

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin
One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Session

Harvest of Prayers

Marriott Middleton Convention Center
Middleton, Wisconsin

May 16, 17, 18, 2006

Worthy Grand Matron	Martha Swanson
Worthy Grand Patron	Roy A. Skogen
Associate Grand Matron	Helen Wheeler
Associate Grand Patron	John Knee
Grand Secretary	Sharon Swartwout
Grand Treasurer	Mary Olson
Grand Conductress	Laurie Twardy
Associate Grand Conductress	Kris Engbring
Grand Chaplain	Bonnie Kohn
Grand Lecturer	Jean James
Grand Marshal	Rae Canfield
Grand Organist	Kay Scafe
Grand Adah	Sylvia McDonald
Grand Ruth	Helen Shue
Grand Esther	Roxanne Gnatzig
Grand Martha	Bobbi Jo Oyen
Grand Esther	Linda Sedall
Grand Warder	Robert Bradley
Grand Sentinel	Calvin Wells
Grand Trustee, Chair	Mary Traupmann, PGM
Grand Trustee, 2 years	Harley Bennett, PGP
Grand Trustee, 3 years	Audrey J. Pavlik, PGM

General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Ronald D. Pete, PGP, Visioneer for WI
Wallace Lindholm, PGP, Chairman, Education Committee
La Thora Slazas, PGM, Ambassador to Columbia and Peru
Patricia L. Rasmussen, PGM, Chairman, Benevolence Committee

Theme: Harvest of Prayers

Aim: Unity with other fraternal organizations

Motto: Fraternal unity to REAP membership

Watchword:

Hardy Produce
Appetites Enjoyed
Require Around
Very Congregated
Excellent Events
Satisfying
Tastefulness

(HARVEST) (PEACE)

Bible Verses

WGM:

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37-38

WGP: Jesus said unto him, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23

Honored Station: Ruth and Adah

Emblems: Praying Hands

Flowers: Tiger Lilies and Mums

Sunflowers and Cranberries

Colors: Burnt Orange, Yellow, brown, Burnt Red, tan (all fall colors)

Fun Emblem

WGM: Cornucopia and Sheaf

WGP: Buffalo

Projects: Literacy and ESTARL

Club Names: Marty's Gleaners and Roy's Grazers

Grand Officers: Threshers

Escorts: Reapers

Grand Representatives: Roamers

District Deputies: Wheat Sheaves

Arrangements: Happy Harvesters

Tuesday, May 16:

Prologue: When God is our companion, as we walk the road of life, there is help for every problem, and grace for every strife.

Grand Chapter called to order by Jean M. James, PGM, Grand Lecturer and W. David Olson, PGP. Invocation by Marlowe Nelson, PGP.

Entrance of the Grand Officers- soloists were Madeline Zindrick and Noreen Christensen.

Opening Ode: We Gather Together

The Flag Ceremony was presented by the Madison Area Club. Narrator, Charles Nelson.

Welcome from Melody Chapter, Middleton, hosts.

Presentation of Distinguished guests included Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Patricia Rasmusson (Minnesota) and Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Loyal Stark (California).

Matilda and Grizelda go to Grand Chapter (Laurie Twardy, Grand Conductress and Sylvia McDonald, Grand Adah): They presented a little skit about going to Grand Chapter with plenty of Energy, Enthusiasm and Positive Attitude.

Tuesday Evening – Welcome and Introductions.

Entertainment: Tomah Show Choir – the Limited Edition – one of two show choirs at Tomah High School. They consist of 28 juniors and seniors along with 8 band members.

The Grand Family was introduced by Karen and Nick using the history of the year they were initiated into OES.

Also introduced were Roger Magoon, Worshipful Grand Master; Diana Kifer, Associate Royal Grand Matron of Amaranth; Abbey Schwartz, Grand Bethel Honored Queen; Meliora Kifer, Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow for Girls, Mark Strautman, President and CEO of Three Pillars, Karen Schwarz on behalf of UW Cancer Research; Laura R. Dessereau, World of Youth – scholarship recipients were: Jennie Canfield, Katie Shore and Rachel Preuschel; Bobbi Jo Oyen, Kay Scafe and Don Jensen, Sr., on behalf of Habitat for Humanity (Don drove 2,481 miles in 86 hours on his Harley to raise \$9,360,86).

Wednesday morning opened by Phyllis Eklov, PGM, and Harley Bennett, PGP.

Ruth Ceremony: Ruth is portrayed by Grand Ruth Helen Shue, assisted by former Grand Ruths of Wisconsin and other Grand Jurisdictions. The program was arranged by Patricia Koch-Wulff, Grand Ruth 2002-2003, Kay Smith, Grand Ruth 2003-2004, and Debbie Bower, Grand Ruth 2000-2001.

Elections: Association Grand Conductress: Bobbi Jo Oyen
Grand Trustee: Harold Carpenter, PGP

Worthy Grand Matron Report:

In Memoriam: Sister Sonja Long, PGM 1981; Sister Ruth Kath, PGM 1966, Brother Robert Nadler, PGP 1958, and Brother Bill Swartwout, PGP 2002. Also, Brother Ken Leedle, Arrangements Committee.

Consolidations and Surrender: Faith Chapter 286 consolidated with Golden Rule Chapter 194, Wauwatosa. Park Falls Chapter 187 consolidated with Medford Chapter 254. Island City Chapter 288, Minocqua, consolidated with Eagle Chapter 218, Eagle River. Kewaunee-Algoma Chapter 228 consolidated with Honor Chapter 1, Sturgeon Bay. Ina J. Reid Chapter 55, Waukesha, consolidated with LaBelle Chapter 40, Mukwonago.

Life Members this year – 129.

Four Exemplifications were held in New Richmond, Wisconsin Rapids, Janesville and Milwaukee. A statewide study class was held on August 20, 2005 at 14 sites. There were two exchanges – Wisconsin/Michigan at Phoenix Chapter, Beloit, and Iowa/Minnesota/South Dakota and Wisconsin Exchange at Mason City, Iowa. Lemonweir Chapter, Mauston and Lila B. Graser, Sussex celebrated their 100th anniversaries. A Masonic Unity Evening was held on October 22 at McKinley Lodge, Brookfield. Trips included the International Peace Gardens Pilgrimage and WGM/WGP fall color trip to the Eastern United States.

Thanks to Sister Sue Grosse and her staff for the success of the OES newsletter, Starburst.

The Memorial Service was conducted by the Tri-Waukee Club with the Necrology report given by Sister Deborah Schier, Vega 76. The program was arranged by Sister Jean Chadderdon, West Allis 172. All the names reported to the Necrology Chairman were listed on large wheat stalks in the Chapter Room – 58 chapters reported names of members who entered the eternal harvest home.

“I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.” And “In my father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also.” And let the comforting assurance come to us, “That if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.” The soloist sang Twenty Third Psalm.

At the Wednesday lunch banquet, the students of WGM Marty’s Woods School performed.

Worthy Grand Patron’s Report included thanks to Past Grand Matron Karen Carpenter and Past Grand Patron W. David Olson for the appointment to Grand Sentinel. Brother Roy, among many trips, attended North Dakota Grand Chapter, where he was the

personal Grand Usher for then Worthy Grand Patron Martin Bless. One of the highlights of Roy's year was the opportunity to institute a new chapter in Fond du Lac. The petition of 38 Sisters and Brothers to develop a new chapter resulted in the instituting ceremony held on February 8, 2006. Special thanks to Brother W. David Olson, PGP, for being Parliamentarian and Sister Janet Andrews, Alpha 114, Argyle, for being his personal page for two years.

Tribute to Life Members, written and arranged by Sister Winona Olson, District Deputy of Wisconsin, Northwest Area Club.

Organist Carrie Peterson – Memories.

Memories of more than fifty years
Hold a wealth of dreams come true
As hearts and hands of friends are joined in this meeting with you.
May blessed peace swell in your hearts
And may the blessings you've given others
Circle back again to each of you
Through the love of your sisters and brothers,
You have been strong and of good courage
And carried our Star within your heart
And as the jewels of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love to treasure
Your teachings will never to part.
So it is with gratitude and humility
That we welcome you to Grand Chapter today.
For you are beloved and dear to us all
And are truly living the Eastern Star Way!

Star points retire singing "May the Good Lord Bless and keep you...May our Star shine down upon you..."

Wednesday Evening the ESTARL Program was arranged by the Western Stars Area Club. The ESTARL collection was \$472.31. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the ESTARL Scholarship program for the Laity be made a permanent part of the Wisconsin ESTARL program.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Accomplishment Award was presented to qualifying chapters.

Thursday morning:

Adah Ceremony by Sylvia McDonald, Grand Adah. Former Grand Adahs, present Adahs and former Adahs were assembled in the West and conducted to the East where they introduced themselves.

Skits by the Hospitality Committee, Arrangements Committee, Grand Escorts, and Grand Officers.

The 115th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Wisconsin was closed in Ritualistic form. The flag was retired in form.

Badge Ceremony written by the Southeast Area Matron's Club, Dona-Rae Baumgart, #285

“May the Lord of the Harvest send forth his laborers to reap a bountiful life.”

Thursday Afternoon, May 18, 2006: the Installation of the Garden of Faith Grand Chapter.