



Order of the Eastern Star Wisconsin Grand Chapter

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

Grand Chapter

*Order of the Eastern Star State
of Wisconsin*



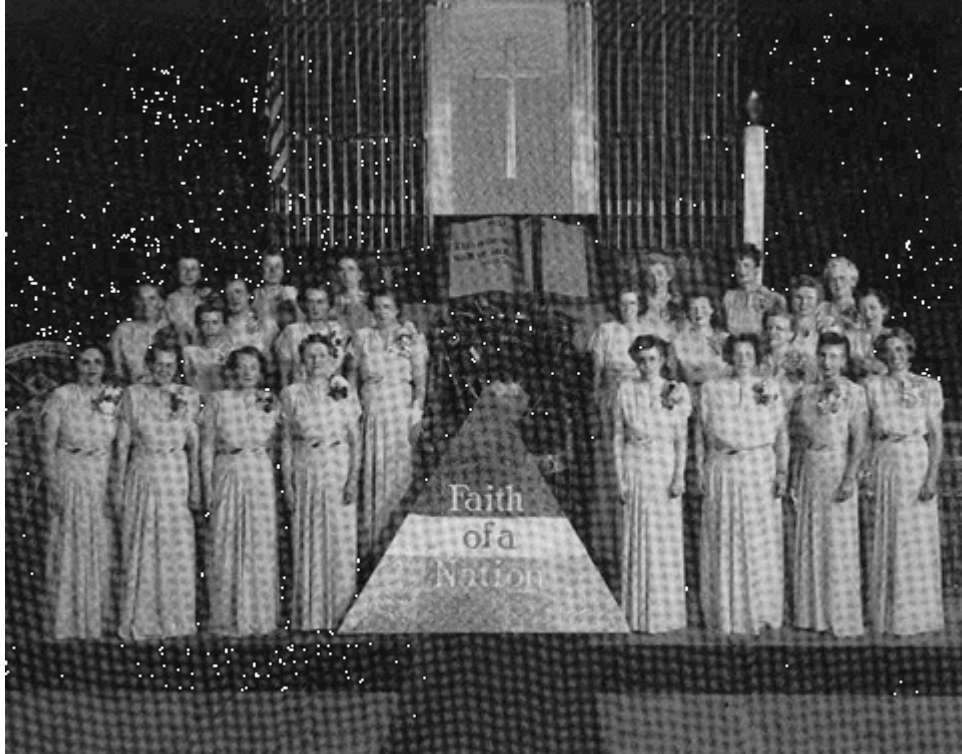
Civic Auditorium

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

October 1, 2, 3, 1946

Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Associate Grand Matron
Associate Grand Patron
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Grand Conductress
Associate Grand Conductress
Grand Chaplain
Grand Lecturer
Grand Marshal
Grand Organist
Grand Adah
Grand Ruth
Grand Esther
Grand Martha
Grand Electa
Grand Warder
Grand Sentinel

Isabel Black
Leonard Marsh
Mattie O. Johnson
Ward A. Nelson
Ottillie S. Brunke
Ina J. Reid
Jenne Lyngaas
Margaret Jones
Lilah Demond
Ruth M. Kitchen
Vivian Blum
Florence Clasen
Cecile Helsel
Muriel Smith
Nettie Palmer
Hilda Peitersen
Nancy E. Kidder
Dorothy Auld
Herbert Drissen



1946 Grand Family

1:00 PM: The Faith of a Nation Session opened its doors with the inspiring organ selections of our Grand Organist Florence Clasen of Wauwatosa Chapter. As the Milwaukee County choir sang "The Lord is in His Holy Temple, Let All the World keep Silence Before Him," the lights dimmed and three emblem bearers of Oriental Chapter No. 16, Oshkosh entered from the West, North and South carrying the Bible, the Cross and the Flag. They were escorted by members of the Outagamie County club carrying lighted candles and forming a triangle with the emblem bearers at the red, white and blue points. While the choir sang, "How Beautiful upon the Mountains are the Footsteps of Him Who Bringeth Glad Tidings," the escorts formed a lighted cross around the altar. The Grand Pages attired in soft blue, entered to form a large triangle around the lighted cross. Sisters of the Milwaukee County Club entered from the four corners of the Grand Chapter room to complete a large lighted cross outside the triangle. Brothers of the Milwaukee County club entered from the four corners each section being led by a Christian or Eastern Star flag, added the double line to the large cross, with Eastern Star flags in the North and South and Christian flags in the East and West. As the choir sang "Faith of a Nation" the entire formation turned to the East and the group on the floor altered their positions to form one large lighted cross around the altar with the Bible, the Cross and the Flag in the East.

The entire group retired and the curtains in the East parted to reveal the golden pipes of a huge cathedral organ framing a large window in the center of which

was a golden cross. At the left stood the Stars and Stripes and at the right a twelve foot white candle shed its soft light. In front of the window was a replica of the open Bible, upon whose pages was spread the text: "this is the Way, Walk Ye in It" Isaiah 30-21. In the West was a smaller group of windows before which could be seen other golden organ pipes, flanked on either side by the snowy white Christian flags. At the conductress' stations were to be found the Eastern Star flags.

To the stirring tones of the Fifty-Sixth Session March composed by Fred Clitheroe of Kenosha Chapter, the Grand Officers entered in gray gowns gaily accented by bright red kerchiefs and slippers.

Worthy Grand Matron:

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin opens with the world standing on the threshold of the Atomic Age, an age in which all nations have been united into one world, headed together for peace or for destruction. The alternative we choose will be decided by man's will to create a world of Peace and Brotherhood—man's will determined by his Faith in God.

The editor of Star Dust has extended to me much appreciated courtesy of bringing several messages to the members of our Grand Jurisdiction this year. Outstanding have been the inspiring articles written by Rev. Harold Wagner, Worthy Patron of West Allis Chapter.

Visits: November 8, Friends Night at Oriental Chapter. November 14, Friends Night at Fidelity Chapter at which time five members of Job's Daughters were given the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star in a beautiful and impressive ceremony. November 18-21 attended the Grand Chapter sessions of Arkansas and Oklahoma. November 30 attended a party at Martha Washington for Sister Ruth Kitchen, Grand Lecturer. December 15, regular meeting and reception by Wauwautosa Chapter in honor of Sister Florence Clasen, Grand Organist. Good intentions to attend this entire affair were thwarted by sub-zero temperatures and a frozen car. January 18, Golden Anniversary at Vega Chapter. February 23, Golden Anniversary of Electa Chapter. February 26 Officers of Waukesha Chapter celebrated their 52nd birthday dressed in colonial outfits with a Williamsburg program. March 8, the night of the Big Snow – not one of the out of town guests, except the inspecting officer was able to come. However 17 officers and 40 other faithful and courageous members of my home chapter enjoyed double servings of dinner and a fine inspection of our work by the Grand Lecturer. April 30, Golden Anniversary of Aurora Chapter. May 5, the Golden Anniversary of St. Omar Chapter. May 10 – following the inspection meeting, Medford Chapter entertained in honor of Sister Hilda Peitersen, Grand Martha. June 2, Queen Esther Chapter entertained at a reception and tea in honor of Sister Nettie Palmer, Grand Esther. The newly organized Bethel of Job's

Daughters added beauty to the program.

Official Visits: 63

Although our International Temple Fund Committee in Wisconsin was discharged in 1942, I received a report of the recent contributions that showed that up to September 30, 1945, Wisconsin ranked sixth in comparison with other Grand Jurisdictions in the total contributions made toward this project. Wisconsin may feel justly proud of this accomplishment.

The Veterans Home at Wood was not a Grand Chapter project this year. However, a donation was made in response to an appeal. I would also mention the commendable work that individual chapters, chiefly in the vicinity of Wood have continued to do by giving of their time, money and service to the comfort of the veterans at Wood.

Worthy Grand Patron:

A year ago we met in this auditorium shortly after the end of a world conflict of major proportions. At that time we gave thanks to the Almighty for the conclusions of that war. Today we meet here as free people praying that the representatives of the countries of the world will find a peace which allows all the freedoms for all people; a peace worth defending in face of attempted encroachments; a peace not dictated by power politics or by selfish motives; but a peace brought about by a sincere desire in the hearts of good men.

I was able to attend seventeen inspections during which time I witnessed the fine and helpful work of each of the inspecting officers. In attending five of the many receptions given for the members of the Grand Family, I witnessed a display of real love and respect shown by the members of their respective chapters.

A group of Grand Officers are brought together from various sections of the state by appointment. They unite in a common cause, that of contributing something worthwhile to the welfare of our Order. I have been proud and happy while working with the Grand Officers of 1945-46. My wish for each of you, as we part after this meeting, is that success and happiness will attend you as you travel through life.

Ruth Kitchen, Grand Lecturer: 85 Inspections.

Committee on Rehabilitation:

\$201.75 for slack suits for recreation for the women who served in the armed forces and who were confined at Wood Hospital. \$141.79 to Masonic Service Center at Madison. \$140 to Worthy Grand Matron for Home project.

Recommendation to turn balance of \$4,413.91 over to the Trustees.

The Order of the Eastern Star of Wisconsin was invited to participate in the United National Clothing Collection program for the purpose of collecting wearing apparel for overseas relief. Forty-one chapters reported collecting 10,389 garments, together with 3,550 pounds and 15 large boxes of miscellaneous wearing apparel. Again, our Order has responded to the call of the underprivileged and needy. Many people in the war torn countries, who lost practically all their possessions, will enjoy some degree of comfort and pleasure through our efforts.

Grand Secretary: \$2,774.08 had been collected for Masonic Service Centers.
Free Will Offerings for the Masonic Home at Dousman totaled \$2,192.06.

50,432 Members

278 Chapters