

Order of the Eastern Star
2002 Grand Chapter

Faith Lights the Way

Park Plaza Convention Center
May 21, 22 & 23, 2002

Grand Officers:

Jean James, Worthy Grand Matron
Willis B. Swartwout III, Worthy Grand Patron
Audrey J. Pavlik, PGM, Grand Lecturer
Phyllis O. Eklov, Associate Grand Matron
Harley E. Bennett, Associate Grand Patron
Lois A. Nyman, Grand Secretary
Patricia M. Jameson, Grand Treasurer
Karen A. Carpenter, Grand Conductress
Karen S. Stauffer, Associate Grand Conductress
Nancy J. Hisgen, Grand Chaplain
Gail M. Ried, Grand Marshal
Marcia H. Earl, Grand Organist
Deborah S. Schulze, Grand Adah
Martha E. Swanson, Grand Ruth
Linda L. Leitzinger, Grand Esther
Judith K. Paust, Grand Martha
Muriel J. Mercord, Grand Electa
Norma J. Kowalski, Grand Warder
W. David Olson, Grand Sentinel

Marlow E. Nelson, PGP, Grand Trustee Chairman
Mary J. Traupmann, PGM, Grand Trustee
Ronald D. Pete, PGP, Grand Trustee

Special Dedication to “my mother, Ione Zluticky, who showed me what it means to be an Eastern Star member, my very special “Sister” Joanne Wetterau, who was and is my inspiration, to my Brother John James, my husband and friend, and to Sister Sharon Swartwout, wife of our Worthy Grand Patron. Their love, support and encouragement have made this year possible.

Theme: Faith Lights the Way

Aim: To promote the welfare and prosperity of our Order through Faith, Love and Joy.

Motto: Let Your Light Shine

Watchwords:

F Follow His Star

A Abound in His Love

I Initiate Joy
T Take time to be a friend
H Help one Another

Bible Verses:

WGM: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

WGP: "For Thou will light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness." -
Psalms 18:28

Honored Station: Martha and Adah

Emblems:

WGM: Candle and Broken Column

WGP: Eastern Star

Flowers: Purple, Lavender and White Lilacs

Colors: Green, Purple, Lavender, White and Silver

Fun emblems:

WGM: The Lively Lamb

WGP: The Skunk

Songs: "Beautiful Star," "Faith of our Father," "This Little Light of Mine"

General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Barbara Bollinger, Member of the Registration Committee

Phillip Schanke, Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

June Bjorklund, Member of the Membership Committee

Tuesday Afternoon, Formal Opening at 1:00 pm

Musical Prelude: Robert Hansen, Sr.

Prologue written and arranged by Ruthann Christensen

....As we start the "Faith Lights the Way" Session of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin we look at the past year and how faith has carried us forward and what this Order means to each of us.....

The Order of the Eastern Star is based on faith. Faith in the teaching of the Bible which gives us our heroines and the lessons they teach. The Bible is placed on the altar, which is the center point of our meetings. No business can be transacted unless the Bible is open, signifying that all acts should be dealt with in a manner consistent with the

teachings of the Bible. We promise to love one another, to treat each other with love and respect.....

Bible Bearer: John R. James. Bible Escorts: Sharon Swartwout and Roger W. Wetterau.

Grand Chapter called to order by Audrey J. Pavlik, PGM and David W. Zluticky, PGP.
Invocation by Reverend James Walsh.

Entrance of Grand Pages and Grand Ushers arranged by Audrey J. Pavlik, PGM

Entrance of the Grand Officers: As the Worthy Grand Patron was escorted to the East, his son, Scott Swartwout sang a solo entitled "From a Distance."

As the Worthy Grand Matron was escorted to the East a solo was sung by Missy Staley, GBHQ entitled "I Believe There are Angels Among Us."

Opening Ode: Bless This House"

Flag Ceremony presented by the Sou'Westers Area Club, written by Glee Enright, narrated by Harold Beals with Organist, Kristen Anderson. Honor Guard: All Grand Representatives and their Counterparts.

Introductions including: Sister Patricia Rasmusson Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Tuesday Evening Informal, 7:30 PM

Musical Prelude by Karen LaCourt

Welcome and Introductions by Barbara A. Bollinger, PGM and Ronald D. Pete, PGP

Worthy Grand Matron Jean and her husband John met through ballroom dancing so that was the theme of the introductions. Each grand officer and escort were introduced as a type of dance champion: Limbo, Twist, Bunny Hop, etc.

Check for \$8,000 to Ronald McDonald Houses. Over \$6,000 to Juvenile Diabetes. \$4,700 to McArdle Center for Cancer Research. \$4,700 for scholarships.

John Hein, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin:

Is anyone happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over and its tolling time is through,
Is there anyone to utter a kindly word to you?
Can you say tonight in prayer when the day is slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day or lose it?
Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God will say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today.

Wednesday Morning, 8:00 am

Musical Prelude, Emerson H. Kolda

Grand Chapter called to order by Betty Krist, PGM and Phillip W. Schanke, PGP

The opening ode: "Give Us This Day"

Sister Mary Louise Schenkenberg presented Grand Representative appointment to Puerto Rico in Wisconsin.

Elections:

Grand Secretary, Sharon Swartwout
Grand Treasurer, Pat Jameson
Associate Grand Conductress, Martha Swanson
Grand Trustee, Audrey J. Pavlik, PGM

Beyond Life's Gateway
There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each member must go
And there, in a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

Memorial Service written and narrated by Marion Crivits, soloist Marlowe Nelson and organist Kay Scafe.

Song: "Beautiful Garden of Prayer"

...Time passes and reveals that the truehearted people, those dedicated to a purpose and goal may find their earthly life shortened but they live in the depths of each heart and soul. At this time we take a moment to hold up in memory the members who have left us this past year to enter life everlasting, that heaven-in-waiting, that special place that we all hold most dear.....

Song: "He Leadeth Me"

Wednesday Afternoon, 1:00 pm

Musical Prelude, Kay Scafe

Grand Chapter called to order by Mary Lou Reilly, PGM and Leonard E. Pivet, PGP

Opening Ode: "Everything is Beautiful"

There are many kinds of love, many kinds of light,

And every kind of light makes a glory in the night.

There is love that stirs the heart,

And love that gives it rest,

But the love that leads us upward is the noblest and best.

May we work this afternoon with the love that is the noblest and best.

Tribute to Life Members by Frank Goffe

...Of all things good, you have been there during the good times, the fast times and the slow times. You were there when you were needed. You handled our moneys, you set up Chapter rooms and you took them down. You have been friends forever. We have not probably thanked you enough for what you have done. If we may have forgotten, well – thanks again from the bottom of our hearts...

Closing Ode: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Wednesday evening, 7:00 pm

Musical prelude by Kristen M. Anderson

Grand Chapter called to order by Joan G. Smith, PGM and Donald A. Haas, PGP

Opening Ode: "What a Wonderful World"

Timothy O'Brien, currently serving Bristol and Wesley Chapel United Methodist churches in Kenosha County was the ESTARL speaker.

Brother Steve Jones was presented a Grand Representative appointment to New York in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Grand Chapter Accomplishment Awards for 2002

Closing Ode: "Beautiful Star"

Thursday Morning, 8:00 am

Musical Prelude by Harriet Davison

Grand Chapter called to order by LaThora H. Slazas, PGM and Howard W. Trescher,
PGP

Opening Ode: "Pass it On"

Cheer contributions from chapters: \$2,558.28.

Pages and Ushers:

The light of our Pages and Ushers surely does shine bright
As they are here to assist you each day and each night.
They know how to be loving and giving and kind.
They're some of the best Members that you'll ever find.

Guards and Nurses:

The flame on your candle flickers many colored lights.
There's guarding and checking and nursing us right.
We hope you found Grand Chapter special this year.
We thank you so much for just being here.

Arrangements:

You are the flame of our candle so bright.
You have decorated our room just right.
You know that we love you, we've made that so clear,
As we thank you for making so special our year.

Hospitality: My dear sisters, you have made our members and visitors feel very welcome in Oshkosh. Your hard work has paid off and we all feel that "Faith Lights the Way" in our state. Many thanks for your hours of work.

Grand Escorts:

We have traveled the state
and stayed up late.

The Officers have practiced and groaned.

While your driving skills you have honed.

We thank you for being a part of our family.

For being faithful and true and being a Lambalie.

(Okay, I made up the word "Lambalie" but I couldn't think of anything else to rhyme with family.)

Grand Officers: My dear Candle Lights, you have made your Mom so proud. What a wonderful farewell. A year ago we just got together and now we truly are a family. I feel so close to each of you and am sad to see this year end.

111th Grand Session Closed.

Badge Ceremony written by Haila Miller, narrated by Norma Gant with Organist Karen LaCourt. Duet “Great is Thy Faithfulness” and “The Family of God” sung by Norma Gant and Marlowe Nelson.