

October, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Are you prepared for the excitement of October? This is the month when we will have our South and North Carnivals. The first one will be held on Saturday, October 3, at the Beloit Masonic Center and the North Carnival will be held on Sunday, October 25, at the Eagles Club in Marshfield. See the flyer for full details. In addition to great food and games, there will be a silent auction at each carnival. The proceeds of the auctions will be divided between the projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Wisconsin Alzheimers Foundation and the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Please ask your members and your chapters to prepare a special item or basket of items for these auctions. Make your reservations for the carnivals according to the instructions on the flyer! We hope to see many of you there!

October is also the time when most of our Grand Officer Visits will take place. Your District Deputy is available to help you prepare for your Officer Visit. Don't hesitate to take advantage of their offers to help. They are a dedicated group and are very knowledgeable which is why they are called "The Krewe of Knowledge." I hope to see many of our members at our Grand Officer visits this year.

October is also a great time to make plans to attend our All-State Christmas party at the Kettle Moraine Golf Club on Saturday, December 5. See that flyer for full details. The following day,

December 6, we will head out for "Christmas in Branson." Sister Marianne Totsch is in charge of this exciting event and NOW is the time to be in touch with her if you haven't already made your reservations. The cost includes your bus ride, all hotels, several meals and SIX shows! It promises to be a great five days and we look forward to much fun as we travel to Branson for this exciting time. I have not been to Branson before and I am told that the city is absolutely fabulous at this holiday season.

Enclosed is a flyer for all Worthy Matrons and the members of Joanne's Jewel Krewe. We want our 125th session to take us back in time to the "good ol' days" of Eastern Star when we had lots of formations on the floor before each session and at the closing of each session. All those who purchase the special dress will be asked to participate in these formations. They will also serve as our Grand Pages. The District Deputies and Grand Ushers will also take part in these formations. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron has already committed to being with us for the session and we want to make her visit to Wisconsin as special as possible! Remember: We will never again celebrate 125 years of Eastern Star in Wisconsin! Plan now to be a part of this once in a lifetime experience!

Our exemplifications are now history and I thank those chapters and clubs who went the extra mile to host these events. A big "Thank you" to all who attended. Your Grand Officers were

so pleased to meet so many of our members. We hope to see many more of you as we prepare to honor our Grand Officers at their special receptions and parties. These dates have been set to get all the parties completed before Thanksgiving and while roads and weather are cooperative. See the flyers for the parties and make every effort to attend. The entire Grand Grand Family will be happy to greet you during these times of fellowship and fun!

I realize that this month's letter is a little longer than usual, but there's so much to do and time is of the essence. We promise to let you get a little rest and take more time for family, friends and the holidays after the All-State Christmas Party. Actually, our next scheduled event after Christmas will be the Illinois/Wisconsin Exchange in Illinois on Saturday, March 5.

As the lush green of summer turns to the gorgeous colors of autumn, remember to

Let Your Light Shine!

Joanne Freiman
Worthy Grand Matron