**Words from the Worthy Grand Matron**

Dearest Members of the Order of the Eastern Star,

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone and it is almost time for Grand Chapter. So this will be my last article for the Newsletter. My swan song so to speak.

If I was to thank each one separately for all they have done it would take pages and pages. Each member has played a vital and important part in making this year a success. You are the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and I know I speak for Brother Don also when I say we could not have done without each and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your hard work, love and support.

Our action words for the year were Pride and Enthusiasm, I pray these words will be part of your life and move forward into the next year and years to come. Brother Don has mentioned in all of our Grand Visitations our Ritual is who we are and what we do. It makes us different from most other organizations. We are to honor it and made it our own.

I have suggested on many occasions that all members should have an updated Ritual. Certainly one newer than 1990 as there is much updated information on “How to do things”. We cannot have too many reminders to keep ourselves current and that we are all doing our Ritual work the same. Using updated Rituals and the latest “Pink” Pages allows us to move easily between our Chapters and help out as needed.

Some areas of work that I have been particularly concerned about are:

- **Opening the Chapter:** This ceremony starts on page 23 with the Worthy Patron. There is nothing that allows us to omit the Associate Conductress portion on that page. Therefore, even if you have only a few who can march in, please do so. It is also good to honor your Worthy Matron by escorting her to the East.

- **Balloting:** I know a lot of chapters do not have Star Points which makes it more difficult to know when to ballot. However, there still is a proper order listed in your Work Book as to when everyone should ballot.

- **Proving Chapter:** Our Rules states the Associate Matron can vouch for all present if she is able, of her own knowledge. Remember her knowledge

**Words from the Worthy Grand Patron**

Hello Sisters and Brothers;

Grand Chapter is almost upon us - can you believe it? A year has almost passed since our Installation last June. Tonight I have extra help writing this article. Our kitty Misty Boo is sitting across my lap with her head resting on my hand. She seems to sense that I needed encouragement to write this last article to you. This past year has gone by so fast - a whirlwind at best - but what an incredible year it has been. It has been so much fun meeting everyone across this great state of ours. Visiting our Oregon Chapters is an incredible experience. Thank you so much for sharing your time with us.

In our Grand Visitations I have talked about two main themes. The first is our Ritual. It is the one thing that ties us all together. Its Heroine’s lay a very significant framework in which to live our lives. The second is that we are all a big family. This one thing sets us apart from a lot of organizations. We all look out for each other, offer comfort in our times of distress and celebrate in times of joy, but above all it is always done with compassion and love.

Ok on the lighter side of this article. We just got back from Hands Across the Border. What a great trip we had - seeing old friends and making new ones. Of course there were the Big General Grand Committee announcements (Congratulations to all of our members who received appointments) along with one of the General Grand Star Points and we also got to meet one of the candidates who is running for Associate General Grand Conductress who hails from Idaho. Now the trip back started on a good note, but when we reached Hood River it took about three hours to get to Troutdale. UGH! There was a hole in the overpass and it went down to one lane.

This last week-end the Grand Family had the pleasure of initiating 3 young ladies into our Order. Morgan Welch, GWAA for Rainbow and another, Samantha, who is the great granddaughter of our Grand Warder Hank Dougherty. She is the fourth generation of her family to become a member of Adah Chapter. Thank you Merry Makers for a job well done!! You make Judy
comes from the Conductresses who are at the door to verify all members entering have a dues card. If the conductresses have informed the Associate Matron, only then does it become her knowledge. If you have quests or visitors it is always important to officially Prove chapter.

- Escort: There has been no change in our Uniform Work Book (Pink Pages) regarding Escort. Again, please provide escort. The committee members, Grand Representatives and Worthy Matron and Worthy Patrons deserve this honor.

- Draping the Altar: Marshal, Chaplain and Conductresses, please review this prior to doing draping. I know many of you only do this once a year so it would be most beneficial to have a review prior to Draping. It is a beautiful ceremony especially when all participants work together.

    I do not want these comments to imply in anyway, or make it sound as though I am not appreciative of how well you do your work, but I feel there is always room for improvement in everything we do.

It has been such a joy to hear that some of our chapters have initiated new members this year. I have been introduced to several of these members and see how willing and interested they are, in doing the work well. We had a Grand Initiation this past Saturday at Adah and initiated three new sisters. We have many members in our chapters who would be able to take these new members and all our new initiates under their wing and be mentors to them. The only thing I ask in mentoring is that you know your work well and that you are patient and kind.

As we move toward our 150th Anniversary, my biggest fear is we let Apathy enter our chapters. If we allow this, we are already defeated. Remember and practice our action words of Pride and Enthusiasm.

In closing I want everyone to know this has been the most exciting and wonderful thing I could have ever done in my life. I am so grateful to all of the members for this opportunity and experience. I hope this year has brought some enjoyment into your lives. I know we did make a few small changes this year. We hope it was helpful. If we don’t try to make things better we will never know if we were successful or not.

I am so looking forward to Grand Chapter and hope to see many of your smiling faces there. I think it will be an exciting Session and so wonderful to be able to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi White be part of it.

    Much, Much Star Love to each of you,
    Judy Rooth, WGM
Welcome to Oregon Grand Chapter Session “Celebrate Life - Live, Laugh, Love”

Greetings to all the Members of the Order of the Eastern Star from Oregon Grand Chapter.

We are so looking forward to our “Celebrate Life, Live, Laugh Love”, 126th Grand Chapter Session. We want to see all your smiling faces as we gather together as a family for fun and the important business of our Grand Chapter.

Included with this communication is all that you need to finalize your plans to be part of this year’s celebration. Your presence and vote will determine our Grand Chapter’s future.

We will begin Sunday morning with our Worship Service and awarding the ESTARL Scholarships to the recipients. We will honor those Past Grand Officers who have journeyed home with individual memorials followed by Draping of the Altar and the Memorial Service for our departed members.

We will next share with our 50 year members and thank them for their many years of service to our Order. We encourage these very special members to come and receive the honors they so richly deserve. This will immediately be followed by the 50 year members’ luncheon.

Sunday evening is the All Membership Banquet and Reception. It is an exciting evening with the introduction of the Grand Pages and Ushers as well as greeting our special guests. This evening is very special, as it is the time when we are able to present the philanthropic funds to our special categories. Our committees work extremely hard during the year and are so pleased to be able to announce the funds created for our charities.

Again this year we are asking the chapters to furnish a basket for the Silent Auction. Please make arrangements to have the baskets at the Pendleton Convention Center by Saturday afternoon for display. On Tuesday evening we will also have Carnival Night. We do hope many of the Chapters will participate in this fun event by bringing a game to play. Flyers containing information on both of these have been given to the Chapters. Funds raised goes to the General Fund Raising Committee for Grand Chapter.

Please come and join us in Pendleton as we work and play which is “Oregon's Way.”

Merry Makers’ Star Love, Judy Rooth, Worthy Grand Matron and Don Broxson, Worthy Grand Patron

Some months ago three Western Star Chapter #64, Kerby, members: Linda Oncay WM; Hazel Griffith, Treasurer and Jean Shubert, Associate Conductress, delivered 46 twin bed size quilts to our Veterans at the White City facility.

The quilts were started as a project for the then WM Jean Shubert, but it got sidelined due to illnesses and deaths in the families. Once back on track, the project continued to grow as friends of the community heard of it and began bringing in boxes of material; so it wasn’t just good for the Vets, it sure got Western Star’s name out into the community! So if you need a good project….this is a good one.

Our quilters were: Marlene Hutt, Dianna Champie and Shirley Merrill. We had 3 delivery gals and 2 dedicated Brothers; Max Holleman and Robert Merrill.

I believe we have more left over material than when we began, so maybe we’ll do it again someday!!!
General Grand Chapter Appointments in Oregon.

It has been formally announced that the following members of Oregon Chapters have accepted General Grand Chapter Appointments for the upcoming triennium:

**Le Roy Austin**, PGP Idaho (Golden Rule #131) - Education

**Sharon Baker**, PGM Oregon (Reames #66) - Shriners Charities

**Robert Barclay**, PGP Idaho (Pioneer Chapter #28) - Shriners Charities

**Nancy Evans**, PGM Nevada (Queen Esther #101) - Registration

**John Scott Harvey**, PGP Oregon (Blue Mountain #52, Hope #13) - Support for First Responders

**Theresa McKinley**, PGM Oregon (Trinity #175) - Cancer

**Anne Murphy**, PM California (Aloha #5) - Eagle to the MWGP

**John Olson**, PGP - Oregon (Pioneer #28) - Appeals and Grievances

**Mary Lou Olson**, PM Oregon (Pioneer #28) - Hummingbird to the MWGM

**Lin Stanton**, PGM Oregon (Aloha #5) - Membership

**Marc Strong**, PGP Oregon (Esther #11) - Registration

*Congratulations to these honored and distinguished members!*

You are Cordially Invited to an Informal Reception Honoring our Most Worthy Grand Matron

*Sister Bobbi White*

Monday Evening, June 22, 2015
following the close of the Evening Session of Oregon’s Grand Chapter
Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon

Cookies and Punch will be served
General Fund Committee Events at Grand Chapter

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Live, Love & Laugh  ~ June 2015
The Lady Bugs and “Hot~Hot~Hot” Chili Peppers will be sporting a Carnival
~Tuesday Eve ~ Following the Evening Session

General Fund Raising Committee FUN NIGHT.
Prepare to come in your best Carnival Attire

There will be PRIZES for ????

HOLA!
General Fund Committee Chairman:       Mel DeHut
Co-Chair:    Velna     melveldeh@msn.com  Ph. 503-585-4572

MERRY MAKERS
LIVE LOVE LAUGH

The General Fund Committee will this year be setting up a “Silent Auction Activity” at Grand Chapter.

Anyone can donate a basket for Auction ~ plants, handmade items, pictures, jam’s & jelly’s some small, medium, or Large, ~
Come up with YOUR Unique idea

PLEASE have items at Grand Chapter by SATURDAY NOON,
List the items and approximate Value of Basket

Thank You for table placement & labeling

General Fund Chairman;     Mel DeHut
Co-Chair;   Velna DeHut
melveldeh@msn.com    Ph. 503-585-4572
The Smiling Hearts
Cordially invite you to attend
The Open Installation
Of Grand Officers
Of the Grand Chapter of Oregon
To be held on Wednesday Afternoon,
June 24th, 2015
At Three-Thirty, P.M.
Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon
Karen Beebe, WGM Elect
Ken Cochran, WGP Elect

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Smiling Hearts
Appointed Grand Officers

Grand Chaplain: Lynn Rose, Daphne #139
Grand Lecturer: Diane Gay, PGM, Euclid #70
Grand Marshal: Linda Snyder, Hope #13 & Blue Mountain #52
Grand Organist: Jeanne Kroker, Marguerite #60 & Barzillai #16
Grand Adah: Mary Drushella, Euclid #70 & Barzillai #16
Grand Ruth: Della Rolfe, Maple #95
Grand Esther: Charlene Cochran, Mt. Scott #110
Grand Martha: Leslie Van Etten, Oakland #91; Roseburg #8, & North Star #121
Grand Electa: Carolyn Robbins, Creswell Star #96
Grand Warder: Bud Graham, St. Mary’s #9; Naomi #22; & Marguerite #60

Congratulations to all and may you have a wonderful year as Grand Officers!
2015-2016 Grand Committee Members

This dress order form is for those who have agreed to serve as a Grand Committee Member for 2015-2016

Grand Chapter of Oregon 2015

Make Check or pay by credit card to:
ElegantWear
8928 Periwinkle Blue Court
Lorton, VA 22079-5700
Payment Phone: (703)646 5880
Fax: (240) 597-0516
Email: elegantwear@hotmail.com

Grand Committee Members

Special Order Form

Style: 2059
Color: Black/ Pink
Price: $70.00 & S/H:$ 7.20 TOTAL:
$77.20

Credit Cards Accepted:
VISA / MasterCard / American Express / Discover

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Street Address:________________________________________________
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City:____________________State:_________________Zip:____________

Phone#:_______________________________________________________

Amount: $__________________ The Set includes the following: Blouse only

Smiling Heart’s “Oregon Easter Star Trail” Bracelet

23 charms
$40 each
preassembled

Available Now and at Grand Chapter!

Contact: Katrina Bush
katbush45@gmail.com or (503) 888-5178
or any Smiling Heart for details!
### Calendar of Events

Please refer to the Grand Chapter Calendar for more information. *Dates in Italics are Tentative.* Dates are subject to change. Installation Dates are Tentative and Subject to Elections.

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“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

~ Albert Schweitzer

Thank you to everyone who has made this an Eastern Star year to remember... May our Troubles be less, our Blessings be more and nothing but Happiness come through our Door...
On April 18th, JPGM GAnn Thomas, Stephen Barkley and I took a very bumpy flight to St. Augustine Florida to attend their “To God Be the Glory” 110th Grand Chapter. It was held at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort. If I had to sum up their Grand Chapter in one word I would have to say “Classy.” When we first walked into the Grand Chapter room it was decorated all in beautiful white feathers with twinkle lights, angel wings and the bald eagle. Simply breathtaking.

Their WGM was Floye Hyslop and her symbol was the Angel. The WGP was Jim Marshall and his symbol was the American Flag. Their colors were blue and gold and the Special Projects were the America Diabetes Association and the Michael J Fox Parkinson’s Research Foundation.

My counterpart is Wendy Lee Martin-Gagarin and one of my favorite parts was meeting her and attending the Grand Representative banquet with her. She is so fun and we are still in contact via Facebook. If I had to pick one activity I liked the best about their Grand Chapter it would have to be all the banquets. Walking in and seeing a 4-tiered head table was so impressive and then to have them carry in the colors at each banquet made it even more special. Each banquet ended with wonderful musical entertainment.

Being huge advocates of the youth, we loved that they opened the first session by honoring all three youth groups. We were so impressed with the work they did and so enjoyed listening to them speak. As a former Rainbow girl, I admit my favorite was the Grand Worthy Advisor and Supreme Inspector.

If I had to pick one difference to mention it would be how they vote for Associate Conductress. This year there were four sisters running and they each set up tables for their campaign. So that members had a chance to see them work before they voted, they were also the session coordinators and were responsible to see that the sessions ran smoothly.

We met some amazing people but one couple that stood out for us was an Earnhardt cousin. Yes, that Earnhardt. He and Steve hit it off right from the start and when Joe Earnhardt asked Steve to join him and some of the men after one of the night sessions for a cigar, GAnn and I were left on our own. The two of them have plans to meet up for a motorcycle festival sometime soon. Steve says besides meeting Joe, his favorite part was participating in and carrying the Oregon flag in their Flag Drill. I was so proud of him.

Florida has the Most Worthy Grand Associate Matron and GAnn's favorite part of Florida’s Grand Chapter was attending the reception in her honor. She loved the Pirate Punch.

The three of us has so much fun laughing together while we met so many new friends as we represented Oregon. I hope we made Oregon proud. Know that we did Live, Laugh and Love!

With their Grand session falling immediately after a most stressful tax season, Steve treated me to an afternoon at the spa and he left way too much money at the Daytona Beach Harley Davidson dealership. We needed that!

I can’t thank JPGM GAnn Thomas and JPGP Craig Sipp enough for this appointment. I had the most amazing experience and I couldn’t think of two other people I would have wanted to attend with than Steve and GAnn. We ended this trip with another very bumpy flight back home to Oregon, the best state in the US.
The theme was Easter and the bunnies were everywhere! Laurel Chapter (aka Rosemary Ferris, PGM) provided the delightful centerpieces. The Pathfinders assisted with a wash cloth bunny for each resident. And they were in pastel colors, as spring bunnies should be.

Our entertainment consisted of Gloria Varner, AGC, teaching (or is that reminding?) everyone of that famous bunny song, “Little Bunny Foo Foo”. Hand motions were included. There was much laughter and even some private lessons held at the conclusion of the party. We also had a very short Easter Bonnet Parade. The participants mixed with the crowd to garner support for their creation. The winner was selected through the age old process of applause! And what a winner, Lizzie Uecker, AC from Forest Chapter #42. Way to go Lizzie!
Letter of Intent

October 13, 2014

To Worthy Grand Matron Judy Rooth, Worth Grand Patron Don Broxson, Grand Secretary Chris Nacheff Maneker and members of Oregon Order of the Eastern Star.

I, Jay Saatkamp, am submitting this letter of my intent to be a candidate for the office of Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. I have been asked by Sister Gloria Varner, Associate Grand Conductress to stand with her in setting a course for the future as her Worthy Grand Patron. This is a great privilege and honor to serve our Grand Chapter with her and represent the Order of the Eastern Star in Oregon.

I have the support of my wife, Sister Pam, and my family. My chapters, Valiant Sellwood 92 and Pioneer 28 have given me their support and dedication in my journey to the East.

I am looking forward to working for the wonderful members to make our Orders flourish.

Fraternally

Jay Saatkamp

February 25, 2015

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and Members of Oregon OES

It is with the support of my chapter (Reames Chapter No. 66), my family and friends, that I submit my Letter of Intent for the position of Associate Grand Conductress.

With the help of God and the aid of my family and Chapter, I will, to the best of my ability, represent the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, with dignity, enthusiasm and love of our beautiful order.

Sincerely,

Lyn France
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