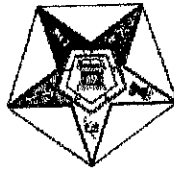


# Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Wisconsin

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My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Another Grand Chapter year has begun and many things are planned and some have already been put into action. This is a busy time of year with installations in our Chapters, planning for our exemplifications and continuing to make plans for the ensuing year.

Grand Chapter installation was lovely and I thank all those who attended, hoping that you enjoyed the afternoon. The new Grand Family is ready to undertake the various duties and responsibilities which go with each office. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Pat Rasmusson, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota, presided at the installation assisted by Past Grand Patron Brother Craig Wepprecht as Installing Grand Patron; Sister Carol Bradford, Worthy Grand Matron of Mississippi, as Installing Grand Chaplain; Past Grand Matrons Sisters Barbara Bollinger and Mary Lou Reilly as Installing Grand Conductresses; and Past Grand Patron Brother Ronald Pete as Installing Grand Organist. This year we tried something new and borrowed a clever idea from our neighbors in Minnesota. We used two Installing Grand Marshals and this really kept things moving and helped to shorten installation. Past Grand Matrons Sisters Diane Williamson and Phyllis Eklov filled those two stations beautifully and we have heard nothing but good comments on this new practice. Sister Ann Johnson wrote and narrated the prologue; she and Sister Reenie Christensen were also the soloists. Sister Joye Kuhlka was the organist for the prologue and the emblems were lovingly presented by Sisters Elizabeth Gronski, Lori Thompson, Nancy Ryburn, Janine Coley and Mary J. Rasmussen. Tears of pride filled my eyes as my twin daughters, Sisters Jeanne Salveson and Julie Conner, and my granddaughter, Sister Amy Fiegle, presented the Bible at the Altar. All are Past Matrons of Superior Chapter.

One of the things I do want to point out, Sisters and Brothers, is the change we are making in our dress for our Grand Representative parties. The Grand Officers will appear in their travel suits regardless of whether the parties are held in the afternoon or evening. I feel that we spend far too much time hauling our clothes and changing our clothes at our social functions when we should be doing more important things such as visiting with and getting to know our Sisters and Brothers in our Chapters throughout the state. Your Grand Officers WILL be dressed in formalwear for all Grand Officer receptions. Our dress is not nearly so important as knowing our ritualistic work and living the teachings and tenets of our Order and our Obligation.

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year as I travel our state. Many thanks to those Chapters who invited me to install their officers: Chippewa Falls, Crivitz, Frederic and Superior. Also, many thanks for your thoughts and prayers as I have endured several illnesses and physical setbacks this past year. The prayers have definitely helped!

With Faith in our members and our Order, I hope you will...

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Freiman".

Joanne Freiman, Worthy Grand Matron