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Happy October to our members!

We want to thank those that came out to at least one of the All Member Learning Schools and Grand Officer Exemplifications this summer. We hope that you were able to learn something to take back to your Chapter.

Official Visits are still happening this month, please go and support those Chapters and members.

Parties are starting this month for the Grand Officers. We would love to see you there to help support those officers. We are also trying a FAGO (former appointed grand officer) event outside of Grand Chapter to see if we can get a better turn out and develop a purpose for the group, please try to come!

AUTUMN TREES

The trees are kind of pretty, in their autumn gold and brown. Leaves are bright orange-reddish. But all will soon fall down. Then they dry and crackle, as we crunch them with our shoes. I guess it's time for autumn now, as summer takes a snooze.

by Denise Rodgers

Gnomie giggles and penguin wiggles,
Tammy, WGM and Doug, WGP

Upcoming Events

- Oct 4 Dodgeville Chapter: 6pm potluck with Sou' Westers meeting; 7pm initiation
- Oct 6 Appointed Officer night 7pm, Union Grove; Jim Nelson will present a talk about wine
- Oct 8 Proficiency/station certification testing; New Richmond (details on page 2)
- Oct 8 Northwest Area Club; 10:30am; New Richmond
- Oct 9 Mr & Mrs OES Club (see page 2)
- Oct 14 Triwaukee Area Club 7pm; West Allis
- Oct 16 FAGO meeting/social event (see Sept newsletter for flyer)
- Oct 19 Elected Officer night 7pm; Starlight Chapter
- Oct 21 Halloween Party; Vega Chapter (see page 3)
- Oct 22 Grand Officer party (Grand Organist, Adah, Electa); see Sept newsletter for invitation
- Oct 23 Proficiency/station certification testing; West Allis (details on page 2)
- Oct 29 Grand Officer party (Grand Marshal, Esther, Martha); see Sept newsletter for invitation
- Oct 31 Tycopera Area Club 6:30pm; Jefferson
- Nov 5 Grand Officer Party (Grand Ruth, Chaplain, Warder); see page 5
- Nov 12 Grand Sentinel Party; see page 6

Grand Officers' visits:

October 3rd: Superior Chapter, Sparta Chapter, Oregon Chapter

October 4th: Electa Chapter, Eagle Chapter

October 5th: Starlight Chapter

October 6th: Melody Chapter, Alpha Chapter

October 7th: Vega Chapter

October 10th: Willow River Chapter, Lemonweir Chapter, Shullsburg Chapter

October 11th: Ozaukee Chapter,

Northwest Chapter, Rainbow Chapter

October 13th: Kilbourn Chapter

October 18th: Dodgeville Chapter

October 20th: Viroqua Chapter

October 25th: Burlington Chapter

New Grand Representatives

Congratulations to these members who recently received their Grand Representative commissions:
Marcia Earl, Texas (Wauwatosa Chapter)
Lenore Witt, Vermont (Martha Chapter)

From the Grand Secretary

- Secretaries: If you have not filed your 990N with the IRS and sent a copy of the confirmation to the Grand Chapter Office, consider doing so soon. Those Chapters that do not send a copy of the confirmation before the due date will be fined \$50.00.
- Secretaries: If you have any changes to your membership roster, please send those changes into the Grand Secretary as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the end of the year.

Mr. & Mrs. OES Meeting

The annual Mr. and Mrs. OES meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9, at Thunder Bay Grille, N14W24130 Tower Place, Pewaukee at 11:30 a.m. We will enjoy their delicious brunch and then have our business meeting. Mr. and Mrs. OES is for all couples who have served together in the East and dates back to 1949. Dues are \$5 per person. Please RSVP to Maria Boyer Jensen, S63W35554 Piper Road, Eagle, WI 53119 with your dues and number attending the brunch. The brunch is \$18 (paid that day) and they currently have a special of unlimited Mimosas for \$10! We hope to see you there!

Grand Trustee Request

The Grand Trustees are looking for 3-5 formal chairs in good condition, preferably in white, for Grand Chapter paraphernalia. We have several chairs that are uncomfortable for our Grand Officers to sit in for any length of time. If we can find replacements, it would be easier than trying to modify the existing chairs. They do not have to be white, as long as they could be reupholstered in white. Contact any of the Trustees for further information. Craig Wepprecht, PGP, Chair (262-914-7810)



Proficiency Testing

There's still time to sign up to take the proficiency test and/or a station certification test (which includes WP, AP, Conductress, Assoc Conductress, Chaplain, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa); study guides are available. We have added a date for the Milwaukee area and deleted the date for Burlington. To ensure we are able to be efficient with testing, please contact PGM Kris Gruber-Twardy (krisoes2009@sbcglobal.net; 608-332-8281) prior to your preferred testing date to schedule your test.

- Oct 8: New Richmond after NW area club meeting (estimate 1pm testing)
- Oct 23: West Allis Lodge at 1pm
- ~~Nov 12: Burlington after SE area club meeting (estimate 11am or noon testing)~~ CANCELLED due to Grand Sentinel reception
- Nov 19: Appleton starting at 10am
- Nov 29: Middleton before Tycopera area club meeting (estimate 1pm testing)

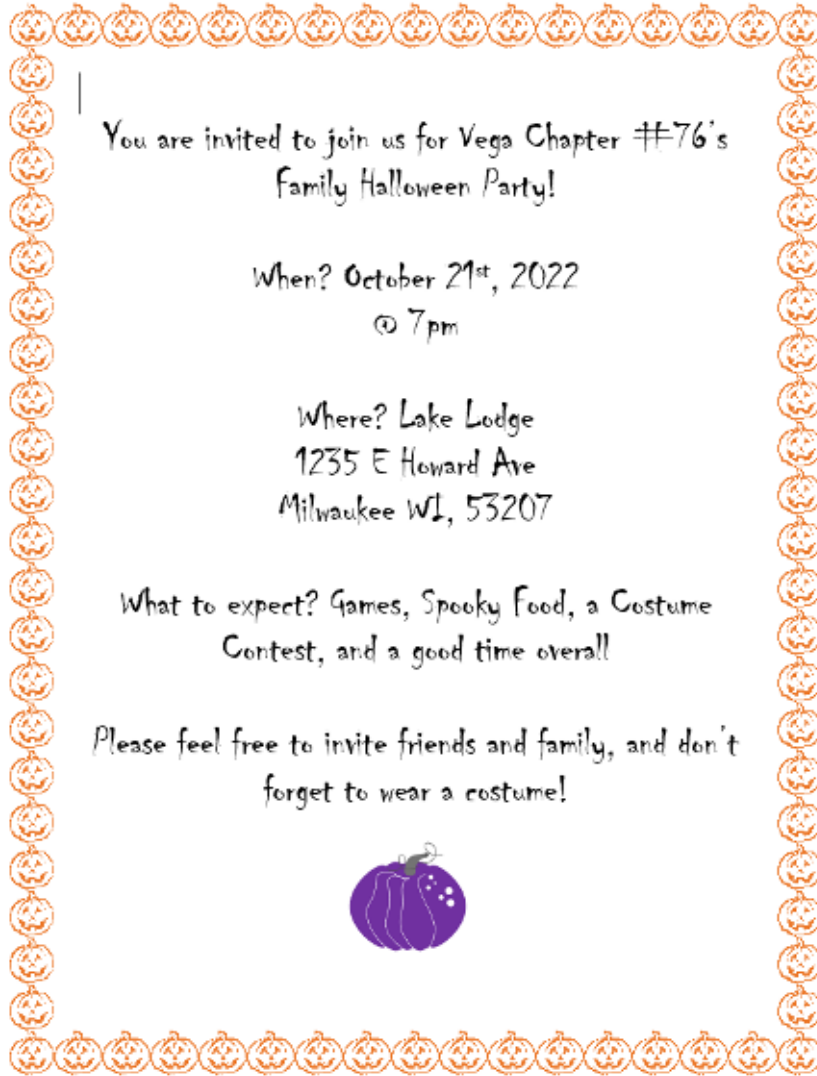
AGM/AGP Name Badges

Deb Bower, Associate Grand Matron and LeRoy Kifer, Associate Grand Patron invite any Sister or Brother to join our "Faithful Dreamers" and "Bogey Brothers" clubs. Name badges are \$8.00. Contact Sister Deb if interested (sbnana98@charter.net; 608-370-6514)

Reminders

Several invitations were included in the September newsletter; here is a summary.

- Oct 16** Former Appointed Grand Officer (FAGO) social and meeting at Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Center, 2321 2nd Ave S; social at 11:00; lunch at 12:15. Casual attire. \$5/person (payable to Kilbourn Chapter). RSVP to Marianne Totsch, PO Box 1496, WI Rapids WI 54495. Questions: 262-888-2493
- Oct 22** Grand Officer Party: Jill Lotzow Gr Organist, Christine Walker Gr Adah, Jane Wiese Gr Electa. Delta by Marriott, N88 W14750 Main St, Menomonee Falls. Social at 11:00; lunch at noon. \$35/person (payable to Wauwatosa Chapter). RSVP by Oct 1 to Barb Dunham, 1245 N. 123rd St, Wauwatosa WI 53225; **call to RSVP 414-774-7147**
- Oct 29** Grand Officer Party: Alan Weir Gr Marshal, Bernice Labus Gr Esther, Cindy Gauger Gr Martha. Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St, Green Bay. Social at 11:30; lunch at 12:30. \$35/person (payable to Ozaukee Chapter). RSVP by Oct 15 to Denise Wuehr, 212 W. Alta Loma Cir, Thiensville WI 53092



You are invited to join us for Vega Chapter #76's
Family Halloween Party!

When? October 21st, 2022
@ 7pm

Where? Lake Lodge
1235 E Howard Ave
Milwaukee WI, 53207

What to expect? Games, Spooky Food, a Costume
Contest, and a good time overall!

Please feel free to invite friends and family, and don't
forget to wear a costume!



I would like to order a copy of the Proceedings Book for the 130th "Follow Your Heart"
Grand Session. **DEADLINE TO ORDER: 10/15/2022**

Name: _____ Chapter No. _____

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City, State and Zip)

Are you a Past Grand Matron or Patron Y or N (circle one)

- Check one: Hard-bound book (approx. \$40)
- Spiral-bound book (approx. \$40)
- CD-ROM (approx. \$10.00)
- PDF (free)

Those members to be billed will receive their invoice with their order.

Send to: Grand Secretary, OES
36275 Sunset Dr.
Dousman, WI 53118-9349

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

In Memoriam
William Kelly, PGP

Once again our Heavenly Father has summoned to His presence another member of our Golden Circle of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Brother William F. "Bill" Kelly passed from his earthly home to that House Not Made With Hands on August 29, 2022. Bill was born March 23, 1930 in Portsmouth, Ohio. After graduating from Chillicothe (Ohio) High School, he attended Ohio University for two years, then joined the United States Navy where he served with the Seabees in the Philippine jungle and then Camp Zama, Japan. During his time in the service he met the love of his life, Beth Almen, and they were married in California on March 17, 1951.

After serving his country for four years, he returned to Ohio University and received his civil engineering degree in 1957. He went to work for Dupont in their construction division and was assigned to jobs in Virginia, New York and Texas after which he was transferred to Hamm, Germany, and then to Londonderry, Northern Ireland. In 1972, he took his retirement from that company and moved to Elcho, Wisconsin, and joined his father-in-law and partners at Builders Service. He was in charge of the engineering and surveying department and also spent 12 of those years as the Langlade County Surveyor. In 2002, he sold his shares in the company and he and Beth moved from Elcho to Antigo.

Always needing to be "doing something" Bill became involved in the community and spent many years as Antigo's Cheese Curd Wagon chairman. He also became the Langlade County Salvation Army Kettle Coordinator. The Salvation Army thrived and so did Brother Bill. He attended Faith United Church of Christ in Antigo and became very active with their food pantry. He drove to Wausau twice each week for many years to bring food from Wausau's Salvation Army to the food pantries in Antigo and also arranged for the consolidation of food pantries in Antigo.

He was a 62 year member of the Masons and served Crandon Lodge several times as Worshipful Master as well as serving Grand Lodge as an Area Administrator and District Deputy. He and Beth belonged to Jewel Chapter, OES, Antigo, where he served as Worthy Patron a number of times and was appointed Grand Sentinel by Past Grand Matron Sister Theda Andres and Past Grand Patron Brother Richard Clapper in 1990. He advanced to the office of Associate Grand Patron and was installed as Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin in 1992. He served in the East with Past Grand Matron Sister "Kittie" Slazas at their Christmas Dove session in Green Bay in 1993.

Bill was the recipient of the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow Award, Optimist Outstanding Service Award, Antigo First Volunteer Award, and in 2019 was named as a Wisconsin Hometown Hero. When Bill reached the point where he couldn't give anymore, he gave one last thing—his body to the University of Wisconsin for research.

Bill is survived by his wife of 71 years, Sister Beth, who was Grand Warder in 1986–1987; four children; a brother; nine grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and four step great grandchildren. Services were held on September 8 at Faith United Church of Christ in Antigo. Rest well, thou good and faithful servant.

As a token of respect, this memorial is to be read at the first stated meeting after its receipt in every subordinate chapter and the charter draped for 30 days.

Tammy Hundhausen, Worthy Grand Matron

Douglas Moorhouse, Worthy Grand Patron

Jane M. Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary



Vega, Bristol and Martha Chapters

invite you to an afternoon of

Fun & games

as we honor Grand Ruth Dawn Wenzell,
Grand Chaplain Robert LeFebve and
Grand Warder Tim Smilie

Saturday, Nov. 5 with 11:30 a.m. social with cash bar, 12:30 p.m.
lunch, followed by games, bingo and a short program.

Dress is casual and bring your competitive spirit!

Michael's on the Lake, 3101 Eagle Road, Kansasville, WI 53139

Cost \$25.00, with sandwich buffet, with cake and cupcakes.

Cash bar available during social hour.

RSVP by Oct. 15 to Tara Schwenger, 5211 52nd St. #5, Kenosha,
WI 53144, with your name, chapter name and titles.

Make checks payable to Bristol Chapter





DODGEVILLE CHAPTER NO. 39
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
DODGEVILLE, WI

Cordially invites you to a
RECEPTION AND PROGRAM

IN HONOR OF
ORVILLE OLSON
GRAND SENTINEL OF WISCONSIN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

3:00pm Social Hour with 3:30pm program and supper to follow

DODGEVILLE MASONIC CENTER
204 W. CHAPEL ST
DODGEVILLE, WI 53533

Cost: \$15 (Pasty supper with all the trimmings)
Includes: Pasty, Cole slaw, vegetable, dessert, and beverage)

Please remit – make checks payable to Dodgeville Chapter

Name & Title: _____
Pasty – please circle preference: with onions without onions

Name & Title: _____
Pasty – please circle preference: with onions without onions

Please RSVP on or before November 1, 2022, to

Kristen Schoville, PGM
409 ~~Moundview~~ St
Cobb, WI 53526
608-574-3695
goldenoessgirl@yahoo.com

WISCONSIN EASTERN STAR
INVITES YOU TO THE
ALL STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Kettle Moraine Golf Club

W365 S4299 WI-67 Dousman, WI

Social Hour 11:00 am

Luncheon 12:00 noon

*Buffet with Chicken & Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, Roll, Salad & Dessert
\$35.00 per person – no refunds*

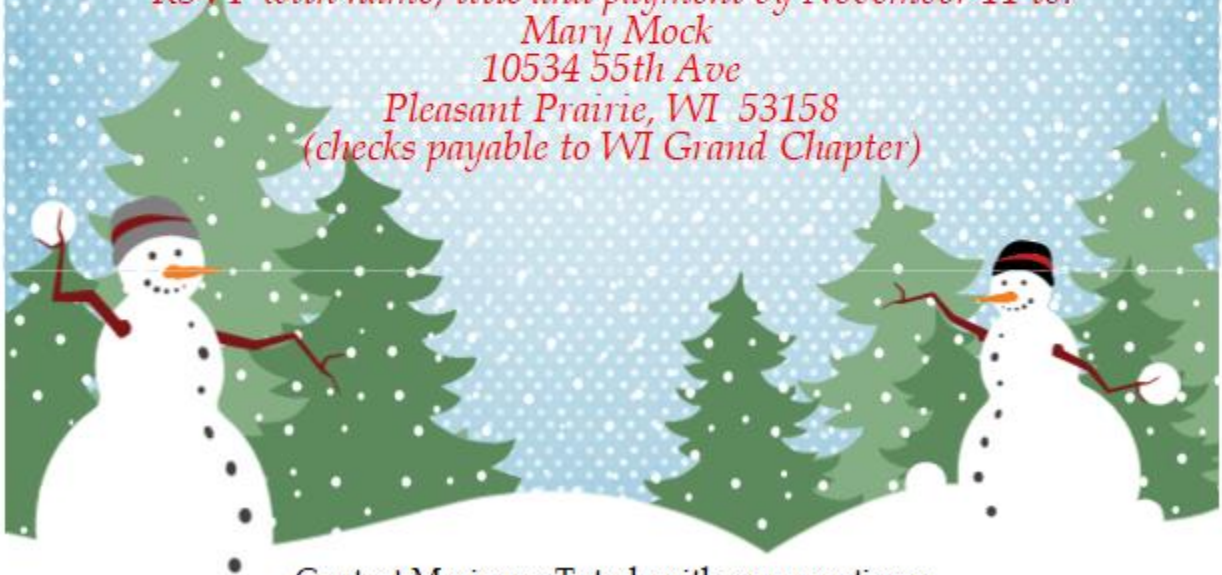
RSVP with name, title and payment by November 11 to:

Mary Mock

10534 55th Ave

Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

(checks payable to WI Grand Chapter)



Contact Marianne Totsch with any questions:

Email: marianneoeswi@gmail.com

Phone: 262-888-2493

I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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Hi, my name is Lola.
I am a companion
for my friend Eric.



Call 262.965.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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



In Tribute to the Life of Helen J. Westmoreland
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron 2015 – 2018
Past Grand Matron of Florida 1996 – 1997

Saturday morning, August 13, 2022, heaven became a little brighter as our cheerful Hummingbird, Sister Helen J. Westmoreland (Gordon) entered her eternal home.

Helen's life began on April 3, 1936, in Munson, Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gordon. She was raised in rural Alabama and was the oldest of seven children. Living on a farm and helping to care for her siblings taught her many life lessons that over time made her the amazing woman she was. Helen's constant sense of responsibility, determination, honesty, and work ethics endeared her to every person she ever met.

Helen graduated from Red Level High School in 1953 and soon after met Victor Sloan Westmoreland of Charlotte, North Carolina on a blind date. He was her knight in shining armor in that Air Force uniform. The happy couple were married on October 15, 1954, in a simple ceremony and they shared 50 amazing years together. During the first few years of their marriage Victor was stationed in Bovington, England. Helen was filled with excitement and our little farm girl joined him on their adventure of a lifetime.

The highlight of their lives was the birth of their daughter Karen in 1964. This little bundle of joy brought a special kind of love with exciting new hopes and dreams for their future.

Helen began her thirty-five-year civil service career as a telephone operator on Eglin AFB and due to her loyalty, dedication, and good work ethics, she was highly recognized and achieved several promotions and awards. At the time of her retirement, Helen was serving as comptroller for the Eglin Finance Office. It was difficult for her to say goodbye to those for whom she had so much respect and admiration. She continued to praise the military, first responders, and all who served our country.

Being diagnosed with cancer in 1967, our Hummingbird did not let it slow her down one bit and was proud and thankful to be a "cancer survivor". Being a member of numerous organizations such as Daughters of the Nile, Order of the Amaranth, ABWA, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and of course her beloved Eastern Star, Helen was obviously a "people person". Just like a Hummingbird, she did not sit still for long and was up flitting around the room talking with friends and introducing herself to strangers no matter where she was. She would start by introducing herself, then asking where they were from, about their families and asking if they were Military, Masons or Eastern Star. Her favorite pastime was reading, and she spent every free moment she had reading her many books.

Helen was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in 1968, in Niceville Chapter No. 254 and held several positions in her chapter prior to becoming Worthy Matron in 1972, serving with Brother Charles Cooper, Worthy Patron. Her Eastern Star journey did not end there. She was a "rising star", as one of her good friends commented. Helen served as Grand Marshal in the 1981-1982 "Seasons of Love" Grand Family, Anita Atkins, Worthy Grand Matron and Dr. Alfred Massam, Worthy Grand Patron. Helen was elected and served as Associate Grand Conductress in 1993 - 1994, Grand Conductress in 1994 - 1995, and Associate Grand Matron

1995 -1996. Then our vivacious Hummingbird was elected and served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1996-1997 with Brother Robert D. Fiedler, Worthy Grand Patron, and the “Precious Memories” Grand Family in the Ninety-Second Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Her outgoing personality continued to gain her recognition, and later that year Helen received an appointment to the General Grand Chapter Mental Health and Mental Retardation Committee. Her ambition and dedication to Eastern Star brought new challenges and excitement for Helen and the Grand Chapter of Florida when she was elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee in 2000- 2006. At the 2006 Triennium, Helen was elected and served as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress from 2006 - 2009, Right Worthy Grand Conductress in 2009-2012, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron in 2012-2015. Our Hummingbird followed her dream and was elected and Installed Most Worthy Grand Matron, serving with her good friend Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron along with their General Grand Family, affectionately called the “Flock” in the 2015-2018 Triennium. The Forty – Ninth Triennial Assembly “Precious Memories on the Wings of Love” was held in Orlando, Florida, October 25 – November 2, 2018, with sisters and brothers from around the world attending.

As Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen chose Regenerative Medicine as her special charity, hoping the world would be a safer and better place with this modern technology. Yes, Helen had big dreams and high hopes, but she also felt the future of medicine would be in Regenerative Medicine. She continued to promote recognition and support of all First Responders around the world in addition to numerous other charities.

One of Helen’s favorite song was “The Wind Beneath My Wings” because it made her feel that her loving husband, Vic, her precious daughter Karen, her amazing grandchildren, Jamie and Austin and her great- grandsons were with her, and always in her heart as she traveled the world. When she was home, Helen made frequent trips to Georgia so she could attend birthdays, Holidays, and sporting events with Karen and the grandchildren. As soon as she returned home to Florida, she would stop in to visit friends, and over a few cups of coffee, share stories about what Karen and the children were up to and how proud she was of her family. While at home, Helen loved attending her church, Crosspoint Methodist Church in Niceville, and rarely missed a Sunday School class with Mr. John Macon.

We extend our deepest sympathy and love to her daughter, Karen Madruga; her grandchildren, Jamie Topliff (Josh) and Austin Madruga (Abbye); her great-grandchildren, James, Benjamin, and Peter Topliff; her sisters, Faye Dean and Peggy Peabody; her brothers-in-law Robert Westmoreland, James Westmoreland, and Don Kearns; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

There is a long and winding road, Along which each must go.
It leads beyond the hills of time, Into the sunset glow.
But only for a little while, Our loved ones leave our sight,
For, just beyond the hills they wait, In God’s Eternal Light.
(author unknown)

*Submitted with fraternal love,
Joy Feit, Past Grand Matron of Florida*



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Order of the Eastern Star
Established November 1876

THIS LETTER MUST BE SHARED WITH ALL MEMBERS

Special Assembly called by Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Greetings General Grand Chapter Officers, Members of the General Grand Chapter, Sisters and Brothers,

The Most Worthy Grand Patron and I come to you with heavy hearts for at this time we must accept the wishes of Brother Jon Thompson, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, to allow him to leave the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel because of health problems beyond his control. He will always be revered as the Brother willing to take the journey with Sister Debbie Dhayer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.

Due to Brother Jon's decision, the Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister Debbie Dhayer, has selected the state of Tennessee and Brother Eddie Yaun, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee, as the brother to be nominated for Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. Brother Eddie has accepted to be nominated for the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel at a "Special Assembly" Saturday, **December 3, 2022** to be held at the General Grand Chapter International Headquarters at 2 pm. This will not be a virtual meeting because there is no budget for approved funds to do so.


Worthy Grand Matrons, because of limited space, please be advised that only one representative from your Grand Chapter with the title of Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron, or Past Grand Patron may attend this "Special Assembly". Please forward the name, title, jurisdiction and email of the one selected to attend to Kathy Gerner, Chairman of Credentials – email: kgerner3455@gmail.com – on or before October 10th.


Worthy Matrons of Subordinate chapters under GGC and Deputies of chapters under GGC, only one from each area can attend this "Special Assembly." Please forward the name, title, and email of one to attend to Kathy Gerner, Chairman of Credentials – email: kgerner3455@gmail.com – on or before October 10th.


To allow for the business of the General Grand Chapter to go forward, we feel the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel's office must be filled by election and installation at a "Special Assembly." This is an important office because of the planning that must take place by the Right Worthy Grand Conductress and the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel for the on-going business of the General Grand Chapter. Please accept our request of only one representative because of limited space at the International Headquarters.

We have reached out to the General Grand Chapter Officers and the Jurisprudence Committee for directions for this "Special Assembly." We certainly request your prayers and support as we march forward trusting in the Lord to direct our decisions for the Order.

Marching together,


Glenda Winchester
Most Worthy Grand Matron


F. Lon Lowry
Most Worthy Grand Patron


Charles Chandler
Right Worthy Grand Secretary