Words from the Worthy Grand Matron

HAPPY NEW YEAR’S FROM THE SHOOTING STARS!!

Our year is going along as expected. We are so busy and have been many places along our Eastern Star Trail. There are so many new friends and old friendships when one travels the trail. It is good to see you out and visiting others.

Our Fun Day receptions are progressing as planned. They are a fun time to be together, visit, laugh, and play. We have enjoyed each of them so far. The only guideline when the Grand Officers plan their fun days is they have to have some aspect of fund raising for our Eastern Star charities. They can be as formal or in-formal as the Grand Officers want to make them. It is a new way of reinventing an old theme. The goal is for people attending to have fun and see a different side of the Grand Family.

The WGM/WGP trip to Hawaii is coming up very soon. We leave on January 13th and will return on January 17th. I am looking forward to visiting our Adopted Chapter in Maui, Hawaii. It is in the middle of the Hawaiian Islands as indicated in this little picture.

The Worthy Matron, Lynne Pelosi, and Worthy Patron, Robert Martin, are making plans for our arrival. Lynne tells me that it is their installation meeting on January 14th. She has asked Craig and I to be the installing officers. I am very excited to be there and do that task for them. We will let you know all the details of the trip later. Terry McKinley, Craig and Sherri Sipp, Kathy and Sarah Cloninger,

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Words from the Worthy Grand Patron

Happy New Year!!!

As we ring in a new year we often reflect back on our past year, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It is a time to reflect on what we may want to change or improve on going forward. As I start to think about possible New Year Resolutions, it made me curious what Google would say is the top ten. Here is a top ten list I found:

1. Spend more time with Family and Friends
2. Fit in Fitness
3. Tame the bulge
4. Quit Smoking
5. Enjoy Life more
6. Quit drinking
7. Get out of Debt
8. Learn Something New
9. Help Others
10. Get Organized

This is a pretty good list. Of course, I would add support our Eastern Star and Masonic Family. I believe it is important to think about your future and focus on what is important to you. If you are like me that may be difficult to figure out sometimes, but then the Good Lord puts me back on the right path.

As I reflect back on the last 6 months I am honored and proud to be part of such a great organization. We have visited throughout the State attending meetings, receptions and Grand Visitations. We are having a lot of fun and working hard on our goals of raising funds for our charitable endeavors, especially Cancer Research.

I’m looking forward to the New Year and finishing this wonderful journey with Sister G Ann. We have a lot of work still to be accomplished as we move forward to our 125th Grand Chapter. I want to say thanks for all you do and the willingness to jump in and help when asked.

I wish you the best in the coming year. Stay safe in your travels and I will be seeing you down the Eastern Star Trail.

Craig Sipp
Worthy Grand Patron
Kathy Cleveland, John Heddle, and I will all attend the meeting on Maui. It should be a ton of fun. I was to Hawaii before many years ago when I worked on Midway Island and a personnel officer in civil service for the Navy. I have fond memories of Honolulu but I never got to visit Maui before and I hope to get to see the Volcanoes and Pearl Harbor.

It is important to remember to work for the GOOD OF OUR ORDER:

1. We have lost three chapters so far this year. **We are trying very hard to keep each and every chapter intact.**
2. Look for new members. Ask others to join.
3. We need new people, but we also need everyone we have. It is important, therefore, to be kind to each other and throw that mantle of friendship around those that are difficult in our chapters and lives.
4. Call your members and invite them to chapter, arrange for a ride if they need one.
5. Plan a dinner or get together outside of the normal meeting time and have a fun night/day.

Eastern Star is worth working extra hard for and a valuable part of our society today. Remember!! We do good work. We gave $90,000 to cancer research in June 2013. We work every day to earn more money for our various charities. We cannot do that if we do not continue to exist. Membership is imperative!

On a final note, I encourage each of you to **work as hard as you can, for as long as you can, doing the best that you can, for yourselves and others on behalf of our beautiful Order. No one can ask more than that of anyone! Above all, remember to tell each other how much you care.**

We do not know how many more days we shall have on this earth in the service of humanity. My heart is sad at the passing of Doris Hedges Penniman. She will be missed by all that knew her. She had a special way of lighting up a room and making us laugh. She worked hard all her life and did a great deal for Eastern Star in Oregon.

Our Expect a Miracle Grand Chapter Session in June 2014 is only six months away. We can use help from our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the following jobs:

1. Assistant Marshal
2. Assistant Warder
3. Assistant Sentinel
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Courtesy Van drivers
6. Set up committee
7. Decorations committee
8. Escort for one of the military flags because you were in the service: Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine, Coast Guard, POW
9. Flag Escort
10. Grand Choir
11. Teller
12. Assistant Wagon Master

**GOALS:** One of our goals is to build the bridge between our home Masonic Brothers and the Eastern Star Members in each of our home towns. Please let Craig and I know what activity you are doing with your lodge brothers this year. We want to be active and assertive in making the bond stronger. Also, make sure your chapter plans a project to assist your community this year. We want our light to shine very brightly across Oregon. As you all know it is the Eastern Star way to love one another and help the poor, lonely, orphaned, and sick. Tell others that is what Eastern Star is: “Good people, doing good things, for good reasons” for others.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon along the trail. I love and miss you when I am not able to be with you.

*Star Love and Hugs,*

*Mama G*

AKA: G Ann Thomas,

Worthy Grand Matron
2014 OES Grand Chapter BBQ
Sponsored by General Fund Augmentation Committee

Pendleton Masonic Lodge
1350 NW Cardin Ave
[Shuttles will be available from the Convention Center]

“Boots and Bonnets”

June 14th – 6:00 pm
Reservations will be accepted to June 1, 2014
*No ticket sales at the door*

Sing-a Long
Play an instrument? Bring it along
If you want a list of songs to be used, contact Jeanne Kroker:
or.moonchild39.jmk@centurytel.net

Additional Entertainment to be announced

Cost $10.00
Make check payable to: OES Oregon Grand Chapter
Send Reservation/Checks to:
Jeanne Kroker  PO Box 2254  Lebanon OR 97355
[Individual Order Forms Requested]

Name:_________________________________________Phone:___________
Address:_____________________________City:____________Zip:______
Email Address:_________________________________________

Please Indicate Menu Choices:  [Sandwiches] ___BBQ  Pork ___BBQ Chicken
Includes: Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert
Select Drink:  ___Pepsi  ___Coke  ___Dr Pepper  ___7Up
Indicate if you desire Diet: ___
Dessert Choices: ___Brownie ___ Ice Cream ___ Rice Crispy Bar
Western Star Chapter #64’s Social Club in Kerby participated in 3 Christmas events and sold “Cookies by the pound”.

They sold over 200lbs of cookies with the proceeds going to support Western Star Chapter and their donations to the various OES charities throughout the year.

Special thanks go to Hazel Griffith, Jean Shubert, Linda Oncay and Shirley Merrill, who are shown in the pictures. The pictures are from the Christmas Bazaar at the Josephine County fairgrounds where Santa came for the annual Christmas Tree lighting.

On a personal note; Karen Yanase’s son, Gregory, who is in the Navy, had been on deployment for 313 days and had just returned home. He stayed up most of the night helping Karen bake cookies for that weekend’s event. What a guy! What a proud Mom!

Santa stopped by Western Star’s booth trying to help himself to the cookies!

Want events from your Chapter in the newsletter? Send it in!

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A great group of Conductress', Associate Conductress' and friends joined together to work on perfecting our Ritual work in Grants Pass on November 23. Michelle Combs, Associate Grand Conductress and Karen Beebe, Grand Conductress went over the finer points of Escort, Proving the Chapter as well as all the other duties of the Conductresses.

We had a lovely lunch of soups and, of course, lots of laughter. It was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship! There are plans of having another school some time this year. Keep an eye out for more information!

Conductress’ and Associate Conductress’ School of Instruction

General Fund Augmentation Fund Raiser

March 22 - 11:45 am
Barzillai Chapter (Albany)
431 West First Street (on street parking)

Menu: Salisbury Streak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Salad, Rolls
Dessert to follow Chapter meeting. [Chapter meets at 1:00]

Cost $10.00

pre-purchased/reservations only - no ticket sales at the door.

Send checks made out to:
Jeanne Kroker   PO Box 2254 Lebanon OR 97355
Getting to know Oregon Eastern Star

This year the OES News Committee people have been asked to interview people from their Chapter. It's a way to get to know different people around Oregon. If you have someone you would like to see featured in the OES News, please feel free to send it in. Contact information is on the last page.

HAZEL MARY HOUSER HARRISON HAMILTON

Julie Birmingham

Our Chapter organists are very important to all of us. They add so much beauty and joy to our meetings, and many travel far and wide to provide music at Chapters that do not have an organist. During a time when our own Hazel Mary was out of commission Cindy DeRoos travelled from Aloha to Newberg every first and third Thursday to keep our music flowing.

Here is some information about Hazel Mary written in her own words and submitted by Julie Birmingham, member of the committee:

"On June 23, 1943, as Hazel Mary Houser, I became a Star. Mother and Grandma Arney were Sisters before me. "Dad" Scott, beloved Mason and Star of Newberg, presented me with my Grandmother's Star pin on the night I was initiated.

In the years that followed I was a loyal but unproductive Sister. I did, however, relieve Carlotta Wiseman of her duties as church organist in Grants Pass, Oregon so she would be free to give her time serving as Oregon Worthy Grand Matron.

Being active in Rainbow Girls, serving as a State Officer, made me aware of the Masonic organizations and their strong influence and worthwhile contributions locally and worldwide.

In 1974 I was asked to be organist for Art and Clara Nelson's year in Newberg Chapter. And... here I still am. An Organist, serving since then with the exception of a year off to combat cancer.

My highlight? The visit to Quebec when I was Grand Representative.

I am now 93 years of age and a 70 years a member. I still look forward to twice a month seeing my brothers and sisters swing into chapter meetings with my music."

I want everyone to know that Hazel Mary has not only been dedicated to providing music for Newberg First United Methodist Church and Newberg Chapter for years and years, but also has a dedicated and loving personal life:

“My ‘love’ life? I have been very fortunate. Howard Harrison and I enjoyed nearly 41 years together before he died suddenly of a heart attack. He was a counselor and Vice Principal of Grants Pass High School, had energy plus, and kids thought (and I agree) that he was pretty neat. Not only was he a teacher, but in his younger years was in the Theater Guild and was on the Broadway stage in New York City with one line to say in Mr. Roberts.

After retiring from teaching he opened a foosball parlor in Portland for kids with the welcome mat out for all.

After 20 years alone, my Declaration Of Independence was no longer in effect when I met Bill Hamilton, a retired engineer, during Fitness sessions here at Friendsview Retirement Community where I now live. A strong masculine guy with a gentle nature, he showed me in no time that we were much better as a couple than alone so, at the ages of 89 and 86 (he is three years younger than I), we were married in the Methodist Church here in Newberg and witnessed by a crowd of Sisters and Brothers and friends and relatives, and our vows were said in the presence of an Episcopalian priest, a Methodist pastor, and a Quaker minister now working for the Retirement Center. Since then we have enjoyed a trip by car through many states, several winters as Snow Birds in Southern California, and many other short trips. Bill is not only a Mason, but he became a member of Star after our marriage.

The rocking chair has become a bit more inviting since entering the 90's, but we are enjoying life and our Sisters and Brothers of Star are a great part of that enjoyment."

Naomi #22 (Dallas) will again be doing their Homemade Stew & Biscuit lunch with Tea, Coffee, and PIE!

(who can say no to pie?!?!) all for just $6.00. January 23, 2014

980 block on Jefferson in Dallas at the Fire Station/Community Center.

Please come and enjoy the fellowship.
November 9th, 2013

To: WGM G. Ann Thomas, WGP Craig Sipp and Members of Oregon OES

I, Alan L. Beebe, am putting in my letter of intent for the Office of Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. I’ve been asked by Sister Michele Combs AGC to be her running mate and to travel with her to the Grand East as her WGP. I consider this an honor and privilege to serve with her and to represent OUR Grand Jurisdiction as your Grand Officer. I want to thank Sister Karen Beebe GC, Creswell Star #96 and Meridian Chapter #179 for their love, support and encouragement. I will do my best to uphold the values and teachings of this great order and do my best to promote and serve Oregon OES.

Sincerely and Star Love,

Alan L. Beebe

January 7, 2014

Worthy Grand Matron G Ann Thomas, Worthy Grand Patron Craig Sipp, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers,

It is with a humble heart that I submit this letter acknowledging my intent to run for the position of Associate Grand Conductress for the Grand Chapter of Oregon and its membership.

I have been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 36 years and have served as Worthy Matron as well as Grand Committee Member for numerous committees within three grand jurisdictions during those years. I am currently serving as your Grand Electa.

I have been encouraged by many sisters and brothers to submit my letter of intent. It is my belief that with your support and backing as well as the skills and desire that I offer, I will serve our Order as your next Associate Grand Conductress with the dignity and respect due the position.

I believe and practice the principles of our Order, dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness. If we live these principles and share with those who are not members, we can grow our Order, making it stronger and more viable.

By the Grace of God and with the love, encouragement and support of my husband, family, and chapters, I consider it an honor and privilege to submit this letter of intent to run for Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

Star love,

Winnie Carey
Adah Chapter #34 and Naomi Chapter #22
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