opportunity for a possible entry to take home this lovely treasured pictured. All donations are tax exempt.

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Shriners Hospital for Children in Pennsylvania

On September 30th, 2016, we held a benefit for Shriners Hospital for Children in Pennsylvania, at the Crescent Shrine in Westhampton, NJ. Tommy Zito, the Piano Man entertained us for the evening with music and dancing. What a wonderful event! The food was great and everyone had such a wonderful time.

Our special heartfelt thanks to Brother Paul Lojewski, PP, Chairman for his time and efforts which proved more than successful.

On November 17th, 2016, Brother Bob, MWGP and I traveled to the Shriners Hospital to personally present a check to the Chairman of the Board, Fred Widmyer, Ali Ghan Shrine Center, in the amount of \$2500.00. We spoke briefly and told the board that the Shriners Hospital was one of our main Charities this year. The donation was so appreciated by the members of the board.

We enjoyed a delicious luncheon and social time with Terry Diamond, Director of Development, Henry Haughey, PP of Crescent Shrine Association member, staff and others. We learned of new musical instruments that were donated to the hospital to use to help with therapy, and took a tour. The facilities were amazing with the cutting age technology. We were given accounts where children from other countries were helped. The Shriners Hospital is an amazing place and a facility to be extremely proud of for its care of children in need.



Pictured left to right: Robert A. Parsons, MWGP, Diane S. Capel MWGM, Fred Widmyer, Chairman of the Board, from Ali Ghan Shrine Center, and Henry Haughey PP, Crescent Shrine, Association Member.



Shenandoah Valley and Lost Symbol Tour in Washington, DC – October 24-27, 2016

Our trip started off with many Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, on Oct., 24th, as we traveled to the George Washington Masonic Memorial; lunch and shopping downtown Alexandria. In the afternoon we toured the House of the Temple, then checked into our hotel. We had dinner, and time to relax, with a game of “Train”, a domino game before bed.

The next day was a busy day with a tour of Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson. Lunch was at the Historic Mitchie Tavern with tour. The afternoon tour was at Ash Lawn Highland, home of James Monroe. Dinner, then relaxing time before bed, to prepare for our next day.

Day 3, we had a lovely breakfast, then off to Shenandoah National Park with a stop at the visitor's center, lunch, then a driving tour with a winery visit. After dinner everyone was ready for a good night's rest.

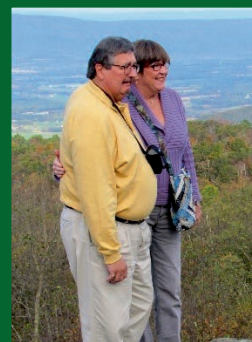
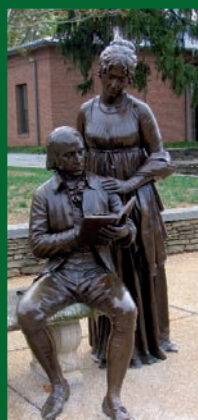
Our last day after breakfast we headed off to Montpelier, home of James and Dolly Madison. It was a lovely day, and after the tour everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch, and it was time to travel back to New Jersey.

We would like to thank all who traveled with us, and supported the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron. A good time was had by all!

Sister Diane Schmolze, PGM,

Travel, Co-Chairperson

Sister Joan Smith, PGM, Travel, Co-Chairperson



70 Years of Service

On December 12, 2016, Fairview Chapter #219, 37th District, held a Top 3 Night. At that meeting Sister Diane S. Capel, MWGM and Brother Robert A. Parsons, MWGP had the honor of presenting a 70 year bar to Sister Peggy Read, PGO. Sister Peggy was initiated into Fairview in

1947. Every year since then, she has been an officer for the Chapter and continues to be active, serving as Chaplain and a faithful member of the Ways & Means Committee. Here she is being congratulated by Santa for her good works.



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