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August 1, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Another month has passed by. More of our chapters have had their installations and it has been good to see so many of our members coming back and attending their chapter meetings! More installations to come in August. Secretaries: Make sure to attach the special dispensation from June to the minutes. Also, so nice to see the flat stanley turtles visiting the chapters. Make sure to keep taking the fun group pictures and take your turtle on your travels.

With the new variant of the COVID making a comeback in the state, make sure you are listening to your local health commissions on mask recommendations. If they recommend wearing it, wear it. Hopefully most of our members have gotten the vaccinations by now to help protect themselves and others. Remember to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer when needed!

There still will be no singing allowed at the meetings but remember that Conductresses are back to being guard of honor for the presentation and retirement of the flag. Introductions can still be at their place or presented depending on the Worthy Matron and guest. No proving the Chapter until the District Deputy school in the spring. The Worthy Matrons should be receiving a letter from the District Deputies starting to ask for dates to hold your District Deputy school which will be a full meeting with all lectures for long form opening and initiation.

Thank you to the Grand Conductresses for leading the newly named All Member Learning Workshops. There is still one scheduled for Appleton, please attend if you are able!

August will bring the installation of Jill Lotzow as Grand Organist, August 11 at Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield and the consolidation of Lila B. Graser Chapter Colgate into Wauwatosa at the end of the month. Please keep the members of that chapter in your thoughts.

Congratulations to our newly named members who will be serving General Grand Chapter for the next triennium! I know you will represent Wisconsin to the best of your ability in your various committees and make us proud. Good luck to our own Worthy Grand Organist PGP Brother Ron Pete as he runs for Right Worthy Grand Trustee.

Friendship is a comforting smile, a familiar voice that warms the heart, and the freedom to be the person God intended.

Turtle love and with a heart full of love,
Terri, WGM

Upcoming Events

- Aug 2 Oregon Chapter; Honor Organists; 7pm
Aug 3 Eagle Chapter Closed Installation; 7pm
Aug 3 Ellsworth Chapter Closed Installation; 7pm
Aug 4 Janesville Chapter Open Installation; 7pm
Aug 5 Melody Chapter Closed Installation; 7pm
Aug 5 Viroqua Chapter Closed Installation; 7pm
Aug 7 All Member Learning Session, Appleton
Aug 7 Star Cruisers Area Club noon potluck and meeting; Appleton
Aug 9 Willow River Chapter Installation; 7pm
Aug 11 Janesville Chapter meeting 7pm; celebrate summer travel stories
Aug 11 Wauwatosa Chapter; Installation of Grand Organist
Aug 13 Vega Chapter Open Installation; 7pm
Aug 15 Kenosha Chapter Open Installation; 3pm
Aug 18 Starlight Chapter meeting 7pm; honor appointed officers (western theme)
Sept 10 Exemplification; Tomah; 7pm
Sept 10-12 Tri-State Exchange in MN
Sept 14 West Allis Open Installation; 7pm
Sept 17 Exemplification; Janesville ; 7pm
Sept 18 Exemplification; Fond du Lac ; 7pm

New Grand Representatives

Congratulations to these members who received their Grand Representative commissions in July:

- Heidi Corro, Indiana (Janesville Chapter)
Jennifer Fuchs, Nevada (Electa Chapter)
Bob LeFebve, New Mexico (Bristol Chapter)
Sharon Klinger, Kentucky (Wautoma Chapter)
Barbara Ritchie, Montana (Shullsburg Chapter)

All Member Learning Session (Formerly Red Book School)

Our last workshop is August 7 at 10am in Appleton. Come join us and reacquaint yourself in the basics of our Order and floor work!! Contact me if you have questions or would like additional information: 608-692-7775 (cell) or sbnana98@gmail.com.

Debra Bower, Grand Conductress

Wisconsin GGC Appointments

Sister Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron has given me the honor of announcing the General Grand Chapter Committee Members for Wisconsin for the 2021-2024 triennium. Please join me in congratulating the following Sisters and Brother:

- PGM Sister Rosie Fiscus
Appeals & Grievances Committee
PGM Sister Joanne Freiman
ESTARL Committee
PGM Sister Mary Jane Rasmussen
International Headquarters Committee
PGP Brother Ron Pete
International Peace Garden Chapel Committee
PGM Sister Mary Barnett
Service Dogs Committee
PGM Sister Doris Schultz
Youth Committee

Congratulations to these PGMs and PGP!
Their appointments begin in November 2021.

Turtle love, Terri WGM

WGM & WGP Special Project

The silent auction at the Worthy Grand Patron party on July 31 raised \$1,086.50 for Pets for Vets. Combined with the amount raised at the Worthy Grand Matron party, over \$1,800 has already been collected from silent auctions. Thank you to all who brought items and who generously bid on items at the auctions.

Sister Terri and Brother Len have chosen "Pets for Vets" as their special project this year, whose mission is to help heal the emotional wounds of military veterans by using the power of the human animal bond to provide a second chance for shelter animals by rescuing, training and pairing them with America's servicemen and women who could benefit from having a companion animal. The funds raised will stay in Wisconsin

Memorial Services for two Past Grand Matrons

Celebration of life; August 14th
PGM Sister Carla Jean Badgley

Sister Carla passed away on May 1, 2020
at the Angels Grace Hospice,
Oconomowoc.

A Memorial service will begin at noon on August 14th at Chapel at Three Pillars, Dousman. It will be held in the chapel with overflow in the Lodge-Community room (where it is anticipated live video and audio from the chapel will be available) . The Eastern Star service will start at noon. The memorial service will follow and will be officiated by Rev. Dr. Andrew Holmes of Jerusalem Presbyterian Church and assisted by Rev. Therese Leonhard of Three Pillars. At the conclusion of the service, all are invited to the Pavilion in the Woods for a picnic to continue the Celebration of Carla's life. It was Carla's wish that memorials be directed to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Those attending these services will be expected to have had the vaccination for Covid-19.



Celebration of life; September 19th
PGM Sister Audrey Jane Pavlik

Sister Audrey passed away on
September 23, 2020

Visitation & Services Sunday, September.
19, 2021

Krause Funeral Home
12401 W National Ave
New Berlin, WI 53151

Noon – 1pm: Visitation
1pm: Eastern Star Service followed by
Religious Service

Seas the Chance!

The turtles are starting to swim. Congratulations to Dodgeville, Eagle and Trillium Chapters. They have added 5 new members to the State of Wisconsin. WOOOOHOOOOO!!!!

I know that Trillium & Kenosha Chapters will be initiating new members the beginning of August. That's 2 more turtles in the sea.

Please let me know when you read a petition and when initiation will be so everyone can support your Chapter and help welcome new members. I do need the new members' name so their turtle can be added to the new member sea.

We all should be working on getting our current members active in our Chapters. Phone calls do wonders to let people know you're thinking of them.

If your Chapter is in need of help with membership, please let me know. I'm happy to help.

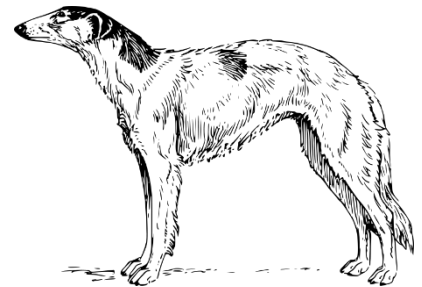
Flippers Up!!!!
Laurie Twardy, PGM
Membership Chair

Words of Wisdom from our WGM and WGP Fun Emblems



Teaching
Understanding
Reading our ritual
Truly
Listening
Enthusiastic
Sisters and Brothers

Bring
On
Relief,
Z(s)upport
Our
Injured vets



Tri State OES Exchange in MN

We want you all to join in on a fun weekend with Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin September 10th through the 12th, 2021. This is for ALL STAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS! Come for the whole weekend, or just a day. We'd love to see you either way!

Minnesota is hosting this year, and our headquarters will be with Queen Esther Chapter #26 at the St. Paul Park Minnesota Masonic Center (644 Broadway Ave., St. Paul Park, MN). This is a fun, social event, so dress is casual for the weekend.

We will start with a Friday night Pizza party. Saturday begins with a Pancake Breakfast served by Newport Lodge #118. Saturday afternoon is open for seeing the sights of the Twin Cities. We have a Mississippi river tour on the Jonathan Padelford Steamboat planned (**Reservations required**) Or you may choose to go on your own to several local sights like Como Zoo and Conservatory, Historic Fort Snelling, the James J. Hill House, and many others, even the Mall of America!

Saturday evening starts with a great buffet dinner followed by entertainment by each Jurisdiction and time to meet and socialize with Sisters and Brothers from our three states. Sunday morning, we will have a light breakfast and Sunday service at the Masonic Center before you all travel back to your homes.

We hope to "See you in September", as the old song goes.
Sue Bay and Ravelle Smith, co-chairmen

Housing for the Tri-State Exchange

A block of rooms is available at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites on 700 Bielenberg Dr., Woodbury MN 55125. They have rooms with two Queen beds for \$99 per night available for Friday September 10th and Saturday September 11th. Make reservations on your own at 651-264-0144 and ask for the "Eastern Star Fall Exchange" block of rooms. This block will be available until August 22nd.

If this facility fills, here are some additional hotels in the nearby area:

Sheraton St. Paul/Woodbury; 676
Bielenberg Dr., Woodbury MN 55125;
651 209-3280

AmericInn Inver Grove; 5861 Blaine Ave.
E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076; 651
450-7511
Microtel Inn & Suites 5681 Bishop Ave.,
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076; 651
552-0555

Tri State Exchange Registration form Form due by August 25, 2021

Registration Fee: \$3.00

of Reg. _____ Total \$ _____

Friday, September 10, 2021

6:30 PM Pizza Party; \$10.00

of Resv. _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday, September 11, 2021

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast

\$5.00 # of Resv. _____ Total \$ _____

2:00 PM Jonathan Padelford Riverboat Ride

\$21.00 # of Resv. _____ Total \$ _____

6:30 PM Sat. Nite Buffet Dinner \$16.00

of Resv. _____ Total \$ _____

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:30 AM Lite Breakfast \$3.00

of Resv. _____ Total \$ _____

Total Amount Due by Wed., 8/25/2021

Grand Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable to Sue Bay.

Mail reservations to Sue Bay, 1245 Kolff Ct,
Newport, MN 55055 651 459-6620

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

email _____

Phone: _____

Chapter Name _____

Ch Number _____

(If sending in for more than one person,
please put additional registrant's
information on the back of paper)

CHAPTER SECRETARY: Please read at your next Chapter meeting and drape your Charter for 30 days



IN MEMORIAM
PATRICIA (PAT) LYNNE RASMUSSEN

It is with sadness we once again realize we've lost another link in the Golden Chain of Wisconsin Grand Chapter. Past Grand Matron, Sister Patricia (Pat) Lynne Rasmussen passed away June 28, 2021 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Madison at the age of 82. She was born in Flint, MI, on February 2, 1939, the eldest child of Howard and Marjorie Hawkins. Pat grew up in Flint and then studied dental hygiene at Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago. It was there in Chicago that she met the love of her life, Ronald R. Rasmussen, on a blind date. They were married on March 28, 1959.

She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Janesville and the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Phoenix Chapter, Beloit until they consolidated with Janesville Chapter. During her 30 years with the OES, Pat served this Grand Jurisdiction on many Committees, Grand Chaplain in 1994-1995, Grand Lecturer for "Precious Memories and Circle of Friendship" Grand Families also General Grand Chapter as Chairman of Benevolence and Grand Representative of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Pat was Worthy Grand Matron in 1998-1999, serving with PGP Brother Ray Atkinson in the "Faith and Friendship" Session, during which she raised money for the OES Heart Fund. Their aim; In Faith and Friendship promote the ritualistic and charitable works of our Order, noting the we should all have the Faith to Believe.

The Watchwords were: Patience, Loving Kindness and Reverence-How appropriate, as she was a very patient caring person. Pat was a very soft-spoken person, but one always felt when she spoke, she would put a lot of thought into her words, doing it kindly yet with extending food for thought.

Her Bible verse: Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid for the Lord thy God is with thee. She exemplified this in her daily life-with her health issues, yet always a smile on her face and lending a kind, helping word to encourage others.

Appropriately her emblem was the Heart and Cross, yes to this cross she clung during some hard times.

The Long-Eared Bunny was her fun emblem noting we should take time to listen, which she certainly did. When we would express our dislike for the rabbits in our gardens or flowers and what we would like to do with them, she would say, "No, they are so cute, don't hurt them".

Pat enjoyed serving in her church and community. She worked for Dr. John Brewer, DDS for over 30 years. Enjoyment to her was watching Milwaukee Brewers' baseball games and getting lost in a good book.

But above all, Pat treasured her family. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Pat demonstrated her love daily with her words, deeds, and time. She was actively involved in her family's lives and activities, spending many hours volunteering as a girl scout leader for her daughters, camping throughout Wisconsin, traveling with her family, and attending countless graduations and special events. She was also a talented cook and always made it a point to prepare her children's and grandchildren's favorite meals and desserts during visits. Her home was a happy place, and she made everyone feel safe, welcome, and important. Her shining life and love will continue to guide her family.

Pat is survived by her husband, Ronald R. Rasmussen, who served as Worthy Grand Patron in 2009; children, Katherine White, Cheryl (Randall) Riley, Ronald P. (Leann) Rasmussen, and Michael (Penny) Rasmussen; 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, a sister, and sister-in-law.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 17, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 3414 Woodhall Drive, Janesville. OES services will be held at 11 a.m., and immediately thereafter, Rev. Tom DeWitt and Rev. Jerry Amstutz will officiate a memorial service. Memorials may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star Heart Fund. The Rasmussen family is being assisted by Henke-Clarson Funeral Home.

She will be sorely missed, let us cherish her memory in our hearts, may that memory be eternal. In memory of our beloved Sister, we ask that all subordinate chapter charters be draped for a period of thirty (30) days.

Theresa Hundhausen
Worthy Grand Matron
Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star

Leonard Pederson
Worthy Grand Patron
Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star

COMMUNICATION FROM OUR MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON



General Grand Chapter

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Established November 1876

July 21, 2021

TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

Sisters and Brothers,

We would like to take this opportunity to share additional information about viewing the *virtual* 50th Triennial Assembly and Installation on live stream November 3rd and 4th, 2021.

Following the close of the GGC election period at 4:00 pm EDT on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021, the link to the live stream will become available on the General Grand Chapter's website at www.easternstar.org on Wednesday morning, November 3rd. Members can view the limited, virtual 50th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter on Wednesday, November 3rd and Installation on Thursday, November 4th. Any member of the Order may use the link to view the activities, regardless of whether they have registered or not. This will allow the activities of November 3rd and 4th to be available to all of our membership worldwide.

All voting members must be registered in order to vote in the upcoming GGC elections. ALL members who register and pay the \$25 registration fee will receive a beautiful souvenir "Welcome" Tote Bag and the specially designed, commemorative 50th Triennial Assembly Badge. To register, please go to www.easternstar.org and click the "Triennial Assembly" tab. The Registration deadline is September 1, 2021.

We look forward to a large participation of Sisters and Brothers from all over the world for the virtual, live streaming GGC 50th Triennial Assembly and Installation!

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."

--Ecclesiastes 3:11

In friendship and love,

Marianne R. Shenefelt

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Most Worthy Grand Matron



Henry S. Martin

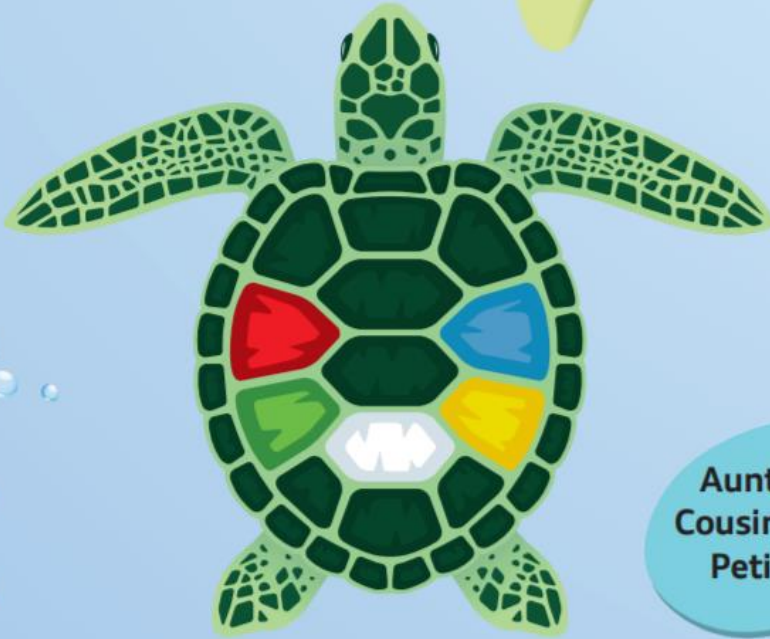
Henry S. Martin
Most Worthy Grand Patron

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I joined Eastern Star, come & swim with me.



**Stanley,
how did you
get so flat?
~ Maude**



**Aunts and
Cousins Need
Petitions**



Call: 262.975.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

All Master Masons and their female relatives are eligible to join.