

September 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is hard to believe how fast our summer has gone. I am sure that each of you have enjoyed our warm weather and had an opportunity to spend a lot of quality time with your friends and family.

Your Faith to Believe Grand Family has had the opportunity to visit with many of you at Grand Representative Receptions, chapter picnics, the Peace Garden Trip, Mason Woods picnic, and all four of our exemplifications. We truly enjoy visiting with all of you who could make these events. And thank you to all who had the opportunity to attend our Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron's reception at Country Springs in Pewaukee this past July. We truly enjoyed all of your words of encouragement and the support you showed us by your participation in the silent auction. We will hold silent auctions at other state events throughout our year.

We trust that you will continue to attend as many Eastern Star events as your schedule will allow. Maintaining traditions and enjoying fellowship is what sets our organization apart from others. Not only do we have fun, but our disciplined ritualistic work is essential to maintaining our high standard of quality membership.

Speaking of membership; be sure to plan a membership event for your chapter. We strongly encourage you to wear your OES SWAT pins and start a conversation with everyone you meet about our organization. Remember, your chapter can receive up to \$25 to assist you in promoting your membership event. Every new member initiated and both signers of the new member initiated have an opportunity to win money in a drawing at Grand Chapter. Your Chapter secretary has all of the details about these promotions.

A few of our future statewide events are:

- October 4th – The MotorMoose Run in McFarland, WI to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.
- October 25th – All State Halloween Party at McKinley in Brookfield to raise money for the

World of Youth

Perpetual Scholarship fund.

December 6th – Christmas Party at the Orchard Inn, Baldwin, WI

December 14th – Christmas party at Alioto's, Wauwatosa, WI

Please support your Grand Officers by attending their receptions. Those dates will be read by your chapter secretary at you monthly meeting(s). Your Chapter secretary should be reading all correspondence so you are aware of all of the activities throughout the state. Attend those activities and support each other.

Be sure to read the Masonic Journal. You will find some interesting articles and information about Eastern Star and what we are doing in Wisconsin.

We are looking forward to our Officer visits with the chapters. This gives us an opportunity to visit with all of you and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful work of our order. We encourage all of you to visit other chapters during their Officer Visit and support them during their visit.

Your Grand Officers are selling Fairy Dollars and Moose Bucks for our penny challenge. Your Grand Officers are also selling pins to raise funds for the various charities we are supporting. See a Grand Officer to purchase these pins.

Be sure to complete your paperwork to obtain your WGM accomplishment award and let your Chapter Secretary know of your travels so your chapter can obtain the Chapters WGM award.

The entire Faith to Believe Grand family is looking forward to meeting all of you and we thank you in advance for all of your support during our Eastern Star year.

Hugs and a little pixy dust,

Jane Blackwood

Worthy Grand Matron

Don "Boots" Jensen

Worthy Grand Patron