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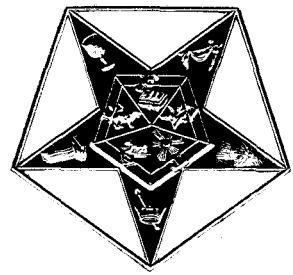

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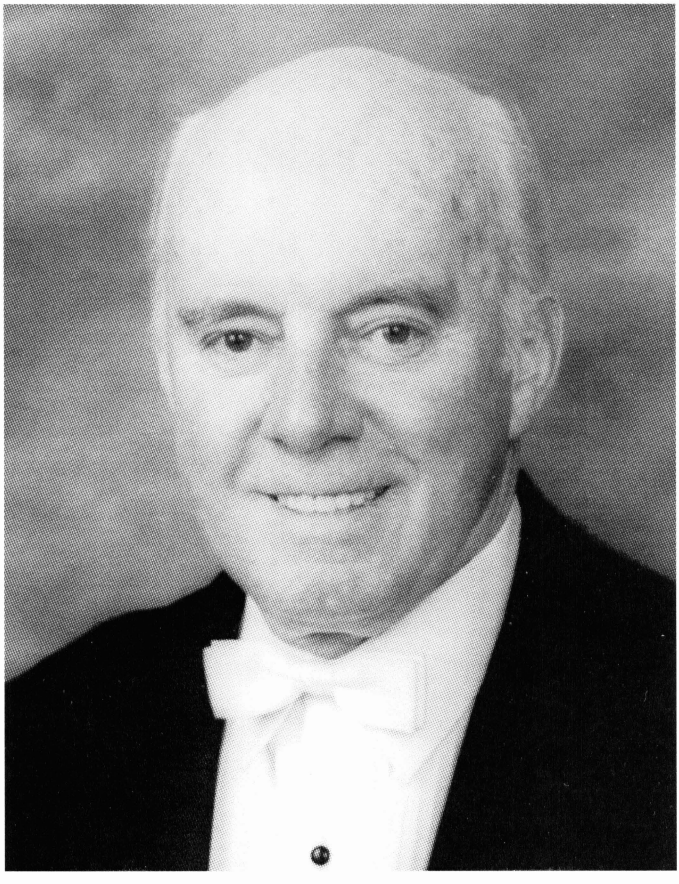

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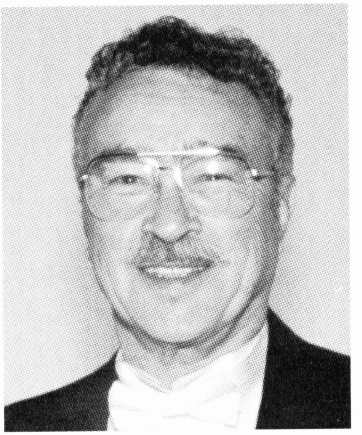

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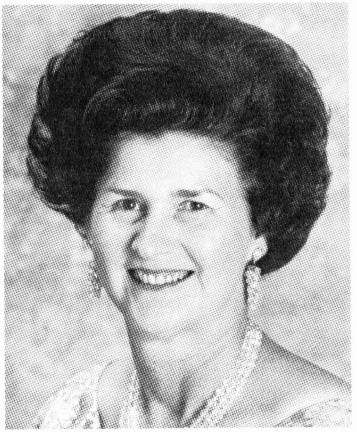

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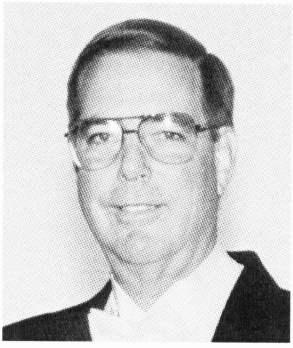

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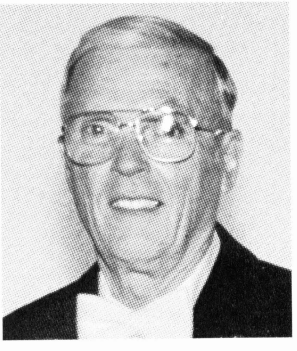


ROBERT BRAMMAN
Grand Sentinel

DEDICATION

We dedicate this 1998 "On The Wings Of Love" Session, celebrating the 125th Birthday of the Grand Chapter of California, to Barbara and Tom for the love and support they have given to us, and to the Members in California that have truly bound us together in Love!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON EMBLEM

The Dove flies across the sky carrying the Legend of the Sand Dollar and the teachings of our Order with the beautiful Pink tie that binds us together in love. The steady flow of the Kern River winds its way down the Mountain side into the Kern River Valley and lake below, surrounded by the Snow-capped Sierras. A row of Violets gives a touch of beauty. The base of the Triangle, representing man reaching to God in inspiration, forms a foundation on which to build our lives.

MOTTO

Happiness is an Attitude, not a condition! Happiness is a Choice!

WATCHWORDS

Peace: Bring Peace to all the World in all we do!
Attitude: Your Attitude determines your Attitude!
Love: "The Greatest of these is LOVE."

PAL: Come be my PAL!

FLOWER

The Violet

The violet is the meekest flower that grows, modest, unassuming, asking only for space to bud and bloom. It comes in various shades of purple, lavender, pink and blue. It is obedient to nature, forgetful of snow, sleet or cold, and performs its mission according to God's plan.

COLORS

Purple, to Lavender, Country Blue (Wedgewood),
Mauve Pink with a touch of Silver

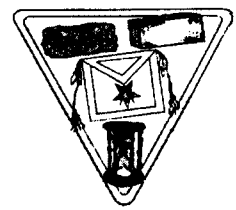
SCRIPTURE

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thy own understanding, In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 5 & 6

FUN EMBLEM

Sweet Violet

1998 WILL BE THE 125th BIRTHDAY OF OUR CALIFORNIA GRAND CHAPTER



WORTHY GRAND PATRON EMBLEM

The Inverted Triangle with the Lambskin Apron,
the Hour Glass, Rough Ashlar and Perfect Ashlar

OUR NAME

THE HUNTERS - Never should we stop in our hunt to perfect our lives, our family, our religious beliefs and the words of our Order.

WATCHWORDS

Faithful:	Be Faithful to your obligations
Understanding:	Be Understanding in your attitude
Noble:	Be Noble in your intentions

FUN: Let O.E.S. be FUN

FUN EMBLEM

Sir Blade

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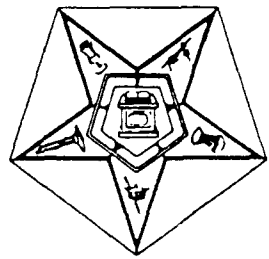

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

October 21 - 25, 1998

Fresno Convention Center
700 "M" Street
Fresno, California

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 21, 1998

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The stage of the Fresno Convention Center was decorated with a magnificent snow topped mountain and blue sky backdrop. Large pots of violets were placed around the stage. Sir Blade and Sweet Violet were in front of the podium with a canoe floating on blue water.

8:30 a.m. **Musical Prelude:** Clara Jackson (185), Past Matron

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Escort: Hostess and Host

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Honorary Grand Marshal: Jeraldine Southward Creager
General Grand Chapter
Committee Member

Grand Adah: Zoe Harris, Past Grand Matron
Grand Ruth: Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron
Grand Esther: Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron
Grand Martha: June L. Barnum, General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian
Grand Electa: Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron

"The Colors of My Life" . . . California Singing Stars

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron

"The Holy Bible" . . . California Singing Stars

Entrance: Grand Officers of California

Danna Willoughby, Grand Marshal: I have the honor of presenting to you the Officers of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers. I have the honor to present Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron, Ernie Lewis, Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, it is with love that I present to you your gavel. I know you will use it wisely as you preside over your own "On Wings of Love" Grand Chapter Session.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Mary, for presenting to me my gavel to preside over this Formal Opening of the 125th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California. Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Terry Holts, Junior Past Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Mary, we are pleased to have your opening welcome at this Formal Opening of Grand Chapter.

WELCOME

(By Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Patron, Ernie Lewis; Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lennart Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Maxine Flint Justice; Distinguished and Honored Members; Brother Terry Holts, Junior Past Grand Patron and Host for the morning; the Delegates of this 125th Grand Chapter Session; Sisters and Brothers:

As most of you know, it is the tradition in California for the Junior Past Grand Matron to serve as hostess for the Formal Opening of our Grand Chapter Session. Our Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Denny Rae, is unable to be with us this morning. Our Worthy Grand Matron has

graciously given me the honor of extending a warm welcome to each of you. Sister Sue, for this honor, I thank you.

I am truly grateful for the privilege of greeting and welcoming our Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Maxine Flint Justice.

Sister Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, the members in California extend to you a heartfelt welcome and look forward to many visits with you in the future as the members in California work with the members of Minnesota toward the years 2003-2006. Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, it is always good to see your smiling face. The members of California are proud of you and we will support you all the way. May your candle continue to burn brightly as you serve the world of Eastern Star.

We are pleased to have so many General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members with us this morning. We extend a warm, Golden State welcome to each of you. There is much pleasure in welcoming Distinguished Members from other Grand Jurisdictions. It is our desire that you feel our friendliness and know how genuine are the ties that bind us together for the Order.

To our own Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, we give you a special welcome to your own Grand Chapter Session and thank you for your continued dedication to our Order.

To those attending Grand Chapter for the first time, as well as those who have many times in the past, it is important you take the time to enjoy yourselves with your Sisters and Brothers, meet old friends and make new ones.

To the voting Delegates, this week important legislation will be presented to you for your consideration. Your Chapters have sent you here as their representatives. If you remember your history, you will remember how important one vote can be. In 1640, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed. One vote in 1845 brought Texas into the Union. One vote in 1923 gave Hitler leadership. Your vote is important. Take the time to listen with an open mind. Respect the view of others, but after carefully weighing the pros and cons of each proposal, vote your own conscience. In your hands lies the future of our Order in California.

Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, I wish for you a productive Grand Chapter Session. May it be the culmination of all you set out to

accomplish. May God be with you and may harmony and happiness prevail.

Brother Terry Holts, it was a pleasure to be escorted to the East with you this morning, and we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

WELCOME

(By Terry Holts, Past Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Maxine Justice; our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Meixner, our Hostess for this morning; Distinguished and Honored Members; Delegates to this "On the Wings of Love" Session:

It is a pleasure and honor to be able to be escorted with Sister Meixner, Worthy Grand Matron of 1993 and Hostess for this Formal Opening of Grand Chapter.

Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for granting me the honor of serving as Host for this opening session. Sister Denny Rae sent you a message for a super good Session.

Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, this Session represents the final chapter in your long journey and will give you great satisfaction as you see the results of your planning and hard work. Brother Ernie, I congratulate you for promoting the Masonic family, the Officers, and Committee Members of the General Grand Chapter, as well as Distinguished and Honored Members of other jurisdictions. We sincerely hope that your visit with us will be pleasant and will provide you with many warm and pleasant memories.

I welcome all of our Delegates to the Grand Chapter Session. Not only do I urge you to have a great time while you are here, I urge you to take an active interest. There are important issues to be addressed and they deserve your best judgment. To all assembled here this week, I hope each of you will enjoy a harmonious Grand Chapter in which, even if we find issues on which we have different opinions, we can work together for the betterment of our beautiful Order. Thank you.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. It is our honor to welcome our special members and many guests to our 125th Annual Grand Chapter Session. As you indicated, it is a tradition to have our past leaders bring greetings on this opening day. However, due to Denny Rae's schedule of work, she is not able to be with us until later

in the week. Sister Mary, you served as a Grand Officer in 1985, and I followed in the family of 1986. There were many times you were probably not aware how I admired you as you have served our Order. Now it is my treat to have you welcome us at this first Session, "On the Wings of Love," of Grand Chapter. Thank you for presenting to me my gavel. Brother Terry, I hand-picked you for a very big job in 1998, and then Denny Rae stole you away from me and you became her Associate Grand Patron. You have served our order well with much love and dedication. Thank you for bringing your greeting and for the fun and fellowship we have enjoyed. Brother Ernie, our Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Mary and Brother Terry, our Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron, it seems like a short time ago that we were here for the Formal Opening of last year's Grand Session. I thank you both for your friendship and for welcoming our Members. Sister Mary was, back in 1985, a bluebird, and tried to give a pre-El Nino competition as far as the rain is concerned, but you had a successful and wonderful year. Thank you very much. Brother Terry, I know this was a good year for hunters, and I had the opportunity, as Worthy Grand Patron, to do a little hunting with you. You complained about your legs being a little sore, but you never gave up. Thank you both for being here and helping welcome our members to this Session, "On the Wings of Love," 125th Grand Chapter.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, you will read the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(Read by the Grand Secretary)

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time the constitutionally required number of Chapters are represented. For general information, the Constitutional number of Chapters which constitute a quorum are 100.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Kelley, Chairman

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

Prayer: Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: Lord God our Father, ruler of heaven and earth, another year in the history of Eastern Star in California is past and we are gathered here to open the 1998 California Grand Chapter Session. We ask for your guidance and protection as we begin the "On the Wings of Love" Session in this 125th year of the California Grand Chapter. We pray all we do here will be most beneficial to the Order and to our Members. We ask a special blessing

for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ernie Lewis, and the Grand Officers as they begin their last official functions for this 1998 Grand Chapter year. Let the initials of our Worthy Grand Matron's watchwords, Peace, Attitude, and Love, "PAL", be our guiding light throughout Grand Chapter week, and the initials of the Grand Patron's watchwords, Faith, Understanding, Noble, "FUN", set the mood for this Session so that everyone will leave here with joy in their hearts because they have had "fun" all week. We pray that this Session may be conducted in peace and harmony, with no disasters of any kind. Lord bless our families and members who are sick or grieving for the loss of a loved one, and the Sisters and Brothers who cannot be here this week. May we keep them in our hearts and thoughts everyday as we prepare to open this Grand Chapter Session. Amen.

OPENING ODE
"Bind Us Together, Lord"

Bind us together, Lord
Bind Us together.
With cords that can not be broken.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together with love.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Worthy Grand Matron, I now declare the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, to be duly opened.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Flag Escort: Danna Willoughby, Grand Marshal

Flag Bearer: Darrell Willoughby, Past Patron (105)

FLAG TRIBUTE
(By Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We want to express our sincere appreciation to Sisters Jerry, Zoe, Kathleen, Kay, June Lucretia, Sherie, and Barbara, all Past Grand Matrons of California, who participated in our opening ceremony this morning, working together

with our Grand Officers. The ceremony was a combination of beauty, elegant precision, and confidence that comes with starting each day with a good attitude. At this time it is my pleasure to present Sherry Glab, Past Matron of Claremont Chapter, who will be serving as parliamentarian this session. She will be pleased to meet with you informally if you have any questions regarding the parliamentary procedures of our Grand Chapter. Sister Sherry, may we have you present the Standing Rules for this Session?

PRESENTATION OF STANDING RULES FOR SESSION

(By Parliamentarian Sherry Glab (324), Past Matron)

Thank You, Worthy Grand Matron. As I was sitting here last night, one of our Sisters said, "Will you give the Standing Rules of Order for the Grand Chapter?" I explained to her that I would, and she said to her neighbor, "You must be here for that." And I said, "You mean people really listen to these?" She said, "Over in the Valley, the person made the rules sound exciting." So we'll try.

Before presenting the Standing Rules for adoption, a word of explanation for the benefit of the members of the Assembly.

1. You will note there are six microphones on the floor for the delegates. One at the Grand Secretary's desk, one by the Grand Treasurer's station, two in the Grand West and two in the balcony. All delegates will speak from these microphones including those persons seated in the Grand East.

2. The Grand Pages in the East will inform the presiding officer of the order of those at the microphones wishing to speak.

3. Delegates be sure you have your ballots with you at all times.

4. On the reports that are presented to Grand Chapter, if no action is necessary and the report is for information only, it is not necessary to move to receive the report and have it printed in the proceedings. The act of giving a report is the same as receiving.

STANDING RULES FOR THE 1998 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

1. **Addressing Grand Chapter:** Every member addressing Grand Chapter shall go to the nearest microphone. When recognized by the presiding officer, the member shall announce her or his name, number and location of her or his Chapter. If speaking to a

question properly on the floor, the speaker shall state whether she or he is FOR or AGAINST the question.

2. **Limitation of debate:** Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes in debate.

   Each member shall speak no more that once on the same subject without permission from the presiding officer, or of the Grand Chapter, except members of committees may speak more than once in relation to the report of the committee.

   A proponent of the proposed amendment or the maker of a motion will be allowed to speak first in support of the proposed amendment or the motion and shall be allowed to speak last. Debate will be limited to three speakers for each side of the question; except that a proponent of the proposed amendment or the maker of the motion who has spoken first shall also be allowed to speak last, not withstanding that there have been two other speakers in favor of the amendment or motion, provided that there have been speakers in opposition to the proposed amendment or motion.

3. **Voting Sign:** The voting sign of the Grand Chapter shall be by raising the ballots in the form of colored cards provided to each voting delegate at the time of registration.

4. **Moving the Previous Question:** The previous question may be moved to close debate and requires a vote on the question immediately pending, and others pending, if stated in the motion. It is undebatable and requires a two thirds vote; provided, however, that a motion for the previous question shall not be in order unless at least three members of Grand Chapter have been heard on each side of the question, should they desire to speak on the subject.

5. **Requesting a Ballot Vote:** A ballot vote may be ordered upon any questions, at the discretion of the presiding officers, or at the request of five members, provided such request be made by such five members at the time the question is under discussion and before the result of the vote has been declared by the presiding officer. The request for a ballot vote may be withdrawn with the consent of the Grand Chapter up to the time the vote is taken.

6. **Vote Required:** A majority vote shall determine all questions, except proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws which

shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption; and except as may otherwise be specifically provided.

7. **Requests for Order and Information:** When a voting delegate believes the Rules of Grand Chapter are being violated, she or he may make a point of Order by addressing Grand Chapter in the usual manner and after being recognized by the Worthy Grand Matron, say "Worthy Grand Matron, I rise to a Point of Order." Point of Order need not be seconded and is undebatable. Any voting delegate desiring further information or explanation of an amendment or a motion may obtain the floor in the usual manner, and after being recognized by the Worthy Grand Matron, may state her or his request. A request or inquiry requires no second and is not debatable. A voting delegate desiring to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or the Rules of Grand Chapter bearing directly on the business on the floor, may address Grand Chapter in the usual manner and say "Worthy Grand Matron, I rise for a parliamentary inquiry." A parliamentary inquiry requires no second, is undebatable and is answered by the presiding officer.

8. **Amending a Proposed Amendment:** Any amendment to a proposed amendment which shall change five or more words of the proposed amendment shall be submitted in triplicate before the member proceeds to the microphone. The member desiring to amend the proposed amendment shall obtain the forms from the desk of the Grand Secretary. The member shall present one copy of the completed form to the Worthy Grand Matron, one copy to the Grand Secretary, and retain the third copy.

9. **Elections:** When three or more candidates are standing for one office and if, after the second ballot, no one has a majority of the votes cast, the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes will not be considered for the third ballot.

   On each ballot thereafter, the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes will not be considered for the succeeding ballot until one candidate has received a majority of the votes cast and it declared elected.

"Robert's Rules of Order": The most recently revised edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the authority in all cases not covered by these Standing Rules.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these Standing Rules. *(Motion was seconded.)*
Adopted:

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sherry, for composing and presenting these Standing Rules to our Delegates. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

(By Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my privilege this morning to welcome to the 125th Session of this Grand Chapter our newest and most special members My Sisters and Brothers, it is a real pleasure to speak to you at your first Grand Chapter Session. To you at this time, everything will be new and impressive. You are starting on a true experience, one that you will be thankful for for the rest of your life. Do your best to attend everything possible. You may hear some Sisters and Brothers say, "Oh, you don't have to go to that. I've been there before and it's no fun." Don't believe it till you have seen it yourself. We all have different attitudes about different things, and only you will know your feelings, and that is after you've tried it for yourself.

To each of you who are attending for the first time as Delegates, I extend to you a very warm welcome. As representatives of your Chapter, it is now your duty to study the issues, listen for opinions, express your concerns, make up your own minds, then vote. And always vote for the good of the Order. Your attendance at all sessions and attention to all presentations and reports will be of great benefit to you in extending your understanding of our Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter is more than just business and legislative sessions. Your Grand Chapter Committees have planned outstanding programs for your enjoyment. Take this opportunity to meet with your Sisters and Brothers throughout this state, and also remember to meet with your Sisters and Brothers from other states who are in attendance. Share your experiences with them. Gain knowledge from their experiences, and take those back to your local Chapters. I also welcome each of our 50 and 75-year Members to this "On the Wings of Love," Grand Chapter Session. You are indeed our very special members. I hope this Grand Chapter Session is just as meaningful to you as was your very first session. Now, let's get started with the business of our Grand Chapter. Sister Sue, we would be pleased to hear your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(By Sue McKinney)

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates to this " On The Wings of Love" Session, celebrating 125 year of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star:

Let me tell you a story. About 13 months ago, a woman was sitting on a bench in front of a doctor's office with tears running down her cheeks having just been told that extensive sinus surgery was going to need to be done, this would be surgery #5, with #4 being a few months before. Following the surgery there would be 8 weeks of I.V.'s to clear up a staph infection in the sinus. Now this was not a good day! Along came her hero, Brother Tom, with "don't worry, be happy, we'll find a way." I want to say, that doctor had given me a motivated speech, but I knew that I had worked very hard to become the Worthy Grand Matron of California, and a little old runny nose was not going to stop me. I realized many years ago that life is a series of choices and I was making the choice. Those two doctor's were not going to be my choice. I tried another doctor or two, and found one that would treat me with natural medicine, vitamins, and good food. With a Grand Family, and a family at home surrounding me with prayers, we started out on a journey of a life time.

Just one month later, Brother Ernie and I arrived on a float of violets, with a large dove descending from the heavens as though it was sent by God to say "Be thou my faithful servants and I will watch over you." We were surrounded by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in their Triangle of Love to bring a message of love, and to remind us of our Obligation that we would assume at the Altar on this very special day. The beautiful and symbolic white dove has been a sign to me in all stages of my life, from the Dove in the teaching of Job's Daughters to the Dove sent by God as a sign of Peace, and Salvation, to the Warders emblem of the Dove. It was natural for me to have the Dove as an emblem and a path I would desire to follow for the rest of my life and also the beautiful snow capped high sierras in the background, with my own Kern River winding its way to the lake below. We did leave Fresno one year ago "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" as we began to spread our wings and fly to new heights. All things were now ready for us to begin our flight to the Stars! Yes, just one year ago, and somehow, at times, it all seems like a dream.

We have been guarded daily by our loving Father, as we have faced the "opportunities," challenges, and rewards that have been handed to us

with the awesome responsibility of serving you the members of our Order.

There were so many times of great joy, as we hurried from place to place and event to event. Each one being unique and special, because they were planned by you the members with us, the Grand Family in mind! We have experienced great happiness with many of our Grand Sentinels 'Rip Rip Arahs', and then a few times when a few adjustments had to be made in either our plans or that of those of the committee, but somehow each event has worked out so very well.

You the members of our Order have given to me and my Tom so very much, you are wonderful loving and caring people that are not afraid to open your hearts and let people know you care. If I could describe this year, my word would be "SUPER' from beginning to end! Recently I tried to tell our Associate Grand Matron I was not ready to go out of office, she responded, she might be able to use a couple of additional weeks herself, so maybe we could make a deal. But time has ticked on, and now we are ready to begin our "On the Wings of Love" Session.

DEDICATION: This "125th Anniversary Session" of our California Grand Chapter is dedicated to Sister Barbara Lewis and Brother Tom McKinney. Brother Ernie and I have been very fortunate to have, these two lovely and supportive spouses by our side. We also dedicate this session to the members of our Order, they are the "Wind beneath our Wings." We love you, and appreciate your love, devotion to the Order and support in all we have tried to accomplish.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS: The elective Grand Officers are chosen and elected by you the members of our Order. May I at this time tell you that you have a terrific group in line to lead our Order. A special thank you to Sheri Weisser, my little sister, she has been an excellent traveler this year, which is very unique for the Associate Grand Matron as she has much to do to plan her year. We have enjoyed a special friendship, and you are one of those people I can call at midnight, and yes you will still be up. Each of you have traveled with us, participated in our fun events, and been a great help to me this year. I know that our Order is in good hands for years to come!

Sue McKinney (643)	Worthy Grand Matron
Ernie Lewis (384)	Worthy Grand Patron
Sheri Weisser (577)	Associate Grand Matron
Ron Behnke (144)	Associate Grand Patron
Shirley Orth (135)	Grand Secretary
Jerri Jean Golden (383)	Grand Treasurer

Doris Parrish (521)	Grand Conductress
Sue Bishop (46/280)	Associate Grand Conductress

OFFICIAL ACTS:

APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS: It was my honor to select ten members of our Order to serve as Grand Officers for the State of California this year. We have so many dedicated members who serve their chapters, districts, associations and Grand Chapter so well, this was truly a challenge to pick ten people, better yet it is twenty members as each of their spouses are a very important part of our Grand Family. These special people were chosen for their love for the members, their ability to work together as a family, their love for our Order, and dedication to its principles. You have represented the values of this year and represent California with much pride. You have always shown a Positive Attitude in every situation, and a few of my "Opportunities." You have shared your Love with the members of the Order, and Peace throughout the State! Each of you have been all I dreamed for and more, you have blended together and will always be the pride of our lives as we continue to serve our Order, and yes even relax and enjoy some fun times ahead!

Jerry Bradley (288)	Grand Chaplain
Danna Willoughby (105)	Grand Marshal
Louese Newman (622)	Grand Organist
Marilyn Harris (397)	Grand Adah
Lois Bates (287/390)	Grand Ruth
Carolyn Taylor (17/153)	Grand Esther
Norma Stilwell (380)	Grand Martha
Desyl Allen (294)	Grand Electa
Georgia Lauchland (118)	Grand Warder
Robert Bramman (47/581)	Grand Sentinel

GRAND OFFICER ESCORTS: My special thanks to our Grand Escorts for all you have done to make this year of service possible. I know there were many long Sunday night rides home, many strange meals, and you too have been a very special part of our Grand Family. You have packed, unpacked, toted and played many a hurry up and wait game. You have given us your All! We Love You!

Thomas McKinney (643)	Richard Golden (383)
Barbara Lewis (384)	Richard Parrish (521)
Allen Weisser (577)	Junior Bishop (46/280)
Cathy Behnke (144)	Shirley Bradley (288)
Helen Crouse (135)	Darrell Willoughby (105)

Ralph Newman (622)
Bob Harris (397)
Gil Bates (287/390)
Loyal Taylor (17/153)
David Stilwell (380)
Jack Allen (194)
Mark Lauchland (118)
Jean Bramman (47/581)

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS: Each Worthy Grand Matron in California would love to have the opportunity to spend time at each chapter in the State. Time just would not allow me to do this, so it was important that I picked very special people to represent me, just as though I was actually at each of your meetings. I started out with many recommendations, made calls, watched as I traveled for those who were the workers and doer's, and who would give our members much loving attention. Each of these Silver Doves was hand picked, and on that very special day letters were mailed with a written exam. Each day when the mail arrived I was excited to hear the acceptance and their excitement!

I knew that I would be asking them to do a little more than beyond the call of duty so in their letters I told them of my plans for Deputy School. See, I knew that I would never be able to have another reception at the lake, and I wanted each of them to know my home, my chapter and friends and yes learn to drive some mountain roads too! This was indeed a big occasion for my little town, and even the local Western Store called to ask me how late our session would be on Saturday afternoon as he wanted to be sure and stay open to give the ladies an opportunity to shop! I am truly proud of your dedication to the officers and members and to Brother Ernie and I as each of us have enjoyed the year and will look forward to years to come.

1998 DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Pauline Spikre (149)	1	Shirley Smith (82)	15
Bonnie Sheffield (10)	2	Patricia Whitehill (278)	16
Leslie Welbourn (51/246)	3	Polly Tidemann (42)	17
Carol LaFlame (201/552)	4	Norma Cornell (590)	18
Brooks Erikson (14)	5	Pennie Clouser (135)	19
Glendora Feil (86)	6	Marlene Kittleman (2997)	20
Sara Haydon (35)	7	Kay Quillin (383)	21
Irene Martin (55)	8	Anita West (99)	22
Marilyn Prisk (304)	9	Irene Akers (186)	23
Nora Bryant (181/57)	10	Marlene Larsen (553)	24
Brenda Pedersen (631)	11	Linda Cavallaro (401)	25
Colette Mahurin (385/639)	12	Virginia Williams (273)	26
Karla Beddingfield (218)	13	Mae Hushbeck (574)	27
Shirley Shriver (231)	14	Patricia Young (71)	28

Ruth Smith (138)	29	Cleta Musgrove (597)	47
Ginger Watt (72/244)	30	Lorita Giles (512)	48
Ginger Jacobs (150/372)	31	Harriet Oakes (173)	49
Lena Bailey (365)	32	Emma Lu Misner (335)	50
Susan Morris (309)	33	Sandy Alderman (143)	51
Joy Boydstun (114)	34	Betty Walker (151)	52
Georgia Beth Herald (125)	35	Virginia Hame (625)	53
Louise Hutchison (391)	36	Ramona Budke (378)	54
Elaine Gara (525/95)	37	Patricia English (242)	55
Chris Kaufman (97)	38	Fran Gibson (602)	56
Nancy Norstrom (528)	39	Lena Weeks (547/560)	57
Barbara Weiss (632)	40	Paula James (162)	58
Kathy Anderson (338)	41	Sandra Ditto (212)	59
Dorothy Neal (398)	42	Sigrid A'Ce (110)	60
Wilma Whaley (237)	43	Edith Wright (390)	61
Barbara Bacon (193/367)	44	Sylvia Bailey (490)	62
Judy Castaneda (367/193)	45	Joan Ramsey (412)	63
Annette Challacombe (160)	46	Janet Forney (276)	64

REPLACEMENT OF A DEPUTY GRAND MATRON: It was with deep regret that I accepted the resignation of Marty Pyle (45), Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 26 due to her poor health. I did talk with Virginia Williams, 1997 Deputy Grand Matron of the same District. Virginia agreed to step in as the Deputy for the remainder of the year. It was very important to me that the person taking over this position bring a special feeling of love and care to the members of this District, as it was not only a very difficult decision for Marty but a loss in the lives of the Officers and Members of the District. A special thanks to Virginia for stepping in and being that special person for me.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: You are the representatives in California to the many States and Provinces in our General Grand Chapter. How proud I am of your travels. You are the goodwill ambassadors of our State and you serve each State with Honor and Pride. Many of our Past Matrons and Past Patrons who have served as Grand Representative years ago continue to be a part of your Association, attend meetings regularly, and continue to give of themselves in service to our Order. It has been my pleasure this year to appoint 28 new Grand Representatives. I have tried very hard to keep the appointments even so that each Association has the same ratio of Grand Representatives per chapter. Enjoy your travels, you are the representative of all of the members of California, so go forth and spread the word that Eastern Star is alive and well in California.

Grand Chapter	Representative
Alberta	Stanley Hawkes (327)
British Columbia & Yukon	Raymond Dias (41/127)
Connecticut	Wilbur Wade (111/137)
Delaware	Ruth Carano (8)
District of Columbia	Wayne Bode (99)
Kansas	Betty Tusant (243/390)
Kentucky	Virginia Spurgin (125)
Louisiana	Robert Francis, Jr. (547)
Maine	Edwin Winship (643)
Maryland	Bessie Watson (181)
Massachusetts	Joyce Stout (151)
Mississippi	Rachael Fanslow (241)
Missouri	Virginia Wiest (485)
Montana	Robert Fuller (176)
Nevada	Rose Lee Prater (447)
New Brunswick	Carl Braun (97/344)
New Jersey	Doris Townsend (362)
New York	Madelyn Beers (135/636)
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.	Irene Anderson (131)
Oregon	Nina Murray (456)
Pennsylvania	Mona Peterson (160/584)
Rhode Island	Maybelle Shipley (405)
Saskatchewan	Bob de Camp (114)
Scotland	Catherine Burt (403)
South Carolina	Elsa Frances Templin (649/322)
South Dakota	Tillie Roel (574/282)
Tennessee	Duane DeBruce (608/172)
Virginia	E. Bruce Link (332/478)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS: I have had the privilege of commissioning 24 Eastern Star members from other Grand Jurisdictions to represent California as Grand Representatives. It has been wonderful to receive notes from many letting me know they do appreciate their appointment, and are continuing to serve our Order to the best of their ability. This week I will have the opportunity to meet many of those special people and actually put a face with the name.

Grand Chapter	Representative
Alberta	Mrs. Cecilia Watt
Arizona	Mrs. Mary Ellen Ledyard
Arkansas	Mrs. Carol James
Delaware	Mrs. Helen A. Oliver
District of Columbia	Mrs. Isabella A. Clarke

Florida	Mrs. Betty R. Cox
Georgia	Mrs. Anita Tritton
Illinois	Mrs. Mary Ann Chaney
Indiana	Mrs. Louise Pruse
Iowa	Mrs. Sheila Soderquest
Kentucky	Mrs. Carolyn Meadows
Maine	Mrs. Barbara P. Smith
Manitoba	Mrs. Shirley Nagy
Michigan	Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes
Minnesota	Mrs. Audrey Heiser
Missouri	Miss Karen Gaertner
Montana	Mrs. Sheila Veerkamp
Nebraska	Mrs. Barbara Hall
North Carolina	Mr. Franklin Delano Spears
Oklahoma	Mrs. Hazel Vowell
Ontario	Mr. Howard Masson
Saskatchewan	Mrs. Donna Burnard
South Dakota	Mrs. Ardell Clements
Utah	Mrs. Brenda Hansel

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Each of you have accepted a position, and are giving many hours of service in many different talent areas. We know that it takes many, many hours of work, dedication and service to do all of the work of Grand Chapter, we thank each of you for saying yes to us for the 1998 year. Some of your committees have been in existence for a long time, and there are tried and true guides lines for you. Others are new committees with many opportunities for creativity! Each of you have given of yourself for the sake of others!

STANDING COMMITTEES
1997 – 1998

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Gene Stiles, P.G.P.(105), *Chairman*
Kay Cosby, P.G.M.(143)
Diane Silva(252)

JURISPRUDENCE
Collette Serio Gole(133), Chairman
Vernon Gordon, P.,G.P.(555)
Nancy Thomas(571)

FINANCE
June L. Barnum, P.G.M.(280/129), *Chairman*
Larry Coffin(89)
Callie Miller(352)
Frank Young, P.G.P.(18)
Gil Bates(390/287)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
Douglas Eichen(143), *Chairman*
Heidi Wills(33/215)
Pamela johnson(561)
Gayle Marta(639)
Gloria Kimrey(561)
Denny Rae Grist(48), Jr. P.G.M.
Terry Holts(79), Jr. P.G.P.

ANNUAL SESSION SITE
Glenn Jones(36), *Chairman*
Ronald Aubery(577)
Glen Worrell(362)

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES
Susan White(524), *Chairman*
Kenneth Beckner(345/332)
Bernard Seamans(525/195), P.G.P.
Janet Weiss(104)
Karen Fletcher(553/342)
Janet McClanahan(348)
Bill Betts(108), P.G.P.
Bonnie Dale(161/82)
Donald Nielsen(259)
Sue Bishop(46/280), A.G.C.

BENEVOLENT FUND
Marilyn Wellman(115), *Chaitman*
Myrtle Rutler(314/80)
Connie Biaggi(201)
Jeanne Woodstrup(20/86)
Marie Worthy(104)
June Killmer(181)
Marsha Price(219)
Jean Fike(205)
Lorraine Bode(99)
Gayle Torgersen(47)
Karen Puccinelli(72)
Jeanne Eskeim(309)
Diane Shell(100/97)
Meyer Levine(592)
Joy Morrow(445)
Ethel Morlan(171/512)
Joie Phillips(259)
Barbara Chinn(197)
Lida DeTomaso(488)
Melba Saucier(212)
Carolyn Matheur(478)

CONSOLIDATIONS
Debbie Maiman(245), *Chairman*
Marvin Block, Sr.(528/79)
Diane Cottone(403/352)
Anela Eisert(195)
Sara Lee Martin(104/347)
Marcia McBrayer(103)
James Whiteley(59)
Erla Hildebrand(13)
Arthur Laing(537)
Sheila Reid(587)
Denise Robertson(581/46)
Dorothy Walton(556)
Velma Bostic(124/1)
Beth Ferris(380)
Marian Klusmann(367)
Lu Trullinger(26)

COURTESIES TO DIGNITARIES
Carrie Milliken(242), *Chairman*
Patricia Neu(531), *Co-Chairman*
Virginia Bailey(242)
Velma Bates(642)
Bobbie Berrong(445)
Gerald Flagg(547)
Bernice Fourr(630)
Joan Griesinger(242)
Dorothy Griffiths(471)
Ella Harrison(537/325)

SPECIAL COURTESIES
Sherie Gustafson(310), P.G.M., *Chairman*
Zoe Harris(173), P.G.M.
Paula Remington(276), P.G.M.

CREDENTIALS
Alice Kenney(391), *Chairman*
Grace Wallis(530), *Co-Chairman*
Standing Committee
Ann Elger(445)
Gerna Grohl(138)
Jerry Jones(36)
Linda Kephart(456)
Theaola Lynn(97)
Phyllis Rottiger(211)
Barbara Story(391)

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS
Jean Powers(468), P.G.M., *Chairman*
Clinton Dillon(172/193), P.G.P.
Betty Stubblefield(237), P.G.M.

DISTRIBUTION
Jeraldine Southward Creager(478), P.G.M., *Chairman*
Ardath Garst(260), P.G.M.
Mary Meixner(59), P.G.M.

ENDOWMENT FUND
Lynne McIntosh(259), *Chairman*
Elaine Widdoes(76)
Carol LaFlame(201/552)
Jean Hague(14)
Joe Gomez(104/86)
Dorothy Carle(181)
Kate MacKinnon(205/30)
Marjorie Sandusky(42)
Connie Hastings(8)

Phil McHale(280/46)
Patricia Mastalir(203)
Patsy Benfield(273)
Mary Green(447/333)
Karol Irwin(339)
Lee Ann Shults(89)
Marjorie Nelson(323/97)
Joetta Lyons(176)
Thelma Leland(649)
Lelia Mae Read(505)
Virginia Price(471)
Audrey Carey(414)
Elizabeth Kahrs(405)
Bonnie Buck(197)
Janet Rose(106)
Arlene Williams(578)
Beverly youngblood(287)
Annette Draper(412)

EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
Max Rush, Jr.(347), Chairman
Lynne McIntosh(259)
Laurella Kerr(384/590)
Bill Dean(133)
Donald Kittleman(297)
Ernie Lewis(384, W.G.P.
Sheri Weisser(577), A.G.M.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
Imogene Ilderton(215), *Chairman*
Patricia Player(178)
Susan Wallace(171)

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK ACTIVITIES
Clinton & Juanice Lee(405/165)
General Chairmen

HOUSING
Sanda & Roger Nieder(174),
Chairmen

J. CLIFFORD LEE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND
Patricia Robinson(348), *Chairman*
Norma Garman(149)
Annabel Haskins(129)
Martha Rutherford(14)
Virginia Jones(292)
Blendine Smith(63/563)
Jean Hopton(59)
Denise Matthews(205)
Fran Groat(213)
Todd Williams(273)
Zelma Ladendorff(72)
Ruth Myers(649/200)
Grace Winship(643)
Sue Newton(528/185)
Doris Price(133)
Mary Jane Wade(561)
Mona Peterson(160/584)
Betty Ozunas(547/378)
Dorothy Moriarity(243/390)
Edwina Kellner(578)
Sue Haverkamp(478)

MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND
Joan Betts(108), *Chairman*
Mary K. Grindle(2/222)
Mary Dunning(162)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Shirley Harris(215/219), *Chairman*
Patricia Caceres(59/189)
Carole Haggart(642)
Lynn Harris(17/153)
Nancy Stiles(199)
Donna Tucker(360)
Suzy Anderson(97)
Judy Brandley(226)
Diana Davison(436)
Lorraine Walker(574)

MEMORIAL CANCER DRESSING STATIONS
Kathryn Runcie(530/636), *Chairman*
Goldie Strottrup(149)
Edie Weiss(119)
Fay Bergstrom(222/164)
Neva Reingold(59)
Kathryn Runcie(530/636)
Geraldean Minor(372/273)
Shirley McMillan(643)
Dorothy Lewis(649)
Lorraine Bates(512)
Nita Eichen(143)
Betty Halbe(537/547)
Sandra Kennedy(478/358)

MILEAGE
Dale St. Claire(362), *Chairman*
Lois Adams(391)
Lois Tyner(391)

NECROLOGY/DIVINE SERVICE
Janice & Richard Mullard(405), *Chairmen*

PUBLICITY
Bernice Dyck(89)

SCHOLARSHIP
Lindakay Bosh(428/233), *Chairman*
Diane Jones(195)
Dolores Cashion(21)
Linda Whitworth(181)
May Laing(537)

WILLS, BEQUESTS AND CHARITABLE REQUESTS
Laurella Kerr(384/590)
Donald Kittleman(297)
Max Rush, Jr.(347)

REPLACEMENTS: It is with deep regret that we had to accept resignations of some committee members, due to illness of themselves, the loved ones, or even moving from the area. I have been pleased to appoint very qualified people to serve the remainder of the terms. (Details will be given in the report of appointments to fill committee vacancies.)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES
1997 – 1998

BOOTH AT GRAND LODGE
Judy & Larry Ard(234)

CAL STAR NEWS
Diane Lotspeich(79/185), *Managing Editor*
Barbara Weiss(632), *Circulation Manager*

DISASTER
Wally Campbell(513), *Co-Chairman - North*
Joyce Cheney(202), *Co-Chairman – South*

HOME FIESTA
Nina Murray(456), *Chairman*
Laura & Brian Whitaker(528), *Co-Chairmen*

GRAND CHAPTER OPEN HOUSE
Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen(115)

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER
Helen Sampson(242)

HEART RESEARCH
June Deatherage(547)

HISTORY BOOK
Dennis Jordan(126), P.G.P. *Chairman*
Nancy Jordan(126)
Frances Parker(107)
Claudia unger(128/195)

LIASON OFFICER TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
Loyal Stark(294), Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

LIASON OFFICER TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 1997 - 2006
Jeraldine Southward Creager(478), P.G.M., *Chairman*
Kay Cosby(143), P.G.M., *Co-Chairman*

LIASON TO GRAND LODGE
Dave Buck(197)

LIASON TO YOUTH GROUPS
Marsha Price(219), *Chairman*

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS:
Janet Scinto(346)

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS:
Mary Louise Radford(78/524)

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE DEMOLAY:
Malcolm White(89/426)

RITUAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
Brian Whitaker(528), *Chairman*
Bob Munion(294), *Co-Chairman – North*
William Cheney(212), *Co-Chairman* – South
Bert Alexander(563/66)
Pat Allen(105)
Don Anderson(505)
Earl Anderson(97)
Richard Anderson(214)
Thomas Arnold(260/174)
Floyd Ashton(345)
Elizabeth Bacon(103)
Kenneth Beckner(345/332)
Catherine Behnke(144)
Roy Bergstrom(222/164)
Mark Berry(145)
Wayne Bode(99)
Victoria Brown(632)
James Calkins(178/234)
James Callens(608)
Barbara Chinn(197)
Calin Cook(28)
Jane Cooper(129)
Melissa Cronin(260)
Robert Dale(161/82)
Bonnie Dale(161/82)
Richard Dunlap(173/561)
Mary Dunning(162)
Ann Elger(445)
Barbara Ethridge(648)
Carlos Fagan(639)
Jean Fike(205)
Hal Forell(39/17)
Valerie Gehlen(107)
Donna German(352)
Reba Gibson(165/372)
Elizabeth Girton(39/175)
Claire Glenn(234)
Dianne Golden(323)
Herbert Gore(365/557)
Carole Haggart(642)
Richard Haggerty(141)
Sherel Harris(292)
Lynn Harris(17/153)
Ella Harrison
Carl Hawkins(211/622)
Edward Helm(56)
John Herring(555)
Earl Heverly(335)
Ray Hoffman(273)
Laurel holland(512
Marlene Hover(207)
Priscilla Hughes(92)
Caren Huston(244)
Imogene Ilderton(215)
Joyce Jelinek(309/89)
Bruce Johansen(547)
Glenn Jones(36)
Janet Jopson(48)
Donna Josue(203)
Alice Kelley(391)
Trish Kendall(41)
Laurella Kerr(384/590)
Ken Kessel(181/57)
Richard LaFlame(551)
Eugene Longbrake(108/485)
Theaola Lynn(97)
Deborah Lytle(438)
Alfred Marsh(294)
John Masson(143)
Carolyn Matheus(478)
Suzanne McCrory(578)
Mary McHale(280/46)
Arthur Meese(123)
Mary Ann Metcalfe(62)
Elizabeth Moffat(479/490)
Barbara moore(141)
Leon Moynier(362)
Mary Nagle(154)
James Nash, Jr.(576)
Benjamin Neu(531)
Jim Neuwirth(259)
Dean Newman(637/505)
Janice Parker(529)
Janet Paul(172)
Robert Pearce(201)
Laura Perkins-Otec(160/561)
Martha Peters(59)
Ronald Pierce(397/197)
George Rains(358)
Verda Rankin(147)
Stewart Reid(525)
Bill Robertson(581/46)
Ronald Schemm(645)
Lester Schultz(319)

Larry Scott(83)
Nancy Sharpe(471)
DoraLee Sherod(377)
Jerry Sherrill(13/510)
Susan Smith(177/135)
Ann Spalding(288)
Pete Stewart(79)
Walter Stott(452/637)
Arnold Tefft(104)
Donald Terry(384)
Barbara Thatcher(468)
Dolores Thomas(417)
Ernest Thran(339)
Rita Vigil(135)
Jeanie Vilen(447)
Robert Wade(556)
Lorraine Walker(574)
Carl Wallis(530)
Karen Wallman(276)
Helene Warner(521)
Barbara Weaver(79)
Edie Weiss(119)
Hale Wellman(115)
James Whiteley(59)
James Whitener(241)
Jim Widdoes(76)
Virginia Williams(273)
Michael Winford(397)
Jeanne Woodstrup(20/86)
Glen Worrell(362)
Francis You(186/124)

ROSTER ADVERTISEMENTS
Glenna Case(20/83), *Chairman*
Linda Bernhard(106)
Muriel Caves(468)
Richard Clinton(636)
Patti Coffin(68/45)
Bonnie Coombs(260)
Micki Cullen(53)
Okla Dinucci(33)
Georgiana Dunlap(173/561)
Karen Fletcher(553/342)
Bobbie Glass(36/164)
Elizabeth Kahrs(405)
Bj Kirste(89/200)
JoAnn Krausman(405)
May Laing(537)
Doris Manasco(83)
Elsie Manning(72)
Gayle Marta(639)
Kathryn McGuinis(49)
Callie Miller(352)
Velda Moynier(362)
Betty Ozunas(547/378)
Beverly Roush(345)
H.L. "Root" Rutan(384)
Helen Sanders(398)
Patricia Shute(1/252)
Pat Starr(640/576)
Joan Taylor(137/231)
Shirley Vickery(556)
Geral White(175)
Jim Widdoes(76)
Madaline Yoho(66)

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Conna Westergren(643)

SPECIAL COURTESIES TO DIGNITARIES HELPERS
Dorothy Abercrombie(530)
Dorothy Gablich(456)
Christina Vickrey(242)
Shirley Wells(172)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Shirley Harris(215/219), *Chairman*
Esther Bookman(294)
Jackie Brydon(144)
LeNora Cairns(557/31)
Pauline "Wally" Campbell(513)
Bettymae Casey(171)
Vaughnceil Cohernour(100)
Jackie Cullum(505/403)
Patricia Davis(126)
Anela Eisert(195)
Beatrice Fields(384)
Susan Froomin(252)
Marilyn Glassow(17/26)
Terry Hammel(373)
Nellis Johnson(125)
Brenda jones(137)
Bj Kirste(89/200)
William Martin(10)
Liz Moffat(479/490)
Carolyn Roberts(46)
Kathryn Robertson(635)
Elizabeth Sakai(189)
Esther Sampson-Graham(162)
Dianne Spark(552)
Connie Snow(287/390)

Pearl White(531)
James Whitener(241)
Roberta Wilson(63)

WEB SITE (oescal.org)
Todd Williams(273)
Bill Wine(384) - Advisor

TRAVEL "98" PROGRAM
Mary Maloof(608), *Chairman*
June Rankin(103), *Co-Chairman – North*
Shirlee Larsen(405), *Co-Chairman – South*

RITUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OBSERVERS: I am very proud of the many people of our Order that take such pride in doing wonderful Ritual work. I wanted to have a program that was designed to give credit to those who are high achievers in their Ritual work. This program was designed to use the basis of the book "One Minute Manager," catch someone doing something right! The lady observers were chosen from the Deputy Grand Matrons that had served each District within the last four years, knowing they had recently learned all of the floor work and that portion would be much easier for them. The male observers would be doing the Ritual work, and together they would be bringing to the officers the spirit of competition, but yet letting them know that everyone can compete doing their best! Each one doing their own very best! You will be hearing a complete report of the numbers of chapters that participated, the names of the winners and the success of the program. Our Winner from the South is a chapter from a fairly large area in the San Fernando valley, while our winner in the North is from a very small town in the Gold Country. See it does not matter the population of your town, your location, how much money you have, or the size of your Masonic facility, what matters is your attitude! This was a program with many winners, as everyone that participated was a winner.

Every new adventure has its successes and failures, we look forward to other types of Ritual programs in the future to encourage the spirit of competition. In the State of Washington this year, we heard about a Ritual competition on an individual basis, sounds like a great idea, and may bring new ideas to our Grand Line Officers of the future.

I thank Brian Whitaker for accepting the chairmanship of this program, I know that he has many duties this year, but you know the old saying give a job to a busy person and it will get done. His helpers, co-chairman for the North, Bob Munion, and for the South, Bill Cheney have been a great help!

EASTERN STAR BOOTH AT GRAND LODGE AND GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE OPEN HOUSE: Since 1967, my husband Tom

and I have enjoyed attending Grand Lodge and it was my dream to bring Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter closer together. I decided to have a special committee to chair our booth at Grand Lodge. We have had a booth the last few years, handing out information material and showing our Cancer Dressing Material to let all or our Masonic Friends know the wonderful things we are doing. Judy and Larry Ard were scheduled to be chairman of this program but a sudden very sad accident left their son a paraplegic. Two weeks before Grand Lodge they realized their son would be coming home within a week or two, and of course they would be needed at home. With that "opportunity" in mind, I called Kathy Runcie of Willow Glen Chapter to see if she could come to my rescue. She readily agreed, but had a few obligations of her own, so we did a little more adjusting. The good news is it worked, and we are proud to say we did have a successful booth at Grand Lodge. Thank you to the many people that just stepped in to help, and especially my Grand Officers.

To work in conjunction with this I added the idea of handing out maps at the booth to the location of our Grand Chapter office, and inviting the wives of our Masonic brothers to stop by to see our facility and to have some punch and cookies with us. I knew the Grand Chapter Office personnel would be very busy this time of year preparing for Grand Chapter, but with the help of our chairman Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen, and a volunteer or two along with the Grand Officers we were able to make our visitors feel welcome and special!

WEB PAGE: California Grand Chapter has stepped into the new millennium with our Web Page. We have been very excited with this new project. You will be hearing a report of the numbers of people that have signed our guest page, the positive remarks from all over the United States, and even the results of at least two new members to our Order, and the possibility of many others. Our e-mail address being printed on the Web site has saved this Worthy Grand Matron hours of telephone time. Many people with questions, information and/or greetings were able to send them at their convenience, and I in turn could answer them at my convenience, which many times was at my best working time, the middle of the night! The Home Board has been able to make good use of this asset, by keeping our members informed on the developments of the Eastern Star Home, and its new location.

HEART RESEARCH: I wanted to have a special committee for Heart Research, as many of my family and friends have been affected by this disease, and have been saved by the surgeries that are now so common. My good friend June Deatherage is a person of many talents. First she designed our Heart Pin with the beautiful White dove in the Heart, and

helped us to get our fund into full swing. June was able to make an appointment to present the check to Loma Linda University, where her brother is Chief of Staff, along with many of her family who are Doctors. We appreciate the continued support to this project, and the donation from the 1996 Grand Family to make this research possible. We enjoyed a super day in September when our tour and presentation took place.

HISTORY BOOK: Two years ago in planning for this 125th celebration year, I requested permission to have a History Book written as a continuation of our current Centennial book, by starting at our 100th birthday in 1973 and going through 1998 to have a lasting summary available to all of our members. Our Past Grand Patron Dennis Jordan and his wife Nancy being both teachers volunteered to be the co-chairmen of this project. The other two committee members had been reading the proceedings of the last 25 years and were preparing their notes. A special thank you to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for their help in writing a summary of their years. In fact one of them said this is like writing "my own Eulogy." I am very sorry to report that we do not have the book completed, Brother Dennis and Sister Nancy have had more than their share of "opportunities" this year, and time has just run out. I hope that our Sister Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron will take on the project, and that this portion of history that you and I have been an active part of will be written down to be shared as our legacy to the Order in California.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REQUESTS

TO BALLOT AND INITIATE THE SAME MEETING

1997

October
11 Pomona No. 110

December
8 Crown No. 16

1998

January
12 Natoma No. 233
19 Orinda No. 635
27 Orange Blossom No. 488

February
12 Calistoga Keystone No. 189
16 Oak Leaf No. 8
18 Tehachapi No. 188

March
4 Temple No. 513
10 Fidelia No. 56
20 San Fernando No. 398
26 Lauralane No. 529

April
29 Tehachapi No. 188

May
1 Vacaville No. 28
7 Evening Star No. 10
12 San Gorgonio No. 515

June
8 Crown No. 162
8 Riverside No. 622
9 El Camino No. 428

September
9 Escallonia No. 447
21 Point Loma No. 490

October
6 Caledonia No. 391
8 Suisun No. 2
8 Woodbridge Oaks No. 118

TO REBALLOT

1998
October
7 Rialto No. 211

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1998
June
17 Burbank No. 352

September
13 Alturas No. 51

INSTALLATIONS

1997
November
4 Polaris No. 454
9 San Clemente No. 524
17 Orinda No. 635

1998
May
28 El Rio No. 333

September
15 Ocean View No. 111

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTIONS

5-16-98 Grand Chapter of Nevada to Mountain View No. 552, California

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RAINBOW, JOB'S DAUGHTERS OR DEMOLAY

1997
November
3 Bakersfield No. 125

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS OR FRATERNAL HALL ASSOCIATIONS

1997

August
27 Los Cerritos No. 234

November
2 Bakersfield No. 125
8 Veritas No. 84

December
Aurora No. 40

October
3 Camellia No. 653
7 Elsinore No. 243
11 Orange Blossom No. 488
28 Miriam No. 302

1998

January
9 Victor Valley No. 537

March
20 Northern Light No. 14

June
18 Marysville-Friendship No. 55

September
24 Vista Cerrito No. 178

February
2- Pasadena No. 108
18 Ceres No. 296

April
4 Alameda No. 297
8 Carita No. 115

August
13 Vista Cerrito No. 178

October
5 Bakersfield No. 125

COURTESIES TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS

12-12-97	Ariel No. 42 by Kansas
2-3-98	Campbell No. 553 by Florida
2-3-98	Ocean Park No. 245 by Nebraska
3-23-98	Stockton No. 373 by New Hampshire

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PINS

3-17-98	Poinsettia No. 287 for Madrona Chapter, Washington

CHAPTER BYLAW CHANGES

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS APPROVED
October, 26, 1997 – October 25, 1998

Silver Star No. 3	9-15-97	Change exceptions; change fees; Anteroom time

Northern Light No. 14	11-07-97	Consolidation
Wild Lily No. 18	11-30-97	Change meeting time to 7:30
Ferndale No. 23	1-12-97	Increase dues
Reveille No. 47	3-10-98	Change Exceptions; Life Membership change; Anteroom time change
Marysville Friendship No. 55	3-19-98	Change meeting time to 7:30
Kingsley No. 58	7-06-98	Change meeting time to 7:30
Camellia No. 63	9-19-97	Change meeting time to 7:30
Monterey Peninsula No. 68	10-14-97	Change anteroom meeting time; Grand Chapter allowances
Heliotrope No. 93	4-27-98	Change Anteroom meeting time
San Diego Star no. 96	10-07-97	Change meeting time to 7:30
Mizpah No. 100	10-10-97	Change dues
Mizpah No. 100	2-24-98	Change Anteroom time prior to Installation
Josephine Chico No. 104	3-12-98	Change Life Membership amount
Golden Harvest No. 105	8-13-98	Consolidation
Ungava No. 106	11-07-97	Delete term limit for elected office
Pomona No. 110	10-22-97	Change meeting time to 7:00
Pomona No. 110	10-22-97	Change Life Membership fee
Ocean View No. 111	11-21-97	Change exceptions
Harmony No. 124	2-19-98	Change meeting day; Exceptions
Los Gatos No. 128	9-17-97	Amend standing rules
Semper Fidelis No. 135	3-16-98	Dues Increase
Semper Fidelis No. 135	5-18-98	Change Anteroom meeting time; Change meeting time for Conferring of Degrees
Centinella No. 136	2-01-98	Change affiliation fee
Del Norte No. 149	11-06-97	Change meeting time to 7:30
Lodi No. 150	3-19-98	Dues increase
Chispa No. 151	10-10-97	Consolidation
Long Beach No. 173	9-21-97	Consolidation
Orient No. 177	08-29-98	Delete Secretary and Treasurer tenure
Sunrise No. 179	1-18-98	Change meeting time to 7:30; exceptions
Heber No. 181	3-14-98	Dues increase
Peninsula No. 185	11-01-97	Change of meeting day
Los Mariposas No. 200	3-11-98	Change Life Membership amount
West Covina No. 202	2-20-98	Consolidation
Sequoia No. 203	10-07-97	Change Secretary and Treasurer tenure
Gate City No. 212	9-25-98	Consolidation
Plumas Chapter No. 246	9-01-98	Change Exceptions
Pacific Star No. 252	3-01-98	Change exceptions

Sunset No. 280	3-01-98	One meeting a month
Ione No. 283	11-15-97	Change exceptions
Poinsettia No. 287	4-14-98	Consolidation
Bright Star No. 288	10-28-97	Change meeting day
Castro Valley No. 294	10-17-97	Consolidation
Bethany No. 304	2-10-98	Change to 1 meeting; change exceptions
Sunshine No. 327	3-16-98	Change exceptions
Whittier No. 335	9-09-97	Rituals to new members; 50 year life; 25 & 50 year pins
Atascadero No. 344	3-11-98	Change meeting day
Triangle Palms No. 456	8-03-98	Temple name change; delete tenure
La Jolla no. 479	2-17-98	Change exceptions
Temple No. 513	10-01-97	Temple change; Change to daylight
San Clemente No. 524	1-12-98	Change meeting day
Ojai No. 528	2-03-98	Change meeting time to 7:30
Willow Glen No. 530	9-29-97	Dues increase
San Juan No. 563	12-04-97	Increase relief amount
Palomar No. 565	11-10-97	Increase relief amount
San Ramon Valley No. 588	9-02-97	Change anteroom meeting time
Silver Valley No. 590	2-09-98	Change affiliation fee
Granada Hills No. 616	4-06-98	Change Secretary and Treasure tenure
Joshua Tree No. 630	6-22-98	Change meeting time to 7:30; change exceptions
Conejo Valley No. 632	9-01-97	Dues increase
Camarillo No. 649	3-01-98	Change exceptions

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION: The evening prior to our pre-school just happened to be Brothers Night at my chapter, and it was my honor to present our Grand Officers to all of my Kern River Valley Chapter and the members of Kern County. We enjoyed a wonderful evening, with an over flow crowd and much excitement. Our Pre-School started the first thing the next morning in beautiful Downtown Kernville at the Kern River Valley Masonic Temple on September 4, 1997, with all of the Elective and Appointive officers working together for the first time. It is so wonderful to see 18 officers come together for the first time, and then work, rework, and perfect the work until they felt at ease with themselves. Yes there were times when we would go over it just "one more time!"

The Deputy Grand Matron School of Instruction on September 25 through 27, 1997, saw the Grand Officers returning to Kernville, with the Deputies joining ranks. The number of restaurants in our area that can serve 125 people is nil, so my Chapter planned a wonderful dinner for us complete with a full program of Hawaiian dancers, it was great

fun, and my members truly enjoyed getting to know the Grand Officers and all of the Deputy Grand Matrons. There was much work to be done, and we the Grand Officers demonstrated the work a couple of times, and then gave the Deputies hands on time to practice and see just how easy every turn was!

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER: Immediately after returning home from a busy week at Grand Chapter, and the most wonderful Installation a person could every dream of, it was packing and getting ready to leave for Orlando! The California contingent numbering over 100 left in groups Thursday October 30, and Friday October 31. Some of us flying on Thursday decided to enjoy a day at the theme parks on Friday before the sessions began. We did see it through a few drops of rain, I mean a monsoon rain, and finally went back to the motel to wring out our clothes. Saturday was to be more showers, but like the brave hearts we were, back we went! The day was Super, and we realize the Florida weathermen are less than 50% right! What a week we enjoyed! Meeting old friends, new friends and watching as our own Loyal Stark was elected and installed as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel! What a thrill, as we shared with the world of Eastern Star that we were from California!!

Fly Away Travel with our own Patsy Baker shared her commission with our order, and $660.00 has been donated to the California Candle Lighters with a like amount to our "Cents Make Sense" program.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS: Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, selected three of California's Past Grands for appointments during this Triennium. They are Brother Thomas Sagar, Appeals and Grievances, Jeraldine Southward Creager, Registration, and June Lucretia Barnum, Parliamentarian of the General Grand Chapter and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California of which we are very proud.

INSTALLATIONS: The Grand Family returned home to a whirlwind of Installations! Running from place to place, the Grand Officers participated in 237 Installations throughout the State. It was my pleasure to install each of the nine Worthy Matrons from Kern County Association, including those on the East side of the mountain and my home Chapter Triangle-Palms in Ocean Park. I was delighted to also install in the Central Coast, Central San Joaquin, Orange Belt, San Fernando, Greater Los Angeles and East Bay Associations for a total of 26 in all.

ALL OFFICERS INSTRUCTIONALS: 16 in ALL! With great excitement and anticipation on December 6th, the Grand Family in the home Association of our Worthy Grand Patron met to start our run of the state doing All Officers Instructionals. We enjoyed a full house of members to see us come and strut our stuff! Of course the first time out there were some butterflies, but we all survived with flying colors! Then in the haste to get to our next location, our Grand Organist took a fall and cut her hand open very badly. It was off to the hospital, and an "Opportunity arose!" What to do for a Grand Organist, looking around the room, I saw Hilarie Forsey and proceeded to ask her if she would come to San Francisco with us that very moment to assist us in doing our work. The answer was yes and off we went with our "Grand Organist for the Day!" Later that evening and early the next morning I made calls to Deputies in the areas we had set for the next day. I have an opportunity for someone in your area to be the "Grand Organist for the Day." What a joy it was for us to have these very special talented people step forward to assist us in our time of need. Each location was a new organist, and I just kept telling the Grand Officers, don't worry, you can do it! You are Winners! They did and every A.O.I. went just like we had practiced for days! After the holiday our Louese was back with us, and then in mid January she took a fall in the Northern portion of the State which resulted in a badly crushed shoulder. Laying there on the floor of the hotel she said, "I bet you are going to fire me!" No, Louese, I am never going to fire you!

Barbara Lewis was the presiding Worthy Matron at our schools, she did become ill and was not able to finish. Cathy Behnke, wife of our Associate Grand Patron stepped in with only a few hours notice and finished our next five Instructionals with us. Due to the work schedules of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, they were not able to attend many of these with us. A special thanks to our Grand Escorts who stepped in and out of stations with just a moments notice, doing the work, escort and even meeting with the Secretaries and Treasurers.

GRAND ORGANIST FOR A DAY:

Hilarie E. Forsey (588/214)	December 6, 1997
Margaret J. "Peggy" Mathew (141)	December 7, 1997
Shirley G. Moore (273)	December 7, 1997
Doris M. Hayden (380/171)	December 12 & 13, 1997
LaVerne S. Waigli (151/143)	December 14, 1997
Ruth Ann Wahpecome (478)	December 14, 1997
Theodora "Thea" Scrivner (642)	January 18, 1998
Arlene H. Williams (578)	January 18, 1998
Jean Marie Jones (56)	January 24, 1998

Morris W. Cecil (525)	January 31, 1998
Nellis M. Johnson (125)	February 1, 1998

"OPPORTUNITIES": I am sure that each of you have realized that 1998 was to be a year of no negatives, yet once in a while we had a few "Opportunities," maybe even a challenge or two, but never a problem. There is never a problem, because if there is a way to solve a problem it is not one, it is an "Opportunity" to adjust your thinking, activity, plan or dreams. Many times the end results are far better, and especially if we let God handle things. Remember, whenever He shuts a door He will open a window so that His love can shine through!

EASTERN STAR HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY: We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party at our Eastern Star Home in Brentwood as we celebrated the coming Holiday season, with each of the residents receiving the gifts they had on their wish list. There was a feeling of excitement and apprehension, as the closing of escrow on the facility was to be within a few days. The best gift of all was the news that escrow was closing any day, and they would be moving to a new facility.

CLOSING OF ESCROW ON THE EASTERN STAR HOME: We completed a history of almost ten years of escrows with the closing being done on December 31, 1997. This was truly a moment in time, as we stepped from a facility we have come to love and appreciate to an adventure into the somewhat unknown with many "opportunities" ahead!

ROSE PARADE: A number of the members of the Grand Family and members of our Order joined with the entire Masonic family in a day of decorating the Rose Parade Float. It was the "Old Woman in the Shoe" with one of our members riding on the float. Our very own fun emblem "Violet," our purple skunk, rode right in front of the float as it went down Colorado Blvd. on News Years Day! We were there in the stands to enjoy our handy work and wave to the millions of television viewers.

OFFICIAL VISITS: Each of the visits was special and unique. Some Districts used a theme working in the decorations from their Installations, allowing us to enjoy all of those that we were not able to see during Installation time. Others used themes both original and fun. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons planned the theme, entertainment and presentations, while the Deputy worked out the Ritual portion of the evening. Each working together to present an evening to be remembered by all in attendance. We did enjoy seeing

the officers do their work, and how proud we are of each and everyone. Each Chapter participated in the Official Visit bringing their individual talents to the event. Two Chapters did not participate, although two or more members did attend, they had no presiding Officer or charter present. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons planned terrific presentations! Brother Ernie and I loved participating, we enjoyed songs, skits, games and much fun! Brother Ernie, our Worthy Grand Patron, was able to attend all but three or four of the Official Visits. I did invite Associate Grand Patron Ron Behnke, to preside with me in his absence. Brother Ron was Super and stepped in with very short notice. Our Grand Marshal, Grand Adah, and Grand Martha were able to attend each Official Visit with us. It has been my pleasure in the five years that I have been in the Grand Line to attend all but seven of the Official Visits.

It was my pleasure to carry with me to each Official Visit my Bible. This Bible was given by me to my Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 187 in Venice when I went out of office as Honored Queen. Some years later, when the Bethel closed, the Bible was given back to me. A special friend has made this beautiful cover for me, bringing yesterday, today and tomorrow all together in my hopes and dreams for the future as we traveled this great State. This week I will enjoy having my Bible on the Altar for all of our Sessions, and then together we will return home with a storage chest of memories tucked inside.

1997-1998 OFFICIAL VISITS

January 5	District 46	Bellflower Masonic Temple 9813 Beach Blvd.
January 7	District 47	Hawthorne Masonic Center 4467 W. Broadway
January 8	District 63	Normal Heights Masonic Temple 3366 Adams Avenue, San Diego
January 9	District 43	Crescenta Valley Temple 2801 Montrose Avenue, La Crescenta
January 12	District 26 & 27	Santa Cruz Masonic Temple 828 N. Branciforte Avenue
January 15	District 32	Chowchilla Masonic Temple 224 Ventura Avenue
January 16	District 33	Las Palmas Masonic Temple 2992 East Clinton Avenue, Fresno
January 17	District 34	Porterville Lindsay Center 2440 W. Henderson Avenue
January 23	District 21	Richmond Masonic Hall 5050 El Portal Drive
January 26	District 19	Acacia Masonic Temple 1074 "B" Street, Hayward

January 27	District 15	Marin Masonic Temple Lootens Place & 4th Street, San Rafael
January 29	District 22	Mission Masonic Temple 2668 Mission Street, San Francisco
February 3	District 37	Paso Robles Masonic Complex 320 Sherwood Road
February 4	District 38	Arroyo Grande Masonic Temple 112 Poole Street
February 6	District 24	Mountain View Masonic Temple 890 Church Street
February 8	District 25	San Jose Masonic Temple 2500 Masonic Drive
February 10	District 11	George Primrose Masonic Temple 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento
February 11	District 12	Sacramento Masonic Temple 1123 "J" Street
February 19	District 50 & 51	Greenleaf Masonic Temple 2001 East Beverly Blvd., Whittier
February 20	District 48	Los Angeles Harbor Masonic Temple 1640 West Ninth Street, San Pedro
February 24	District 40	Canoga Masonic Temple 7242 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park
March 2	District 23	Menlo Park Peninsula Temple 651 Roble Avenue
March 3	District 18	Danville Grange Hall 743 Diablo Road
March 4	District 17	Valley Masonic Temple 4035 Treat Boulevard, Concord
March 6	District 42	San Fernando Masonic Temple 1112 No. Maclay Avenue
March 9	District 62	Claude H. Morrison Masonic Temple 915 Saturn Blvd., San Diego
March 10	District 61	Oceanside Masonic Temple 511 Eucalyptus Street
March 13	District 13	Woodland Masonic Temple 228 Palm Avenue
March 17	District 45	Lexington Masonic Temple 4017 North Tyler Avenue, El Monte
March 19	District 60	Ontario Masonic Temple 1025 N. Vine Avenue
March 20	District 39	Oxnard Masonic Temple 341 South "K" Street
March 21		Eastern Star Home 11725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles
March 30	District 54	Winnedumah Masonic Temple 156 East Line Street, Bishop
March 31	District 55	Barstow Masonic Temple 221 Avenue "J"
April 1	District 56	Oasis of Mara Masonic Temple 72495 Larrea Road, Twentynine Palms

April 2	District 57	Yucaipa Masonic Temple 13669 California Street
April 3	District 58	Rialto Masonic Temple 260 S. Palm Avenue
April 13	District 64	Chula Vista Masonic Center 732 Third Avenue
April 14	District 52	DeMolay Youth Center 303 West Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim
April 15	District 49	Long Beach Masonic Temple 3610 Locust Avenue
April 17	District 53	Seafaring Masonic Temple 1401 – 15th Street, Newport Beach
April 27	District 30	Manteca Masonic Temple 212 No. Powers Avenue
April 28	District 28	Murphys Masonic Temple 384 Church Street
May 5	District 9	Nevada City Masonic Temple 108 ½ North Pine Street,
May 6	District 10	Roseville Masonic Temple 235 Vernon Street
May 7	District 29	Sonora Masonic Temple 16 South Washington Street
May 8	District 31	Linden Fraternal Hall 4971 No. Mill Street
May 11	District 6	Molino Masonic Temple 25020 Tehama-Vina Road, Los Molinos
May 12	District 8	Enterprise City Masonic Temple 501 Second Street, Yuba City
May 13	District 14	Fort Bragg Masonic Temple 428 N. Main Street
May 15	District 16	Springbrook Masonic Temple 101 Temple Way, Vallejo
May 29	District 4	New Hope Masonic Temple 214 Main Street, Beckwourth
May 30	District 3	Susanville Masonic Temple 70 North Lassen
June 1	District 20	Oakland Masonic Center 3903 Broadway
June 8	District 41	Van Nuys Masonic Temple 14750 Sherman Way
June 10	District 44	San Marino Masonic Temple 3130 Huntington Drive
June 15	District 7	North Butte Masonic Temple Sycamore & Vermont Streets, Gridley
June 16	District 5	Redding Masonic Temple 160 Masonic Avenue
June 18	District 2	Mt. Shasta Masonic Temple 629 Alder Street
June 24	District 1	Crescent City Masonic Temple 250 – 9th Street

July 12	District 59	Big Bear Masonic Temple 385 Summit Boulevard, Big Bear Lake
September 19	District 35 & 36	Double Tree Inn 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS BRUSH UP SCHOOL: This school was planned for Concord and was to be one school for both the north and south, with the next day being a Grand Chapter initiation and the Peninsula event. One "opportunity" after another occurred, starting with a need to change the day of the initiation to the afternoon of the Deputy's Brush-up School, and then El Nino hit with a fury! Up and down the State the rains, floods, and storm continued to hammer every part of the State! I continued to urge the Deputies and members to be safe above all cost.

There were some meetings canceled but night after night we enjoyed excellent attendance at the Official Visits, many members sitting there knowing that maybe they had no power at home, or a tree was down on their property, or even a roof half off. It was their moment to step into our fairy land world and forget all that was negative in their lives. Our Disaster Fund Co-chairman stepped into action ready to provide assistance to our members. The chapter members responded with donations to assist their Sisters and Brothers, and funds were even received from other states. Umbrellas were the order of the day for the Grand Officers and the beautiful purple formal length raincoat loaned to me by Barbara Pierce is now well used.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: It was an honor to participate in four - 75 year celebrations: North Hollywood-Noel (402), North Hollywood; Ama Tai (405), Anaheim; Estrella (412), San Diego; and Patterson (417). We shared in the celebration of five - 100 year programs: Gold Ridge Star (161), Sebastopol; Crown (162), Corona; Scepter (163), Orange; Onisbo (164), Courtland; and Crescent (165), Murphys. Evangeline (9), Nevada City had a great party for their 125th Anniversary, and Evening Star (10) Chapter in Etna reached their 125th mark in 1997, with their party in 1998, so it was called their 125th Anniversary plus 1. Each Chapter had spent much time in planning these events for the benefit of their members, visitors and community! Some were deep in the history of the Chapter while others were plans for the future. We enjoyed costumes, skits, and entertainment of all kinds and many fun mementos to enjoy. A horse and buggy ride in Murphys from the temple to the old Winery where the celebration was held were a few of the many extras we enjoyed..

FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY: This being an emphasis for the 1998 year, two major events were planned. The Southern Event with

Southern California, San Fernando, and Orange County Associations were wonderful with the plans they developed. Ned Driggers, Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine and I gave them our dream and they put it into action with an evening of "Putting On the Ritz" an elegant evening in Black and White. Social time, dinner, dancing and entertainment were the menu for the event all done with Class and Style.

Tony Wardlow, Grand Master of Masons in California, and I started our plans some years ago for an event in his Sacramento area. This time there was to be no escort, a western theme, fun, fellowship, plenty of food, entertainment, dancing and all of the Masonic family invited.

These events were all I had wished for and more, as we not only celebrated the 125th year of our Eastern Star Grand Chapter, but the first 150th Anniversary of a Masonic Lodge in California and the 100th year of the Masonic Homes of California. The week of Grand Lodge saw a number of the members of the Grand Family attending the re-dedication of the Masonic Home in Union City, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of this established program, and staying over for the Public Opening of Grand Lodge and Vesper service. We have joined with the State of California in the Sesquicentennial celebration of our State, and what an active part we the Masonic Orders have played in that history.

The Masonic Homes Executive Association of North America met this year in San Ramon California, I was invited to bring greetings from you the 60,000 members of Eastern Star in California, to this group. I enjoyed attending some of the session, and it was my pleasure to join with our California Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes of California in greeting these most dedicated Board Members, Trustees, Administrators and Superintendents of Homes all over the United States.

Attendance at the Grand Session of Jobs Daughters Guardian Council, Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, International Order of Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly, Northern and Southern DeMolay Conclave, Amaranth Sessions and York Rite Conclave were all a part of the events I enjoyed along with a number of our Grand Family. The enthusiasm, zest for life, and excellent Ritual work let us know that the Masonic Family is here to stay if we continue our devotion to the youth! Give them your loving support, never say you are too old, or tired, or busy, there is always something for everyone one to do. Let's do it!

The Grand Officers were pleased to be able to attend 66 Masonic Family events in their area, along with over 48 youth events. We are proud of their devotion to the Masonic Way of Life.

CHARITY EVENTS: We enjoyed meal events to benefit charities, such as Memorial Cancer Dressing, Benevolent, J. Clifford Lee with breakfasts, lunches and teas. We thank you the members for joining with each of us at these events and your continued support of the charities that are so important to us.

125th ANNIVERSARY PIN PROJECT: It was a delight to present to the membership a pin to celebrate our 125th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of California. This pin was designed to wear for years to come, the profit from this project was $94,500.00 with the funds going to our Grand Chapter General Fund.

A label program was undertaken later in the year with our Eastern Star Logo beside the name on each label and a 125th Anniversary ribbon added to the design label. The funds from this project are going to the J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund, and the Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations with 10% to be given to Grand Lodge for the Rose Parade Float. The balance to date on this project is $12,630.00 with funds coming in daily.

ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS: The Grand Family looked forward with great anticipation to each of the special events planned by the Associations. They were cleaver with themes, detailed their plans, and each event was packed with FUN! We went to the Races, an evening of "Putting on the Ritz" and attended the Glass Church in Palos Verdes with the Greater Los Angeles, Orange County and San Fernando Valley Associations. We ate at each event. Clowns galore at the San Diego Dinner, costumes from yesteryear in the East Bay, and more food. Western clothes with barbeque in the far North, the 1997's serving our meal in Kern County, and we ate again! Central Coast Association entertained us for an Ableskiever Breakfast and their famous Santa Maria barbeque. Great dinner and Musical show in Central San Joaquin, Gourmet Dinner in the Peninsula, oh yes and we did eat! An international theme in San Francisco complete with dinner and professional entertainment, a Luau with our own Elvis Presley in the Northern San Joaquin, and more food. The Orange Belt Luncheon with of course food again. A delightful boat ride on Big Bear Lake even included breakfast prior to that event! For the first time in some years the Superior Association in the Sacramento area planned an event, our Masonic Unity barbeque. We can easily say we have been very well fed, entertained, and made to feel very, very special!

During Jam and Jelly Day at the Masonic Home in Union City, the Grand Master and myself reminisced about the 100 years of History of the Masonic Homes of California, and I commented about the part the Grand Chapter of California Eastern Star had in the original purchase of the property with the gift of $5,000. Since that date for the last 84 years we have enjoyed Jam and Jelly day and the fellowship of so many of our members.

In planning the calendar, I had some truly terrific ideas about what all could and would be accomplished in one day. Like a nice leisure ride from Crescent City to Fresno in one day to ready for Grand Bethel. Or staying in Redding, a 125th in Etna, back to Redding for a reception and then to Pendleton, Oregon the next afternoon. But the good news is we did make it! Oh yes there was the 5 event day. Ableskiever Breakfast in Solvang followed by a complete initiation practice plus shopping, Masonic Lodge Installation in Morro Bay, followed by Santa Maria Barbeque, and All Officers Instructional! I think we all enjoyed a good nights sleep after that one.

PROCEEDINGS: The proceedings of our 1997 Grand Chapter were compiled. There was some concern over items that were presented during the session, so an attorney firm was contacted to consider the items in question. An opinion was requested by 1997 Worthy Grand Matron Denny Rae Grist from the Jurisprudence Committee. It was the opinion of this committee that Sister Denny Rae should be allowed to edit her own proceedings, but that she should consult an attorney for possible litigation. The proceedings were ready for print at the appropriate time, and were sent to the printer; however as Worthy Grand Matron I made the decision to agree with the Jurisprudence Committee and allow Denny Rae Grist, 1997 Worthy Grand Matron, time to seek legal counsel. On September 14, 1998, I did call the printer and told them to proceed with the printing. The proceedings of 1997 are printed as edited by our attorney firm of Cosby, Heafey, Roach & May formerly Corbett & Kane. There is an addendum which includes that portion of Denny Rae Grist's report that was in question which has been printed per her editing. These copies will be on file at the Grand Chapter Office for historical purposes.

GRAND FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS: We the Grand family loved traveling up and down the state. We were entertained by many of the Past Grands, and Grand Family members. We enjoyed going to church in towns, when we had a Sunday morning off. We took some time to shop, enjoy the sights, the loveliness of nature, and, oh yes, plenty of time to count Pennies! Every morning, all of those that had time would

join with Tom in the coffee room, for a time of fellowship, I mean counting pennies!

Whenever the Grand Officers were home they did attend chapters in their area. They attended approximately 325 additional chapter meetings.

DECISIONS:

1. **Definition of "immediate family" as it applies to eligibility for aid from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund - Robinson (12-17-97)**

   The definition of immediate family" extends to husbands, wives and minor children for purposes of eligibility of relief from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. Parents and grandparents can be included in the definition of immediate family if they are living under the same roof and are financially dependent on the member for support. The definition of immediate family does not extend to sisters, brothers or cousins. Section 89A

2. **Authority to edit Grand Chapter Proceedings - Grist (5-25-98)**

   The Presiding Officer of a Grand Chapter session has the final authority to edit the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter session that the person presided over. The Presiding Officer has the power to decide what should or should not be included in the proceedings. Section 50(2)

3. **Authority to negotiate and present an offer to purchase an existing care facility without further action by the delegates. - McKinney (7-5-98)**

   The Eastern Star Home Board has the authority to negotiate and present an offer to purchase an existing care facility without further action by the delegates. Section 457

4. **Eligibility for membership - Hankins (7-30-98)**

   A person who has suffered a criminal conviction of a felony and thereafter has had his criminal record expunged by a court, which results in vacating the plea and the case being dismissed, is eligible for membership in the Order. An expungement of a criminal record is tantamount to a dismissal of the criminal charges. Section 148(9) and 901

5. **Changes in a section of our Constitution which conflicts with the decisions section of our Constitution and Laws - McKinney (9-16-98)**

   When there are changes made to our Constitution and Laws, which affects Part VII of our Constitution and Laws, it is not appropriate or necessary for the change to Part VII be presented as a legislative change. It is not necessary that the change be voted upon at the Grand Chapter Session. The Grand Secretary will make any necessary changes in our Constitution and Laws and thereafter notify the chapters. Section 51

6. **Definition of a raffle – McKinney (9-16-98)**

   The sale of a piece of candy or gum in exchange for a raffle ticket constitutes a raffle. Section 178

7. **Assessments by Grand Chapter for the Eastern Star Homes against a Chapter for a person that has been suspended from the order.**

   Grand Chapter does not have the authority to levy assessments for the Eastern Star Home against a Chapter for the account of a person who has been suspended from the Order. Sections 96, 248, 249 and 250(2)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. A 125-year Anniversary Pin was presented to the membership in 1998. It was to commemorate our first years of Grand Chapter in California. We were very excited to have a profit from this project of $94,341.00 which was deposited to our Grand Chapter General Fund.

   I would like to recommend that we use a portion of this money to participate in the new Public Relations program that is being established for the Masonic Family by the Grand Lodge of California. Membership and community awareness is the key to our future success. Not just the success of Eastern Star but that of each of the Masonic bodies. Our membership is directly affected by the amount of new members that join the Masonic Lodge. This new program is designed to hire a professional Public Relations firm to assist us in spreading the good word of our organizations, within the authority of our individual constitutions.

Grand Lodge of California, California Masonic Foundation, Masonic Homes of California, and Orient of California Scottish Rite Bodies, have each pledged $100,000 toward this project. This is a three year project, with the sums being pledged to be presented on a yearly basis. Current pledged amount for this program from all concordant bodies is $850,000.00. I would recommend that we pledge $10,000 per year for the next three years for a total of $30,000. The funds to come from the proceeds of our recent 125th Anniversary Pin Project. This is the Family of Freemasonry working together, to ensure another 125 years of this Order we Love!

2. Executive Committee for Determination of Relationship between Eastern Star Grand Chapter of California and the Eastern Star Homes of California.

Over the period of the last ten years the Eastern Star Homes of California and its Board of Trustees has been in and out of escrow with the Brentwood facility. In December of 1997, we did close escrow, and a new facility was purchased in June of 1998. There have been continued questions as to whether the Home Board has the authority to close escrow on the Brentwood facility and to purchase a replacement facility. The Jurisprudence Committee on at least two occasions has given an opinion as to the question does the Home Board have the authority to make such decisions? The opinion was, they were granted that authority by vote of the membership through the many years, resolutions, and acceptance of reports. It was the decision of Denny Rae Grist to make this a part of her decisions; however, that decision was not included in her report, nor that of the Jurisprudence committee for 1997. I have written the same letter of request, and plan to make that a part of my decisions.

The Home Board of Trustees, has requested from Jurisprudence an opinion on the question does every contract need to be approved by the Finance Committee and Jurisprudence, or according to Corporate Law do they have the right to enter into contracts? The opinion of Jurisprudence has been rendered there is a conflict between our Constitution and Laws and Corporate Laws of California, and Corporate Law would prevail. They should be allowed to act on their own, using as a checks and balances, the prudent man rule, and remembering their Obligation to the Order of the Eastern Star. I have not issued a decision on this matter at this time. My recommendation is that a committee be formed to determine the relationship between the Eastern Star Home Board

of Trustees, and the Grand Chapter Finance Committee. I feel the next question to come before these groups could be: Is financial approval of checks over $5,000.00, approval of the budget, and approval of expenditures against Corporate Law? This committee should consider all aspects of the relationship and prepare needed legislation to amend our Constitution and Laws so that we are in compliance with Corporate Law, and do not jeopardize our 501 C3 status with the Internal Revenue Service. I recommend this committee be composed of two members of the Finance Committee, two Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, two line officers, and chairman from the general membership.

IRREGULARITIES:

1. It was very sad to hear of the use of Black Cubes by the members of our Order. When a member has a concern over a new petitioner, the concern should be taken to the Worthy Matron and dealt with before it ever comes to a ballot. I must say that I am surprised and perplexed with the actions of some of our members on the use of the black cube. In one case, members of a chapter placed black cubes in the ballot box on three members because they were unhappy with the Worthy Matron! How can we as members of the Order destroy lives by allowing unkind thoughts to destroy the lives of innocent people. I have written letters to chapters concerning the improper use of the black cube and I ask you please, my Sisters and Brothers, as you stand there in front of the Bible with your eyes on the Bible casting your ballot, remember your Obligation, your faith in God, and do vote for the Good of the Order, but never to deliberately destroy the life of another.

2. It has come to our attention via Newsletters, word of mouth and personal knowledge that some of our chapters and social clubs are having raffles. They are using the idea of selling a piece of gum, a bookmark or candy in exchange for a raffle ticket. Raffles are not legal in the State of California, and thus our California Masonic Code is strong in its wording that raffles will not be used by all of the Masonic orders.

3. Many of our chapters do not have the required number of syllabus, their Secretaries and Treasurers are not using the correct form, and or their books are not in balance. As the Deputy Grand Matrons reports have come in, I have tried to write to each of the chapters reminding them of their responsibility to provide the Deputy Grand

Matron with the proper information on the proper forms at her Official Visit.

4. Many of our members have been in the same office for many years and will not accept the instructions of the Deputy Grand Matron who is representing the Worthy Grand Matron. They refuse to come to practices, and make it very difficult for other members of a chapter to practice the work, as it takes all working together to make the entrance march, balloting, and initiation go with the precision and beauty our work deserves. Many of the chapters are having Past Matrons and Past Patrons serve year after year. They will refuse to pass their proficiency, do their Ritual work, and do the Associate Conductress outside lecture, because I quote "I am a Past Matron." My Sisters and Brothers, if this course is allowed to continue there will not be anyone left in your chapter that can do the work well! If a Past Matron is sitting in the Associate Conductress office for initiation, she needs to be able to say the outside lecture, if not, who is going to do it? If you allow your Associate Patrons and Worthy Patrons to be installed when they have no plans to learn their work, do not call Grand Chapter later for a quick fix. There is none. You have elected that individual and now you will deal with it. The Deputies must report who has made no effort to learn their work, and, of course, now with handy computers the Grand Line is able to keep tract of those people that continue this story year after year. Our Order is in your hands.

5. When a problem develops in your chapter, work it out with loving kindness, do not repeat gossip, and by all means stay off of the telephone. Remember the game of gossip we have all played at one time or another. Just going around the room in a group of ten people, the story can change so very much. Remember the Golden Rule, as you may not know what has gone on in the life of your members that day. If you have not walked in their moccasins please do not judge. There is only one Judge and one day we will each stand before Him to be accountable for our actions.

6. Copying of the Ritual work! This problem has been discussed for years; please read the Ritual page 165. The reproduction of any part of the Ritual is prohibited and violators must be reported to the Most Worthy Grand Matron for penalty. If a member does not know the work, they must read it from the Ritual and all other Rituals in the rooms must be closed, including the prompters.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE: It has been like the tale of two cities with the best of all worlds and the worst of all worlds in the Grand

Chapter office. The new computer system was purchased just before Grand Chapter last year, but like any new system there were plenty of bugs, working with computer programmers that have an agenda of their own. There was additional schooling for our staff, which was much appreciated by them, and will continue to improve their productivity. Of course every Worthy Grand Matron is just a little different, and each has their own quirks, mine was the tidiness of the office. On two or three occasions, we the Grand Family including escorts spent some days in the office, and did some house cleaning for them, cleaning of files, and general throwing away. A few cute skunks appeared and yes it became 1998. I am very pleased with their improvement in this area.

The computer system is going well, all is not completed yet and the Wang system is still running parallel to the new system until a complete change over around the first of the year. It is very difficult for a Worthy Grand Matron to evaluate the Grand Chapter office. I tried to be at the office one or two days a week, every couple of weeks, and that worked great the first six months of the year, then as I had more time at home, it just was not convenient to run by the office. Shirley, our Grand Secretary, is a very loving, hard working and caring person. She has a true concern for all of the employees under her leadership. I did do an evaluation of her work, and she, in turn, has made a commitment to finish those of her employees, including part time staff.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: It has been my pleasure to be at all but two or three meetings of the Finance Committee in the past four years. I have learned so much. The fine people spend much time and talents in their area of expertise to see that our investments, income and expenses are handled with the utmost care. As the computers are utilized more and more, we the members of Grand Chapter will enjoy the availability of additional information and/or reports. Remember, with computers the horizon is endless. Every time, we have learned one thing, accomplished two, there will be more programs, equipment and procedures to do more exciting things. The Grand Treasurer and her staff are under the direction of the Finance Committee, I thank them for their co-operation and assistance to me when ever I have requested information.

GRAND CHAPTERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Tom and I had the pleasure of attending Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Nevada Grand Chapters along with a number of our Grand Officers. In Washington we were sixteen strong! That did not count our Past Grands, Grand Representatives, and many members who also attended these neighboring states. It was my pleasure to represent California in

two States by giving a prayer at one of their sessions, and being chosen as an Emblem Bearer at another. Each State we have visited has laid out the red carpet for us, we have enjoyed their fellowship, learned from their ideas, and shared our love for the Order.

GRAND OFFICERS RECEPTIONS: Each of our Appointive Grand Officers enjoyed a wonderful reception planned for them by their chapter, and/or chapters. Each was perfect for the person honored, the area represented and the members planning the event. Our Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Conductress were honored by their chapters, with nights to remember, from an evening of Black and White to our new Sir Knight coming from his castle. What a delight to see our loved ones honored by their chapters and all of the loving members that came to celebrate with them.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS RECEPTIONS: The Deputy Grand Matrons were each honored with a reception given by their chapters. It is impossible for the Grand Family to attend each of the Deputy Grand Matrons receptions, so it was our pleasure to attend those of the Presidents in both the North and the South and in most cases the Grand Officers attended the receptions of their own Deputy. In this way, we express our appreciation for all that each of the Deputy Grand Matrons have done this year. They have been excellent in their participation with their chapters. All but one Deputy Grand Matron has turned in her reports, and they have been good travelers, and great fun to have with us. They have planned special songs for each of the Grand Officers along with their presentation to them at their receptions. I must say at times we thought they needed voice lessons, and then, Oh, they are getting pretty good, but I still think some of their talent is still hidden.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: It was an honor to me to have 99 Chapters in the state of California present honorary memberships to me and many to my husband, Tom. I thank each of these chapters for their special demonstration of affection. As the years go by I look forward to coming to your chapters to visit and just sit awhile over a cup of coffee. I realize this does take a unanimous vote of your chapter. On behalf of both Tom and I, we thank you for these very special gifts and we shall always strive to be worthy of your Peace, Attitude and Love and you have walked beside us and been our PAL's.

75 AND 50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP PINS: It was the privilege of Brother Ernie and I to sign over one thousand Fifty year certificates this year and to personally participate in the presentation of 76 Fifty-year membership pins and certificates. It was exciting to see members that had joined together, still be working side by side in the same chapter,

others that had moved a time or two, but never gave up active service in our Order. We had a couple of husband and wives, and on one occasion, two brothers and one of their wives, too. Each time it was our pleasure to greet these very special people and thank them for their years of dedicated service.

In Willits, we had the opportunity to present a 75-year guard to a Sister that was going to be unable to attend the Official Visit. We the Grand Family, went to the Retirement Facility where she lived and enjoyed a wonderful day, complete with cake, ice cream and the news media, with over fifty people in attendance. At the celebration of Estrella Chapter's 75th Anniversary, we enjoyed presenting a 75-year guard to one of their members. In Hanford, our Lois Peden is still serving as an officer, and Ruth in Arcadia was our fourth recipient. What a joy to celebrate these milestones that are so very seldom reached.

EASTERN STAR HOME: This has been a year of excitement for the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees. They have truly been on the fast track all year long. They were able to complete the escrow on the Brentwood facility on December 31, 1997, and negotiate for us the "opportunity" to stay rent free in the facility until July 1st. They began full steam ahead on the purchase of the new facility. The site chosen was a former Charter Hospital in Yorba Linda. The facility had been vacant for over two years and had fallen out of escrow so there were many inspections to be done, checking and re-checking. We did close escrow in April of 1998. The new location is a very nice location and will meet our needs very well. It will take more renovation than originally thought because of local and State requirements that are imposed on a facility such as ours.

Negotiations with Archer School, the buyer of our Brentwood facility have allowed us another extension for our residents, which allows us to continue our free rental until the last of December 1998. At this time renovation is well underway. We look forward to moving the residents the second week in December to a portion of the facility with construction continuing until completion date of June 1, 1999. We look forward to a cornerstone ceremony at our 1999 Fiesta, all to celebrate ten years of dreams and planning. Now is the time that each of us assume our role as sales agents and promote our Senior Living Retirement Facility to all of our members. This will be a campus we can be proud of and will be a delightful retirement location for many of our members.

"Our Cents Make Sense:" Four years ago when I started into the Grand Line, I presented an idea to my Associate Conductresses to save

pennies for our special project. It started with a simple gesture of me picking up a penny and Tom telling me that no one does that as " Cents did not make Sense." Well my girls caught on and at the special receptions, State dinners and many in-between occasions I was presented with pennies in many unique forms. To begin our Worthy Grand Matron year I asked that the chapters make a donation in lieu of corsages for the Grand Representatives, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Officers. I carried a darling purple skunk that was a gift from Patricia Maxwell to Worthy Matron Beth Martin of Estrella Chapter in San Diego. This darling little fellow was on loan to me for one year. At many of the official visits my Grand officers added a bow in her hair, socks on her feet and even duck slippers when we had El Nino with us for weeks. At the Official Visits I talked about the "Cents Make Sense, Pennies from Border to Border for the Good of our Order." I shared the importance of participation and each one doing whatever they could. See just as each penny was important to the total sum, so are each of the members so very important to the success of our Order. It matters not how little or how much, but the thought, love and caring and reward that comes from giving. These "Cents Make Sense" Pennies will be added with the proceeds from our very successful "Happy Birthday California Eastern Star" Fiesta to do some very special projects at the new retirement facility in Yorba Linda. At first I set a goal of $5,000, and soon that was passed, then on to $10,000, but that too was reached. Now with the starting of this week we are just over $12,000.00. Can you believe that over one million two hundred thousand pennies, given by members, friends, co-workers, family and even pennies from the washer, found in parking lots, in pants pockets and all manner of places. "Cents do Make Sense."

"RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS:" At each of the Official Visits, I shared with the members stories of our members who had done "Random Acts of Kindness" by helping so many of their friends, neighbors and members. "Random Acts of Kindness" are those special things that someone does for someone else with no thought of return, repay or reward. A spontaneous gift of love that just flows from them. Everyone needs somebody some day, and we need each of you and your "Random Acts of Kindness." I continue to receive letters about the many special acts that our members do.

CONCLUSION: In starting on this journey I asked the Lord for His guidance, so that I might be able to represent each of you in a way that would show the love I have for each of you and would bring the strong bond of love around you to bind us all together in Love. Now I am ready to turn the keys over to Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, so they might step out on their journey of teaching and learning, loving and

sharing all with the Peace of God watching over them. Sheri, you and Ron continue to show strong leadership and I know that our Order is going to glitter like gold this next year in your hands. Cherish each minute, the hours, days and months do rush by.

Sister Doris, as you and Glenn begin to plan your details for an exiting year in the new millennium, remember that your greatest asset is the members, they are here to help you, stand beside you and guide you through all of the months ahead. You will both enjoy your reign and your special servants will serve you well.

Sister Sue B., you have now finished your first step in the Grand Line with much success and we know that as you have a special Angel watching over you, and we know that as you step forward working with your girls, you will find much happiness and joy in your journey to the East.

To Shirley, Jerri Jean and all of the employees of the Grand Chapter Office, we have enjoyed our trips to San Francisco. We thank you one and all for meeting with us early in the year to set the stage for a new year, new personalities, and stepping out with new goals. We have not met all of our goals, but we have made giant steps forward. Thank you for all of your courtesies to Tom and I.

Brother Ernie, I thank you for accepting the challenge to make this journey with me. You have been very enthusiastic, always bringing a message of hope and FUN to our members. You and your Barbara have been friends for years and Tom and I look forward to years of fellowship and service as we continue in this Masonic way of life. It has been so wonderful to get to know all of your family, and the love they share with us for both of you. They are waiting for your return, in fact I think we all need a few days at your home on Clear Lake to relax. I thank you both, so very much for the unique gavel and sounding block you had made for me by Russ Allen. I have had the opportunity to share it with all of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in the State and now it will return home with me to remind me of a year of hopes and dreams come true.

To the members of Kern River Valley Chapter, in the year of 1993 still on cloud nine from a year of excitement of our very own Grand Ruth, Donna Westergren, it was announced that we were to be honored by another Grand Chapter appointment that of the Grand Marshal. Now many of you did not have the faintest idea what a Grand Marshal was to mean. In fact, come to think of it, maybe I didn't either. Our funds were low and our numbers few, as we are a very small community in

the Southern tip of the High Sierras. The S.O.S. club was formed, "Support Our Sue," they started a craft workshop every Tuesday to make items for my Grand Marshal's reception, it was so much fun, they moved on to a Holiday Bazaar, other receptions and fundraising, and chapter work parties filled with chatter, bag lunches and lots of new ideas of how to make our chapter better. The enthusiasm caught hold and members of Kern County on both sides of the mountain, jumped in to help. I am so very fortunate to have an army of dedicated workers behind me. They made the funds for two receptions, a two District Official Visit and Homecoming, without any cost to the chapters! They have done it all and there is no way I can thank each one of you, but please know we are coming home, back to the dishwater, to help each of you. I Love You Kern River Valley and Kern County!

To my very own Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara Pierce, you came to my home town of Wofford Heights with a plan that would change my life. I must say again, as I have told you many times, you caught me completely off guard, not prepared, and so terribly afraid to step out on this journey. You have been a wonderful role model for me, as you light up a room whenever you walk in. You and your Ron have been there for me every inch of the way. I could not have done it without you, and a very special thank you for being the Advisor for this week. I think we will both need a few days of relaxing when this week is over. Brother Frank, you have been my Fraternal Dad, you and your Kathy have been there for Tom and I. We thank you for all you have done for us during our journey, and a very special thank you for being here. You have had us worried and as I have told you, your health is the most important thing. Please pace yourself this week, you are very special in our lives!

Brother Loyal, our Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, in 1988 when we, the 1986 Grand Officers, were planning and setting up your revelation party as the candidate for Associate Grand Patron for Sister Kay, I did not know who Loyal Stark was! Well that was short lived, as you came bursting into my life, and since that day, we continue to enjoy one Masonic event after the other as you share your enthusiasm for life with the world. We are truly excited about your journey in the General Grand Line and will be a part of the many workers you can count on. This Triennium we are so very pleased to have our Tom Sager, Jerry Southward Creager, my 1986 Worthy Grand Matron and June Lucretia Barnum represent us on committees to do the work of the World of Eastern Star. We are so very proud of each of you and your accomplishments.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California continue to give so many hours of service to our own California Grand Chapter and to that of the Order as a whole. They dedicate their lives to being there for our members as they are honored with exciting appointments at many levels of service. I have been so very pleased to have them join in many of our functions this year, sometimes traveling many miles to do so, you have given me your constant support and have been ever ready to accept those "Opportunities" that have come your way. Thank you all for what you have done to make this year Super!

Our Grand Family has talked about this week, the concern over tears, not seeing each other as often and all the time celebrating the joys of a year that is beyond explanation. Each of you that have gone this way, know the rewards, and have shared these moments. You my Grand Family are the best, you have given your all, and now we will not say Good-bye but, make our plans for years of glorious occasions to relax and relive the FUN and FELLOWSHIP we have enjoyed this year.

The Sweet Violets and Sir Blades, our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons have given their all to their chapters and to us this year. They were eager to work with new ideas, to see how things just might work in their area. Each chapter, area, community and officers are a bit different and the same plan will not work for everyone, but it has been great to see how they did try to implement suggestions, be adventurous. They have welcomed us with open arms, shared us with the members in California, and followed us from function to function with great participation. Next year we will be coming to your Association meetings just to have FUN with you!

The dedication of our members to our Order is outstanding, they each give so very much to their chapters, their districts, Associations, and Grand Chapter. The love, concern, cards, calls, prayers and gifts to Tom and I have been so very generous. I am a great one to give gifts, but I do not receive them well. I always feel so unworthy, as you have already given me so very much, how can anyone ever thank you for the experiences of this life time.

My family is not in attendance with us today, one brother and his wife are members of our Order, but my last Official Visit and Homecoming was enough for them. I am ready to go home to my four terrific Grandsons, ranging from ages 17 to 7, and size 6' 10" to almost four foot. We have missed them and will look forward to more time enjoying the outdoors, lake and river with the excitement and conversation only children can bring. I thank all of my family for standing by me and being understanding as I have not had the time to

give them that special attention. To my husband, "Tommy" this journey would not have been possible without you. We decided early on that I would travel alone the first few years and give you a little more time to make "money," and then you would come along. One day in July or August of 1996, while driving home from Redding about a ten hour drive, you called on my car phone to say, this is it, I have worried about you enough, you are not leaving this town without me. Since that day you have been there, driving, while I type, tormenting the staff of the Grand Chapter Office while I sit in meetings, or entertaining the residents of the home, again while I sat in meetings. You are my critic, my shoulder to cry on, my computer expert and programmer and my Grand Wallet, my clown to keep me laughing, and always ready to lead the Grand Family or members into a bit of devilment! I thank you for making all of this possible. "I love you, Tommy."

Now our Sand dollar will break open and the five Doves, representing the five Star Points of our Order will fly out and you will see all that we have tried to accomplish this year, all that we hope and dream for the future, and all the Love that we share with you the members. We have much to share with you this week, thank you for joining in our "On the Wings of Love" Session.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: If there be no objection, the Annual Report of our Worthy Grand Matron will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution. There being none, it is so ordered. Worthy Grand Matron, it is my desire that you resume your authority.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. At this time I have the honor to present Worthy Grand Patron Ernie Lewis, who will give his report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By Ernie Lewis)

Worthy Grand Matron Distinguished and Honored Members and Delegates to this the 125th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star:

In compliance with the Constitution of our Order it is my pleasure to present my Annual Report to you as your Worthy Grand Patron.

Sisters and Brothers, this year has been one of fun and excitement. You notice I did not mention the word "work," I feel that if you are happy doing what you are doing, it is not "work."

You, my Sisters and Brothers, have made this year "FUN". The miles I have traveled and the meetings I have attended have all been "Fun" because you have made it that way. Your Grand Officers can only suggest and advise, you the members are the ones that must change our Order, and you have accomplished that this year.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION: One School of Instruction was held in Kern River Valley Chapter and a Brush-Up School was held in Concord Chapter for the Deputy Grand Matrons. Both schools were well planned and orchestrated by the Worthy Grand Matron. Ritual work was demonstrated by the Grand Officers and was in accordance with the latest information which was brought back to our Grand Chapter by Past Grand Matron Lura Rae Dales and Past Grand Matron Earlynn Albright. This was after their visit to General Grand Chapter headquarters in Washington, D. C. I shared the east with Sister Grace Winship of Kern River Valley Chapter (643). It was a real pleasure having her preside as the acting Worthy Matron.

We held sixteen All Officers Instructional Schools, and the demonstration of the Ritual by the Grand Officers was outstanding. The chapter officers attending the schools were extremely attentive and appreciative. I had the pleasure to serve with my wife Barbara, and also with Sister Cathy Behnke as Worthy Matrons during these schools.

INSTALLATIONS: It was my honor to install the Worthy Patron at Kem River Valley Chapter (643), Brother Ed Winship, which was my Worthy Grand Matrons Chapter and the Worthy Patron at my chapter which was Concord Chapter (384), Brother Steve Wagner. I also installed several other Worthy Patrons and I am only sorry that time and distance prevented me from installing many more that were so kind to send me invitations.

COMMITTEES: It was my honor to be able to serve on both the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees and also on the Finance Committee. I may say that the Sisters and Brothers that serve on both of these committees are some of the most dedicated members with whom I have had the pleasure to be associated. We sold the Eastern Star Home in Brentwood which was just not suited for the needs of our residents at this time. We have purchased a new home in Yorba Linda which with a few alterations will much better suit the need of our Eastern Star residents. This was a real challenge for the Trustees this

year and they are to be commended for their work. President Nancy Grondin has been a true leader.

It is the duty of the Finance Committee to prudently handle the considerable assets of our Order and to oversee our investments. Under their Chairman for this year June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron, they have truly acted for the benefit of the Order at all times.

OFFICIAL VISITS: Having over sixty Official Visits, I was able to attend all but four which I missed due to illness in the family. The Worthy Grand Matron Sue McKinney, let the chapters chose their own theme for the visits and the imaginations of the Worthy Matrons were outstanding. Most of them were involved in the Worthy Grand Matrons program "Cents Makes Sense, for the Good of Our Order From Border to Border." We received pennies in every thing from "bed pans" to "wheel barrels" and most of them needed to be rolled in fifty cent rolls.

It was a great honor to be asked to sign the "John L. Sullivan Masonic Bible." It has a history of being signed by former Presidents and many famous people in the history of our country.

The Honorary Memberships that were received by Sister Barbara and me were one of the most appreciated items at our Official Visits. To know that it takes a 100% vote of those present to be conferred was a real honor. We fully intend to do our best to revisit those chapters.

CONCORD CHAPTER: Words will never be able to express my feelings for the love, support, and encouragement that has been given to me by the members of Concord Chapter (384). My reception was simply outstanding, and it definitely had that touch of class.

To Sisters Geri Terry, Ardie Rutan, and Arlene Mancini all Past Matrons and to Brothers "Root" Rutan, Don Terry, and Charles Millard, Past Patrons, you all have my special thanks.

GRAND OFFICERS: True dedication to a family has never been more evident than with this years appointed and elected Grand Family. It is hard to imagine that success cannot be our future. Everything they have done has been to further our Order. They have been so united, and dedicated, it has truly been one for all and all for one since our first meeting in Clear Lake. We have formed relationships that will last for a lifetime. This year of fun and success can definitely be attributed to their love and dedication.

WORTHY MATRONS & WORTHY PATRONS: To the "Violets" and "Sir Blades" where would we be without you. You have all been so wonderful this year. Never have I seen such a fun loving group of leaders. That is what you are, the leaders of your chapters. This year you have wandered into the "Unknown," you have been brave to try something different and you have won. You have proven that our Order can be fun, and can succeed. You have a special place in my heart for your work this year. May God bless you.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brother Loyal Stark, the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of General Grand Chapter, how fortunate our General Grand Chapter is to have you in its Grand Line with Sister Pat Rasmussan the Right Worthy Grand Conductress. Our Order could not be in any better hands than those of you two people. How lucky I am to be able to call you my friends.

To Sisters June Lucretia Barnum, Jeraldine Southward Creager, and Brother Judge Tom Sager, you truly make California proud to be able to call you, our own.

RITUAL ACHIEVEMENT: The Ritual Program for the year was not one to oversee the Chapters and to be critical of their work, but one to reward the officers in each Chapter for the time and effort that they donate to our Chapters every meeting night. There were no losers, only winners. The state was divided into thirteen sections and each section had a number of chapters.

The Observers that visited each Chapter participated only in the Opening of chapter. That night each participant received a certificate that was very suitable for framing. The winning chapter from each section received a beautiful pin to display on their lapel. It was a skunk pin.

The winner in Northern California and the winner in Southern California both will participate in one session of Grand Chapter with the Grand Officers. The winning chapter in the north was Crescent Chapter (165) in Murphys. The winning chapter in the South was Burbank Chapter (352). Over one third of the Chapters in the state participated. It was a very successful program. We distributed over 1600 certificates.

SPECIAL EVENTS: It was a real honor to be in attendance and to be a speaker at the Grand Guardian Council of the Order of Jobs Daughters in Sacramento. To speak to the leaders of one of our youth

groups and to feel their enthusiasm was exciting. Being present and introduced at the Grand Bethel meeting in Fresno served to enforce my feelings that the Order of Job's Daughters in California will continue to be not only educational, but a prime source of the future leaders in our Order.

I also had the honor to be present at the Northern California DeMolay meeting in Sacramento, California.

In April, it was off to the Rainbow Grand Assembly in Anaheim. I was also honored to speak to the Assembly. This was special as both of my daughters were Worthy Advisors of their Rainbow Assemblies. As usual the floor work and initiation of the Grand Officers was flawless. They just float over the floor. It still completely amazes me how we raise a young lady in our Order from the age of eleven years to the age of twenty years, teach them the tenets of our Order how to become an excellent citizen, and tell them they are not qualified to become a member of the Eastern Star. Maybe some day our Order will wake up, pay attention to our purpose and change the Landmarks.

The Ableskiever Breakfast in Solvang was wonderful, and especially so as I was not on a diet and could really enjoy it. A lot of work for the members, but was so appreciated.

The Initiation preformed by the Grand Officers in Concord was outstanding. It was held during the Deputy Grand Matron Brush up School. This gave the Deputy Grand Matrons an opportunity to witness a proper Initiation and the Chapter room was overflowing with members and officers. It was an Initiation the new members will not forget.

The events put on by the East Bay Association, the Southern California Association, the Peninsula Association, the Kern County Dinner, the San Diego Dinner, the Orange Belt Lunch, the Northern San Joaquin Luau with Elvis, the Central San Joaquin Brunch, the Hanford Spring Fling, the Far North Event, the San Francisco Event and the Big Bear boat ride were all outstanding. Each one was different and each had that little touch of class that was all its own.

Our Eastern Star Home Fiesta, being the last one to be held at the home in Brentwood was one of a kind. The participation was outstanding and the money raised was far greater than our expectations.

Jam and Jelly Day at the Union City Home was a huge success. It was the 100th Anniversary. Each of the Grand Officers and the Most

Worshipful Grand Master Anthony Wordlow were hosted to a lunch by one of the East Bay Chapters. No time to be on a diet.

There were five centennials during the year, Crown Chapter (162), Corona; Scepter Chapter (163), Orange; Gold Ridge Chapter (161, Sebastopol; Onisbo (164), Courtland; and Crescent Chapter (165), Murphys. They were all excellent, but I think I will have to tip my hat to Crescent Chapter (165). They had a horse and buggy that carried the Worthy Grand Matron, and I along with our escorts some five miles from town to the site of the event.

Sister Sue McKinney, Barbara and I will never be able to thank you enough for choosing us to walk with you and Brother Tom for these past two years. Not only have we made a lasting friendship, we have had the closest of relationships with two of the finest, truest people a person could ever hope to meet. Traveling with both of you has been some of the finest times of our lives. Sister Sue, I don't believe that there is a person that has been more dedicated to our Order than you have. I also believe it is known by our members because your love for them and our Order is simply wonderful. You have added a new meaning to the Order of the Eastern Star. **F U N**

FAMILY: To the one lady that has put me where I am today, the true love of my life, my Barbara. Where would I be today if it were not for your true understanding, your sincere encouragement and your undying love. You are always there with the good times and the bad, and always with a smile and a "you can do it if you want to." Not only this year, but my life would not have been as wonderful as it has been if it were not for you. I love you.

CONCLUSION: What a year this has been! I have never seen so many members ready for a change as we have had this year. As we traveled up and down our great state every chapter was receptive to trying something different and having fun doing it. Every chapter agreed that to succeed we had to get our members out of the chapter rooms and to realize that we were a family other places than in our Chapter rooms. Chapters were planning outside activities and they were successful. Everything was done in a positive manner. We did not hear "but we have never done it that way before."

The criticism to change was not there. I guess that saying "that you should walk a mile in the other persons moccasins before you criticize them" is true. If we were a mile away we could not hear the criticism.

Everything has been upbeat, it has been positive and progressive and it has had that go and grow spirit. We all have come to realize that our future lies only one place and that is in our hands. We have to mold our actions into positive actions, eliminate the negative thoughts, and drive forward into success. Only we can do it, nobody can do it for us. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for the opportunity to meet with you, to talk with you, and to try to come up with the answers to our "opportunities." It has been the most rewarding experience of my life and I love you all for it. May God Bless.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: If there be no objection the Annual Report of our Worthy Grand Patron will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered. Sister Grand Secretary, you will present your Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

(By Shirley Orth)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Secretary again this year and to work with our very dedicated 299 Chapter Secretaries.

In 1996 it was suggested that the Worthy Matron of a Chapter together with the Worthy Grand Matron receive a copy of any letters indicating that a chapter had not furnished the Grand Chapter office with a report. This last year the number of letters needed has decreased. At credential time there were only a few instances where we had not been notified of a new officer.

Your Worthy Grand Matron has been a hands on Worthy Grand Matron this year in handling different opportunities. She has been personally talking to the Chapters regarding these opportunities and it was appreciated by the chapter and this office.

We had planned to hold three Secretary-Treasurer workshops this year, but there was too much going on in the office to prepare for them. However, we have received dates to hold four during this next year in the following areas: Greater Los Angeles, Orange County, the far north and the central coastal areas. We look forward to being in these areas and hope that all the Secretaries and Treasurers will be able to attend.

We held our second annual Secretary-Treasurer Social yesterday and had a wonderful attendance. I thank Eleanor Pfeil for providing our

refreshments. Many questions were asked and we were able to show the Secretaries the two minute books now available for their use; one of which is the new loose-leaf binder approved at the last Grand Chapter session.

This last week, during the time Grand Lodge was held, there was an open house at the Grand Chapter office hosted by the Grand Officers, and we had many visit who had never been to the office.

The following were published and distributed to the Chapters: Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and the Instruction Book; the Roster which was again mailed by January 1st; the Tentative Program for this Grand Chapter session; the Proposed Legislation and the Itinerary for 1998-1999 which will be available after Election on Thursday; mailings were sent to each Chapter once a month during the third week of the month and the Chapter Secretaries now call us if they have not received something by the first of the month.

As you heard in the Worthy Grand Matron's report, the printing of the proceedings for the 1997 session was put on hold and the books were just received in the Grand Chapter office last Wednesday. The staff worked hard trying to get them all mailed to the Chapters and to those who had placed orders before we left on Friday, but there was not enough time to complete it. The rest will be mailed as soon as we are back in the office. I would like to thank Pennie Clouser who worked so hard typing the proceedings so that we could get the copy to the printer in time to meet the deadline set forth in our Constitution and Laws. The number of hours Pennie worked totaled 180.

Nell Marie who handles our membership in the office is continuing her work on the list of Consolidated Chapters for the proceedings and making sure all the history of a chapter is on the computer.

The office processed 59 Chapter Bylaw changes, Commissions for the various Grand Representatives in California and those for other jurisdictions, 61 Special Dispensations were issued, deaths of Distinguished Members in other Grand Jurisdictions were acknowledged, and donations to our various charities were recorded and acknowledged.

It has been a pleasure to work with Gene Stiles, Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws, and I thank him for being there for my many questions. This year's special ballot to see if the Past Matrons and Past Patrons will continue to have a vote a Grand Chapter created many questions from the Chapters and an explanation of who carries that

vote. At least two-thirds of the Chapter Secretaries needed to be contacted.

The Secretaries were asked this year to use a new form when forwarding checks into the Grand Chapter office. This has proved very helpful on how to make the check out to Eastern Star Foundation, Eastern Star Home, Grand Chapter of California or Grand Chapter Home Endowment.

One of our "opportunities" this year was the pin program voted on at the last session by the membership. This fund raiser is handled by an outside company asking for donations to be sent in the name of Grand Chapter of California to a post office box in San Francisco. Consequently, the membership believes this fundraiser is done in the Grand Chapter office. Unfortunately, one of the mailings from this company was in error and it generated literally hundreds of phone calls into the Grand Chapter office and many letters.

We issued 925 Fifty-year pins, 24 Seventy-five year guards, 91 Rob Morris Awards and 315 Service Awards.

From the Annual Report of the 299 chapters in California, I report the following information:

Membership as of June 30, 1997			62, 952
Gained by Initiation	731		
Gained by Affiliation	408		
Gained by Reinstatement	96		
Total Gain		1,236	
Lost by Demit	923		
Lost by Resignation	47		
Lost by Consolidation	7		
Lost by Suspension	829		
Lost by Death	2,926		
Total Lost		4,732	
Total membership as of June 30, 1998			59,456

Of this figure 6,713 are Life Members; 213 are residents of charitable homes; and 1,143 had their dues remitted. This brings the total of dues paying members to 51,387. All Chapters have paid their per capita.

The accounting systems for the Home, Foundation and Grand Chapter are now all on the new computer system. The membership is being transferred this week while we are here in Fresno. The membership was put on the Wang system in 1985 and throughout the next twelve

years the program was modified and added to many, many times. This created a pyramid of data on top of data with many side programs in addition. This has taken a great deal of time to sort through in order to bring a clean, clear program to the new system. We now have e-mail and will enjoy its use more fully in the months to come. With our new printers, chapter rosters can be run in three hours on two printers instead of all day as before.

I have reported to the Finance Committee at their meetings information pertaining to the Grand Chapter office.

I did not attend the Home Board meetings this year as their recording secretary, but have continued to maintain the records of the Home and the processing of applications for admission into the Home.

We worked with Bob Walker of The Management Center in San Francisco and used his suggestions on office management.

The Masonic Homes Executive Association of North America held their annual conference in San Ramon, California, this year and Jerri Jean and I attended several days of the programs as officers of the Home. It was very informative.

It has been a pleasure to work with Grand Chapter Week Chairman, Clint Lee, and we appreciate his working with the office to help make our Grand Chapter week activities run smoother.

Jerri Jean and I are so very proud of the staff at the Grand Chapter office. They are efficient in the jobs they perform and will tackle any project we ask with devotion and enthusiasm. Team effort continues to be a strong factor in our office. We have 5 full-time 40-hours per week employees and four part-time, 15 to 20-hours per week employees. Nell Marie Forsey maintains all of the membership records; Linda Hahn performs secretarial duties for both Jerri Jean and myself; and Judy Wyatt is our bookkeeper. Marcia McBrayer joined our part-time staff this year working in Membership. Judy Ard processes the supply orders twice a week, Marilyn Wellman does what is needed, and Gerry Warner processes 25, 50, and 75 year awards, Life Sponsorships, Service Awards and Rob Morris Awards. Will they please stand. I thank each of these hard working members for their support and devotion to duty.

To Jerri Jean it is a joy to work with you and to have your friendship. Your care and devotion to the members of our Order is exemplary.

We have not called on volunteers as much this year, but have definitely appreciated Larry Ard who has volunteered at least once a week all year.

I thank Marlene Lee, our court reporter again this year; Fran Groat for being my page, for your friendship, for all your hard work and for providing a computer which will make this week so much easier. Warren Woodworth, Past Patron from Semper Fidelis Chapter, for being my escort this session; and my mom for having to tolerate my coming home late. I love you.

It has been a pleasure to work with Sue and Ernie this year and thank them both for being so involved with the office. It has made our jobs much easier because of the open communication. I must say the word "opportunity" will never have quite the same meaning.

I look forward to this next year with Sheri and Ron and wish you the very best for a successful year.

I thank the members for the privilege of serving as your Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered. Sister Grand Treasurer, may we have your Annual Report?

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(By Jerri Jean Golden)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It has again been my privilege to have served as your Treasurer for another year. I owe great deal of gratitude to each of you for the faith and confidence that you have placed in me. I wish to sincerely thank Sister Sue McKinney and Brother Ernie Lewis for their openness and willingness to discuss issues with Shirley and myself and to work together on solutions so that our and their concerns were handled in an appropriate manner. Honest and sincere communication is of utmost importance in any situation and it has been a pleasure to work with them this year. And yes, we are trying to keep the Grand Chapter Office a little neater.

The members of the Finance Committee are my direct supervisors, and I with to thank them and their Chairman, Sister June Lucretia Barnum for their expertise and guidance. As the Worthy Grand Matron has said, if God gives you lemons, then make lemonade. Well, we have had lots of lemonade this year. There are always going to be opportunities that crop up when you change software, accounting codes, and separate funds and investments to establish another set of books. I have always been able to look to the Finance Committee for their unified assistance and direction no matter how difficult the question or task. One Finance directive that will please the Chairmen of the various funds in the ensuing year is that the office will issue quarterly statements to each Chairman so they will know the status of the funds.

It has also been a pleasure to work with the Foundation Chairman, Max Rush, in getting the Foundation on solid footing, and the information out to the membership that we are there to assist you when you need our aid. So many times it appears that our Order is always asking for money and donations. Our goal this year is to let you know of all the wonderful charities that our Order has established under the umbrella of the Foundation and that we are there for you when you need a helping hand. The Chairmen of these funds are very dedicated individuals and take great pride in doing their jobs and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

One of the largest Charities of the Order of the Eastern Star is of course our Eastern Star Home. Serving as their Treasurer is always a challenge and experience. The President, Nancy Grondin, has tried to lead the board through two years of very difficult decisions and changes with fairness and graciousness, not always an easy task with so many divergent views strongly expressed. Remarkable improvement has been made in the handling of invoices and sending them to the Grand Office in a timely manner for processing due to the addition of a key employee at the home, Barry Grubs. He has made our task easier and we are very grateful for his efficiency.

Speaking of employees, those who work in the Grand Chapter Office are by far some of the most dedicated and efficient workers that I have had the privilege to work with. We ask each year that you meet with them and get to know them. They do their very best to be of service to you for that is what we are, a service organization and each employee is well aware of their responsibility to you, the members of this fine Order. My employee is Judy Wyatt, an extremely efficient bookkeeper. She willingly takes on additional tasks to relieve the every increasing

burden that falls on the Treasurer's office. This was in addition to learning a new program and procedures this year.

For those of you who are well acquainted with Sister Shirley Orth, your Grand Secretary, you know full well that she is one of those rare people who only sees the best in us and is willing to forgive the worse in us. I am indeed fortunate that she is willing to call me friend.

Our fiscal year ends September 30th, and we have the task of trying to prepare preliminary reports for this body, relay the necessary information to each Chairman so they can give you a meaningful report, finalize the schedules for the complicated and in depth audits that are required by our Constitution and Laws and the State as well as prepare for the convention itself. That is in addition to the daily work that needs to be accomplished which in itself alone is a full day job.

The figures presented in this report are to give you an idea of the total donations and bequests received by our very generous members and the related assistance to members expenses. I defer to the Chairmen of each charity concerning the individual totals for they have their reports they would like to present to you.

A true picture of the finances of the Grand Chapter, the Foundation, and the Eastern Star Home will be found in your 1998 Proceedings when they are audited and as always you are encouraged to look over these reports. The Grand Chapter books now consist of Operating, Insurance, Convention and Mileage, Membership, Heart, International Temple, Grand Chapter Endowment and the General Grand Chapter Assembly Fund also known as the Stark Fund. Assessments take care of most of these funds except for the Heart Fund consisting of donations and then the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund relies on donations, bequests, and investments.

The Foundation's set of books now consists of Operating, Benevolent, Disaster, J. C. Lee Cancer, Marguerite Rennie Cancer Memorial, Cancer Dressing, Scholarship, and the Cashion Fund. Donations and Bequests to these particular funds totaled over $986,000. Assistance extended was a little over $225,00. Investment income totaled over $1.8 million for both sets of books this year.

We were able to complete a tentative and preliminary report for the Eastern Star Home, again keeping in mind there is still investment and audit adjustments to be made. A copy of the detailed Home report is available to you. Please see me if you wish a copy of the report. You are aware of the sale of the Home on Sunset, and the purchase of a

hospital and office buildings in Yorba Linda. Therefore, I will briefly touch on some of the other items.

Payroll and related items again account for the largest expense over $970,000. An unbudgeted item was the cost of the fees for the nursing home at Culver West that is now taking care of our residents who require skilled nursing care. This accounted for over $77,000.

Professional fees that include Accounting, Auditing, and Legal totaled a little under $143,000. Printing of the newsletter and the Annual Report totaled just under $41,000. Security at Sunset is just over $40,000. Not all September figures have been received and will need to be accrued, such as utility bills, health insurance, security, and legal. Again the complete and audited financials will be printed in the 1998 Proceedings.

I wish to complete this report by letting you know once again what a privilege it has been to serve you and to meet with each of you. We are humbled by the love and support that is extended to all of us in the office and will continue to do our very best to serve you in this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: There being no objection, the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy Grand Matron declared the Wednesday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

(At 12:30 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 21, 1998

1:30 p.m. Musical Prelude

Entrance: Grand Officers

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Wednesday Afternoon Session called from Refreshment to Labor

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I do want to announce that I am using the gavel from the State of Indiana. Our Grand Representative from Indiana, E. Louise Pruse, is here with us, and she was asked by her Worthy Grand Matron from Indiana to have us use her gavel during parts of this Session. We are very delighted to do that. Thank you, Louise, for coming.

Sister Nancy Grondin, President of the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, we will be pleased to have you present the Home Board report to the Delegates of this session.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

(By Nancy Grondin, Past Matron (529), President)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I thank you very much for the opportunity. One of the first things I would like to do is point out to the Delegates that in your registration packet you received the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees. I am not going to read my report. I will ask that you read that at your leisure and, hopefully, that you read it in its entirety.

At this time I would like to introduce the Board of Trustees, Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron; Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron;

Sisters Patsy Baker-Luy; Linda Patton; Diane Wood; and Brothers Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron; John Masson; and Brian Whitaker. Sisters Shirley Orth and Jerri Jean Golden served as our Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and we do appreciate your efforts. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Sister Gloria Kimrey who attends our meetings and takes the minutes. We have enjoyed the presence of the Grand Line Officers and thank them for serving on the Committee and for their interest and continued support.

I have enjoyed the opportunity many times last year serving as President. I was elected again to serve, and I have enjoyed it. It has been a year of extreme activity. We are now presently getting ready to move our residence and, hopefully, the residents will be moved around the 10th of December to the facility in Yorba Linda. For those of you who attended the seminar yesterday, I thank you for the interest and the continued interest that we will have. As that precious day comes, we will all have a lot of butterflies present. I would also like to thank Brother Joe Gentilcore who is present for the first time, since he is now a member of the Order, and he is Superintendent of the Home, and we thank you, Joe, for your attendance and for all of your assistance this year. I would like, at this time, to adopt the revised budget as approved by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee.

1998-1999 PROPOSED EASTERN STAR HOME BUDGET

INCOME:	
PER CAPITA & HOME ASSESSMENT	150,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	590,000
INVESTMENT GAINS	950,600
GIFTS AND BEQUESTS	150,000
SOCIAL SECURITY & PENSIONS	225,000
FEE BASED RESIDENTS	120,000
SUNDRY INCOME	70,004
TOTAL INCOME:	**2,255,604**
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
RESIDENT SERVICES	161,640
BUILDING MAINTENANCE & MATERIALS	58,980
SECURITY	57,600
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & MATERIALS	21,000
UTILITIES	270,300
HOUSEKEEPING & LAUNDRY	154,440
DIETARY	263,580
SOCIAL SERVICES	43,020
ACTIVITIES	65,400
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & ACCOUNTING	291,600
INSURANCE I PROFESSIONAL & LIABILITY	36,840
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS NON-PAYROLL	3,600
PROPERTY TAXES	20,160

PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,600
PATIENT SUPPLIES	10,500
THERAPY & LAB SERVICES	2,880
PHARMACY	36,900
SUBTOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	**1,502,040**
GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSES	104,040
ANNUAL REPORT	9,000
NEWSLETTER (Print, Tab & Mail)	33,000
NURSING HOME CONTRACT FEES	438,000
OTHER EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	138,204
SUBTOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES	**722,244**
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	**2,224,284**
FRESNO PROPERTY EXPENSE	31,320
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES:	**$2,255,604**

Fran Groat, Past Matron (213): MOTION: I move that the Budget be revised and the $33,000 for the newsletter be taken out of that budget and applied to subscriptions to Cal Star News for the members who are not currently Cal Star News recipients. *(The motion was seconded.)*
NOT ADOPTED:

MOTION: I move that the proposed revised Eastern Star Homes Budget for 1998-99 be approved as presented. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to continue the $3.00 Home Assessment. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

I have enjoyed this year of opportunity to serve as the President of the Board of Trustees for the second time. This Board of Trustees has appreciated the cooperation of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. They have been present at all our meetings and have always given the Board their support to serve our membership and residents.

To Sisters Patsy Baker-Luy, Diane Wood and Brother John Masson who are completing their terms on the Board, we thank you. Sister Patsy has served for six years and has given the Trustees much guidance as President and on the Medical Care Advisory Committee. Sister Diane has only completed one year on the Board but has had a big responsibility in setting up and implementing the Out-Reach

program. She did a good job of hitting the floor and running fast. Brother John has also served as President and has given many hours of service to the Home. Brother Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron, has been instrumental in the sale of the Sunset Boulevard facility. He has worked very closely with the Archer School for Girls Board of Directors with the transition and secured the rent free agreement allowing our residents to be able to stay in a home where they are familiar until our new Senior Living Center is ready for occupancy. Sister Linda Patton has continued her service to the Trustees by developing a sound financial picture and overseeing the budgeting for remodeling of the Yorba Linda campus. Brother Brian Whitaker has been the liaison with the design/build corporation since acquisition of the Yorba Linda facility.

The Booster's Club has continued their support and organized monthly events to entertain our residents. This has been a difficult task for Sister Lorita Giles who has also been a Deputy Grand Matron this year. We thank each and every Booster for their service and love for our residents.

Sister Diane Lotspeich, Editor of the Cal-Star News, has been very generous in providing coverage about the Home in each issue. Our residents write the articles and enjoy keeping the members informed of the special events and daily activities at the Home.

I hope the Delegates realize the Board has not submitted any legislation for your consideration this year. We felt that due to the sale of the Sunset Boulevard facility and the purchase of the Yorba Linda facility and all the facets of the remodeling, the Board should focus its energy on those tasks.

The sale of the Sunset Boulevard facility was completed on December 31, 1997. The Archer School for Girls has secured a Conditional Use Permit and they own the building. They dedicated the front parlor and the library to honor the Order of the Eastern Star. At the Fiesta in June, they offered to allow us to remain in our old Home until the end of December at which time we should be able to move into our new Senior Living Center in Yorba Linda.

The Board of Trustees made a difficult decision in May when we decided, due to staffing problems and our low occupancy, it was best to transfer those residents that required nursing care to a skilled nursing facility in Culver City. The administrator at Culver West Convalescent Hospital, Patti Cook, was formerly employed by our Home. Several of our Certified Nursing Assistants were hired by the Culver West facility

and have added a continuity of care to our residents who were transferred. At this time, there will not be a skilled nursing care unit at the Yorba Linda site. The cost of bringing even a part of the building to current nursing facility building code standards was cost prohibitive and not currently covered by our Conditional Use Permit. The Yorba Linda Planning Commission informed the Yorba Linda City Council that they anticipate we will return with a request to add this level of care within the next five years.

I am pleased to report that this year's audit and all other required reports were filed on time with the State of California Department of Social Services and with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

We continue to receive positive response for admissions to the Home. Unfortunately, some applications had to be rejected due to the applicant's advanced need for dependent care or mental deterioration. I cannot stress enough the importance of a member being independent, self-sufficient and ambulatory in order to be admitted to the Home. At the present time, applications are still being accepted but they will not be processed for admission until the remodeling is completed. We have established a waiting list and we will be processing the applications in the spring of 1999 for admission as soon as the renovations are completed.

The Yorba Linda facility was purchased from the Charter Hospitals for a final purchase price of $4.4 million. It was originally agreed that we would pay $4.6 million. After the due diligence period, our broker negotiated the reduction in price as well as the agreement that Charter Hospitals would be responsible for the removal of an underground diesel fuel storage tank. This preserved the funds for our use to repair the roof and other items that needed to be repaired or replaced prior to our occupancy.

The medical office buildings on our site are being upgraded. When fully occupied they should result in a rental income of $14,000 per month for the Home. We are currently remodeling these building to obtain the maximum rental fee from each office space.

The Board of Trustees was directed by this delegation in 1996 to offer an Out-Reach program. An outline of this service is available at the Homes' booth. Please contact a Trustee for a complete explanation of the service and what assistance we can offer. We are hiring a Medical Social Worker to head up this program as well as process all applications for admission when they are received by the Home.

This report would not be complete if I did not publicly thank our Superintendent, Brother Joe Gentilcore, for his continued commitment to the successful and complex day-to-day operations of the Home. Brother Joe and his wife, Lynda, joined our Order in March 1998. As we move forward, we have been fortunate to have Brother Joe to assist us through the maze of regulations.

We are currently revising the contracts that we have with our residents by offering a Continuing Care Contract to them rather than a Life Care Contract. A Life Care Contract requires us to provide for all the care under our direction. A Continuing Care Contract states that if we do not provide certain services on our campus, such as skilled nursing care, we can place the resident in a facility we contract with for that service. This will alleviate us from the highly regulated nursing home industry and still provide for the best care of our residents. We will be able to care for our residents for a longer period of time as they age in place at our new facility because we will be on one level and without stairs.

You should be proud of the care provided for our residents. Since the arrival of Brother Joe Gentilcore we have not had any discrepancies or notices of failure to comply with the State's regulations

It has been an honor to serve as President of your Eastern Star Homes Board of Trustees. It has been a year of complicated business decisions, which your Board has toiled with for hours to accomplish. All the Trustees do appreciate your words of encouragement and support throughout the year.

The residents of our Home are the center of our Star and the reasons for the existence of the Home. They are anxious to be relocated. They have seen the new Home as it was prior to remodeling and are anxious to take it over. Their room size will be almost double what they presently have and all will have a private bath. A gift shop will be combined with an ice cream and soda shop for the enjoyment of the residents as well as visitors. Please join us as we plan to have a grand opening at the Fiesta in Yorba Linda in June 1999!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTTTEE REPORT: One of the primary functions of this committee is the annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent of the Home. This past year this committee developed a new evaluation format, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees and implemented for the first time. This new format gave your Trustees a more detailed and precise evaluation of our Superintendent. I mailed out a total of 30 evaluations, which were sent

to the Trustees of the Eastern Star Home Board, the residents of the Home and the employees of the Home. A total of 22 were filled out and returned, for a total of 73%. We were extremely pleased with this response to the new format.

Your administration committee is responsible for keeping up to date the Eastern Star Home Board Manual. This past year as chairman I have checked all 15 Home Board Manuals for completeness and accurate data. For your information all nine Trustees, our Superintendent, each Grand Line Officer, the Grand Chapter Officers and the Finance Committee has a manual. It is also the responsibility of this committee to propose and write any changes regarding our Board Manual, present them to the Board for approval and make sure each of the people, offices, and committees named above has a copy.

With the assistance of our Superintendent, this committee presented the Board of Trustees an employee incentive program to reduce absenteeism and the inappropriate use of sick leave. We also presented a relocation program to encourage our employees to move with us to our Yorba Linda facility. Many of these programs have been initiated to boost low employee morale due to the Home moving to Yorba Linda.

I have been honored for the past six years to be able to serve on the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees. I am pleased to have been a part of the future of our Home as we move into the 21st Century. We have now purchased a new property where we can give our senior members a more modern, better-equipped facility. As members of the Eastern Star, we can be proud of what our Home represents. I hope that all the members of California will stand behind our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees as we build this new facility, the Eastern Star Senior Living Center.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Budget and Finance Committee, in conjunction with our Superintendent, has made every effort to stay within the limits of the approved budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. In fact, due to a decrease in census at the home, we have come in under budget. Our thanks and appreciation go to our Superintendent Joe Gentilcore, and his staff for everything they did to keep expenditures under control.

The 1998-1999 Revised Budget has been approved by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee. It is presented at this Grand Chapter Session for your approval. With the assistance of our Superintendent, we created a two-part budget which reflects the partial move to our new

campus in December 1998 and then expanded to include the complete opening of the new campus on June 1, 1999.

The budget for 1998-1999 fiscal year is impacted by several items. We added $50,000.00 for advertising and marketing of our new facility. There are also provisions for the additional staff that will be needed to operate the new campus when we open full scale in June 1999. 1 want to thank Joe Gentilcore, our Superintendent, for all his input in determining the budgetary and staffing needs for the Yorba Linda facility.

Please review the budget for 1998-1999 as approved by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee. Any member of the Board of Trustees will be glad to answer questions that you may have concerning this budget.

It has been our pleasure to serve as your Trustee for the Eastern Star Homes of California.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: The past year has presented many challenges and several rewards for the Building and Grounds Committee. In addition to the normal adventures of maintaining a sixty year old historical building, the committee also assumed many responsibilities relative to the new campus in Yorba Linda. The net result is that we are well on our way to successful completion of a new facility every member of the Order can be proud of, and more importantly, one they would be proud to call home. Regular updates on project progress have, and will continue to be, posted on the Eastern Star Website. Hopefully, this proved a way to keep all interested members connected to the up-to-date and exciting details.

The year began with the Yorba Linda property entering escrow with two major hurdles to be passed prior to purchase; detailed inspections and approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the City of Yorba Linda. It was quickly determined that professional help was required. A request for proposals was prepared and sent to several highly recommended architectural firms specializing in Senior Housing. From the responses, the firm of Samual Wacht Associates of Calabasas was selected. The work of Sam and his staff was instrumental in identifying critical site conditions, which allowed informed decisions by the Trustees in their final decision to move forward. Also working with the committee was Debbie Linn, a planning consultant who assumed the role of liaison with the City of Yorba Linda and the author of the Conditional Use Permit Application. All this culminated in presentations to the City Planning Commission and City Council, and

the ultimate approval of the application. Many thanks to the many members of our Yorba Linda Chapter, several of our future neighbors, and, of course, our Worthy Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron for testifying at the hearings on our behalf.

With the permit in hand, escrow quickly closed and our task became even more urgent. An offer in early June by Archer School (now our Brentwood landlord) to remain until December 1998, renewed the possibility for moving directly into the Yorba Linda facility. There was much to do in a short time to make this happen. A meeting of the Trustees at the new site in April brought forward the recommendation to engage a contractor as soon as possible as part of a design/build arrangement. In this way, the dual goals of the tight schedule and cost efficiency might be met. The committee mailed requests for proposals and conducted interviews. Out of a strong field, PCL Construction of Glendale was selected to complete renovations valued at $3.5 million. PCL brought with them the architectural team of Carde-Ten Architects of Santa Monica and Irwin Architectural Group of Huntington Beach. Weekly meetings began immediately and are anticipated to continue well into the fall. Through this process, appointed Building and Grounds members were augmented by contributions by all Trustees in the South, especially Linda Patton and Diane Wood. A recent addition is the hiring of Gerald Harris (a member of South Pasadena Lodge) as the on-site project manager.

The current building plan calls for minor improvements to the existing Yorba Linda former hospital facility to allow occupancy of all our existing residential care residents by early December, 1998. In November, final plans will be presented to the City of Yorba Linda for Building Department approval. Subsequent construction is being sequenced to allow full occupancy in time for our Fiesta, June 5 and 6, 1999. The new facility is to maintain our heritage in our commitment to provide the finest care to every eligible member and to be good stewards of the charitable funds from the members, while continuing to showcase the many beautiful items accumulated over the years. This particularly includes the many memorial stained glass windows.

Finally, I would like to thank the hard working staff of the Brentwood facility who have continued to provide the needed maintenance that freed the committee to pursue the important work at Yorba Linda. A particularly gratifying moment came during the CUP hearings by the City Council in Yorba Linda. A member of the Council, who was particularly concerned about who these Eastern Star people were and what kind of facility they might build in his community, had occasion to stop by the Brentwood facility prior to the hearing. He was so struck

by the facility and its upkeep, that he contacted us to insure that pictures would be taken and made available at the hearing. He wanted to insure that other Council members had the opportunity to see for themselves the quality operation we have. This, and our reputation of over 60 years of service to our members and community, were crucial in expediting the approvals we needed.

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: The primary tasks assigned to our Committee this year were to develop an Outreach Program and to assist in the placement of our residents who were in our skilled nursing unit. These duties were in addition to our oversight responsibilities over the medical and psychosocial needs of our residents. Our appreciation is extended to our Superintendent, Joe Gentilcore, for his excellent work with our residents and his continued support to this committee.

The Outreach program has been developed and adopted by the Board. It is now in the process of implementation and a social worker is being hired and trained to manage this program. This program has been designed to assist members who are not currently ready to move into our new Senior Living Center but require help to remain in their own community.

Seven of our infirmed residents were placed in an outside skilled nursing facility because our new facility will not initially be able to accommodate those residents. Culver West Convalescent Hospital in Culver City was identified as the most suitable place for those residents. Those ladies have settled in nicely with some of them becoming more involved in the activities available to them in the new facility than they were while at our home. We will continue to monitor their well being as long as they are at Culver West.

While this has been a very challenging year for every member of the Board, this committee has been diligent in completing the assigned tasks. It is a joy to work for the welfare of all the members of the Order and for the Home's residents in particular.

NEW SITE & SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: This Committee's main concern, at the beginning of the year, was to see to the closing of the escrow on the sale of the current facility on Sunset Boulevard. Even though we had a very willing buyer, there were many obstacles surrounding the obtaining of a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a private girls' school at the location. Archer School was faced with a very strong and sometimes influential group opposed to their plan. This

opposition was no different than that which was faced previously by buyers interested in our location. In fact, records show that same type of opposition was present way back in 1932 when the Eastern Star Homes of California first applied for a Conditional Use Permit to build our Home, and again when the addition was added in 1954. It is safe to say that this same type of resistance prevented us from growing and developing a state of the art facility at the Sunset Boulevard location. Archer School prevailed and received their Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in August. It was necessary for this committee to continually negotiate and recommend to the Board various changes in our original contract which were brought about by city government time constraints on the process.

The results of our efforts were a sale and close of escrow on the property for $15,000,000 net to us with a final payment in April 1998, and a lease to remain in the property until December 31, 1998 with no rent due on the condition that we maintain the property as we have done in the past. A great mutual respect and rapport have been established between the Eastern Star Homes of California, Inc. and the Archer School for Girls, Inc. Through this transaction and out of this relationship Archer School has dedicated the "Sitting Room and Library" to The Eastern Star Home. They will be appropriately labeled and remain so throughout their existence in the property. Further, Archer School is dedicated to maintaining the architecture and history of the facility in tact as a part of their mission to their students and purpose. What a great tribute to our Order it was, from those who, until their involvement in this transaction, knew very little of the Order of the Eastern Star and our dedication to our aged members. The members in the Order of the Eastern Star in California will always be welcome to visit within the walls of Archer School for Girls. At this writing, there remains little more for the committee to do regarding the transition from Sunset Boulevard. Your visits to our facility are encouraged and you are assured that our resident members are comfortable and cared for in the same manner as in the past.

The disposition of excess personal and institutional property continues to keep the committee busy and with the addition of a partially furnished new facility our task will continue. We continue to receive requests from members and Chapters wishing to donate heirloom and special items of furniture, which this committee evaluates on an individual basis, making recommendations to the Board for final decision.

The property in Clovis continues to receive consideration by this committee. Because of the loss in property value shortly after the

purchase, the decision to dispose of the property now or to wait for the property value to appreciate in a growing market, is being considered.

This year the Grand Line Officers were invited to participate in the work of the committees of their choice. We were pleased that the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress chose to be part of this committee. Their valued input has aided and continues to aid in the formation of recommendations by this committee to the Board for consideration or action. The Trustee members who serve on this committee thank Sisters Doris Parrish and Sue Bishop for their service.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT: The goal of the committee is to keep the membership informed of all matters concerning our Eastern Star Home. This year there has been a lot of activity and a large amount of information to get to the membership. Our newsletter, *News From The Home*, has been a very good tool in keeping the membership informed. It has also been a vehicle for the ladies to express themselves about life in our Home. Did you know our newsletter is the only communication within our Order that is sent to every member household? We also have a web site and an E-mail address to help keep our membership informed. I wish to thank Brother Brian Whitaker for doing such an excellent job in keeping our web site up to date.

We are now getting ready for the adventure of opening our new campus. The publicity committee is creating a marketing package to inform members about the new facility. This will be available for the membership next year. We hope to have it available by the Fiesta. It will also be available to prospective new residents.

It has been a pleasure to work on the paper. I could not go without saying thank you to Brother Joe Gentilcore, Superintendent, and to the residents themselves who have contributed greatly to each paper. I also thank the other two committee members, Sister Diane Wood and Brother Brian Whitaker.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: This is a benchmark year for our Order. As we transition from operating our Home in Brentwood to our new campus in Yorba Linda, let us pause to review where we have been in the past six years and where we expect to be in the next six years.

When I was hired, we needed to resolve some immediate issues. More importantly, we needed a vision and a plan to lead our organization into the next century of service to our Order. Brothers Tom McKinney and

Glen Worrell had the difficult task of finding someone qualified, ready, willing, and able to save our Home. The Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, and the Ombudsman's Office were ready to close the Home if the operations were not quickly brought into substantial compliance. A search firm was hired and they asked me to interview. When I saw the conditions in the Home, I immediately resolved to accept the challenge because both the residents and the Order deserved better. The Search Committee said they needed a professional Superintendent with a vision and the skills to lead them into the future.

We did not have a Director of Nursing, a Director of Dietary Services, an Activities Director, or adequate staff in the nursing unit. Policies and procedures had to be written, staff needed to be hired and trained, and programs to insure residents' rights, empowerment, and respect needed to be implemented. This was accomplished and we passed all our State agencies inspections in 45 days. During our six years, there have been nearly 20,000 changes in Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations governing operations of retirement facilities and nursing homes. We take great pride in our record. Our facility has consistently been ranked one of the top 10 in the state. Our wonderful staff deserves a great deal of credit. We will miss them. Now we must identify, recruit, and train a new cadre of qualified and dedicated team players in Yorba Linda.

As soon as we completed upgrading our daily operations, our attention turned to systems development. We found our accounting did not comply with State requirements and was inadequate as a management information system. We insisted the system be changed to comply. Because we designed a thorough and detailed system, we have been able to operate well within our budget each year.

We also discovered there was no Mission Statement for our organization and no Long-Range Plan. Our Mission Statement articulates what we do. My vision was to eventually expand the role of our Home for the benefit of our members. I advocated providing more then just an institutional environment. We should also provide an information and referral service, professional consultation, and case management support to members in their own homes. On August 12, 1994 our Board adopted a Mission Statement which includes the commitment of the Board to *"Extend relief and assistance to members; in our Home or in their local community."* This commitment resulted in the Outreach Program that is currently being implemented.

The Board adopted a Long-Range Plan in 1996. The Trustees reviewed the 1990 market survey report from Denice Spangler & Associates. Although we owned land in Clovis, the report clearly showed this was not an appropriate location for development of a campus for our Order. Facing this dilemma, the Board commissioned a current market feasibility study. The study by Gerontological Services, Incorporated independently confirmed the recommendations of the Spangler Report. The decision was then made to locate our new facility in Southern California. We began a serious search for an appropriate location and visited many potential sites. A personal friend told me of the property in Yorba Linda. After I previewed it and found it to have great potential, I asked our Board to consider this site. You know the rest of the story. My hope is we will develop this into a full range of programs and provide the full continuum of senior housing and health related services in the future.

Also in 1996, the Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter and the Board of Trustees each commissioned an Administrative Audit of their two respective operations. The Board published the entire report on the Homes' operations as part of that year's Annual Report. It included a recommendation that the Board be increased in size from the current seven (7) elected Trustees to nine (9) elected Trustees. This recommendation has not yet been implemented. Now, as we expand our services, as the regulatory environment changes rapidly, as competition becomes greater; increasing the size of the Board is more important than ever. There is, and will continue to be, more work than the current number of Trustees can reasonably be asked to perform.

We need more qualified representation, elected by and accountable to the members. During my six years, each Trustee has been an active member of our Order. Many brought wonderful credentials with good experience, education, and professional training. However, our current process does not recognize the importance of the skills and knowledge needed to contribute to the functioning of the Board. Our Order should develop a process to identify and to encourage more members with appropriate qualifications, (in addition to their list of activities in our Order), to run for the office of Trustee of this multi-million dollar corporation responsible for running a highly regulated business.

There are three more issues the Board is currently addressing. Firstly, our current admission process is outdated, cumbersome, and takes 90 or more days to complete. This is unacceptable. Many Trustees expressed their concerns, but the Board has not had time to revise the system. Secondly, we must revise our residents' contracts and make them more contemporary. Thirdly, admission requirements that result

in members waiting until they have few options must be eliminated. We must encourage members to move into our Center while they are able to enjoy their life. I hope the Board and the Grand Chapter will have time this year to work together to streamline the admission process, remove counter-productive language from our governing documents, and re-focus the emphasis of our service to clearly be a Living and Resource Center for our senior members.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your Superintendent during these six years of wonderful change. I am proud of the accomplishments of our staff and our Board of Trustees. Our history is rich, our programmatic foundation is solid and our vision is clear for a new and exciting future of service to deserving members.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Nancy, and the Members of the Eastern Star Homes Board of Trustees, I personally have a first hand knowledge of the many hours, weeks, and months that you have spent in your efforts to work for our very special residents of the Home, and all of the members of the Eastern Star in California. Your Board has accomplished so very much this year, yes much of it because of the footsteps that have gone before you, but much because you and all of the board have worked hard to stay focused on the mission of your board. Yet somehow, after ten years of in and out of escrow, you were able to close the escrow on the sale of the Brentwood facility, and open and close on a facility in Yorba Linda. I comment as a Realtor of fifteen years experience, I say with pride, Thanks for a Job Well Done! If there be no objections, the Home Board Report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS: The following appointments have been made during the year to fill the vacancies on Standing Committees.

Deputy Grand Matron: Virginia Williams (273), replacing Marty Pyle(45), District 26, who resigned.

Credentials: Beverly Minner, (362), replacing Linda Kephart, (456), who was appointed a Page to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Endowment Fund: Area 20, Louise Taylor, (456), replaced Audrey Carey, (173).

Area 23, Janet Rose, (106), replaced Rhonda Overhoff (211).

Area 25, Beverly Youngblood ,(287), replaced Brenda Parker, (478).

J.Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund: Area 19, Edwina Kellner, (578), replaced Lonny Jennings, (473/179).

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Shirley Orth, you will read the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and the Instruction Book.

Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws, and the Instruction Book, as presented and distributed according to the Constitution, be considered read. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Jeraldine Southward Creager, Chairman of the Distribution Committee, you will present the members of your Committee and give your report at this time.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(By Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to introduce the other members of this Committee: Sisters Ardath Garst and Mary Meixner, both Past Grand Matrons.

Worthy Grand Matron, all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws, and the Instruction Book, of the Grand Chapter of California have been reviewed by our Committee and referred to the proper Committees as follows:

> All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws, and Instruction Book, and Resolutions 1 and 2 were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.
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> Referred jointly to the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance, were Proposed Amendments 1 through 10, 12, 16, 28, and 31.
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> Referred jointly to the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, Amendments 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 32, 37, and Resolutions No. 1 and 2.
>
> Referred jointly to the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance, and Jurisprudence, was Amendment No. 30.

Also referred were two recommendations from the Worthy Grand Matron. They were referred jointly to the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, and Jurisprudence.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for the effective manner in which you performed your duties for this Grand Session. Sister Lydia Eckert, Chairman of the Election Board, you will announce the appointment of the Election Board and give your report.

REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron (556/165), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for the invitation to serve as Chairman of your Election Board. 1998 has been an exciting year for me as I also served as one of your Worthy Matrons. Those appointed to serve on the Election Board this year are Co-chairman John Van Winkle, Shirley Christ, Jeanne Fike, Jerald Keen, and Debbie Von Bima.

Those who will be serving are Bert Alexander, Loren Curtis, John Grohl, Glenn Jones, Wes Jopson, Lloyd Lawrence, Leon Moynier, Ray Murphy, Erland Myers, Pat DeTomaso, Don Terry, and Francis You. The wonderful volunteers who are serving as tellers are seated in the West and are listed in your program. My thanks to each one who volunteered and for your service this week.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Voting Delegates, this Committee is engineered again this year in such a way as to allow us to take, back-to-back, ballot votes, should that become necessary. This will avoid long delays in the legislation being presented.

It is important that Voting Delegates be in their properly designated sections and remain there throughout the balloting and during all business sessions. Your ballot will be collected only in the sections designated for voting delegates. The only exceptions are the Inner and Outer Guards who are working in areas set aside for the general membership. We do ask them to move to the nearest teller to cast their vote.

At the time you registered, you received the correct number of ballots that you were entitled to, and in accordance with Part II, Constitution and Laws, Section 111, Rule 14. Please remember to have your ballot with you at all times. Lost ballots cannot be replaced.

The election of Grand Officers and the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Instructions regarding the election

will be given just prior to that election. Worthy Grand Matron, again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Chairman of this Committee

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Lydia, for all that your committee has done and will be doing this Session. Sister Shirley Harris, Chairman of the Membership Committee, will you please present your members of the Committee on Membership, and your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

(By Shirley Harris, Past Matron (215/219), Chairman)

I will introduce first the Special Committee or Area Chairmen who will please rise as their names are called: Nellis Johnson, Vaughn Cohernour, Terry Hammel, Pearl White, Le Nora Cairns, Pat Davis, Bj Kirste, Jackie Cullum, Dianne Spark, Bill Martin, Roberta Wilson, Marilyn Glassow, Brenda Jones, Elizabeth Sakai, Esther Bookman, Kathryn Robertson, Wally Campbell, Bettymae Casey, Jackie Brydon, Esther Sampson-Graham, James Whitener, Connie Snow, Liz Moffatt, Susan Froomin, Anela Eisert, Carolyn Roberts. My Co-chairmen are Susie Anderson, Judy Bradley, Carol Haggart, Lynn Harris, Pat Caceres, Nancy Stiles, Diane Davison, Donna Tucker, and Lorraine Walker.

My thanks to all of you and a special thanks to those of you who have made a special effort this year and put many hours into this committee.

The fact that we need more active members is no surprise to any of us. Last year this committee was dedicated to re-activating members who had not been participating. This year we did include suggestions for prospective member programs in the membership packets which were mailed to every Worthy Matron in the state.

We continued with the membership workshops with a very similar format as was used last year. I traveled over the state and gave 13 workshops, starting in San Diego in December, then in Santa Maria, Los Molinos, Sacramento, Napa, Bakersfield, Chowchilla, Whittier, Hawthorne, Manteca, Los Altos, Corona, and finishing in Janesville in April. I covered every district except Del Norte and San Fernando, which were covered by Co-Chairmen, and the East Bay, where the area chairman canceled twice and did not reschedule.

We had 138 California Chapters and one from Nevada represented at the workshops. The attendance ranged from six members in Whittier

representing three chapters to 42 in Sacramento representing 21 chapters.

The workshops generated much enthusiasm with talk of returning to their chapters and planning membership meetings. But, talk is cheap and in the reports that were received only 19 chapters reported actually holding workshops, with only four of them holding more than one.

These do not, I hope, show a complete picture. Of the 300 survey sheets I sent out to the Worthy Matrons, I received back only 61; of the 26 sent to the area chairmen only seven, and of the nine sent to Co-Chairmen only five. This was extremely disheartening.

I am not sure what more we can do to try to instill enthusiasm enough in our active members to have it spill over to our new members, much less our inactive members.

One of the best received ideas that I have been promoting is that of having informal sessions, perhaps in an officers home, for the new initiates to go over with them what went by them so fast at initiation. The signs, passes, songs, responses and anything else that would make them feel more comfortable coming to their first meeting. This was reported successful by quite a few chapters.

The 61 chapters that did report had initiated 141 new members and reinstated 19. If you assume that the same percentage would hold true for those not reporting, these would not even balance those we have lost to death. Frightening!

I do have some suggestions from the subordinate chapters that do not have time to report here. I will try to get them into the Cal Star News and also the proceedings.

There have been many requests to continue the program as it has been for these two years and also to have the membership booklets written by Clare Center and printed by Jay Ballinger available to all the chapters for the use of their new members. But this is now out of my hands.

I would like to thank Clare Center, last year's chairman, for having the confidence in me to ask me to pick up the reins when her doctor told her she could not continue. I found it a quite frustrating job. I only wish we could have seen more positive results.

Addendum: Suggestions from Subordinate Chapters:

Many favorable comments on the membership booklet prepared by Clare Center and printed by Jay Ballinger, requesting that they be made available to all chapters for the use of their new members. Jay can furnish them for the cost of $1.00 each.

One Worthy Matron wrote that we should dust off the old saying "By Their Good Works We Shall Know Them." The need for more public awareness of our Order and its good works was stressed by many. This, I believe, is being addressed by the Masonic Order at this time.

The membership area chairmen should make more effort to contact the Worthy Matrons in their area and offer his/her services.

Arrange to speak at Masonic Information nights. Tell them who we are, what we do (stressing the Charities) and how to join.

Give member information sessions (part of the presentations given last year on the numbers, geometric forms, etc.) as an activity following a chapter meeting.

Go to retirement centers and put invitations to "call and join us at an O.E.S. meeting" for those members who have come from other cities.

Birthday cards, Christmas cards and thinking of you cards and phone calls can respark interest in those who have not been attending.

One chapter has voted to present Rituals to all the new initiates, so they can read and acquaint themselves with the Order.

There were several requests for copies of the enlarged (14" by 21") diagram of the Chapter room with marching lines and Labyrinth, which we have used for the last two years, to be used for the instruction of the new officers.

Questions and answer games on Eastern Star information, e.g., the numbers, geometric shapes and background of the Star points, can make gaining knowledge about the Eastern Star fun and spark peoples interest. This was done at Rose Valley Chapter in a trivial pursuit format. They had good success with these sessions.

There were many reports of the usual BBQs, Dinners, Teas and Picnics, inviting other Masonic Family members. Sometimes these work, other times no.

The other suggestion, that came up several times, was that the Grand Chapter Office have a number printed in all California telephone

directories, or better yet have an "800" number, to be more accessible to the members.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Shirley, my special "thank you" to you and your Committee for all you have done this year. The Membership Committee under the direction of Claire Center started the year in 1997 with a new and exciting and refreshing idea on how to improve attendance, bring back members, motivate members, and yes, even bring new members into the Order. I wanted to continue this program as it was started, knowing that you do not stop a good thing. Because of health problems, Claire Center was not able to continue as chairman, and she highly recommended you for this position. You did give a few gasps when I called you on the phone, but responded to this unexpected opportunity and continued the program with the help of these dedicated members. Thank you for daring to be different and continuing to advance for the future, and knowing that membership is the key to success. I recently heard a wonderful message from Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, on membership. She commented, "You can do nothing about death. Only God has control over our final time. We do have control over demits and suspensions." If we send three members out to investigate someone to join our Chapter, why do we let them leave our Chapter without even a call or a visit? We must let our members know they are important, and we need them as much as they need us. Step out and make a difference to those members by checking to see why someone is leaving your Chapter, is unable to pay their dues, or feels they are unhappy. There are many names in the rosters. Please make them all active members.

Shirley Harris, Membership Committee, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, could I say a word about the General Grand Chapter Award Program? I don't know how many of you in the room have heard of this program, but several I have spoken to didn't have any idea what it was. The General Grand Chapter has appointed Sister Hazel May Tipton, who is on the Membership Committee of the General Grand Chapter, to be in charge of the membership program, "Rob Morris Membership Jewel." I spoke to her and she was extremely disappointed in the response that she had from California, and I think maybe it is because it has not had enough publicity. This program is set up by the General Grand Chapter to reward those who bring new members into the Order. Your secretaries have received the forms and information. This involves acquiring 300 points by signing petitions. You get 100 points for being a top-line-signer, 50 for second-line signer. They add up very quickly to 300 and if you were not aware of this program and have already achieved this amount of points, go to

your secretary, get the form, fill it in with her, and have her put your Chapter seal on it. Hazel May's address is on the form, or it can be sent to me and I can send it on. It's a beautiful idea, and, hopefully, an incentive for us all to look for some new members. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Shirley. Brother Gene Stiles, Past Grand Patron, Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws. Please introduce your committee and present your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Past Grand Patron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to thank you for allowing me to again serve our Order by working on this important committee. I also thank you for staffing the committee with two very dedicated Sisters whom I have the honor of presenting at this time, Sisters Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron and Diane Silva, Grand Secretary Emeritus. I thank you both for your support and good work this year.

We wish to thank the Jurisprudence and Finance Committees, along with Susie Thornton and Della Seith, our secretarial support, without whose help and assistance the job would not have been accomplished. This was the year in which we more thoroughly utilized that modern aid, called the computer, and for his invaluable assistance I sincerely thank Gary Gole, the husband of Collette. It has also been a pleasure to work with Sister Shirley Orth, our Grand Secretary, not only this year but for the last three years.

When the combined committees met this last July to review the legislation submitted, it was the general consensus that our members had become somewhat lax over the years when it came to complying with the directions and rules for submitting legislation outlined in our Constitution, specifically Section 113, paragraph (1). It was agreed that I would address this noncompliance in my report to you, the delegates. It was the considered opinion of all the Committee Members that the rules of our Constitution, regarding legislation, should be strictly applied hereafter, even if it results in rejection of the proposed legislation submitted. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee for 1999 and subsequent years will therefore be enforcing the rules for

submittal of legislation in a more stringent manner. It is therefore recommended that you review the aforementioned section very closely prior to submitting legislation in the future.

I therefore recommend that anyone submitting legislation do it earlier in the year to avoid having it rejected as non-compliant at the last moment and thereby miss the opportunity to have it considered. To help you remember this perhaps you can relate Grand Chapter Legislation with your income tax and submit both in mid April. Do not send your tax payment to the Grand Chapter Office, however!

For those of you that followed the rules more closely, I must commend you for also including some rationale along with your legislation. There was a decided increase in the amount of rationale received by the committee this year and for that I thank you. The earlier submittal, complete compliance and rationale will make the committees job much easier and it will also give your legislation a better chance for favorable consideration.

There also appeared to be an increase in the amount of Chapters using the Uniform Bylaws. This has simplified the bylaws, particularly where a Chapter has chosen to utilize a set of Standing Rules, separate from the bylaws. Up to the first of October the Committee processed approximately fifty-nine (59) changes to Bylaws, six (6) of which were consolidations.

The Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Jurisprudence, Finance and Constitution and Bylaws Committees, has prepared a listing of a number of housekeeping changes which need to be incorporated in our Constitution and they are detailed in an attachment to this report. These changes are essentially typographical and spelling.

CORRECTIONS AUTHORIZED by the COMMITTEES
On CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS and JURISPRUDENCE
In accordance with Section 35 of the Consitution and Laws

To the Consitution and Laws

1. Sec. 63. Delete #26 Eastern Star Foundation.

2. Sec. 128 5th paragraph, "Laws" should be "Bylaws" in line 2 and in line 3

3. Sec. 135 last line "as" should be "at"

4. Sec. 259 last line, 'ritual" should be "Ritual'

5. Sec. 420 2nd paragraph, line 4, "427" should be "426"

6. Index page 1, Alcoholic Beverages should be 111-41

7. Index page 9, add under Committees: Constitution and Bylaws below Sec. 70, 11-9 "Sec. 113(2), II-27

8. Index page 10, Qualifications of Committee Members should be II 8-A

To the Instruction Book

1. IB page 36, top of page should show 1997 and again after paragraph 8.

2. IB page 46, 4th paragraph, "department" should be "departed"

To the Decisions

1. Page VII-5 Foundation - remove

2. Page VII-8 Suspension - remove

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Gene, Sisters Kay and Diane, thank you so very much for the efficient manner in which each of you have performed your duties this year. When contemplating this position, I knew that I would not have all of the answers, and that would be okay as long as I surrounded myself with the best. Thank you for being there for me and the members of California. Your committee has work to be done, so we will see much of you in these next few days.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Glenn, may we have your Annual Session Site report, and will you please introduce the members of your Committee and presentations for the convention?

REPORT OF ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE

(By Glenn Jones, Past Patron (593), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the members of the 1998 Annual Session Site Committee: Brothers Ron Aubrey, (577), San Lorenzo, and Glen Worrell, Libertas (362), Bakersfield.

This committee has the responsibility of investigating potential Grand Chapter Session sites for the year 2003. We have used the tools developed by previous members of this committee over the years to

evaluate various cities and their abilities to meet the needs of this Grand Chapter. A form has been developed to list our needs and was sent to the various cities on July 29th to be completed. We have kept in mind the desires for tiered seating for the general membership; sufficient space for our Grand Chapter floor; adequate room for our exhibitors, vendors, and registration. The needs for reasonable expense for the facility, motel rooms, and security were also considered.

We sent invitations to five cities this year to give presentations: Bakersfield, Fresno, Ontario, Sacramento, and Riverside. Our Worthy Grand Matron gave us permission to try something different this year by allowing each city's representative to give a video presentation covering their facility in the Exhibit Hall. If you haven't already done so, please stop by, view these videos, and talk with the representatives about their facilities. The summary of data requested for each of these cities has been submitted to the Grand Secretary and forms a part of this report.

It is our pleasure to welcome the representatives from the two cities bidding for our 2003 Grand Chapter session. They will briefly describe to you the attributes of the facility which they represent. We will call upon them in reverse alphabetical order. At this time we will hear from Ren Marie Hooper, Convention Sales Manager of the Fresno City and County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

INVITATION FROM THE CITY OF FRESNO

(By Ren Marie Hooper, Convention Sales Manager of the Fresno City and County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Cheryl Capling, Director of Sales for Plaza Centre Holiday Inn)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members of the Grand Chapter Session:

Welcome once again to Fresno. We are indeed honored to have your convention here in our City.

This afternoon it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to present Fresno's bid for your convention in the year 2003. We reserved the Convention Center October 20 through 26, 2003, pending your favorable decision. These dates do not conflict with any other conventions. You know us well and you know our facilities as well as we do. We will continue to offer the Order of the Eastern Star Convention your space requirements, rental free. Our convenient parking securely accommodates over 1,000 vehicles and charges will remain minimal.

Fresno will continue to offer the Order of the Eastern Star the following free of charge: coordination of hotel accommodations and confirmations, convention service, and a concierge desk on site at the convention. Fresno has over 6,500 hotel and motel rooms, from first class to economy. Let us not forget the location, being located in the center of California equalizes travel time from points north and south and helps stimulate better convention attendance. We meet your needs for banquet facilities, a spacious arena with over 9,000 tiered seats and adequate stage, meeting rooms, exhibit hall, plentiful electrical outlets, medical facilities, and room for food vendors, and restaurants with a range of prices. Fresno will always value and honor your business and we look forward to having you with us through the year 1999. We will be thrilled to continue the new century with the year 2003. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members of the Session, for giving me the honor of presenting Fresno. Fresno does love you all. Thank you..

Cheryl Capling, Director of Sales, Plaza Center Holiday Inn: Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, and Members of the Order of Eastern Star:

I just want to tell you, we are so excited to have you back in Fresno. We know you have a choice of what city and hotel to go to, and as the headquarter hotel right across the street, I have had the unique opportunity for the past six years working in the sales department to grow up with your organization and to constantly get better at providing the best food service to your group and also continuing to renovate our product to make sure that you guys are happy with us. I just wanted to sincerely thank you for coming to Fresno. We are bidding for 2003. We are offering a rate in that year of $85 for a single and $89 for a double room. One of the biggest benefits that Fresno has to offer is that right across from your meetings is the headquarter hotel where we can offer you 260 rooms per night, which is over 40 more than a competitive city. That means 80 to 100 more people will be able to be at the headquarter hotel. As you know, that makes it so much easier for people traveling, because we can accommodate that many more people at the headquarters.

In closing, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, to better serve your group, we are going to keep our restaurant open until 11:00 at night so we can serve pie, coffee, ice cream, and desserts so when you get out of your Session, you have a venue to sit and relax and talk.

If there is anything else or any event that you have a special request for, please stop by our office. We would love to serve you in any way.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

INVITATION FROM THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

(By Jackie Belluomini, Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau and Melanie Baker, Holiday Inn, Bakersfield))

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored members of this Grand Chapter Session:

I'm Jackie Belluomini, Vice President of the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. With me today is Melanie Baker, Sales Manager of the Holiday Inn Select and we are here on behalf of the City of Bakersfield to invite you to hold your Grand Chapter Session in our city in the year 2003.

Bakersfield is centrally located in the State, making it easily accessible for your members coming from both the north and the South.

Because Bakersfield has not had the opportunity to host your annual Grand Chapter Session you have not been able to experience the friendly hospitality our community provides our visitors.

We feel our Convention Center is just the right size for your event. It is not so large that you are seated scattered about, or so small you are not comfortable, ours is just the right size for your organization. There is 3,041 comfortable theater type seats. And an additional tiered seating for 1,600 can be added if needed. There is a large area for floor seating for your Grand Chapter officers. We also have all of the necessary items to make your event successful and enjoyable.

Handicapped accessibility with 30 wheelchair positions
Medical facilities in two convenient locations
All necessary electrical outlets
Public address & sound systems
There are 14 satellite meeting rooms that accommodate 30-250 along with a VIP Lounge for your hospitality needs
1200 parking spaces and parking is free
Large area for your Vendors with security
The most important part of this package is - the facility is rent free.

We have chosen the Holiday Inn Select as your headquarters hotel. This facility connects with our Convention Center which makes everything under one roof. Your Grand Officers will walk from their hotel room directly through the hotel lobby into the Convention Center. They do not have to go outside unless they wish to do so.

The hotel has 16,000 sq. ft. of meeting space. There is a prefunction area of 3,180 square feet which can handle exhibits, registration and/or receptions giving the Convention Center and the hotel 67,000 sq. ft of space.

The other hotels are all within a two mile radius. For your organization we have already been given guaranteed room rates for the year 2003. These rates range from $44 to $89. Recreational Vehicles can be accommodated at our Fairgrounds which is directly two miles south of the Center.

Bakersfield has many outstanding restaurants. The majority have the capability of handling not only your individual needs for dinner, luncheons and breakfasts but also have banquet facilities for large groups.

Our Convention and Visitors Bureau is second to none in the fine art of service. We will provide many complimentary services which include name badges and inserts for your delegates, take care of all of their housing reservations and provide registrars to assist you during registration. We will also coordinate spousal activities. Every endeavor will be made to accommodate your meeting needs from the concept to the implementation.

In summary, we offer free meeting space, a guaranteed hotel rate range for the year 2003 of $44-$89, and complimentary Convention and Visitors Bureau services.

During the week of your Grand Chapter Session, you will be our Star and we want to make you shine. So, vote yes for Bakersfield. Then come experience the difference and receive our Red Carpet treatment in the year 2003.

Melanie Baker, Holiday Inn, Bakersfield: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, all Members of the Masonic Order of Eastern Star:

It's my pleasure to spend this week with you to learn about your Order. I take a personal interest in your Order having come to the City of Fresno, as I served in Rainbow. My father is also a Mason, so I'm happy to be in Fresno to share this experience; to come by and speak with you; talk with you personally about our services. Additionally the hotel, like Jackie previously mentioned, is directly attached to our Convention Center. We have been open approximately three years, and all of our facilities are state of the art. We have everything on site,

including typing; transcription; recreation. We will bring four of our chefs down this week to learn about your catering needs so we can give you personal attention in Bakersfield. We are planning on your attendance in 2003. Thank you for considering us, and we hope to see you in the City of Bakersfield. Again, it would be my great pleasure to have you there. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Glenn Jones, Past Patron (593), Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: I wish to thank these representatives and their support staff for their hard work in preparing the proposals they have given you. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving as your Chairman for this Committee. On behalf of Brothers Ron and Glen, that's Glen with one "N," we have appreciated the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter and our members. If there are no objections, this report will be submitted for acceptance, and the proposals for the Cities of Bakersfield and Fresno will be submitted to the Finance Committee for their review and recommendation.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you to the representatives from these fine cities for your presentations. You have given our members much to think about as we make our plans and commitment for the future. Thank you, Brother Glenn and your Committee, for all you have done this year. As our membership changes with the development of new facilities throughout the state, your job is ever-changing to meet the requirements of our Order. These proposals will be presented to the appropriate Committees for evaluation, and we will be voting on the location of the 2003 Grand Chapter at the Friday Afternoon Session.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Collette Serio Gole, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee, please present your Committee and present your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron (133), Chairman)

Hello, I am Collette Serio Gole, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. I'm here to tell you how "idle minds can make devils' workshops."

Last year, a cotton farmer, Vernon Gordon, a lawyer, Nancy Thomas, and yours truly, a judge served as the members of the Jurisprudence

Committee. Each of us relished the chance to hear the issues of our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, and write opinions that would help interpret our Eastern Star Constitution and Laws. Writing opinions, solving problems, and giving our interpretations of law was our charge. Whether we accomplished this, we will leave that to your opinion. With our unique backgrounds, we had diverse views on the issues, but, because we all had the common goal of a strong Eastern Star, we were always able to reach a consensus.

All of us got a little concerned when early in the year we had only a few requests for opinions. Anticipating a lot of free time, we each looked for something else to do. Things that were unusual to each of us. Vernon looked at taking a trip to Australia with Mae; Nancy considered Clarence Thomas' offer for her to clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court; and I considered accepting an internship at the White House!

Well, just as we were making our plans, requests for opinions started coming in. Although we received only ten requests, they took as much time as last year's thirty opinions. By the time the tenth opinion rolled around, we all had to cancel our devilish plans. Mae was disappointed, Clarence cried and Bill was left with his pants down, I mean on. Notwithstanding, we all knew that we had an obligation to fulfill, one we would accomplish with pleasure.

So I guess what I am telling you, if you don't want the nice folks who will serve on next year's Jurisprudence Committee to do things or go places that they shouldn't, because they have too much spare time on their hands, send them your special Eastern Star problems. If you have a problem, or a question, no matter how large, or how small; how few or how many, your Jurisprudence Committee is here to help you. All you need to do is put your concern in writing and send it to the Chairman of the Committee. You must give the committee a little time, about four weeks, to render an opinion. They will give you their opinion, which will be reviewed by the Worthy Grand Matron, who in turn will make a binding decision.

So as you take a moment to remember that your Jurisprudence Committee is here to help you, I would like to, on behalf of this year's committee, thank our Legislative secretaries for all their assistance. We would also like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sue McKinney, for appointing us to this most rewarding committee, because we have all had an interesting year.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for your assistance to me this year. I consider your professional love, fraternal

love to the Order, and devotion to the members as a true asset to our Order. I know that each of your opinions were done with much thought and concern for the members, and to assist in maintaining the highest standards of our Order. Thank you Sister Collette, Sister Nancy and Brother Vernon, for your assistance to me this year. I consider your professional, fraternal love for the order and devotion to the members as a true asset to our order. I know that each of your recommendations to me were done with much thought and concern for the members and to assist in maintaining the high standards of our Order.

"The Gift of Love" . . . . California Singing Stars

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so very much. Sister June Barnum, Past Grand Matron, Chairman of the Finance Committee, please present your Committee and your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you the hard working members of this committee whom I respect so very much: Brothers Larry Coffin, Past Patron (89); Frank Young, Past Grand Patron, (118); and Gil Bates, Past Patron (287). We are missing Sister Callie Miller, Past Matron, (352) whose health did not permit her being present this week. In addition, our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Treasurer all serve as *ex officio* members.

The committee has met monthly and we have been pleased that our *ex officio* members were with us at most of those meetings. Our Grand Secretary has been invited to present a monthly report and attend during consideration of any matters relevant to her report; and our Grand Line has a standing invitation to attend the committee meetings. In addition, a joint meeting of this committee and the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes was held in June at the Home on Sunset Boulevard; and a joint meeting with the Committees on Jurisprudence and Constitution and Bylaws was held in Tustin in July. When appropriate, chairmen of other committees have been present to make presentations to the committee.

Actually, our Constitution and Laws enumerates thirty-one duties of the Committee on Finance. In one sense that is only the tip of the ice berg as there is an endless stream of questions put to this committee; however, in another sense, these could all be summarized in one simple sentence – protecting the assets of the Grand Chapter – ranges from the affirmative actions in overseeing the investments of the funds of the

Grand Chapter to the negative concept of identifying and attempting to prevent liabilities from being imposed against the Grand Chapter.

While most of the acts of the Finance Committee are not apparent to the casual observer/member, one of our achievements this year is more tangible – the installation of an entirely new computer system. Although there were frustrations in truly getting the system up and running, and although the length of time the professionals took in getting the switch-over completed was about four times longer than anticipated, we all know that it was worth it. We are particularly proud of the way the staff has reacted and the efforts expended by each member in learning and becoming proficient in the use of the software.

We have been fully cognizant of the magnitude of the undertaking of the Eastern Star Board of Trustees in the consummation of the sale of the Sunset Blvd. location, the purchase of the Yorba Linda property, and the unexpectedly considerable greater amount of reconstruction and renovation required; and we have made every effort to cooperate with the Board at each turn, without abdicating our duty to the Grand Chapter to serve as a check and balance in all financial matters. There is still much to be accomplished and the Committee on Finance will continue to work with the Board to accomplish the best results for the Grand Chapter.

If the Recommendation No. 2 of the Worthy Grand Matron is implemented by the formation of a Committee to study the relationship between the Grand Chapter (through its Finance Committee) and the Board of Trustees, as an autonomous entity, we suggest that independent legal counsel be retained to formulate a procedure which will, not withstanding the autonomy of the Home Board, provide adequate checks and balances for the members of Grand Chapter who provide the primary financial support for the home.

On a personal level, I am grateful to Sister Barbara Pierce for having appointed me to this committee; and to the committee members who will be serving in the future, you have my sincere admiration and confidence that your integrity will continue to be applied for the good of the Order.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister June and these wonderful Finance Committee Members, for your care over the finances over this past year. I know there have been a few opportunities, much work, and the stock market that continued to keep you guessing. Your Committee keeps a prudent course for our investments and financial endeavors, and it has paid off.

June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, we would like to have Brother Coffin, who will be Chairman of the Committee next year, to present the budget.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Larry, can we have your presentation of the budget?

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9-30-99

ESTIMATED INCOME			
Per Capita			
48,000 members @ 1.50			72,000
Investment			
Interest & Dividends			6,000
Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments			54,428
Sales of Proceedings			600
Sales of Roster Advertisements			7,600
Sales of Supplies (Net of Costs)			8,000
Consolidation Fees			1,100
Fees for Dispensations			300
Fines			1,250
Miscellaneous			2,600
Administrative Fee			
California Eastern Star Foundation			61,920
Eastern Star Homes of California			104,000
Allocation from Specific Funds @ $43.00/Hour			
Convention & Mileage Fund	1,000 Hours		43,000
Endowment Fund	540 Hours		23,220
Heart Fund	65 Hours		2,795
Insurance Fund	50 Hours		2,150
Loyal Stark Fund	19 Hours		817
Membership Fund	40 Hours		1,720
			393,500
ESTIMATED EXPENSES			
Personnel			
Grand Secretary and Staff		107,898	
Grand Treasurer and Staff		63,211	
Payroll Taxes		14,350	
Medical Benefits		1,500	
Contract Assistance		10,000	
			196,958

Rent		
Office	51,600	
Equipment	2,180	
Telephone	3,200	
Supplies	10,500	
Printing and Stationery	5,000	
Personal Property Taxes	800	
Computer		
Hardware and Maintenance	2,500	
Software Maintenance	3,500	
Consultants	10,000	
Audit	20,000	
Investment Expenses	1,000	
Legal Expenses	5,000	
Secretary's & Treasurer's Workshops	740	
Staff Training	2,000	
Christmas	440	
Funerals and Flowers	100	
Miscellaneous	2,737	
		121,297
Total Office Related Expenses		318,255
Non-Office Related Expenses		
Allowances (WGM, WGP, AGM & AGP)	30,200	
Jewels (WGM & WGP)	1,545	
Community Service Award Program	2,000	
Travel Program	2,000	
Deputy Grand Matron School	17,000	
Proceedings (Complimentary)	7,500	
Rosters (Complimentary)	2,500	
Standing Committees	12,000	
GGC Mileage Reserve	500	
		75,245
		393,500

MOTION: I move that this Budget be accepted as printed. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Larry Coffin, Past Patron (89), Member Finance Committee: Worthy Grand Matron, if the Delegates would please turn one more page, to page 64. This is the first budget of your California Eastern Star Foundation, created this last year.

Proposed California Eastern Star Foundation Budget
Fiscal Year Ending 9-30-99

	Total	Operating Fund	Benevolent Fund	Disaster Fund	G.P. Cashion Mem. Fund	J. Clifford Lee Mem. Fund	M. Rennie Memorial Fund	Memorial Cancer Dressing	Scholarship Fund
ESTIMATED INCOME									
Per Capita	9,600		4,800						4,800
Bequests	22,000					13,000			9,000
Chapter Donations	115,600		23,000	1,100		39,000	500	33,000	19,000
Other Contributions	52,700		2,200	2,000		23,000		22,000	3,500
Investment									
Interest & Dividends	95,900		7,000		2,500	41,000	40,500	2,000	2,900
Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments	130,945		18,660		24,000	32,955	7,030	3,295	45,005
	426,745	**0**	**55,660**	**3,100**	**26,500**	**148,955**	**48,030**	**60,295**	**84,205**
ESTIMATED EXPENSES									
Charitable Giving									
Assistance to Members	164,825		35,000	2,825		92,000	35,000		
Cost of Dressing Materials	43,000							43,000	
Grants, Awards & Scholarships	85,000				25,000				60,000
	292,825	**0**	**35,000**	**2,825**	**25,000**	**92,000**	**35,000**	**43,000**	**60,000**
Administrative Expenses									
Administrative Fee	61,920	(35,300)	13,760	275	700	43,355	4,930	15,495	18,705
Audit	7,500	7,500							
Committee	2,000	800				600			600
Investment Expenses	26,000		2,500		800	13,000	8,000	700	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,200						100	1,100	
Promotion	25,000	25,000							
Supplies	10,300	2,000	4,400						3,900
	133,920	**0**	**20,660**	**275**	**1,500**	**56,955**	**13,030**	**17,295**	**24,205**
	426,745	**0**	**55,660**	**3,100**	**26,500**	**148,955**	**48,030**	**60,295**	**84,205**

MOTION: I move that the proposed budget of the California Eastern Star Foundation, as printed and distributed to the members be adopted. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Musical moment . . . . California Singing Stars

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I wish to remind all of you that this evening's Session will be the Informal Opening of our Grand Chapter, and we will look forward to meeting and greeting all of our visiting Distinguished, and Honored Members. We will close this Session, and I thank the Delegates and membership for your attention and interest to the reports and business of the Order.

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy Grand Matron declared the Wednesday Afternoon Session called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

(At 4:15 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

WEDNESDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 21, 1998

INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

7:00 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Helen Wood, Past Matron (292)

7:30 p.m. **Solo:** Vicki Tama, Past Matron (199/164)
Duet: Kathy and Curtis Cleek,
Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron (397)

California Singing Stars
Shirley Hicks (563), Director

Violet: I'm so happy to see that you're here tonight.

Sir Blade: Likewise.

Violet: Oh, Sir Blade, is it time for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to enter and greet the Members of our Chapter? Have you checked everything? The weather report? Oh, do you have electricity? The transportation? Oh, Sir Blade, is absolutely everything ready?

Sir Blade: Violet, the weather is beautiful, the electricity is working, and the transportation is ready. It is time.

Solo: *"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove"*
Vicki Tama, Past Matron (199/164)

ENTRANCE OF THE FLOAT

The Dove float entered carrying our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, circled the arena and came to rest in the center of the floor.

NARRATION

(By Robin Rains (358), Past Matron)

Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Sue McKinney, our Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, our Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, as you have traveled throughout our state this year, sharing the beauty of our Order and having fun with all of our members, we have felt the love and the touch of the Wings of the Dove.

In the 124 years before you, a path has been laid. Now the two of you can make it a yellow brick road through the 125th Session and into our future. Thanks for teaching us that the road of life is paved, not with problems, but with opportunities.

Our 1998 Grand Officers, their husbands and wives, will enter forming a Pentagon. As they surround our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we can feel the support and loyalty of their dedication to our Order.

"Ain't Got a Barrel of Money"
Kathy and Curtis Cleek, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron (397)

The Grand Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Representatives enter and form a silver star around our entire Grand Family. The Deputy Grand Matrons have shown great understanding and love for our members. The Grand Representatives have been our long-distance pals with the other jurisdictions of our Order.

"Together"
Kathy and Curtis Cleek, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron (397)

From desert to seaside and over the mountains, our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are the golden sparkle outlining our State in service to the Members of California. They have become our pals and they do and can have fun.

"California, Here We Come"
Kathy and Curtis Cleek, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron (397)

Sisters, Brothers, Grand Officers, Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of California, you know this is a very special year in our Eastern Star history as we celebrate our 125th birthday. With the arrival of our birthday cake, we invite each of you to join together in singing Happy Birthday to California's Eastern Star.

"Happy Birthday"

Entrance: General Chairmen, 1998 Grand Chapter Week

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

(By Clint and Juanice Lee (405/154), Past Patron and Past Matron, General Chairmen of Grand Chapter Week))

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Patron, Ernie Lewis, we welcome our Delegates and Members at this, our 125th Annual Session, the 1998 "On the Wings of Love."

Sister Juanice and I sincerely thank you for the honor you bestowed on us of being the General Chairmen and having the privilege of leading the team of great chairmen you selected. Each chairman is a link in the chain and we are happy to report the chain is strong and secure.

We feel doubly honored tonight, as your General Chairmen, to say thank you for all our Committee Chairmen and all the Members of the Grand Chapter Week Committees for your confidence and support of their efforts.

We want to acknowledge our adviser, Sister Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron. Sister Barbara, you were never hard to find and your plans for our 125th Annual Session are great!

We are so very proud of you, Sister Sue, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie, Worthy Grand Patron, and thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter this important year. We hope when we close Grand Chapter later this week and our work is done, that you will be as proud of us as we are of you. Sister Juanice, will you do the honors?

Juanice Lee, Past Matron (405/154), Co-Chairman, 1998 Grand Chapter Week: Thank you, Brother Clint. It will be indeed my honor to call to order this 125th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Escort: Hostess and Host

Clint Lee, Past Patron (405/154), General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Frank Young, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, I have the pleasure to present Brother Clint and Sister Juanice, General Chairmen of this "On the Wings of Love" Session celebrating the 125th year of our Grand Chapter of California.

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, it is a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to present to you your gavel on this, our Informal Opening of our Grand Chapter Session for two special reasons. Number one, my little girl has graduated and number two, my son had it made for her. She will be sharing and using this gavel during this Session. We are honored and pleased to have the opportunity to present to you your gavel.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Barbara, for presenting to me my gavel for this Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter. You have been by my side these past five years, and it is very special to have you welcome our many guests and friends this evening.

Escort: 1998 Grand Officers

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers and Guests, I have the honor to present to you for the last time the 1998 Grand Officers of California:

Sheri Weisser (577)	Associate Grand Matron
Ron Behnke (144)	Associate Grand Patron
Shirley Orth (135)	Grand Secretary
Jerri Jean Golden (383)	Grand Treasurer
Doris Parrish (521)	Grand Conductress
Sue Bishop (46/280)	Associate Grand Conductress
Jerry Bradley (288)	Grand Chaplain
Danna Willoughby (105)	Grand Marshal
Louese Newman(622)	Grand Organist
Marilyn Harris (397)	Grand Adah
Lois Bates (287/390)	Grand Ruth
Carolyn Taylor (17/153)	Grand Esther
Norma Stillwell (380)	Grand Martha
Desyl Allen (294)	Grand Electa
Georgia Lauchland (118)	Grand Warder
Bob Bramman (47/581)	Grand Sentinel

Escort: 1998 Deputy Grand Matrons

Sisters, Brothers and Guests, I have the honor to present the 1998 Deputy Grand Matrons:

Pauline Spikre (149)	1	Susan Morris (309)	33
Bonnie Sheffield (10)	2	Joy Boydstun (114)	34
Leslie Welbourn (51/246)	3	Georgia Beth Herald (125)	35
Carol LaFlame (201/552)	4	Louise Hutchison (391)	36
Brooks Erikson (14)	5	Elaine Gara (525/95)	37
Glendora Feil (86)	6	Chris Kaufman (97)	38
Sara Haydon (35)	7	Nancy Norstrom (528)	39
Irene Martin (55)	8	Barbara Weiss (632)	40
Marilyn Prisk (304)	9	Kathy Anderson (338)	41
Nora Bryant (181/57)	10	Dorothy Neal (398)	42
Brenda Pedersen (631)	11	Wilma Whaley (237)	43
Colette Mahurin (385/639)	12	Judy Castaneda (367/193)	45
Karla Beddingfield (218)	13	Annette Challacombe (160)	46
Shirley Shriver (231)	14	Cleta Musgrove (597)	47
Shirley Smith (82)	15	Lorita Giles (512)	48
Patricia Whitehill (278)	16	Harriet Oakes (173)	49
Polly Tidemann (42)	17	Emma Lu Misner (335)	50
Norma Cornell (590)	18	Sandy Alderman (143)	51
Pennie Clouser (135)	19	Betty Walker (151)	52
Marlene Kittleman (297)	20	Virginia Hame (625)	53
Kay Quillin (383)	21	Ramona Budke (378)	54
Anita West (99)	22	Patricia English (242)	55
Irene Akers (186)	23	Fran Gibson (602)	56
Marlene Larsen (553)	24	Lena Weeks (547/560)	57
Linda Cavallaro (401)	25	Paula James (162)	58
Virginia Williams (273)	26	Sanda Ditto (212)	59
Mae Hushbeck (574)	27	Sigrid A'Ce (110)	60
Patricia Young (71)	28	Edith Wright (390)	61
Ruth Smith (138)	29	Sylvia Bailey (490)	62
Ginger Watt (72/244)	30	Jean Ramsey (412)	63
Ginger Jacobs (150/372)	31	Janet Forney (276)	64

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, we would be pleased to have you bring your welcome, and Brother Frank's greeting.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(By Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates to this 125th Session of California Order of the Eastern Star, Sisters, Brothers, and Guests:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for extending to me the honor of welcoming our delegates, and guests to this special "On the Wings of Love" 125th Session of our California Eastern Star and for the pleasure of again having the opportunity to be escorted with Brother Frank, our 1994 Worthy Grand Patron.

We have indeed flown fast through this year and the members and I thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for making this past year move forward "On the Wings of Love."

To our Distinguished and Honored Members present with us for our 125th session, you have made it even more special with your friendship and love brought with you from your own jurisdictions.

We are honored that our most Worthy Grand Patron has chosen this year to be with us for our session and we sincerely hope that he will enjoy his time with us.

To our own Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, how pleased we in California are that Sister Pat Rasmussen saw in you the dedication, love, and extra energy that you have given to our Order in California, and knew you were just what the world needed for that example of what we can accomplish with the love of our Order put into action.

Worthy Grand Matron, this week has been prepared with no thought of the hours spent working on the different areas, or the money spent traveling from here to there making sure everything was communicated and understood, or the telephone calls made, or waited upon for a return call, to make this a pleasant, pleasing, and beneficial session for our delegates. Your wisdom in choosing your General Chairmen, both Clint and Juanice, to serve in this capacity will overwhelm you and our members with the efficiency of this week. I have enjoyed and learned from working with this very fine couple and all of your committee members.

The success of any endeavor is accomplished with dedicated members, and lots of prayers. We have the dedicated members working, and believe me, we have all prayed a lot this past year. So let us release the

Doves and begin our "On the Wings of Love" 125th Session. Brother Frank, may we have your greeting at this time?

GREETINGS

(By Frank Young, Past Grand Patron)

Thank you, Sister Barbara. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Worthy Grand Matron of 1994, our Hostess, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and friends:

Thank you, Sister Sue, for extending to me the privilege of bringing greetings to all in attendance at this "On the Wings of Love" session, the 125th anniversary of our California Grand Chapter. As the history of our Grand Chapter continues to be written, this year will be remembered for all that you and Brother Ernie have done and for the wonderful opportunities presented to each of us.

It is always a pleasure for me to be escorted with Sister Barbara Pierce. Our "Happy Trails" bring back many memories of our special times here with each of you.

We extend a special greeting to our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lennart Johnson, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Maxine Flint Justice and each of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members present. We hope that our "Dove" will carry each of you safely on "Our Wings of Love."

I welcome also our Distinguished Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this and other Grand Jurisdictions to our 125th Anniversary Grand Chapter and hope that you enjoy the session as much as we enjoy having you with us.

To our Sisters and Brothers, I extend a greeting filled with excitement and hope that the deliberations of this week will fill each of you with the fraternal love so important to continue the work of our Order. When this week is over may we all part as PAL's remembering the special FUN Eastern Star puts in our lives.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara and Brother Frank, how special it is for you to welcome our Guests and Members to this, the 125th "On the Wings of Love" Session of the Grand Chapter of California. Sister Barbara, some five years ago you started me on this journey. You have been my mentor and guide in the ups and downs. Thank you for being there for me as I climbed the largest

mountain of my life. Brother Frank, you have always been there for me and all of the Members of our Order. We thank you both for the years of happy trails.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Barbara, I have affectionately referred to you since 1994 as my fraternal mom. Our paths have crossed many years in the Eastern Star. Even though you have put me up for adoption several times, I'm so pleased that I am here today to share with you this special time and you can share with me. I thank you so much for your greetings. Brother Frank, as one of the 1994 Grand Family, we have developed a close and lasting friendship. We were also the good guys in 1990. To have you here truly makes this a special Session. I thank each of you for your greetings to our members and friends at this, "On the Wings of Love," Grand Chapter Session.

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Jeraldine Southward Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member

Bible Escorts: Presidents of Worthy Matron Associations

"The Key" . . . . Karl Kapin, Past Patron (133)

INVOCATION

(By Jerry Brandley, Grand Chaplain)

Most Holy, merciful God, as we gather together once again as a fraternal family, wilt Thou be with us as we welcome friends, old and new, to this 125th Annual Session of the California Grand Chapter. Please bless and care for all of the dignitaries that are with us for this Informal Opening Session. We are grateful for their presence here tonight. Be with each one of them as they lead their respective organizations. Grant them good health, safe travels, and much success in all their fraternal endeavors. We beseech Thee, dear Lord, to continue to protect our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they lead us through these sessions. It is through their careful guidance that our Order of Eastern Star prospers here in California, just as it is through your divine guidance, that we are allowed to enjoy fraternalism, fun and fellowship of our Order. May we continue to enjoy it for many more years to come. All of these things we humbly ask for in Thy name. Amen.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now call this Wednesday Evening Session called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

American Flag:	Bill Betts, Past Grand Patron
Canadian Flag:	Gene Stiles, Past Grand Patron
California Flag:	Clinton O. Dillon, Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star Flag:	Terry Holts, Past Grand Patron
Illinois Flag:	Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron
Michigan Flag:	Bernard Seamans, Past Grand Patron
Minnesota Flag:	David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag:	Donald Hull, Past Grand Patron

Escorts: Presidents of Worthy Patron Associations

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

"O Canada" . . . . . Canadian National Anthem

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Our appreciation is extended to the following for the beautiful Bible Ceremony and Invocation. Sister Jeraldine Southward Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron, Bible Bearer and Brother Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain, who gave the Invocation and the California Singing Stars for your beautiful music. A very special thank you to the Bible Escorts who are all Worthy Matrons and Presidents of the Sue McKinney Associations. Also, our appreciation is extended to the following Brothers for their impressive presentation of our flags: Brothers Bill Betts, Clinton Dillon, Earl Eckert, David Von Bima, Terry Holts, Don Hull, Gene Stiles, and Bernie Seamans, all Past Grand Patrons and a special thanks to the escorts, all Worthy Patrons and the Presidents of the Ernie Lewis Associations.

Escort: Most Worthy Grand Patron

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, I have the honor to present Brother Lennart A. Johnson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, I have the honor to present Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Elective Officers

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, it is my honor to present Sister Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of the State of Minnesota, and Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Appointive Grand Officers

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a great deal of honor that I present Pauline H. Yockey, Worthy Grand Ruth of the General Grand Chapter, Grand Treasurer of Kansas, and a Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Dawn E. Wilson, Worthy Grand Esther, Past Grand Matron of Illinois; and Madonna Meyerrose, Worthy Grand Electa, Past Grand Matron of Indiana. I just wanted to say one other thing. I think Madonna is celebrating a special anniversary with us this evening, she and her husband are celebrating 47 years. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Committee Members of this and other Grand Jurisdictions

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of honor that I present Jeanne Beck, Ambassador of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the Philipines, Mindanao and Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Beverlee Sveinson, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Credentials and Past Grand Matron of Montana; Meryl Reardon, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Credentials and Past Grand Matron of Oregon; Lyle Papendick, Grand Committee Member on Welfare and Past Grand Patron of Illinois; and Gary E. Miller, General Chairman of Illinois of the General Grand Chapter Triennium 1997-2000 and Past Grand Patron of Illinois; Jerry Southward Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration; and June Lucretia Barnum, General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian, both Past Grand Matrons of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

"This is My Country" . . . California Singing Stars

Escort: Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, it is with a great deal of honor that I present Sister Imogene Hartsell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Grand Secretary Emeritus of Nevada; Joseph Warburton, Worthy Grand Patron of Nevada; Sue Mills, Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon; and Bob Saunders, Worthy Grand Patron of Oregon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Guests, it is with a great deal of honor that I present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other jurisdictions: Sisters Martha Patterson, Arizona; and Brothers Bill Patterson, Arizona; Jeanne Champney, Colorado; Alex Thompson, British Columbia and the Yukon; Lucerne R. Lung, Maryland; Mary Felton, Minnesota; Dale Seubert, Minnesota; Virginia Vandervest, Minnesota; Jay Stone, Nevada; Rita Stone, Nevada; Al McVey, Nevada; Sharon L. Backus, Nevada; Gene Korber, Montana; Virginia Kendrick, Oregon; Minnie Watts, Oregon; Glenda Larkin, Oregon; Rosemary Ferris, Oregon; Mary A. Haas, Pennsylvania; Joy Lough, Washington; Mary V. Corbitt, West Virginia, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a great deal of honor that I present:

Sisters:
Lura Rae Dales (259)
Zoe Harris (173)
Hildegard Smith (619/524)
Earlynn Albright (521)
Ardath Garst (260)
Katherine Hill (372)
Jean Powers (468/324)
Yvonne Beckenhauer (18)
Kay Cosby (143)
Paula Remington (276)
Mary Meixner (59)
Kathleen MacDonald (195)
Sherie Gustafson (310)

Brothers:
Brothers Robert Armbrust (241)
James Craven (273/103)
A. Leroy Covey (479)
Delroy Aldershof (133)
Dennis Jordan (126)
Clinton Dillon (172/193)
Bernie Seamans (195)
Donald Hull (380)
Gene Stiles (105)
Bill Betts (108)
David Von Bima (33)
Terry Holts (79)

All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Mayor of the City of Fresno

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, I have the honor of introducing the Honorable Jim Patterson, Mayor of the City of Fresno. Mayor Patterson, we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

GREETINGS

(By Jim Patterson, Mayor of the City of Fresno)

Thank you very much. My goodness, what a terrific treat to be escorted so elegantly here to the podium. I don't get that kind of treatment often. I want you to know how much I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

On behalf of the City of Fresno, I would like to welcome you and your 125th convention. It is a delight that you are here in Fresno. I wanted to give you a personal greeting and to welcome you to our City again and to let you know how much we appreciate your meeting in Fresno, California, and I want to also welcome you back again, roll the red carpet out, and invite you to come back again to be with us. We treasure your selection in your choice of Fresno, California, and we are honored that you bring your convention here.

I was visiting here earlier for just a little while and finding out some of the wonderful things that you do; to know that many of you take the time to create the cancer gifts that you give to people, the gauze and all the work. That is a wonderful gift. To know there are people in difficult times that are being ministered to and being cared for by the work that you do. I have heard of the wonderful heart work that you do, and also the scholarships that you provide to young people. It is a wonderful thing that you do, and I wanted to be here and commend you. There are many, I know, up and down this valley, in our community and across the United States, that you serve that are living better lives that are touched by your generosity and kindness, and I want to thank you on their behalf for the wonderful things that you do.

I am here tonight in an official capacity and I would like to ask the Worthy Grand Matron to please join me here. I have brought tonight a gift I would like to present to you. It is the official key to the City of Fresno and it simply represents the fact that we appreciate very, very much what you mean to our City in coming and in joining us in your

conference here. It is also symbolic of our friendship and the fact that there are no locked doors to you. You are welcome here, and we want you to know that this is a symbol of our appreciation and our commendation to you on behalf of all for the wonderful work that you do for others. Thank you, everybody.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Your Honor, Jim Patterson, we thank you for your attendance here this evening as we begin our week of celebration of the 125th year of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. We have enjoyed a fine relationship with the City of Fresno, beginning in 1987. We thank you for your kind remarks, and delight in knowing the history of the City of Fresno and the San Joaquin are strongly tied to the history of the Order of the Eastern Star in California and all of the Masonic family. Brother Ernie, may we have your remarks for our Mayor at this time?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Your Honor Patterson. I wish to thank you, on behalf of the Members of the Grand Chapter of California, for the wonderful cooperation, the hospitality that has been shown to us. Your remarks are well received. Your hospitality and the hospitality of your City is deeply appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Since it has a key on it, I think I'm going to have to be very careful around the Associate Grand Matron. Where did she go? I'll have to watch her, because for those from other jurisdictions, that's part of her emblem, is the key. She just might try to get that.

I have one of our Past Grand Matrons from California that I didn't get to introduce, and I am so very sorry about that. Florence, will you please stand? She's seated in the medical section this evening, and I want to especially introduce Florence Dunn, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of California, we would be pleased to have your welcome for our distinguished guests.

WELCOME TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

(By Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members:

What an honor it is for me to be able to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lennart Johnson, his lady Lois, our Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, welcome back from the hills of West Virginia, the General Grand Chapter Officers, the General Grand Chapter Committee members and all of our Distinguished Guests.

If you will notice, the response will be given by a very special lady, Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress. She has been very helpful to me and has always given me good advice.

Now, as you have heard Brother Lennart is really quite a horseman, so bear with me a little bit here. We turn now to those thrilling days of yesteryear, when out of the past comes the thundering hoof beats of the great horse Silver.

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Brother Loyal?

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Yes?

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Lennart's horse is black. He was the leader of the Black Horse Troupe for the Medina Shrine Temple.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Black?

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Black.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Out of the past come the thundering hoof beats of that great horse Blackie?

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: That's a stretch, Loyal.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: The singing cowboy, from Melody Ranch, Gene Autrey?

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Not a black horse.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Black? Hopalong Cassidy?

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Not black.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Tom Mix?

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Before my time.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Bronco Billy.

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: Way, way before my time.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Black. Black. I got it. Roll on, roll on, it's red rider thundering across the plains on Thunder. A black horse. The Saturday afternoon heroes and heroines who thrilled us on the silver screen from studios right here come alive again here in California.

Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress: I see. You mean that the heroes and heroines are with us here tonight as our Distinguished Guests? Why, that works, as they sure do gallop around the world for the Order of the Eastern Star. Well, as part of the wagon train, we thank you, California, for giving us the warm campfire welcome, gold nuggets of love and encouragement, and a whole round of courtesies and treasures. This has been a mighty neighborly stopover as we prepare to travel over yonder, so we say to you, California, "Happy Trails to You."

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Loyal, thank you for your enthusiastic welcome to our Distinguished Guests. I'm sure they realize that we have opened the Golden Gates of California to each of them. Thank you, Sister Pat, for your joining in with Brother Loyal. You have chosen him to be a very special part of your General Grand Chapter journey, and we in California are very proud of all of you. Thank you for bringing your welcome to our guests. Worthy Grand Patron, do you have a greeting?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Pat, I, too, thank you for your love and welcome to all our Distinguished and Honored Guests. For each time you have taken from your busy schedule to share with us is the greatest gift of all. Members of California look forward to meeting each of you and sharing in these special F-U-N times.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Anita Simons, will you please stand? Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Anita Simons, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, I have the honor of presenting: Sisters Nancy Evans, Associate Grand Matron, Nevada; Brothers Gerald McKie, Grand Warder, Idaho; Bobby Jean Roberts, Grand Conductress, Nevada; Marilyn Nixon, Grand Marshal, Nevada; Beverly Relyea, Grand Organist, Nevada; Winifred Warburton, Grand Ruth, Nevada; Dollie McVey, Grand Electa, Nevada; Patricia Bresler, Associate Grand Matron, Oregon; Gracie Armstrong, Grand Secretary, Oregon; Kathy McClain, Grand Conductress, Oregon; Sherri Bell, Grand Chaplain, Oregon; Mary Margaret Holstein, Grand Marshal, Oregon; Bonita Strong, Grand Adah, Oregon; Lou Saunders, Grand Esther, Oregon; Karen McClain, Grand Martha, Oregon; Marjorie Newkirk, Grand Electa, Oregon; Jean Cartwright, Grand Warder, Oregon; and Loren Newkirk, Grand Sentinel, Oregon. All Grand Officers of other jurisdictions

Escort: Grand Secretary Emeritus

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Diane Silva, Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Escort: Past Grand Treasurers

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Alvera M. Becker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Oregon; Sisters Dale Ellsworth, Ruth Chase, Grace Gould, and Lois Johnson, all Past Grand Treasurers of the Grand Chapter of California.

Escort: Trustees of the Eastern Star Home

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present Sister Nancy Grondin, President of the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, and Sisters Patsy Baker-Luy, Linda Patton, and Diane Wood, and Brothers John Masson, Brian Whitaker and Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron, all Trustees of the Eastern Star Home Board. Thank you so very much, my dear ones, for all of the work, and I know this has been a real fast-track year. Thank you.

Escort: Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron
Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, we have the pleasure of presenting two very special people who

we love dearly, and who have truly made our journey to the East a journey of a lifetime. Sister Barbara Lewis, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron, and Brother Tom McKinney, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, you will join in giving them a very hearty welcome. Barbara and Tom, Ernie and I have a very special song for the two of you. It says it all.

"Wind Beneath My Wings" . . . Joan Griesinger, Past Matron (242)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Joan, for that special tribute to these very special people on behalf of Ernie and I.

Escort: Escorts of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of California

Sue Mckinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests, it is with love that we present these wonderful Members. *(Escorts formed a line on the introduction line.)*

Al Weisser (577)
Cathy Behnke (144)
Helen Crouse (135)
Richard Golden (383)
Richard Parrish (521)
Junior Bishop (46/280)
Shirley Bradley (288)
Darrell Willoughby (105)
Ralph Newman (622)
Bob Harris (397)
Gil Bates (287/390)
Loyal Taylor (17/153)
David Stilwell (380)
Jack Allen (294)
Mark Lauchland (118)
Jean Bramman (47/581)

"Building Eastern Star Together" . . . California Singing Stars

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, thank you so much to our wonderful Grand Escorts for all you have done this whole year through. We love you.

Brother Clint and Juanice Lee, General Chairmen of our Grand Chapter Week, we would be pleased to have your report, your Activities Chairman's Report, and the introduction of the Members who have served and worked for this Grand Chapter Session so faithfully.

REPORT OF GENERAL CO-CHAIRMEN
GRAND CHAPTER WEEK

(By Clint and Juanice Lee (405/154), Past Patron and Past Matron, General Chairmen of Grand Chapter Week)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is our pleasure at this time to present our Activities Chairman, Henry Schierenberg; Group 1 Chairmen, Susan and Stephen Wallace; Group 2 Chairmen, Donna and John Herring; and Group 3 Chairmen, Joy and Joe Morrow. We would also like to present our Secretary and Auditor, Joan and Walt Patterson, who will be assisting us later with our Parade of Committees. Our thanks to each of you for your support this year.

We started this journey to this week some three years ago. We spent the early months learning and studying the Grand Chapter process. Much time was spent together finding out your desires and plans for this Grand Chapter Session. That time was invaluable and Juanice and I thank you, Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, for all your guidance. You made our course much smoother.

Then, a year ago, this team met for the first time—some friends, some acquaintances and some new friends we just had not met yet. We got together for breakfast and got acquainted. We set a course and were on our way. What a team you assembled, Sister Sue. It boggles the mind to wonder "Could a better group have gone this way before?"

To Sister Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, our Advisor; Sister Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, with Special Courtesies; and Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, in charge of the 1999 Installation. Thank you for your help and guidance. We are truly most grateful.

But most of all, I want to thank the some 750 committee members who have filled these Grand Chapter Week Committees. It is you, the members, who fill the committees and are the true "heroes" of our Order. Your devotion is truly appreciated by everyone in this room.

Last, but by no means least, I feel obligated to share with you a few names of some workers who are not members of the Order.

Loretta Maggiore, Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau. She handles all our hotel/motel reservations.

Cheryl Capling and Robert Long – Holiday Inn Centre Plaza. These two handle the hotel's sales and catering, respectively.

Here at the Arena, our Event Coordinator is Cheryl Daly and the staff of the Convention Center. These people all have a dedication to their job that equals our love of our beloved Order.

Now several of you thought that I might forget to thank the most important Grand Chapter Week Committee member to me, my Co-Chairman, Sister Juanice. I cannot express deeply enough my appreciation for the hours of effort that she put in for our Order this year and the even more hours she spent helping me. You are my love, my life and we make a pretty good team! Thank you, Juanice.

One final thing. To those of you in attendance who have not served on a Grand Chapter Week Committee and want to but have not been asked, let me give you a tip. If you sit at home and wait, the phone may not ring. Select a committee, get a 1999 Itinerary from the Grand Secretary, find the chairman's name of the committee you have selected and write a letter. Let them know you want to participate.

Sister Juanice, would you please join me and help introduce our committee chairmen and the committee members. Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, we are so proud to present to you the 1998 Grand Chapter Committee Chairmen and members

(Parade of all Grand Chapter Week Chairman and Committee Members)

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEES

Group 1
Susan and Stephen Wallace (171)

Group 2
Donna and John Herring (555)

Group 3
Joy and Joe Morrow (445)

Advisor
Barbara Pierce, P.G.M. (197/397)

Arts and Crafts

Nancy Harrower (127/13), *Chairman*
Joan Kipking (649)
Cole Kipking (649)
Eleanor Pfeil (234)
Joyce Keeney (94/127)
Lorraine Egger (127)
Wanza Allen (41)
Richalyn Muckridge (127), *Co-Chairman*
Dorothy Bussman (373)
Lois Peden (127/13)
Dalton Keeney (94)
Vi Taylor (127)

Auditor
Walt Patterson (165/50)

Banquets

Richard McClelland (41), *Co-Chairman*
Shirley McClelland (41), *Co-Chairman*
Carolyn Hanson (294)
Diane Zevanove (294)
Ouida King (181)
Donna Berry (373)
Trish Kendall (41)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap

Sylvia Foust (362, *Chairman*
Arlene Ish (222)
Pamela Mouser (362)
Ethel White (125)
Rosie Hooten (362), *Co-Chairman*
Peggy Lippert (362)
Doris Townsend (362)

Committee Rooms

Peggy Flagg (547), *Chairman*
Gerald Flagg (547)
Carolyne Schroth (468), *Co-Chairman*

Credentials

Alice Kelley (391), *Chairman*
Ann Elger (445)
Jerry Jones (36)
Beverly Minner (362)
Barbara Story (391)
Grace Wallis (530), *Co-Chairman*
Gerna Grohl (138)
Theaola Lynn (97)
Phyllis Rottiger (211)

Helpers:

Bette Ahrens (31)
Sandi Beneke (521)
Frances Boyd (186)
Dorothy Carle (181)
Jerry Carr (241)
Maxine Cilva (241/319)
Anela Eisert (195)
Betty Ermert (128)
Oliver Fisher (110)
Beverly Gale (294)
Jean Godair (639)
John Grohl (138)
Janelle Halliwell (199)
Caren Huston (244)
Florence Johnson (398)
Clara Kessinger (212)
Beverly Laidet (77)
Marie MacCallum (160)
Irene McReynolds (213/222)
Eleanor Moore (177)
Kathy Nagel (288)
Marjorie Nelson (323/97)
Roy Nichols (46)
Myrtle Owens (488)
David Ashman (445)
Esther Bennett (488)
Nancy Camden (159)
Deanna Carr (241)
Muriel Caves (468)
Sandra Drechsler (203)
Robert Elger (445)
Beth Ferris (380)
Roberta Fisher (110)
Claire Glenn (234)
Lynette Goodenough (310)
Karen Haldorson (86)
Sue Heller (59)
Dianne Johnson (53)
JoAnn Juelch (36)
Mary Alice Kessinger (391)
Lynda Languasco (36)
Virginia Maestrini (380)
Nell Mercer (125)
June Muckey (531)
Bill Nelson (323/97)
Marsha Nichols (46)
Vera Nowlin (150)
Kathleen Peters (213/222)

Neva Reingold (59)
Fred Schulenburg (530)
Beverly Sjurson (385)
Gloria Stiles (625)
Ruthie Tolf (125)
Debbie Verdugo (391)
Sally Wells (47)
Bette Wendling (391)
Malcom White (89/426)
Elaine Widdoes (76)
Mary Rumzie (250)
Sigrid Simonds (447)
Patty Stahl (215/29)
Micky Tolf (125)
Marilyn Travis (128)
Jean Walker (66/60)
Lauralu Wemple (56)
Carol White (89/426)
Pearl White (531)

Decorations

Cynthia Wolcott (352), *Co-Chairman*
John Wolcott (352), *Co-Chairman*
Mary Bergman (521)
Irehne Cagan (352)
Violet Campbell (338)
Jane Cooper (352)
Ron Cooper (352)
Christine Cross (352)
Tom Ewing (505)
Judy Hlavaty (237)
JoAnn Lutz (78/322)
Glenda Malen (521)
Beverly Mapes (352)
Gene Maples (352)
Jennifer Proeschel (622)
Rich Proeschel (622)
Rona Radditz (505)
Jess White (616)
Loret White (616)
Carolyn Wood (352)

Drayage

Edward Potter (426), *Chairman*
Dan Rowland (555), *Co-Chairman*

Election Board

Lydia Eckert (556/165), *Chairman*
Shirley Christ (530), *Co-Chairman*
Jeanne Fike (205), *Co-Chairman*
Jerald Keen (588), *Co-Chairman*
John Van Winkle (205), *Co-Chairman*
Debbie Von Bima (33), *Co-Chairman*
Bert Alexander (536/66), *Captain*
Loren Curtis (205), *Captain*
John Grohl (138), *Captain*
Glenn Jones (36), *Captain*
Wes Jopson (48), *Captain*
Lloyd Lawrence (1), *Captain*
Leon Moynier (362), *Captain*
Ray Murphy (417), *Captain*
Erland Myers (200/528), *Captain*
E. Pat DeTomaso (488), *Captain*
Don Terry (384), *Captain*
Francis You (186/124), *Captain*
Shirley Alexander (563/66)
Jack Allen (294)
Denise Armstrong (348)
Sara Ashton (345)
Cathy Behnke (144)
Joan Betts (108)
Lorraine Bode (99)
Jack Bormann (106)
Mildred Bormann (106)
Shirley Bradley (288)
Jean Bramman (47/581)
Judy Brown (222)
Wally Campbell (513)
Alta Clark (213)
Beverly Clark (49)
Bonnie Clark (213)
Rene Davis (10)
Ileane Douglas (100)
Dale Ellsworth (214)
Suzanne Gallicho (13)
Reba Gibson (165/372)
Phyllis Green (295/273)
Corin Gross (636/195)
Carol Gross (636/95)
Gayle Hamilton (103)
Helen Hand (21)

Harold Hand (21)
Betty Jane Himmelman (190)
Marjorie Horton (181)
Lois Johnson (100)
Janet Jopson (48)
Laurella Kerr (384/590)
Rae Kindlund (93)
Marian Klusmann (367)
Mark Lauchland (118)
Richard Locke (14/636)
Dave Long (345)
Helen Luzier (408)
Linda Masson (143)
Paul McNitt (96)
Mary Jane Meikle (181/159)
Barbara Moore (141)
Ruth Myers (200/649)
Becky Neuwirth (259)
Jim Newton (185)
Edith Pedersen (193/438)
Ray Quibell (17)
Leona Reif (45)
Rathie Runcie (530)
Jeanne Schulz (319)
Gerald Sharer (309)
Margaret Silvers (124)
Lenore Stork (105)
Cathy Sudderth (244)
Dale Thornton (485)
Jean Tozer (99)
Jeannie Vilen (447)
Sue Watts (348)
Hale Wellman (115)
Dick Williamson (221)
Beverly You (186/124)

John Herring (555)
Mercy Holiday (403)
Virginia Howard (165)
Diane Jones (195)
Sharleen Keen (588)
Frances Kilday (62)
Helen Kirkpatrick (99)
Shirlee Larsen (405)
Hazel Lawrence (1)
Louise Locke (14/636)
Kathy Long (345)
Mary Maloof (608)
Marcia McBrayer (103)
Winona McNitt (96)
Mary Ann Metcalfe (62)
Joy Murphy (417)
Joyce Myers (631)
Sue Newton (185)
Barbara Nichols (147)
Martha Peters (59)
Barbara Ratti (124)
Martha Rhonemus (373)
Lester Schulz (319)
Patricia Scott (62)
Prentice Sheperd (20)
John Stonebraker (287)
Linda Sturges (452/338)
Barbara Thatcher (468)
Irene Tonello (513)
Helen Van Winkle (205)
Wilma Vinson (273)
Barbara Weidenhoeft (14)
Alice Wilburn (373)
Ellen Wilmeth (438)
Ruth Zanger (141)

Entertainment

Sandi Beneke (521, *Chairman*

Escort and Grand March

H. John Fletcher (342/553, *Co-Chairman*
Richard F. Locke (14/636)
Gene Miller (13)
Donna Tucker (360)

Karen L. Fletcher (342/553), *Co-Chairman*
Marcia McBrayer (103)
Kathy Nagel (288)

Fun Night

Russ Allen (105), *Co-Chairman*
Ileane Douglas (259)
Robin Rains (358)
Joyce Stout (151)

Pat Allen (105), *Co-Chairman*
Debbie Lytle (438)
Liz Moffat (479)

Grand Inner Guards

Doris Davis (391), *Captain*

Marlene Larsen (553), *Co-Captain*
Fay Bergstrom (222), *Lieutenant*
Roni Burmeister (211), *Lieutenant*
Audrey Carey (173), *Lieutenant*
Jan Dromgold (310), *Lieutenant*
May Laing (537), *Lieutenant*
Sheila Reid (525), *Lieutenant*
Ann Anderson (505)
Barbara Argabright (531)
Betty J. Barone (218)
Linda Bernhard (106)
Karen B. Brown (211)
June E. Burnett (602)
Bettymae Casey (171)
Ruth H. Chase (79)
Gail Clark (391)
Melody Cruther (552)
Judi Curnow (639)
Betty DeAngeles (296)
Mary V. Dixon (82)
Janet Eden (49/104)
Janey Ells (327)
Judy Flesher (391)
Nancy J. Forney (578)
Margie Fryklund (78)
Delores Lee Garcio (174)
Elizabeth M. Girton (39)
Josephine Goforth (390)
Geraldine L. Gonzales (143)
Shirley Harris (215/219)
Holly Haugen (115)
Margaret Higginbotham (193)
Evelyn Hobart (636)
Lois M. Hoven (241)
Edna Hull (622)
Rochelle Jensen (642)
Pat Joseph (60)
Chris Ketola (563)
Ruby La Moureaux (531)
Barbara Leask (391)
Julia Levotch (145)
Lois J. Makinster (28)
Jean Martin (524)
Dorothy A. Mills (79/322)
Dazel J. Mull (565)
Jeannette Murray (154)
Sue Nash (384)
Liz Nelson (163)
Janice Mullard (405), *First Lieutenant*
Eloise M. Beverly (99), *Lieutenant*
Pat Caceres (59/189), *Lieutenant*
Anne Carlson (305), *Lieutenant*
Grayce Hansen (380), *Lieutenant*
Donna R. Park (547), *Lieutenant*
Connie Snow (287/390), *Lieutenant*
Lee Angel (189)
Charlotte Barfield (391)
Virginia Bathe (206)
Jan Bohland (85/189)
Edna Mae Burlison (83)
Erma Louise Case (78)
Christina Cavallero (78)
Nancy Clancy (597)
Calin Cook (28)
Catherine Cunningham (17/153)
Barbara Davis (233)
Patricia De Fries (86)
Tome' Duvall (92)
Wendy R. Eisenberg (305/557)
Marilyn Ferguson (287)
Helen Flemming (40)
Kitty Fisbie (161)
Anne F. Gamble (639)
Lynda S. Giggy (202)
Janet M. Glass (241)
Marion Gonzalaes (333/447)
Mary K. Grindle (222/2)
Judy L. Harrison (176)
Kentucky F. Hendricks (135)
Priscilla J. Hill (46)
Louise Horton (338)
Violet Howell (309)
Ginger Jackson (57)
Mary Lou Johnson (128)
Marjorie Kenyon (215/219)
Karen Klever (199)
Virginia Landuyt (42)
Debbie Leha (561)
Jo Ann Lutz (322/523)
Jerri Lynn Mann (178)
Patricia Maxwell (412)
Harriet S. Mosbaugh (8)
Cecile Munslow (635)
Mary Lue Nagle (154)
Virginia R. Nash (576)
Margaret Nelson (18)

Nan Nelson (485)
Bertha L. Newton (143)
Ann Nomicos (171)
Melvina L. Ours (144)
Becky Paulsen (523)
Jane Picotte (28)
Trudi Purtle (391)
Myrtle Reid (525)
Mary E. Roa (173)
Peggy Salm (28/199)
Carolyn Schultz (642)
Olivia L. Silas (362)
Mary Alice Smith (344)
Sue Smith (177/135)
Dorothy Stevens (181)
Barbara E. Streit (241)
Jacqueline Thornton (103)
Vera Ulrich (380)
Arla Wardell (523)
Meg Whiteside (604)
Mary C. Wollitz (123)
Barbara Wollery (211)
Gladys Newkirk (367)
Willa Nighman (523)
Lynn Olson (537)
Charlotte Outcalt (380)
Ruth B. Peck (215)
Virginia Price (471)
Ernestine Redmond (537)
Helen E. Richards (296)
Elizabeth H. Rogers (21/133)
Esther Sampson-Graham (162)
Peggy L. Scofield (309)
Betty D. Smith (367)
Ruth F. Smith (647)
Thelma Spadavecchia (537)
Nancy Stiles (199)
Vickie Tama (199)
Peggy Tucker (287)
Suzann E. Wallace (579)
Emmie T. Weis (123)
Virginia M. Williams (273)
Eleanore Woodward (13/41)
Beverly Youngblood (287)

Grand Guards

Bart Bodnar (449), *Captain*

Robert Foerster (141), *Co-Captain*
Richard Anderson (214), *Lieutenant*
Irwin Cohen (195), *Lieutenant*
Richard Dunlap (173), *Lieutenant*
Bill McIntosh (259), *Lieutenant*
Cecil Argabright (531)
James Buckley (622)
Mitchell Brooks (578)
Jack Davis (233)
Richard Earnest (436)
George Graham (162)
Glenn Grigsby (561)
Al Hieb (3)
Bruno Ketola (563)
Floyd Latson (471)
George Murray (154)
Dale Naylor (300)
Dean Newman (505)
Eugene Nomicos (171)
Merrill Rush (352)
Glen Simonds (447)
Gene Stiles (625)
Walter Weis (123)
William Bell (563), *Co-Captain*
Jerry Chandler (642), *Lieutenant*
Bob deCamp (114), *Lieutenant*
Joseph Juelch (36), *Lieutenant*
Carl Nelson (163), *Lieutenant*
Tony Brydon (144)
Lee Carlson (305)
Gerald Colanter (76)
Harry Dyck (89)
Royce Ford (553)
Everett Goodwin (125)
Wesley Harman (322)
Clarence Jackson (96/185)
Athur Laing (537)
Leon Lubker (200)
James Nash (576)
Ben Neu (531)
Lowell Nichols (449)
William Pollak (473)
Root Rutan (384)
Frederick Stevens (181)
Harlan Ward (490)

Grand Guardettes

Willa Bodnar (449), Captain

Marguerite Gilbert (449), *Co-Captain*
Ruby Holder (181), *Co-Captain*
Oida King (181), *Co-Captain*
Wally Campbell 513), *Lieutenant*
Maebell Carlton (512), *Lieutenant*
Ethel Day (89), *Lieutenant*
Harriet Priester (287), *Lieutenant*
Lorraine Bates (512)
Frieda Borley (397)
Eleanor Cohen (195)
Sylvia Colanter (76)
Marie Crow (449)
Jane Dahl (397)
Sarah DeAngelis (299)
Marjorie Fisher (160)
Aida Heidke (397)
Ele Hoover (2/222)
Ellie Kirkpatrick (181)
Irene McCarron (287)
Gwen Meyer (513)
Edna Mittman (151)
Ethel Morlan (171)
Carolyn Petersen (380)
Susan Premo (632)
June Rankin (103)
Phyllis Simmons (133)
Vivian Soykin (260)
Aneth Sullivan (397)
Marcia Wilbur (332)

Grand Pages

To the Worthy Grand Matron:

Grace Winship (643), *Chairman*

Elaine Brent (643)
Eunice Corn (643)
Jadeen Costa (643)
Judi Dodd (643)
Phyllis Hix (643)
Louise Snider (173)
Linda Kephart (456)
Louise Taylor (456)
Donna Westergren (643)

To the Worthy Grand Patron:

Geri Terry (384)
Ardie Rutan (42)

To the Associate Grand Matron:

Mary Kay Bowser (577)
Jan Aubrey (577)

To the Associate Grand Patron:

Edna Thirkettle (144)
Rocco Minishiello (144)

To the Grand Secretary: Fran Groat (213)
To the Grand Treasurer: Pamela Stanfill (383)
To the Grand Conductress: Alice M. Raymond (521)
To the Associate Grand Conductress: Grace Gould, (46)
To the Grand Marshal: Russell Allen (105)
To the Grand Chaplain: David Denbow (288)
To the Grand Organist: Lois Christopher (622)
To the Grand Adah: Helen Duxbury (397)
To the Grand Ruth: Lois Jean Childs (287)
To the Grand Esther: Patricia Stewart (17/23)
To the Grand Martha: Virginia Young (380)
To the Grand Electa: Loretta Miller (294/13)
To the Grand Warder: Helen Welch (118/150)
To the Grand Sentinel: Gretta Hamm (47/58)

Health and Personal Service

Martha Foster (56/48), *Chairman*
Thelma Wubker (488/211), *Co-Chairman*
Pat Mastalir (203)
Lenora Knight (310)
Valerie Ballard (154)
Karen Meador (259)
Janet Norton (426)
Beth Smuckler (425)
Kathie Jean Grab (282)
Dr. Gene Nomicos (171
Jerry Chandler (642)
Austin Haller (642)

Housing

Roger Nieder (174), *Chairman*
Sandy Nieder (174), *Chairman*

Installation of 1999 Grand Officers

Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195), *Chairman*
Bill Betts, PGP (108), Chairman
Joan Betts (108), *Chairman*

Assisted by Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and Escorts of 1995.

Kick-Off Dinner

Esther Sampson-Graham (162/75, *Chairman*
George Graham (162/75), *Co-Chairman*
Darlene Adrian (515)
Esther Bennett (488)
Muriel Caves (468)
Joyce Cheney (202)
Bernice Dyck (89)
Harry Dyck (89)
Barbara Woolery (211)
Mike Woolery (211)
Jeri Zaitz (515)
Russ Zaitz (515)

Lost and Found/Information

Marilyn deCamp (114), *Co-Chairman*
Bob deCamp (114), *Co-Chairman*
Wayne Adams (309)
Anna Cole (94)
John Cole (94)
Jeanne Esheim (309)
Maebelle Flannery (114)
Bill Hughes (92)
Priscilla Hughes (92)
Joyce Jelinek (309)
Ethel Moquin (348)
Marjorie Mylander (114)
Mildred Olsen (557)
Lenore Stork (296)
Laura Uhlmeyer (114)
Tom Uhlmeyer (114)
Eleanore Woodward (41)

Masonic Family Honor Session

Bill Bray (403), *Chairman*
Linda Bray (403), *Co-Chairman*
Lynn Blaszak (403)
Cathie Burt (403)
Bill Burt (403)
Diane Cottone (403)
Collette Gole (133)
Gary Gole (133)
Mercy Holiday (403)
Linda Patton (592)
Laura Whitaker (528)
Helen Wood (292)

Music

Melissa Cronin (260), *Chairman*

California Singing Stars

Shirley Hicks (563), *Director*
Eleanor Adams (360)
Jo Bailey (181)
Merwyn Berquist (473)
Jacque Bethel 360)
Jeannette Callis (551)
Bonnie Coombs (260)
George Cronin, II (260)
Mary Davis (233)
Marilyn Dupray (563)
Vera Lou Ford (128)
Meridene Foster (292)
Barbara Gilmore (53)
Lou Ella Green (563)
Marge Haase (36)
Shirley Harris (215)
Ted Harris (215)
Mickey Kelbaugh (380)
Betty Keener (631)
Margaret Kraisinger (344/20)
Lynda Languasco (36)
Bob Miller (62)
Doris Murphy (18)
Ruth Peck (215)
Evelyn Pike (513)
Dot Redding (563)
Jean Sampson (36)
Barbara Schierenberg (36)
Durland Skinner (103)
Betty Stout (631)
Vickie Tama (221)
Debe Tucker (292)
Juanita Wheeler (563)
Evelyn Walker (639), *Accompanist*
Jim Bailey (181)
Ethel Bainbrick (241)
Fay Bergstrom (104/222)
Winnie Borghetti (144)
Judith Chewey (616)
Dottie Cronin (260)
Melissa Cronin (260)
Barbara Dove (642)
Mary Jane Engelbretson (241)
Hilarie Forsey (588/214)
Nancy Foster (103)
Janice Goodman (161)
Mary Grindle (2/222)
Ken Harris (292)
Sherel Harris (292)
Felipe Josue (203)
Tay Kelbaugh (380)
Karen Klever (199)
Leticia Laconico (31)
Robbie Lee Mallery (563)
Sharyn Miller (62)
Dorothy Nelson (241)
Jane Picotte (28)
Kathy Randall (631)
Peggy Salm (199/28)
Claudette Scheller (631)
Jerry Sherrill (13/510)
Virginia Skinner (103)
Barbara Streit (241)
Edna Taylor (107)
Virginia Vandenakker (90/199)

Parliamentarian

Sherry Glab (324)

Pictures

Becky Neuwirth (259), *Chairman*

Jim Neuwirth (259)
Linda Bernhard (106)
Gary Herzog (577)
Joanne Krausman (405)
Pat Mastalir (203)
Al Peterson (160/584)
Barbara Schemm (645)
Connie Snow (287/390)
Helene Warner (521)
Lee Jones (259)
Barbara Alford (160
Ileane Douglas (259)
Stephanie Herzog (577)
Debbie Lytle (438/160)
Donald Nielsen (259)
Mona Peterson (160/584)
Ronald Schemm (645)
Aneth Sullivan (397)
Patti Whitehill (278)

Programs

Sally Sanders (17/153), *Chairman*

Dick Cunningham (153)
Ben Harris (17/153)
Ellen Griffin (17/161)
Mike Sanders (17/153)

Ribbons

Millie Schneider (384), *Chairman*

Sue Smith (177/135)

Seating

Yolanda Willians (553), *Chairman*

Noel Williams (553)
Nina Klepac (401)
Lloyd Kramer (553)
Eileen Dodds (141)

Secretary to General Chairman

Joan Patterson (50/165)

Secretarial Pool

Gloria Kimrey (561), *Chairman*

Georgiana Dunlap (173/561)
Glenn Grigsby (561)
Pamela Johnson (561)
Allean Farris (347)
Alan Johnson (561)

Set-Up Committee

Susan Lorenzen (8/35), *Chairman*

Ray and Charlotte Hoffman (273), *Co-Chairmen*

Jackie Cole (31)
Sue Edson (574)
Pat Rose (31/288)
Bob Young (273)
Kathleen Whisler (131)
Ron Edson (574)
Louise Horton (338)
Madaline Yoho (66)
Cynthia Young (273)

Signs

Robert L. Moore (89/557), *Chairman*
Coral E. Moore (557), *Co-Chairman*

Sound and Lighting

George Moyer (273), *Chairman*

Donald Moore (273), *Co-Chairman*

Roy Dale (45)
Bob Hopton (59)
Shirley Moore (273)
Arletha Palmer (282)
Cal Vinson (273)
Virginia Wiest (485)
Linda Davis (72)
Ken Moore (177)
Dusty Moyer (273)
Eugene Palmer (282)
Charles Wiest (485)
Todd Williams (273)

Special Duties

Erla Hildebrand (13), *Chairman*

Dorothy Ricketts (13/531), *Co-Chairman*

Inge Adair (126)
Angie Dugan (213)
Elaine Crosno (93)
Joan Foerster (141)

Evelyn Hobart (636)
Char Radtke (551)
Maryl Saylor (103)
Bj Kirste (200)
Lou Saylor (103)
Barbara Wilson (94)

Transportation

Ed Winship (643), *Chairman*
John Unger (128/195), *Co-Chairman*

Bill Brent (643)
Rodger Curren (632)
George Lawson (163)
Shirley Milloy (160/287)
Ed Sutton (79)
George Cronin (260)
Sally Denbow (288/105)
Bill Maxwell (412)
Katie Nelsen (104/478)
Don Terry (384)

Vendor Coordinator

Jerry Marta (639), *Chairman*
Loyal Taylor (17/153), *Co-Chairman*

Cecil Mahurin (385/639)
Janelle Halliwell (199)
Jerry Sherrill (13/510)
Gayle Marta (639)
Jim Widdoes (76)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: This is truly a special time for me, as I know how many hours, months, and years that you have spent in planning for this Grand Chapter Week. You have, individually and collectively, worked with Chairmen, Committees, Hotel and Convention Center personnel to make my every dream come true. Having served on many Grand Chapter Week Committees before, I know the miles you've traveled; the phone calls you've made; the sleepless nights. Now you can relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor. We're having fun. It is important to me that you, the Members of our Order, have an opportunity to see all of these wonderful workers and the over 715 Members that it takes to put on this wonderful Grand Chapter Week. Let's give them a very big thank you.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Clint, Sister Juanice Lee, General Chairmen, and all the Committee Members of this Grand Chapter, how can one express himself to give you the sincere thanks for all the hours, all the time, and all the energy that you have put in to making this "On the Wings of Love" Session? It exceeded all our expectations, and it's impossible in words to thank you and to tell you how appreciative the Worthy Grand Matron and myself are. Once again, let's give them a rousing hand. Thank you very much.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

CLOSING ODE
"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove"

On the wings of a snow white Dove,
He sends His pure sweet love,
A sign from above
On the wings of a Dove.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Wednesday Evening Informal Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Thursday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

(At 9:55 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 22, 1998

8:30 a.m.	**Musical Prelude:**	Arlene Williams Past Matron (578)
Entrance:	Grand Representatives Deputy Grand Matrons Grand Pages	
Escort:	Hostess and Host	
Entrance:	Grand Officers	

Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors Extended.)*

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Bernie Seamans, .Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors Extended.)*

Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sister Sue, it is my honor to hand you your gavel, and may it be a beautiful day today.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Betty. You are truly an elegant lady, Betty, and I have always admired your many talents, especially that of remembering names. Your ability to go far beyond the call of duty and even sometimes beyond what you should for your own health. You have been there for me, and I am so proud to have you for the balance of the Session, and that you are my 1982 Worthy Grand Matron. The training I received from you is your precious gift to me, and it will always be with me. Sister Betty, we will be pleased to have your welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Host Brother Bernard Seamans; Past Grand Patron; Distinguished and Honored Members; Delegates; Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Sue, our Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed an honor and a very distinct privilege that you have extended to me to open your Thursday Morning Session of the "On the Wings of Love" Session. I am most grateful for this special courtesy. My loving, kind Sister Sue, I thank you for your many kindnesses, and especially for your friendship over these many years, as you served as one of my Worthy Matrons of 1982. You have been very gracious to your Members and outstanding in your service to our Order.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ernie Lewis, you and your Worthy Grand Matron have both given us inspiring messages this past year, and I am sure that you have found that each of your Grand Officers have given to you and to Grand Chapter their fraternal love and support. It is truly a great pleasure to have Brother Bernie Seamans, Past Grand Patron, serve by my side as Host to this morning's Session. It brings back many wonderful memories of the years we served together. Today is one of the important days of our Session, for this morning we elect those who will lead our future. Remember in our election voting and in our legislation voting, you do carry a responsibility, for you are representing your Chapter, and you as Delegates must vote for the good of the Order and for the future. We must each be determined to do what our conscience says is right and what reason says is best.

May each member attending this 125th Annual Chapter "On the Wings of Love" Session return home safely with a renewed enthusiasm to work for their Chapters and its Members, and a feeling that this week's celebrations will prove to be a benefit to all. Brother Bernie, we would be pleased to hear your remarks.

GREETINGS

(By Bernie Seamans, Past Grand Patron, Host)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ernie Lewis; our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lennart A. Johnson; Sister Betty Stubblefield, our Hostess for the morning; Distinguished and Honored Members; Sisters and Brothers:

It is truly an honor for me to be asked to serve as the Host for this Thursday Morning Session of the "On Wings of Love" Session. It is a privilege for me to escort Sister Betty Stubblefield who served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1982, our Hostess. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for offering me this honor. Sisters and Brothers, I do hope that you have renewed some friendships with former acquaintances and have made many new ones this year. I know that you, no doubt, for those who are Delegates, have realized that you are here to represent your particular Chapter, and remember that how you vote may reflect on our beautiful Order for years to come and maybe will be the cause of its successes and possibly its failures. Now it is my request that you will always find a reason to think and speak favorably of our Grand Order and our Grand Chapter Sessions. May your memories cause you to keep smiling.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much, my special Betty Stubblefield for being here this morning, and presenting to me my gavel and opening our Session. Brother Bernie, this is indeed a pleasure for me to have you welcome our Members this morning. In 1986 you and I served as Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel with our Jeanne and Tom by our sides. You do have a heart as big as all outdoors, and are one very sentimental guy, with a love for fun and a smile. You will always be very special to me. Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Betty and Brother Bernie, you have both played a valuable role in my Eastern Star life. Sister Betty, from my very first Grand Chapter I was able to watch you perform and show the qualities of leadership. It solidified my belief in our Order and showed what a true leader you were. Brother Bernie, during your year as Worthy Grand Patron I will never forget the proven fact that a lot more can be accomplished in a better way when it is done in happiness. Thank you both for welcoming our Members and Guests to this Thursday Morning Session of our Grand Chapter.

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Prayer: Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: Our Heavenly Redeemer, Ruler of the Universe, we come to you this morning with a smile on our faces and love in our hearts as we greet old friends and look forward to making new ones on this beautiful day that you have created for us. Thank you for allowing us to gather together once again to continue our most important work for Eastern Star in California. We

pray that this will be a very productive day as we continue our legislative business, and elect those Members who will lead this great Order in California for the next year. We pray that all of our business will be conducted in a timely and orderly fashion, and that the Members will remember to vote for the good of the Order and not just for their particular likes and dislikes. Please give them insight to know what is best for the Order, and the fortitude to vote their convictions; and that peace and harmony will prevail when the work is complete. Almighty God, we ask that You use Your healing powers on Members of our Order and their families who are ill. Protect them and keep them in your loving care until they are restored to full health and can be with us once again. In Thy holy name we pray. Amen.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Minutes: The minutes of the Wednesday Morning, Afternoon, and Evening Sessions were approved as read by the Grand Secretary.

Escort: Distinguished Members who have not previously been escorted.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a great deal of honor that I present Sister Dorothy Thornley, Past Grand Matron of the District of Columbia. We thank you so much for being with us this morning. I think we have one of our own Past Grand Matrons here behind me. Sister Barbara Poole, Past Grand Matron of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

"On the Wings of Love" . . . Barbara Dove, Worthy Matron (632)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much. Barbara Dove is Worthy Matron of Conejo Valley Chapter in Thousand Oaks. Last year she called and asked if I could move their Official Visit. Worthy Grand Matrons don't like all that change, but then she told me she had an opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall, and we moved it. Sister Alice Kelly, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, may we have your updated report?

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(By Alice Kelly (391), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the 1998 Credentials Committee. Thank you, Sister Sue, for giving me the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in this way. I appreciate your show of confidence by appointing me Chairman of this important Committee, and I have enjoyed working on this Committee very much.

It is with great pride that I present the Members of the Credential Committee. Sister Grace Wallis, Co-chairman, Standing Committee Members: Sister Ann Elger, Gerna Grohl, Jerry Jones, Theaola Lynn, Beverly Minner, Phyllis Rottiger, and Barbara Story. Worthy Grand Matron, we each thank you for the appointment to serve the Grand Chapter on this Committee.

The Standing Committee, assisted by the other Members of our Committee, have worked very hard to register our Members in a friendly and efficient manner, with an extra special welcome to our first-time Grand Chapter attendees. Our first duty is to register our Members, distribute the ballots to our voting delegates, and to keep an accurate accounting of this work. We do our best to answer the many questions our Members have about Grand Chapter events. A big thank you to all of the Members of our Committee for their hard work. They have made my job easier. To our Grand Secretary, Sister Shirley, and her assistant, Linda, thank you so much for answering my millions of questions. Worthy Grand Matron, the preliminary registration report shows that, as of 9:30 this morning, Thursday, October 22, 1998, there are a total of 1,924 California Members registered for the 125th Session, including 1,787 qualified Voting Delegates, with a total of 2,225 ballots being issued to those entitled to vote.

Special ballots were issued to 1,044 Members who are entitled to vote on the voting rights of Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

There are 110 Members registered from other jurisdictions. This gives us a total of 2,035 currently registered for the 1998 Session.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Alice. We will be hearing more from you as the week goes on, and we'll be looking forward to meeting you. We are so happy to meet and greet your Standing Committee. We know you have many in the background

there that are working, too. Thank you very much. Brother Max Rush, President of the Eastern Star Foundation, may we have your report? Please introduce the Members of the Foundation.

REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(By Max Rush, Jr. (347), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I'm pleased to present the first report of your California Eastern Star Foundation and to introduce the Trustees of the Foundation.

As enacted at last year's Session of Grand Chapter, the Foundation's present purpose is to receive gifts, bequests, and contributions for furtherance of the charitable and educational purposes of the Benevolent Fund, J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund, Memorial Cancer Dressing Fund, and the Scholarship Fund. The important work and accomplishment of each of these charitable undertakings has been, or will be, reported to you by the various separate Committees that are responsible for the fine charitable work of our Grand Chapter. Without their past and future work, this Foundation would truly be a meaningless show.

Each of these Committees and their hard-working and dedicated Members are the true heroes of our charitable activities. They deserve your and our thanks for a job well done. Another unsung hero of your Foundation is the staff of the Grand Chapter Office, especially our Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. Implementing the systems necessary to preserve the Foundation as a tax-exempt organization and to provide compliance with Internal Revenue rules on charitable giving has required many changes on their part. The Foundation is appreciative. They also deserve your thanks as well.

The Finance Committee has provided invaluable support in the transition phase of creating your California Eastern Star Foundation. Complying with the Internal Revenue requirements has also required changes on each of our local secretaries in more detail and revised reporting requirements. We thank them for their diligence and understanding. Most of all, we appreciate that even without the incentive of charitable tax deductions, the Members of our Order have been incredibly generous in supporting our wonderful charities. With our new Foundation we hope, in coming years, to supplement this generosity with an increased awareness of tax-advantaged giving. The most immediate impact of the Foundation's tax-exempt status has been to allow the Cancer Dressing Stations to buy supplies without the imposition of State sales tax. This has resulted in significant savings.

This year we have become aware that a very large segment of our membership is not aware of the many benefits that our charities provide. Our most immediate goal is to provide a better educated membership. It was our hope to have an informative brochure on our charities available for distribution at this Grand Chapter. Unfortunately, we were just a little bit too optimistic in our time line. I'm sure that next year's Trustees will complete this project. The financial reports of our Foundation are included in the statements provided by the Finance Committee and the Grand Treasurer. The trustees serving with me this year were: Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron, Lynne McIntosh, who served as our Secretary and is retiring from the Trustees this year. We thank her for her hard work. Bill Dean, Donald Kittleman, and Laurella Kerr. Thank you.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Max and each of you that are serving on the Foundation. This is a new adventure for our Grand Chapter. It has been an exciting time, and the rewards that have come to us have been numerous. We thank those that had the vision, and you who have made it happen, and the Members of Grand Chapter for their confidence. If there be no objection, this report will be received and will be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Sister Joan Betts, Chairman of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund, may we have your report?

REPORT OF THE MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND

(By Joan Betts, (108), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ernie Lewis; Distinguished and Honored Members; Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of this committee: Sisters Mary K. Grindle, Past Matron of Suisun Chapter and Rio Vista Chapter; and Mary Dunning, Past Matron of Crown Chapter. My thanks to these Sisters for their efforts in caring for our needy members. A Special thanks to Sister Mary Grindle. She drove many miles and gave many hours interviewing our members in the north.

We have had many calls requesting information this year. We have provided $5,386.00 in assistance to three members and received expressions of gratitude and appreciation. This fund continues to grow through the investments of Grand Chapter and donations.

It has been gratifying to work with the Chairman of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund in meeting the needs of our members.

I would request that the incoming Worthy Matrons note in the Grand Chapter Itinerary Book, the names and phone numbers of committee members and call them. Request they visit your Chapter and present the benefits available from the Marguerite Rennie Fund. These funds are available to our members and their dependents.

My thanks to Jerri Jean Golden, Grand Treasurer and the Grand Chapter Office for their assistance this year.

I thank our Past Grand Matron, Sister Sherie Gustafson for appointing me to this committee and to you, Worthy Grand Matron for this, my last year of service on this committee.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Joan and Committee Members for your report and for your efforts for the benefit of the Members of our Order. If there be no objection, the report of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Sister Pat Robinson, Chairman of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, please present the Members of your Committee and give your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON J. CLIFFORD LEE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND

(By Patricia Robinson, (348), Chairman)

I have the pleasure of presenting the Area Chairman of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund: Norma Garman, Annabel Haskins, Martha Rutherford, Virginia Jones, Blendine Smith, Jean Hopton, Denise Matthews, Fran Groat, Todd Williams, Zelma Ladendorff, Ruth Myers, Grace Winship, Sue Newton, Doris Price, Mary Jane Wade, Mona Peterson, Betty Ozunas, Dorothy Moriarity, Edwina Kellner and Sue Haverkamp. My thanks to each member of the committee for your assistance. Worthy Grand Matron, this committee wishes to express their gratitude to you for allowing us to serve on this special committee that does so much to help our Sisters and Brothers.

My personal thanks to the Grand Chapter office for their assistance in processing the bills presented.

I asked the Area Chairman to write or call the Worthy Matrons in their area so they would know who to contact if a member needed assistance

and also to let them know a member of this committee was available to speak to the Chapter if they so desired.

We had only 26 new grants this year. This pleases me and yet I must ask myself if we are getting the word out to the members of the funds that are available if needed. While there were fewer new grants it was necessary to go back in the files and activate several from past years. A total of $61,959.00 was paid out to assist our members. Chapter donations amounted to $37,499.00 and Bequests were $10,957.00.

My phone rings and after a "hello" to the other party, I often listen to requests for information about how to apply for assistance or how to send bills. Sometimes the person on the other end just needs to talk a little about the situation they find themselves in and then, of course, there are those calls and letters saying our Sister or Brother is no longer with us. Let me assure you that there are many calls and notes saying "thank you" for the assistance which would not be possible without each of you.

There are very few of us who have insurance that pays everything. Co-payments, medicines, whatever over a long period of time uses up a lot of money. One prescription can run around $300 a month just for those thirty days. I have directed members on occasion to appeal decisions by insurance companies regarding denied payments. Guess what, some have reversed their decisions.

Some of our members are reluctant to apply for assistance because they must answer questions about their finances. The only ones who see that information are the Area Chairman who does the investigation and the Chairman of the Committee who receives the completed papers. The privacy of the applicant is always observed.

Most of us have had family or friends or know of someone who has had cancer. Advances in treatment are being made but until cancer is no longer a threat to any of us we must continue in our efforts to keep this fund available for our members. This can only be done by continuing to support the projects of Grand Chapter directed towards that goal and by your personal donations.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Pat, and the Members of your Committee, for the great work you do to be the avenue by which we, the Members, can help those among us that are stricken with cancer. Many of our Members are being stricken with the disease each year. The cost of care and medicines is going up and up and in this way we are able to assist in a very meaningful way. If there

be no objection, the report will be received and printed in the Proceedings.

The hour is approaching which has been designated in our Constitution and Laws as the time for Election. Sister Lydia Eckert, Chairman of our Election Board, you will explain to our Delegates the proper election procedure to be followed. Sisters and Brothers please be attentive, so that you will know how to proceed.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Lydia Eckart, ((165/556), Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, the following instructions will assist you in the voting procedure. The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter provide that every chapter in California is equal in voting power. Each chapter is entitled to one vote for each of its four top officers as well as a vote for each Conductress and Associate Conductress providing that they are in attendance and if such officers have been duly installed. In addition, the Past Matrons and Past Patrons in attendance have a vote. This is the last year of a three year trial period allowing all Past Matrons and Past Patrons in attendance a vote.

Legislation will be presented in regards to the Past Matron and Past Patron vote at this Grand Chapter Session. However, if a Past Matron or Past Patron who is entitled to vote as a line officer, Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Officer, or a Past Elective Grand Officer shall have only one vote and will cast it in the capacity of the office currently being held. Voting rights are found in the Constitution and Laws, Section 129.

All delegates must be seated in the properly designated sections to vote. The ballot boxes will be passed to those delegates seated in the Grand Representatives sections, Deputy Grand Matrons, Choir, Medical Section, Past Elective Grand Officers, and other designated areas. No ballots will be collected from any person outside the Grand Chapter room. The guards assigned to areas not designated as voting sections will be permitted to approach a teller to cast their ballot, as well as those serving on committees, and waiting in the sections in the southeast with their reports.

Please remain in your seats during balloting. As the ballot boxes are passed to you, you will deposit your ballot in the container. You will not be balloting for any candidate who has been elected by unanimous ballot. If there are two of more candidates listed for the same office

then you will vote your preference by writing in their name on the part of the ballot issued for that purpose. You will find the correct spelling of the names of the candidates on a display board here in the East. The Constitution requires a two-thirds majority to pass legislation to amend our Constitution and Laws. A simple majority is required to amend our Instruction Book.

The members of the Election Board will now pick up their ballot containers and report to their assigned sections. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed please remain in your seats so that the business of the Grand Chapter can continue.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The hour of 10:00 a.m., having arrived, we will proceed with the Election of Grand Officers of 1998/1999, and the Election of the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Home.

ELECTION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

There being but one nominee for each office, the following were declared elected unanimously, with proper motions, seconded and carried, for the ensuing Grand Chapter year:

Sheri Weisser (577)	Worthy Grand Matron
Ronald Behnke (144)	Worthy Grand Patron
Doris May Parrish (521)	Associate Grand Matron
Glenn Jones (36)	Associate Grand Patron
Shirley Orth (135)	Grand Secretary
Jerri Jean Golden (383)	Grand Treasurer
Sue Bishop (46/280)	Conductress
Danna Willoughby (105)	Grand Conductress

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sheri Weisser
5104 Roycroft Way
Fremont, CA 94538

FRATERNAL:
Initiated Moss Agate Chapter No. 126, Billings, Mt, 1965
Affiliated (Dual Member) San Lorenzo Chapter No. 577, 1971
Worthy Matron 1977 and 1994
Inner Grand Guard 1978, 1979, 1981 and Lt. 1983
Inner Grand Guard 1982 Triennium Assembly, Anaheim

Deputy Grand Matron 1984
Grand Page 1987
Grand Treasurer 1988 through 1994
Grand Marshal 1995
Associate Grand Conductress 1996
Grand Conductress 1997
Associate Grand Matron 1998
Member, Nefru Ari Temple, Daughters of the Nile
Majority Member, International Order of Jobs Daughters
Majority Member, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Past Mother Advisor and Master of the Grand Cross of Color, IORG

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Grand Chapter Office – 9 years
Crocker Employees and Pay Less Employees Federal Credit Union – 8 years as Manager
Pay Less Drug Stores – 7 years as Secretary for VP, Finance and President/CEO

FAMILY:
My husband, Al, is a Past Patron of San Lorenzo Chapter (1977 and 1994). He is the Inspector of the 157th Masonic District, a Past Master of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551, a member of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies, Aahmes Shrine Temple and the Royal Order of Jesters.

We have three daughters (all PWAs, San Lorenzo Assembly) and 4 granddaughters. Our oldest daughter is a member of San Lorenzo Chapter.

FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Ronald L. Behnke
4065 S. Overcrest
Whittier, CA 90601

FRATERNAL:
1972 – Raised Whittier Lodge No. 323
1974 – Initiated Lyra Chapter No. 144
1977 – Worthy Patron Lyra Chapter No. 144
1979 – Worshipful Master, Whittier Lodge No. 323
1981-82 – Degree Master, Long Beach Scottish Rite
1982-84 – Whittier Lodge No. 323 Temple Board
1996 – Membership Committee, Grand Chapter
1996 – President, Terry Holts Association, Orange County
1997 – Member Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees
1997 – Worthy Patron Lyra Chapter
1997 – Co-Chairman, Eastern Star Home Fiesta
1998 – Associate Grand Patron

COMMUNITY:
1982-1989 – Assistant Scout Master, Troop 985, BSA
1985-1986 – Training Chairman, Rio Hondo District BSA
1987-1993 – Boys' Club of Whittier, Board of Directors

FAMILY:
Wife, Catherine, member of Lyra Chapter No. 144; Worthy Matron Lyra Chapter No. 144, 1981, 1997; Deputy Grand Matron, 1994; Member of Speakers' Bureau, 1996.

PROFESSIONAL:
1970 – Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy; 1970-72, Physical Therapist, P.I.H. Whittier, CA; 1972-75, Director of Physical Therapy, Beverly Enterprises in Seal Beach; 1975-1996, President and CEO Ronald Behnke Physical Therapy, Inc.; 1996-present, Manager of Clinical Operation of NovaCare, Inc.

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Doris May Parrish
4165 Warner Avenue, #105
Huntington Beach, CA 92649-4255

FRATERNAL: Harbor Star Chapter No. 521 – Initiated October 1973

CHAPTER SERVICE: Electa-1975; Esther-1976; Associate Conductress-1977, on to be Worthy Matron 1980. Chairman – 1988 Grand Chaplain's Reception, 1989 D.G.M. Reception and 1992 Grand Representative's Reception.

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE: Inner Guard 1982-87-89-94; D.G.M. 1985; Housing Chairman 1986; Grand Page 1988; Special Duties 1990; Decorations 1991; Courtesies to Dignitaries 1992-95, Co-Chairman Courtesies Luncheon-1995; Grand Electa 1993; Grand Marshal 1996; Associate Grand Conductress 1997; Grand Conductress 1998

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS: Job's Daughters, P.H.Q. Bethel #25; Guardian Council, Bethel #313

CIVIC: Past President, California Federated Women's Club; Volunteer at Fairview State Hospital; Camp Fire and Girl Scout Leader; Sunday School Teacher.

EDUCATION: High School Graduate; Los Angeles City College.

CAREER: Prudential Insurance Company; Western Valley Mortgage; Parrish's Bakery Supplies, Inc., Owner over 40 years.

FAMILY: Husband, Richard (Dick) Parrish, Harbor Star Chapter #521 P.P., 1980-1993; Past Master, Mar Vista Lodge #820; Scottish Rite; Al Malaikah Shrine.
Daughters, Merle Bettencourt and Alice Raymond, P.H.Q.'s Bethel #313 and members of Harbor Star #521; Alice Raymond, P.M. – 1993. Four Grandchildren.

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Glenn M. Jones
3846 Terra Vista Way
Sacramento, CA 95821-2934

BORN: September 11, Cortland, NE

EDUCATION: General Education, Vallejo, CA; BS Degree, Mechanical Engineering, U.C. Berkeley 1954

FAMILY: Wife: "Jerry"; Daughters: Jackie and Trish; Sons: Mark and Michael; Daughters-in-law: Debbie and Bri; Son-in-law: Fred; Grand Children: 5 girls and 3 boys

PROFESSION: Engineer, York Division Borg Warner, 20 years; Engineer, OHI Company, 20 years

MILITARY: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers 1955-57

MASONIC/FRATERNAL HISTORY:
Raised a Master Mason, Oak Plains #789, 10-24-70; President Temple Board, 16 years; Hiram Award 1981; Senior Warden, Lodge of Perfection, Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies; Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Robert D. Bruce Association, Golden Claymore Clan; Rainbow Dad many times; received Grand Cross of Colors, IORG, Iris Assembly #202; Committee Member for IOJD, Bethel #312

EASTERN STAR:
Joined Rising Star Chapter No. 36 in 1979; Worthy Patron 1981, 1984, 1989 and 1997; Service Award, 1996
Grand Chapter Service: Chairman Site Committee 1998; General Chairman Grand Chapter Week 1995; Activities Chairman 1994; Chairman Special Duties 1993.

COMMUNITY:
Cubmaster Pack 163, Vallejo; Scoutmaster Troop 63, Vallejo; Scoutmaster Troop 98, Sacramento; Order of the Arrow Advisor, Sacramento – Vigil Member OA; Silver Bear & Silver Beaver Awards; Attended Philmont Scout Ranch Leadership Training; Life Membership Award, Pennycook PTA, Vallejo; Board of Deacons, First Presbyterian Church, Vallejo

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY

Shirley Lee Orth
753 Katrina Street
Livermore, CA 94550

FAMILY:

Two sons, Ken, a student and Mike, a General Contractor; Mother, Helen, 56-year Member of Eastern Star.

FRATERNAL:

1955 – Initiated Order of Rainbow for Girls, WA
1958 – Worthy Advisor
1960 – Initiated Northgate Chapter, Seattle, WA
1979 – Affiliated Semper Fidelis Chapter, Livermore
1980 – Martha
1981 – Associate Conductress
1982 – Conductress
1983 – Associate Matron
1984 – Worthy Matron
1985 – Marshal
1989 – Deputy Grand Matron
1995 – Grand Esther
1996 – 1998 Grand Secretary

Served as Grand page to Grand Secretary 1992, 1993, 1994. Served on the Election Board; Grand Chapter Service Award Chairman, 1992.

COMMUNITY:

Active in school parent groups, 1973–91. Active in youth soccer league 1974–91.

EDUCATION:

1961 - Attended Washington State University. 1962-64 - Attended Metropolitan Business College, WA.

CAREER:

1962-64 Clerk Typist, Lincoln Savings & Loan, Washington
1964-68 Branch Manager's Secretary, Bank of America
1990-95 General Office Clerk/Typist, Grand Chapter Office
1995-Present, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Office

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER

Jerri Jean Golden
163 Emerald Way
Hercules, CA 94547

FAMILY:

Husband Richard, LCDR U. S. Navy Ret'd; a Hercules Reserve Police Officer; member Point Pinole Lodge; Beacon Point Chapter #383, served as Worthy Patron 1996. Married 34 years, two daughters, Lori and Deborah, both Past Worthy Advisors of International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and members of Beacon Point Chapter #383.

FRATERNAL:

1984 Initiated Beacon Point Chapter #383, Richmond
1985 Adah
1986 & 93 Associate Conductress
1987 & 94 Conductress
1988 & 95 Associate Matron
1989 & 90 & 96 Worthy Matron
1990 & 97 Marshal
1992 Deputy Grand Matron
1995 - 98 Grand Treasurer

EDUCATION:

1984 - Associate in Science; Certificate of Achievement in Business, Contra Costa College

CAREER:

1966-67 Cashier-Bookkeeper, Hawaii
1967-68 Asst. Bookkeeper, A/R A/P, Berkeley
1969-70 Case Researcher, Long Beach
1972-73 Records Chairman, San Diego
1974-75 Audit Clerk, San Diego
1975-77 Accounting Clerk, Japan
1978-80 Accounts Receivable & Supervisor, Hawaii
1982-90 Full Charge Bookkeeper & Office Manager, Richmond
1992-95 Accounting for Personal Business
1993-95 Part-time Executive Bookkeeper for Multi-Business Owner
1995-98 Treasurer, San Francisco
Treasurer for Grand Chapter of California - O.E.S. Enjoy the work and the members and would like to continue in this endeavor.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Sue L. Bishop
1260 Lone Tree Road
Hollister, CA 95023-9375

FRATERNAL:

Initiated – Athena Chapter No. 46, Hollister, CA - 1967
Affiliated – Sunset Chapter No. 280, San Francisco, 1989

Chapter Service

Worthy Matron – 1972, 1980, 1985, 1989, 1990

Associate Matron – 1971, 1979, 1984
Conductress – 1970, 1978, 1983
Associate Conductress – 1977, 1996
Secretary - 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995
Treasurer - 1982
Marshal - 1973, 1976, 1981
Adah, - 1968, 1969, 1974, 1996

Grand Chapter Service:
Deputy Grand Matron – 1975
Grand Adah – 1993
Grand Marshal – 1997
Associate Grand Conductress – 1998
Credentials Committee – 5 Years – Chairman 1989
Appeals and Grievances – 4 Years – Chairman 1995 & 1996
Auditorium & Grand Chapter Set up Co-Chairman 1996
Decorations Co-Chairman – 1991
Special Duties Co-Chairman – 1983
Service Award received - 1994

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Bookkeeper at Auto Dealership 6 years;
Presbyterian Church Secretary 3 years

FAMILY:
Married – 41 years, Husband Francis M. Bishop, Jr.
Worthy Patron – 12 times; Lodge Treasurer – 19 years; Lodge Secretary – 17 years
Daughters – Debbie Bishop & Linda Davidson
Son – Mark Bishop
Grandchildren – Megan Koester, Landon, Raymond & Monique Bishop, Dylan & Ian Davidson

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Danna Willoughby
27431 Lost Trail Dr.
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

PERSONAL: Born-Long Beach California-9/3/44
Married-Darrell-32 Years; 3 Sons; 3 Grandchildren
Masters Degree (Foreign Languages) 1966
Darrell-Worthy Patron 1980-83; Acacia Grove Lodge 405; Long Beach Scottish Rite; El Bekal Shrine; Rainbow Dad; DeMolay Parents Club
Partner/Owner Yucaipa Companies

OCCUPATION: Tour Guide/Interpreter Disneyland 1960-63; Grocery Clerk 1964-66; Accounts Receivable, Car Dealership 1983-84; Secretary to V.P., C.S.R. Publishing Co. 1984-85; Owner Floral business-1980-98

EASTERN STAR HISTORY: Initiated Golden Harvest Chapter 105-1974; Marshal 1976; Electa 1986,90,93; Assoc. Conductress 1977; Conductress 1978; Assoc. Matron 1979; Worthy Matron 1980; DGM 1988; President So. Deputies; Grand Ruth 1994; Grand Marshal 1998

GRAND CHAPTER: 1981,83,84 Inner Guard; 1982-Co.Chrm. of Sound & Lighting; Publicity; 1986-Chrm. of Set-up; 1989-Special Duties; 1991-92-Chrm. Session Site; 1997-Housing Chrm.

GENERAL GRAND Chapter: 1982-Co-Chrm. Sound & Lighting & Chrm. Costumes

YOUTH SERVICE: Honored Queen (1962) & Bethel Guardian (1980-88) Bethel 212 Garden Grove; Rainbow Board, Garden Grove Assembly 1992; DeMolay Parents Club

COMMUNITY: Assistance League; Lecturer for MADD; Scout Den Mother; PTA-Local/State; Historical Society; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; Teachers Aide K-3rd; Taught 7th grade floral classes-1984-90; Church Wedding Director-2yrs.

HOBBIES: Antiques, Bridge, Travel, Reading, History.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We will proceed with the Election of the Board of Trustees. Sisters and Brothers, there are two open positions from the South for a full three-year term each. We have one three-year position from the North. I find on the dias four names for the Office of Board of Trustees from the South, and one name for the Office of the Board of Trustees from the North. The names will be announced alphabetically, by geographic area. As your name is announced, please form a line in front of the Grand Secretary's desk.

For the position in the North, Mike Sanders, Welcome Redding Chapter. For the positions in the South, Terry Holts, Ventura-Fillmore Chapter; Tom McKinney, Kern River Valley Chapter; Donna Tucker, Coahella Valley Chapter, Diane Wood, Gardena Chapter. Now, once more, so that everyone will know who you are, as I call your name, please take one step forward. Mike Sanders, Welcome Redding; Terry Holts, Ventura Fillmore; Tom McKinney, Kern River Valley; Donna Tucker, Coachella Valley; Diane Wood, Gardena. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. You may return to the sidelines.

ELECTION HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEE – NORTH

There being but one candidate from the north, Mike Sanders (17), was declared elected to the Office of Trustee of the Eastern Star Home Board from the North, for a term of three years.

EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - NORTH

Michael D.T. Sanders
3064 Crossroads Dr.
Redding, CA 96003

PERSONAL: Born in Burbank 1947; Wife Sally (PM, Welcome Redding); Sons Christopher 31, Joshua 23

WORK EXPERIENCE: 1966-1979 Household Finance Corp., VP- District Manager. Managed 4 Branch Offices & two sales Districts. 1978-1979 East LA City College Consumer Finance Inst. 1979-1982 Morris Plan Industrial Bank-Branch Manager. 1982-Present Richards & Airport Printing – Redding, Chief Financial Officer

EDUCATION: 1965-1974 SDSU, BS-Chemistry

FRATERNAL:
Blue Lodge: -Reading Lodge No. 254, Past Master 1985. Officers Coach 1985-1987. Chrm. Grand Lodge Youth Orders Comm. 1985-91. Member Grand Lodge Resources & Development Comm. 1991-98. Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge 1996.
OES: Welcome Redding,, Worthy Patron 88, 92, 94; Appeals & Grievances Comm. 1992. Liaison to the Grand Lodge in 96 & 97. Life member Welcome Redding; Member Mt. Shasta, Anderson.
OTHER: Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies, Redding York Rite Bodies-Life Member. Past High Priest Redding Royal Arch Chapter. Ben Ali Shrine, Sacramento, Life Member of Past Masters' Unit, Nor-Cal Shrine Club. Member Royal Order of Scotland, The Robert the Bruce Association, So. CA Research Lodge, Redding Masonic Temple Ass'n 1983-1994, Chrm. Grand Executive Comm. IORG 4 years.

AWARDS: Grand Lodge-Hiram Award 1988. DeMolay-Cross of Honor, IORG-Grand Cross of Color. IJD-Member of Honor.

The Board needs members who are willing to listen to all sides, review all alternatives and then make valid decisions. In thirty years of management, I have been successful because I believe that all problems are merely challenges and that they all can be met with Communication, Consideration, Cultivation and Conduct.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lydia Eckert, Chairman of the Election Board, you will give the necessary instructions to the Delegates for marking their ballots.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Lydia Eckert, Worthy Matron (165/556), Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to take a ballot vote and I ask for your attention to the procedure to be followed. You will be balloting on the candidates for Trustee of the Eastern Star Home. The correct spelling of the names are listed beginning on page 74 in your book. You will be using the section of your ballot marked "First Ballot" for this purpose. There is one opening in the North, which has already been taken care of, and two openings in the South, for Trustee. These are for three-year terms. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot opened, the Members of the Election Board are ready to collect your ballots. Delegates, after the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, please remain in your seats because the business of Grand Chapter will continue.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot open. Remember that you are voting for two Home Board Trustees from the South.

(When all had voted.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SOUTH

Terry R. Holts
5437 Woodbury St.
Ventura, CA 93003

PERSONAL: Birthplace: Ventura, CA; September 5, 1933
Married: 1954, Wife: Bonnie, Two children, One granddaughter

EDUCATION: B.A. – San Diego State University; M.A. – Calif. State University - Northridge

PROFESSIONAL: Thirty-five years as Teacher and Principal of Middle and High Schools. Retired 1993.
Part-time Instructor: Ventura Community College – Fifteen Years.
Currently associated with Page, Holts & Associates – Financial & Insurance Services

FRATERNAL:
Lodge: Raised a Master Mason in 1969 – San Buenaventura Lodge #214.
Scottish Rite – Ventura Valley

O.E.S. Initiated into Ventura Chapter No. 79 – 1970. Served as Worthy Patron in 1972 & 1988. Served on Credentials Committee – Grand Chapter 1980. Chaplain – 1990, Sentinel – 1991. Received Service Award – 1993.

As Associate Grand Patron, Attended Home Board and Finance Committee Meetings – 1996.

As Worthy Grand Patron, Served on Home Board and Finance Committee – 1997.

DeMolay: Served as Advisory Council Chairman – 1976, 1977.

COMMUNITY: Adult Leader – Boy Scouts.

Served on numerous educational Projects in conjunction with the Community.

Thomas G. McKinney
501 Woodland Drive
Wofford Heights, CA 93285-9625

PERSONAL:

Married to Sue McKinney, 41 years; 2 Sons, Wade & Todd and 4 Grandsons

OCCUPATION EXPERIENCE:

Manager So. California Edison 35 yrs
Sales Associate, Century 21 Lake Isabella 7 Yrs

FRATERNAL:

Past Master, KRV#827, Kernville
Served as Inspector 1983 - 1988
Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Lodge 1991
Trustee, Masonic Foundation 1992 – To Present
Grand Lodge Speakers Panel 1992 – To Present
Real Estate Consultant, Masonic Homes 1997 – To Present

Past Patron, 1982, 1989 KRV Chapter #643

Grand Chapter Committees:
- Divine Service 1984
- Transportation 1987
- Group Co-Chairman 1989
- Activities Co-Chairman 1990
- Co-Chairman Grand Chapter Session 1991
- Wills & Bequests Committee 1995-1997
- President Eastern Star Foundation 1997
- Trustee, Eastern Star Home 1992 – 1995

I believe I have the knowledge to perform as a Trustee of our Home and assist in the operation of our facilities. I have served one 3-year term as a Trustee. I do have a concern for the residents, and will do my best to serve our Eastern Star Home.

Donna Tucker
83-200 Rosa Ave.
Thermal, CA 92274

Joined Coachella Valley Chapter No. 360, October 1979. Served as star point Martha in 1980; Associate Conductress, 1981 through the line to Worthy Matron in 1984, Conductress 1997 and Worthy Matron 1998. Deputy Grand Matron 1987; Grand Ruth 1992. Grand Chapter Committees include: Inner Guard, 1985 & 1989 (Lieutenant); Consolidations 1994-95; Special Courtesies, 1996; Membership 1997, 98.

PERSONAL: Widowed 1995. Two children: Carrie Barros, 38, a 5th grade teacher and a member of Coachella Valley Chapter, Brad Crawford, 31, a landscaper and Past Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay; and five grandchildren.

EMPLOYMENT: City of Indio, 20 years. Five years as Building Department secretary; five years as Planning Commission secretary; five years as secretary to the Redevelopment Agency; last five years to present as Planning Commission Secretary. Experience includes extensive knowledge of Government and City building and planning codes, rules, and regulations; parliamentary procedures; Brown Act requirements.

HOME BOARD GOAL: My goal will be to apply my expertise in getting the new Home through the planning and building phases, i.e. City Planning Commission, City Council, plan check, etc.; to help with decisions pertaining to any reconstructing, refurbishing, and assist in the general upkeep of the new Home and the well-being of members who reside therein.

Diane Wood
1812 West 244th Street
Torrance, California 90501-6711

EDUCATION: Associate of Arts: Business Administration, L.A. Harbor College; Associate of Science: Registered Nursing, College of Southern Idaho; Bachelor of Science: Registered Nursing, California State College; Master's Degree: Health Care Administration, University of La Verne

PROFESSIONAL: 10 years in Nursing Case Management; 8 years in Nursing Administration; 8 years in direct patient care; ICU and Med/Surg areas; 1 year Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees

FRATERNAL: Initiated in Buhl Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, 1977, life member; Affiliated with Gardena Chapter, Worthy Matron 1996; Member of the OES Home Booster Club; Redondo Court, Order of the Amaranth; Iras Temple, Daughters of the Nile; Majority member, IOJD; Past Bethel Guardian

Husband, Ron initiated in Gardena-Ascot Lodge, 1975, Worshipful Master, 1995
Scottish Rite Bodies, 1978
El Korah Shrine, 1979
York Rite Bodies, 1996
Joined Buhl Chapter OES, 1978
Affiliated with Gardena Chapter, 1992, Worthy Patron 1996

Daughters, Jeri Lynn & Chris Ann, Past Honored Queens & Majority members, IOJD; Members of Gardena Chapter OES

I would like to thank the members of Grand Chapter for electing me to one year on the Home Board last year. It has been a very exciting year for the Home and a very educational one for me. I would now like to ask you to let me continue to work for our residents by electing me to a new term. There is so much yet to be done that I want to be a part of this project. The experience I have gained this past year will give me a basis for the many decisions yet to be made. Let me continue to work to make our new Home the place OES members chose to retire to in the 21st Century.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: While the ballots are being counted, we will continue with the business of Grand Chapter. Sister Marilyn Wellman, Chairman of the Benevolent Fund, may we have your report and please introduce your Members.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT FUND

(By Marilyn Wellman, Past Matron (115), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing me as Chairman of this Committee. With the help of our Grand Secretary Shirley Orth, Grand Treasurer Jerri Jean Golden and the Area Chairmen who had served on this committee previously we made it through the year. It is an awesome job. Some Area Chairmen were as green as I was. We've come a long way since last October.

Some of our Members need a one time boost to get them over a hurdle and there are others who need monthly assistance. When I read the first application I received as Chairman, it made me realize how lucky most of us are. We should be thankful for all we have.

Our Area 6 Chairman, Marsha Price, was instrumental in a fund raising lunch and the proceeds were sent to the Benevolent Fund. The Chapter donations this year were $1,333.00. This year we assisted Members in the amount of $15,070.00. We have 13 members who received assistance for the first time this year. There were four members we were not able to assist.

I would like to stress to the Line Officers that when a member needs assistance, please remember that the request should be kept confidential. Some of our members who need help are very proud people. They do not want their Chapter Members or anyone else to know that they are receiving assistance.

My thanks to all the members that have served on this committee. Thank you again, Sister Sue, for a very rewarding experience.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Marilyn and the Members of your committee, we do appreciate your work and your gift of discernment that you exercise in order to give the appropriate aid to those in need. It was a pleasure to have a fund-raising luncheon for this fund in Sebastopol this year. For some years no special projects had been done, just small assessments. But the difficulties in the lives of many of our Members and the shortages of jobs in the space industry in California have made a greater draw on this fund. If there be no objections, the report of the Benevolent Fund will be received and will be printed in the Proceedings.

Sister Lynne McIntosh, will you please give your report of the Endowment Fund, and present the Members who served the various areas of our state.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

(By Lynne McIntosh, Past Matron (259), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to introduce the Members of the Committee present today. Marjorie Nelson, Lee Ann Shults, Lelia Read, Marjorie Sandusky, Virginia Price, Mary Green, Annette Draper, Dorothy Carle, Carol LaFlame, Pat Mastalir, Kate McKinnon, Bonnie Buck, Arlene Williams, and Beverly Youngblood.

This has been a most difficult year for the Members of the Committee, but one of great opportunity for our Home and the residents therein. Change is always exciting and, at the same time, a little frightening. It does create difficulties in communication. In spite of all our great challenges in communicating with our Members, we have again had a banner year with Life Sponsor and Star Plus donations amounting to $53,510. And with a special thank you to our Wills and Bequests Committee and the generosity of our deceased Members, please add to that, donations of $460,070, for a grand total to the Endowment Fund of $513,680 that you, the Members, donated to our Endowment Fund in the year of 1997-1998.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter. Thank you, also, to your five predecessors, for I have had the honor to serve as Chairman for this Committee for six years, and one year as a Committee Member. My heart is full as I leave this assignment, but the love I feel for the Members who have availed themselves of the dignified life they can enjoy at our Eastern Star Home is in no way diminished. Thank you to all of you who have served on this Committee for the past six years. You are all wonderful. To those of you who have so diligently served this Grand Chapter on the Home Board, I know you have earned another star in your crown, and bless you for your dedication.

A special thanks to the Chapter Secretaries that have submitted reports each and every year and have assisted the Committee in every way possible, and to the aid given by our wonderful Grand Chapter Office. Good luck to the new 1998/1999 Endowment Committee General Chairman, presently a Deputy Grand Matron, Lorita Giles. Will you please rise? I know the Endowment Fund is in good hands with Lorita at the helm. Thank you. On behalf of the Committee, Worthy Grand Matron, again, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lynne and each of the Members of the Endowment Committee, this has been a year of many opportunities for your Committee. You are the Members that are out there in the Chapters giving your report on the progress of the Endowment Fund, and often times, you were often without knowledge as to what was going on with the sale, purchase, or even our future. Now the future is bright, knowing that we do have a new facility; that we are moving into a new age of retirement living where we encourage our Members to share in the responsibility with their gifts and share in the fellowship by making plans to come and live in Yorba Linda. If there be no objections, your report will be received and will be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lydia Eckert, do you have a report for us?

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Lydia Eckert, (165/556), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, the results of the vote for the Board of Trustees for Eastern Star Home are as follows: total votes cast were 3,549. Terry Holts received 1,059 votes, Meyer Levine received 38, Tom McKinney received 1,199 votes. Donna Tucker received 524 votes, and Diane Wood, 729 votes. The majority number required to elect is 1,775 votes. Since no majority was reached, Worthy Grand Matron, we will need to reballot.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we will have a second ballot on the vote for the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees. Will the candidates for the Eastern Star Home Board please come forward.

Dave Denbow, Past Patron (288): Worthy Grand Matron, I have a question on the vote count. We didn't have that many registered. How did we have 3000 ballots when we only had 2000 registered?

Lydia Eckert, Chairman, Election Board: We did count each little pink piece of paper back there, that's what took so long.

Dave Denbow, Past Patron (288): I have no doubt. But still, we only had 2050, or something like that, 2,035 registered.

Lydia Eckert, Chairman, Election Board: That count did not include fouled ballots.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, do you have our report of the Credentials Committee there that shows the number of ballots that were handed out? Sister Grand Secretary, would you give us that report, please?

Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary: Qualified Voting Delegates with a total of 2,225 ballots being issued to those entitled. Those are the regular ballots, not special.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: But some of those Voting Delegates, 2,225, have more than one ballot because they're voting absentee for members of their chapter?

Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, those are the total of ballots issued, whether it goes to one person or four people.

Member: Each ballot had two votes.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Yes, we understand that, Sisters and Brothers. The Election Committee is going to go back and go over their figures and we'll go on with some business right now. Thank you.

Musical Momen/stretch time . . . Macarena

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lydia, I see you in the wings. Are you ready for us?

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Lydia Eckert, (165/556). Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I apologize for the confusion. That pink paper is so bright we were counting it twice. The total number of votes cast were 1509. Terry Holts received 1,059 votes; Meyer Levine, 38; Tom McKinney, 1199; Donna Tucker 524; Diane Wood, 729. The majority number required to elect is 755.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The two candidates having received the majority of the number of votes required, I now declare Terry Holts and Tom McKinney elected for three-year terms to the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Home. Sister Lydia, we thank you for the efficient manner in which you and your election Board Members have conducted the balloting this morning. I extend my congratulations to each of you for being elected to serve our Grand Chapter and know that your service will be rewarding for you, personally, and for the good of the Order.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, so very much for your attention on this Thursday Morning

Session. Please remain in your seats until the Grand Officers and Grand Pages have retired.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I declare this Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at two o'clock this afternoon.

(At 12:05 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 22, 1998

1:30 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Nellis Johnson (125), Past Matron

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages
Grand Officers

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sandy and Roger Nieder, Chairmen for our Housing Committee, please come to the East to present your report. Sister Grand Conductress, while they are coming to the microphone, please close the Bible informally, as we will have guests with us for this report.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

(By Sandra & Roger Nieder, (56/48) Co-Chairmen)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I am Roger Nieder, and my wife, Sandy, and I are Housing Chairmen. We would like to introduce at this time Loretta Maggiore, Director of Services and Housing of the Fresno Convention Bureau, and Lisa Vivian, Reservations Manager of the Holiday Inn Center Plaza. Sisters and Brothers, Loretta is the Housing Specialist for our Order. She knows our members housing requirements better than we do. Lisa is Miss Holiday Inn. She truly knows the ins and outs of her Hotel. Our job this year as Housing Chairman was made easier because the efforts of these two fine ladies. They have gone the extra mile for the Order of the Eastern Star. Please join me in giving these two ladies an Eastern

Star welcome. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to present these two ladies to our Members.

During Grand Chapter last year we were introduced to these two wonderful ladies by Danna Willoughby, the 1997 Housing Chairman. We want to thank Danna for her advice and detailed notes. We contacted both Loretta and Lisa by phone in early December and requested information. On January 5th we were faxed a list of hotels with rates from Loretta, and important information we needed from Lisa.

Copies of the Housing packet were hand carried to the Grand Secretary on January 9th. These copies were mailed by the Grand Chapter Office to each Chapter Secretary in California, and all of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. We mailed a Housing packet to each Grand Secretary of other Grand Jurisdictions, including the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. We provided copies of the housing packet to Sheri Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, and Special Dignitaries for mailing to each General Grand Chapter Officer and General Grand Chapter Committee Chairman. Individual Housing packets were given to each Deputy Grand Matron at their Brush-up School in February.

At the end of January we provided Loretta and Lisa with a list of dignitaries, and key Grand Chapter Week Chairmen who should be housed in the Holiday Inn. By the middle of February we had received the first list of Members who had been approved to be housed in the Holiday Inn, with nine names placed on the hold list. Loretta advised she had received numerous housing forms and placed a number of Members in other hotels of their choice.

By June 25th the Holiday Inn was full. Please do not think that if you only put the Holiday Inn on your housing form, that you will be placed in the Holiday Inn. We would love to put everyone in the Holiday Inn, but that is not possible. By listing a second and third choice, you will be placed in a hotel of your choosing, rather than being placed at a hotel you possibly would not select.

With the increasing number of our Members who request the Holiday Inn because of medical problems, and the number of Members who go behind the "system" to try and get in the Holiday Inn, in the near future it may be necessary to close this hotel to the general membership.

We want to stress again this year to our Members how important it is to register through Loretta. Even if you stay with friends, or make your own reservations, send your form to Loretta. The badges you are

wearing, use of this Convention Center, and a number of other extras are all possible because of the number of Members who are registered through the Fresno Convention Bureau. We recommend that all reservations continue to be made through the Fresno Convention Housing Bureau for 1999, as the Housing Chairmen cannot book rooms. The details of our report will be printed in the Proceedings.

The Complimentary Room Program this year was very successful. A total of $5,746.00 was realized for this program in 1998. In early February 1998 we contacted the hotels to determine their complimentary room ratio. Since we did not receive any complimentary rooms in 1997, we were able to negotiate a limited number of extra complimentary rooms from some of the hotels. We developed a system to obtain the revenue for the complimentary rooms from the members who would be selected to participate in this program. We obtained lists from Loretta at the Fresno Convention Bureau in late July and selected members at the various hotels based upon the length of stay and the member's method of payment. Members paying by credit card are the easiest to work with as the credit card is not processed by the hotels until the member checks in. When the member makes their deposit by check, the hotel has to refund the deposit to the member. At most of the hotels this refund would have to come from the hotel's home office. Each of the members selected to participate in the Comp. Program were first contacted by telephone and the program explained to them. Members who agreed to take part in the program would save the 13% per day room tax. The members participating were sent a letter that thoroughly explained the program. They were requested to return a signed copy of the letter indicating their concurrence. A self addressed stamped envelope was included for their convenience.

The checks for this Complimentary Program were to be made payable to the Grand Chapter of California and mailed to us, so we could send all of the checks at one time to the Grand Secretary. Most of the members used the self addressed stamped envelope to send their checks. By October 5th, we had received all of the checks and they were forwarded to the Grand Secretary on October 9, 1998.

Worthy Grand Matron, Roger and I both thank you for this fun assignment. We have talked to many wonderful Members on the phone, not only in California, but all over the United States, and we hope to be able to meet some of them in person during this Grand Chapter Session. We have made some new friends and I think we have lost a few friends. Maybe one day some of these Members will be Housing Chairmen, and they will have all of these wonderful

opportunities and a better understanding why they could not get into the hotel of their choice. Thank you, Sister Sue, for this wonderful opportunity.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Loretta and Lisa, how nice of you both to take time to come to be with us today. For some time I have heard your names, talked to you on the phone, and today we get to see these two lovely ladies that are so very good to Eastern Star in Fresno. Thank you for the many times you have said, "That's okay. It can be done," or "We can do that." Sandy and Roger, you have been terrific. You have made every effort to meet the needs of the Members while all along working with me to see that all of the Committees that need to be in special areas are there. You have made this all look easy, and I know it's not.

How could we do this without computers and fax machines? If there be no objection, your report will be received and will be printed in the Proceedings.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Jean Powers, Chairman of the Dispensations and Charter Committee, please present your Committee and your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

(By Jean Powers, Past Grand Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates to this Grand Chapter session, Sisters and Brothers, it is an honor to present the members of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters: Sister Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron, and Past Matron of Glencrest (237); and Brother, Clinton Dillon, Past Grand Patron, and Past Patron of Lexington (172), and Alhambra (193), and, I am proud to be a Past Matron of Star of the West (468). The fact that there were no chapters under dispensation, we have had no committee meetings, nor activities to report. We are hopeful, there will be activity for this committee in the future. Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for extending to us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Jean, Betty, and Clint, I thank you for your report. If there be no objections, it will be received and be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

Sister Bernice Dyck, our Publicity Chairman, has been great in providing publicity for us here in Fresno, giving ideas out to Chapter Chairmen and preparing information for the Eastern Star Journal of the Grand Chapter. We thank you, Sister Bernice. And I personally know you personally continue to assist Members on the Cal Star News. She sent me a note. "You don't need to call on me for a report," so "Read all about it." These comments will be printed in the Proceedings. Thank you, Bernice.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

(By Bernice Dyck (89), Past Matron, Chairman)

What I have attempted to do is to place people, events and our Order into the thinking mode of every member and all those who have been touched by my efforts, is to make minds aware of what is offered by the Order of the Eastern Star. Whether the efforts have met the desired effect remains unknown.

I have attended most of the Grand Chapter Committee meetings so as to be aware of the annual events progress. I have kept in almost constant touch with the editor of the state newspaper, *CAL STAR NEWS*, Diane Lotspeich, and she in turn has been very cooperative in publishing the articles for publicity as submitted.

I have encouraged individual chapter leaders to appoint a publicity chairman and if that approach was not "doable" perhaps the chapter leaders themselves were able to submit and have published the various events taking place. Especially those events which brought the name of Eastern Star before the communities.

Sister Karen Hardin, Worthy Matron of San Pedro Harbor (174), was about the most successful of anybody in the state when it came to the media. There is a 3 inch stack of publicity articles published in that Southern California area. Sister Karen had a way of making news out of each of her meetings but then again, she was in touch with a newspaper that was interested enough in community activities to allow incidental publicity. Every community is not so fortunate.

Many newspapers were interested enough to publish information on the charitable fund raising events when a good cause was the basis for letting the public know what was happening. Some chapters shared this information with this chairman.

Should anybody be interested enough to read the proceedings of the 1998 Grand Chapter Session and to further read this report, perhaps

they would help disseminate the word that with in our own Eastern Star family of committees we have the best means of publicity that can be found – CAL STAR NEWS. This publication has existed since 1983 and yet today, 1998, we discover Past Matrons who have never heard of our newspaper which is published quarterly. Therefore, it will be up to our traveling Grand Family to better cover the fact of *CAL STAR NEWS* in their many contacts with the individual chapter subordinate officers. There are subscription forms available for the asking (1319 Crestlake, Ventura, CA 93004-2739 – or phone (805) 647-7264). Each chapter should have a stack of sub-forms sitting by the attendance roster where each person attending a meeting signs in and looks over the variety of fliers available.

Certainly cyberspace is a new place many find our Order being recognized. There is an Eastern Star Web page if you are one of those who "surf the net." We have gained two new members who found us out there on the email – two that we know of and perhaps there are more. Will we soon have a directory of members who have email addresses? If so, that is a great way to get information and then to pass it along! Don't let our Order be the best kept secret of the 20th century – let's move along into the 21st century in style!

We have told the General Grand Chapter Journal what is going on in California with the hope they will publish our great accomplishments. It is not only important for our members, their chapter and communities to know what is going on, but we need to let the world of Eastern Star stay aware that the Order in California is alive and happily floating on the "Wings of Love" as we enjoy the anniversary of California Grand Chapter which is a proud ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS of love and service.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lindakay Bosh, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, please present the Members of your Committee and give your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIP

(By Lindakay Bosh, Past Matron (428/233), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I present the Members of the 1998 Scholarship Committee: Diane Jones, Dolores Cashion, Linda Whitworth, and May Laing are unable to be here, all Past Matrons of this Grand Chapter. I want to thank Sister Barbara Pierce for my appointment to the Scholarship Committee and to Sister Sue for asking me to be her Scholarship Chairman in 1998.

The Committee distributed approximately 1,000 applications. Only 235 were returned for consideration this year. Five were received after the deadline, and 40 were either incomplete or did not meet the qualifications. We read 190 applications, of which 58 had Masonic affiliations and 16 were from our youth groups.

The following scholarships were awarded:

1. Josie Morris Music: One $500 award to a music major
2. Campbell/Dillon Scholarships for Masonic youth, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls: Seven $1,000 awards
3. ESTARL: Two $500 awards to students in seminaries
4. Thelma Bailey Scholarship: Two $1,000 to Masonic youth
5. Gerald P. Cashion Scholarship: Six $5,000 scholarships, and One $4,368 awarded to students majoring in Business Administration
6. General Fund scholarships: Five $500 awards, and Twenty-seven $1,000 awards

For a total of $74,468 in scholarships.

Of the 51 scholarships, nine were regrants, 21 had Masonic affiliations, 11 were members of our youth groups, and 17 were continuing their education or returning to academia.

For the first time this year, applications were available through our Internet Web site. Forty applications were received from this venue, and 11 scholarships were awarded.

We were able to get some very positive publicity for our Order this year. The earlier application deadline enabled the Committee to evaluate and award scholarships prior to high school graduation award ceremonies. For presenting scholarship awards, I wish to thank:

Mrs. Beth Martin, Estrella (412)
Mr. Kevin Roberts, Mercedes (126)
Mrs. Dorothy Baucom, Chispa (151)
Mr. Gene Grice, Oildale (559)
Mrs. Terry Thompson, Sierra Foothill (510)
Ms. Kathleen MacDonald, Santa Clara (195) Past Grand Matron
Mr. Clinton Dillon, Lexington (172) and Alhambra (193), Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Mona Trigg, Sierra Star (129)
Mrs. Maryon Gledhill, Wild Lily (18)

Thank you for permitting me to serve as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

1998 BREAKDOWN OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS

235	Applications received, 5 were postmarked after deadline
190	Applications were complete and processed by the Scholarship committee (74 from Masonic related students)
51	Awards were made (42 first time applications, 9 regrants)
32	Recipients were Masonic related
	1 OES Member
	11 Present or former members of Masonic Youth Groups
5	Community/Junior Colleges
6	Graduate students (including 2 ESTARL awards)
48	Undergraduate students at 4 year schools
1	Attending an out of state University, University of Alaska
50	Attending Universities and College in the state of California

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lindakay and your Committee, I understand that for some years the responsibilities of this Committee have been mounting with an alarming rate because of the large number of requests for applications and applications being processed. Thank you Mae Laing, Past Matron (537), for being in attendance. This year we utilized the Web page, and we will continue to strive for ways to streamline the work and to continue to give each student the opportunity to seek higher education. Thank you for your many hours of dedicated service. I know we have shared many phone calls. If there be no objection, this report will be received and will be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

Sister Kathryn Runcie, Chairman of Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations, may we have your report and introduction of your Committee Members?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL CANCER DRESSING STATIONS

(By Kathryn Runcie, Past Matron (530), Chairman)

The protocol has been established, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to introduce Members, Sisters Geraldean Minor, Neva Reingold, Goldie Stottrup, and Lorraine Bates.

A short time ago a pediatric nurse inquired if we could make something special for Jessie, an 11-year-old, a soccer enthusiast suffering from

cancer. Rising to meet the need, a quilt and cap was ready to deliver. At the appointed time we met Jessie as he sat in a cubicle, not at all well, having a reaction to a chemo treatment. He was shown the quilt, which he observed in awe. Sitting in the corner was his caregiver, his grandmother. She asked who was responsible, and she was told, and her eyes welled with tears and she said she did not know there were such caring people who could bring such a gift of joy to her grandson. She now knows, my Sisters and Brothers, that you do care, by your support of our program.

On another occasion we were invited to "Infusion Room No. 502" where adult patients were receiving their chemo treatments. Immediately we saw the need for cervical pillows. They have been supplied. The department inquired if we could develop an infusion ball to aid the patient receiving treatment. It has been accomplished.

We have visited other medical centers where our items have been demonstrated and enthusiastically received.

The incidence of cancer in the juvenile population, for some unknown reason, has increased and with the assistance of the loving hands of our workers, we have brought much joy as they have received angels, bears, coloring books, and crayons, juvenile pillow cases, lap robes, and the list goes on.

Yes, our product line, (such as four-by-fours and surgical dressing) has changed, only because these types of dressings are not in demand. Yet, there are so many special things still needed for the comfort of the patient, both physically and emotionally.

Every item now made bears a label, "Made With Loving Hands By the Order of the Eastern Star." The precious name of our fraternity is known by all.

The accomplishment of this Grand Chapter in establishment of our Foundation has facilitated the saving of many dollars in the procurement of materials as our non-profit status is recognized when provided with the required documentation.

Approximately 40,000 hours by loving hands were donated since our last Session.

The cost of materials was $37,301.00. Chapter donations were $32,871.00. Bequest totaled $10,600.00

My Sisters and Brothers, in the short time allotted for this report, it is impossible to convey the gratitude of those we serve; to share the joys by the recipients; the tears we shed when we observe a Mom and Dad sitting by their child's treatment bed, just waiting.

My gratitude to the staff of our Grand Chapter Office for their support of our project, and their efficiency in processing the paperwork of our vendors in a timely manner.

As some of us complete our assigned roles in this project, I'm confident we will continue our dedication. Recently the figure of 40,000 will be diagnosed with this dread disease, it was announced. We must not fail to provide assistance to even a few of that number. You, the Members of this Grand Chapter, are to be commended for your support in these 41 years. As long as there is a need, it is my prayer that we will be there. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kathie. This is a very special project to my heart, as many of my family have experienced cancer. And yes, some have conquered it, too. This has been a very special love for you and each of the Members of your Committee as you work with the Members and they dedicate hours to make life a little easier for each of our Members; but not only for our Members, but for everyone that is fighting the battle against cancer. We are very happy with the knowledge our new Foundation is assisting you in purchasing materials, and we know it will encourage people to find the time and money. There being no objections, this report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

Brother Brian Whitaker, Chairman of the Ritual Achievement Committee, please present your Committee and give your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

(By Brian Whitaker, Past Patron, (528), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. When was the last time you took a moment to personally thank one of our Members for the fine Ritual work they have done? We all appreciate well-done Ritual work but probably all too often take it for granted. Many times we pay more attention to poor work, thinking it fun or cute. This year we have set out to make sure Members working hard to do good Ritual work get the credit they deserve. We want to catch Members doing something right.

I'm proud to say we were successful. Over one-third of the Chapters in the State invited a pair of our Ritual Observers to come to their Chapter and witness the Ritualistic Opening of their meeting. Some Chapters were nearly perfect. Some weren't. But that wasn't the point. The point was people trying hard to make our meetings enjoyable, and to thank them for the contribution to the team of Officers in their Chapter.

"Wait a minute, Brian. I thought you were Chairman of the Ritual competition. Wasn't the point to compete? To win a pin, a seat on the floor with a Grand Chapter Officer?" While I congratulate the Chapters that received this deserved recognition, my answer is, "Absolutely Not." Early in the program the Ritual Observers from all over the State gathered at Kernville and came to the conclusion that competition with winners also had losers. Did we want any Chapter that participated to be a loser? A hard-working member who made a mistake, the reason for failure? Of course not. Eastern Star is a team. All together it can succeed or fail. Fine Ritual work in a neighboring Chapter makes your Chapter better; enlarges what we all do together. Every member who participated during an observation is a winner, and I thank every one of you for showing us what you've got; your love for your Chapter and the fact that you care what happens in your Chapter. Would all who acted as Ritual Observers this year please stand? It's a very large Committee, and I'd rather have them stand where they are. Can we have a round of applause for our Ritual Observers?

Thank you to all you Ritual Observers, for making this possible. For the many miles you traveled, your positive attitude, your willingness to serve our Order. I'd like to thank Bill Cheney and Bob Munion, Ritual Achievement Co-Chairmen for the South and the North. They spent countless hours on the phone, and assumed full responsibility for making the nuts and bolts of this program work.

Finally, I'd like to thank you, Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, for initiating and supporting this program in 1998, and your willingness to be flexible and cooperative.

A couple of administration issues. I want to point out, we have a very large Committee. For those of you that have not received a ribbon and would like to have one, or the certificate for your acting as a Ritual Observer, please see me. I have those for you. Also, we had a small problem with some of the certificates that were passed out to those of you in your Chapters who participated; that they were not printed properly. If you would like to pick up another one that is correct, they're available at the Special Items booth. Thank you very much.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brian. We are missing Bob and Bill today. We want to thank each one of you for assuming this responsibility. It was a dream come true to hear how many Chapters and Officers have participated in this program. We know that as new ideas are implemented, we learn that there's some good and some bad. The three of you have worked to see that this program was a success, and we are delighted to welcome the winners on the floor of Grand Chapter on Friday and Saturday. Brother Ernie, can we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Brian Whitaker, I'm sorry Bill and Bob couldn't be here. Due to you, the Ritual program has been one of the most successful we've had in many years. Every Chapter that participated had fun. Those who did not participate, many of them have seen me and said, "Gee, I wish I would have known." Many did not realize that the program was to reward the Officers of each Chapter for the work they have done. As you have heard, we had one-third of our Chapters participate. We gave out over 1600 certificates to the deserving Officers of each Chapter. It made the Chapters realize just how much fun the Ritual can be, and made them realize what a learning tool our Ritual is for our Members. The entire California Order of Eastern Star is indebted to all of these Ritual Observers and all that participated to make this program the success it was. Thank you very much, Brian.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: If there be no objection, the report of this Committee will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

At this time I understand that there's a motion on the floor concerning the ballot this morning for the Board of Trustees.

Bart Bodner, Worthy Patron (449): MOTION: In view of the discrepancy of the ballot count, I move that we have a recount of the election of the Home Board and I have nine signatures here to back up this move.

Lydia Eckert, Chairman, Election Board: Worthy Grand Matron, we did have questions on the results of that ballot during the lunch hour, and we have just finished recounting all the ballots. The total is a little different. However, the results remain the same.
NOT ADOPTED:

"Play a Simple Melody" . . . California Singing Stars

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much. Aren't they wonderful? At this time I'm going to call Lydia Eckert to the microphone. We're going to have her read the numbers one more time just so that you have in your mind what the numbers are.

Lydia Eckert, Chairman, Election Board: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm sorry for the confusion, but there was a question of what constituted a ballot this morning. They didn't understand that a ballot was a single piece of pink paper, and that's where the confusion came. The total ballots cast were 1,873. Terry Holts received 1,059 votes. Tom McKinney received 1,199 votes. Donna Tucker received 524 votes. Diane Wood received 729 votes. And there were 66 invalid ballots. Those included votes for Meyer Levine, and names that couldn't be deciphered, and so forth. The wrong number ballot used was also an invalid ballot. The majority number required to elect was 937, and Terry Holts and Tom McKinney still have the most number of votes.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much. At this time it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present Sisters Wally Campbell and Joyce Cheney, Co-Chairmen of our Disaster Fund.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER FUND

(By Wally Campbell, (513), North and
Joyce Cheney, (202), South, Co-Chairmen)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Delegates of the 1998 Grand Chapter of California; thank you Worthy Grand Matron for giving Sister Wally and me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter and the members of the Order in California, on the Disaster Committee.

Our report is short. A total of $6,195.00 was donated to the fund during 1997-1998 year.

One member, in the South, requested and received assistance. They had suffered extreme flooding and a total of $4,312.00 was paid for repairs. This amount was paid after the Grand Lodge of Masons had given some assistance. A total of three inquiries were made in the South. No inquiries were made in the North.

Thank you Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for information to your members, when a natural disaster occurs, that assistance is available through the Disaster Fund.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sisters Wally and Joyce. Yes, all of California felt El Nino and soon began to think umbrellas were a part of our body. If there be no objections, this report is received and will be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

Right now we'd like to have a report from June Deatherage, (547) Chairman of the Heart Fund.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEART RESEARCH

(By June Deatherage, (547), Chairman, Heart Research)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers all. Worthy Grand Matron, I first want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity of serving our Order in this heart-wrenching manner.

I have had the support from the beginning, when we selected the design for the 1998 heart Pin with the Dove, and the support was continued through my various trials and tribulations of this year. I sincerely thank you for your belief in me, your support, and your help in achieving our goals.

This achievement was not only mine: yours, the Grand Officers, or even for that matter, the Deputy Grand Matrons, but it was the Members who supported the program by buying the pins and for that, I thank them all. I sincerely thank the Grand Officers and the Deputy Grand Matrons who were so diligent and dedicated in selling the heart pins. I am sure that this was a labor of love for all those individuals, as it was for me.

I was particularly proud that the proceeds collected of $19,066 was donated to the Loma Linda University Medical Center Heart Research program. As many of you know, the Loma Linda Center is very close to my heart and my family's heart. With my brother and three nephews as part of the medical staff there, I feel as though it was a close part of my family, at least an extended family, which has my love and support. Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for selecting this outstanding medical center to receive these donations from the hearts of our Eastern Star Members.

The presentation was made at the Loma Linda University Medical Center on Thursday, September 17th, with 52 Members of the Order of Eastern Star in attendance. In addition to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, there was one Past Grand Patron, five

appointed Grand Officers, and some Deputy Grand Matrons in attendance. The Medical Center was very hospitable, serving cheeses, vegetables, lemonade to everyone in attendance. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney, made the presentation to Dr. Leonard Bailey, Head of the Heart Research and Transplant Program. Dr. Bailey graciously accepted the donations for the Medical Center and thanked the Order of the Eastern Star for their generosity and dedication to the cause of Heart Transplantation and Heart Research.

Dr. Bailey also complimented Eastern Star for the considerable number of Members who attended the ceremony. He proceeded to tell us how the money was divided in 1994, and he said that the Committee will again meet to determine how this $19,066 would be allocated to the various Departments of the Heart Research Program at the hospital. Since the presentation, we have received an additional $274 which will also be forwarded to Dr. Bailey and his program.

I must share with you what an inspiring setting was in the room where the presentation was made. On the back of the wall of the conference room was a very large cinemascope type photograph showing approximately 40 young people from about 10 months old to 12 years who were recipients of heart transplants. These children were in little push carts, on tricycles and bicycles, with Dr. Bailey in the back row on a bicycle. Can you just imagine how this doctor must feel when he can, with God's help, give these children the ability to live and pursue healthy, happy lives?

These forty youngsters were only a few of over 400 children who have received heart transplants from Dr. Bailey. They were the ones who were still living in the general area of the hospital and could easily be assembled for that picture.

Following the ceremony, our Worthy Grand Patron gave permission for Members to be taken on a tour of the Proton Therapy Center by Dr. Jerry Slater, one of my nephews and one of the leaders of the Proton Cancer Treatment Center. Dr. James Slater, head of the Center and my brother, sent greetings to us. He was hosting an international medical group that was making a substantial donation to the Proton Cancer Therapy Center. This Proton Therapy Device is the only one of its kind in the world conference.

Following the Proton Therapy tour, many of the members came up to visit me in my room at the hospital, and they told me how much they had enjoyed the friendly hospital staff, their hospitality, the tours, and all the information that was shared with them about heart research and

cancer proton therapy. They all said it was very informative and inspiring to see so dedicated a staff with such massive and complicated equipment to help us all stay in good health.

Let me conclude by saying, God bless Dr. Bailey, the Loma Linda University Medical Center, and all of the Members of the Order of the Eastern Star for their dedication to the Heart Research Program for 1998.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister June, a very special thank you for being Chairman of this Committee, for designing the lovely heart-shaped pin with the dove that we sold for this project, and setting up the presentation of the check to Loma Linda University and the tour that followed. I know that many of your family are doctors at that facility, and we praise God for the work they are doing to save lives. This dear lady had a real challenge to her life and to her strength this year. In late August her mobile home burned to the ground and with everything that she owned inside it. Then, two weeks later, she fell through the floor of the burned remains while searching for traces of mementos. She wasn't finished yet. She developed a blood clot in the lung and was unable to be with us at the presentation. So, they did a video so that she could enjoy the fruits of her labor. She still had time to think of others, even in her darkest hour. Thank you for sharing your life and your family with each of us. If there be no objection, this report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for your attention to this Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter. Please remain seated until the Grand Officers and Grand Pages have retired. This evening session will be dedicated to our many General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members with a reception to follow at the Holiday Inn in Salons A and B. Please be in your seats prior to 7:30, ready for a really big show.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at 7:30 this evening.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

THURSDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 22, 1998

7:00 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Ann Nomicos (171), Past Matron

Entrance: Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Grand Adah Rosemary Ferris, PGM, Oregon
Grand Ruth: Sharon Backus, PGM, Nevada
Grand Esther: Joy Lough, PGM, Washington
Grand Martha: Martha Patterson, PGM, Arizona
Grand Electa: Sue Mills, WGM, Oregon

"My Shining Star" . . . California Singing Stars

Escort: Hostess

Entrance: Grand Officers

Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I have the wonderful honor to present Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, it is with honor that I present to you your gavel. During these past few days you have used this gavel in the spirit of harmony and love. My Sister, my dear Sweet Sue, may every happiness and every dream and every joy be yours.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kay, for presenting to me my gavel for this Thursday Evening Session. Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, our Hostess for the evening. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Prayer: Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: We thank you for these Members so devoted to the high ideals and noble teachings of Eastern Star. May we all learn from their dedicated service as an example. Keep them in Your loving care and let them know they are never alone in their travels; that You always walk beside them as they take the teachings of our Order to the many parts of the world. Bless these Grand Representatives for being our good-will ambassadors in other jurisdictions, and for their loyalty and support here at home. Help them spread Your joy of fraternal love as they travel. We have much gratitude for all the work these dedicated Members perform. For this time they spend with us, God bless them all. Amen.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Evening Session called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kay, we would be pleased to have your welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Lennart Johnson, our Most Worthy Grand Patron; our visiting Distinguished Members of General Grand Chapter; and our very own California General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members:

When I received our Worthy Grand Matron's invitation to serve as Hostess for this very special evening, I was honored and thrilled, not only by the invitation, but because I would have this unique opportunity to officially welcome those who are serving our General Grand Chapter. Tonight we are honoring our Most Worthy Grand Patron, the General Grand Chapter Officers, but especially all of our California Members who are serving General Grand Chapter this Triennium. These California Members actually represent the essence of our beloved California Eastern Star, and we are most proud of them. Of course, I must give personal recognition to my very own Worthy Grand Patron of 1990. Brother Loyal, this was the very first time that I have served in this capacity without you. I haven't quite decided whether I like it or not, but it does give me a chance to announce to the world how excited I am as I look forward to 2003-2006.

My dear Sisters and Brothers, this is our 125th Session, but did you know that our first Session in 1873, there were only nine Grand Officers and 23 Delegates to represent the ten Chapters existing in

California at that time? I am sure that those 23 Delegates could not have imagined the future of our California Eastern Star. Three years following that first Session in 1876, California sent Delegates to meet with four other Grand Chapters to form a General Grand Chapter. Since that time, we, in one way or another, have been active participants. We sincerely welcome each member of our General Grand Chapter, but especially our own California Members. Each one of you are a very important part of that long golden chain that reaches around the world and keeps us in touch with our Sisters and Brothers in other jurisdictions. Stay safe, dear ones, until we meet again, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kay, for serving as Hostess for this Thursday Evening Session dedicated to our General Grand Chapter Officers and Members. We have been friends for many years. We have served in Grand Families together when you were Grand Marshal and I, Grand Warder, and then for me to be chosen as Grand Marshal in your fraternal family has been a very special treat. We are blessed with a very strong line of dedicated workers, and it has been my pleasure to endeavor to live up to the high goals you have set before us. You and Loyal, with your Merry Mouse and Topper, led our Order into a new century, and now you have extended a mighty welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Patron and many of his Grand Family, including our own Brother Loyal. Brother Ernie, our Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Kay, thank you very much. 1990 was a great year in my life, and within the Order of the Eastern Star it was the first year I had the opportunity to really travel and derive the benefits of Grand Chapter. I was one of your good guys when my wife was a Deputy Grand Matron. Kay, your leadership was a great experience, and I had the opportunity to derive much of the training that I have. Thank you very much for being our guest tonight.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.)

Escort: Most Worthy Grand Patron

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Brother Lennart A. Johnson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Elective Officers

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is my honor to present Dorothy Dewing, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Oregon, and Brother Fred W. Clark, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Also a Past Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sisters Jeraldine Southward Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee on Registration, and June Lucretia Barnum, Parliamentarian, of the General Grand Chapter, both Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

"America the Beautiful" . . . California Singing Stars

Escort: Grand Representatives
(The Grand Representatives carried their flags.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present the Grand Representatives of this and other jurisdictions. Will you please step to the microphone and introduce yourselves?

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Stanley Hawkes (327)	Alberta
Goldie Stottrup (149)	Arizona
Muriel Shaw (21/549)	Arkansas
Sandra Kay Butler (211)	Australia
Mary Parsons (65)	Colorado
Wayne Bode (99)	District of Columbia
Jean Hodge (89)	Florida
Juanita Kennedy((588)	Georgia
Dorothy Holder (173/561)	Idaho
Yolanda Williams (553)	Illinois
Dora Jean Fleming (552)	Indiana
Betty Tusant (243/390)	Kansas
Virginia Spurgin (125)	Kentucky
Bob Francis, Jr. (547)	Louisiana
Edwin Winship (643)	Maine
John Lew (213)	Manitoba
Bessie Watson (181)	Maryland
Joyce Stout (151)	Massachusetts
Rachael Fanslow (241)	Mississippi
Virginia Wiest (485)	Missouri
Jean Hopton (59)	Nebraska
Rose Lee Prater (447)	Nevada
Carl Braun (97/344)	New Brunswick
Ken Harris (215)	New Hampshire
Doris Townsend (362)	New Jersey
Marjorie McCullough (3/455)	New Mexico
Madelyn Beers (135/636)	New York
Lida DeTomaso (488)	North Dakota
Irene Anderson (131)	Nova Scotia/P.E.I.
Betty Sutherin (17/153)	Ohio
Shirley Ambrosini (14/581)	Oklahoma
Jim Calkins (178/234)	Ontario
Nina Murray (456)	Oregon
Mona Lee Peterson (160/584)	Pennsylvania
Frances Aguilar (300)	Quebec
Maebelle Shipley (405)	Rhode Island
Bob de Camp (114)	Saskatchewan
Catherine Burt (403)	Scotland
Elsa Frances Templin (649/322)	South Carolina
Tillie Roel (574/282)	South Dakota
Fran Goldman (563)	Texas
Janice Paull (31)	Vermont
E. Bruce Link (332/478)	Virginia
Juanita Severe (490)	Washington
Jean Jeffrey (79)	West Virginia
Catherine Gibson (50/372)	Wisconsin

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Carol James	Arkansas
Mary Ellen Ledyard	Arizona
Mary Frances North	Colorado
Isabelle Clarke	District of Columbia
Edna Mae McKie	Idaho
E. Louise Pruse	Indiana
Anna Mae Welcher	Maryland
Elizabeth L. Barnes	Michigan
Sheila Veerkamp	Montana
Sally Chichester	New York
Howard Masson	Ontario
Robert Kendrick	Oregon
Doris Brown	Scotland
Jacqueline G. Sluder	South Carolina
Wanda Smith	Texas
Opal H. Day	Virginia
Sharon Spudich	Washington

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Joyce Jessie	Arizona in Puerto Rico
Susan Campbell	Delaware in Nebraska
Mary Hedberg	Illinois in Arizona
Marilyn Marsh	New Hampshire in Oregon
Lester Farris	North Dakota in Oregon
Kay Daniels	Rhode Island in Maryland

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present the Grand Representatives of this and other jurisdictions. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron, may we have your welcome to our Grand Representatives?

WELCOME TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(By Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron)

It is a special privilege to welcome the Grand Representatives to this Annual Session as we celebrate 125 years of California Grand Chapter. You've been selected to travel throughout the world to spread the good

works of our Order and to share the history, traditions, and friendships of your jurisdiction. You are the liaisons between our jurisdictions. We are very pleased and honored to welcome so many of you to California. It is our hope that you will enjoy your stay in our beautiful state and take many wonderful memories back home with you. Please accept our invitation to return often.

To our own Members in California who are serving as Grand Representatives, we hope that you have taken the friendship of California to your particular jurisdiction. You have returned with memories of new friends and happy times. We are thankful that each of you came safely back to us. Like the dove, each of you have flown from border to border, bringing peace and harmony to our Members. You are the reflection of our Order upon the world. On behalf of the Members of California, welcome to our "On the Wings of Love" Session. May your travels be safe and may you continue to keep our star shining brightly.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sandra Butler, Grand Representative of Australia in California and President of our Southern Grand Representatives Association, we would really appreciate your response.

RESPONSE TO WELCOME

(By Sandra Butler, (24) Grand Representative of Australia)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron Lennart Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Maxine Flint Justice, Honored Members, Sisters, and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for extending me this honor of responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives of this and other jurisdictions. Also for the gracious welcome by Sister Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as Grand Representatives, we are proud to be part of this "On the Wings of Love" Session. We congratulate you on the many accomplishments this past year, and wish for you a joyous and harmonious celebration of our 125 years of California Grand Chapter. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for all of the courtesies extended to us. We feel that we are highly privileged to serve as Grand Representatives and are most anxious to carry out our missions. As ambassadors of good will, we bring you greetings from our respective jurisdictions. It is our sincere hope and prayer that we have represented you with dignity, grace, and

honor, always remembering our responsibility to the trust you have placed in us.

May the many miles we have traveled weld more firmly the links in our golden chain of fraternal friendship and may the new friends we have made be everlasting. To you, Sister Sheri, Associate Grand Matron, Brother Ron Behnke, Associate Grand Patron, and your Grand Family of the upcoming Grand Chapter year, we pledge our loyalty and services, and hope your plans and dreams will be fulfilled.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Ernie, may we hear from you at this time?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of honor I present to you the gentleman that has truly devoted a major part of his life to serving our Order. That is, when he can break himself away from sports and spending time with his family. I didn't realize until I met Brother Lennart what a humanitarian he is. We found out that he is quite adept in horsemanship. In fact, he was President of the Association that won four titles. Being the humanitarian he is, and knowing full well that for the next two years he will not be able to ride his horse for any length of time, he consented to having his horse sired and becoming pregnant. That is a humanitarian, let me tell you.

We are indeed fortunate this evening to have the Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star with us. Brother Lennart Johnson, may we hear from you at this time?

REMARKS

(By Lennart A. Johnson, Most Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, to our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Elected Grand Officers, Appointed Officers, Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

It is a real pleasure for me to be here these past few days and on till Saturday when I leave here to go on to the next Grand Jurisdiction. But, you know, I want to thank each and every one in this great State of California for everything that you have done for Sister Lois, my wife, and I to make us welcome.

In fact, every time that I have come to California, this is our first Grand Chapter that I've attended in California, but I was here at the Triennial

Assembly in Anaheim, California, a few years back, I have visited California quite a few times because I've had a couple of cousins and an aunt and uncle that lived down in Anaheim, California, for quite a few years. So I visited quite a few times.

Yes, I have ridden my horse in California quite a few times because, just a few years ago, with the Shrine, I was up in San Francisco in the Cow Palace and rode there, and down Market Street in San Francisco. Also I rode in another street that you're probably familiar with. It's Colorado Boulevard. I've been very fortunate because I've ridden down Colorado Boulevard four times. It goes all the way back to the first time in 1968.

Now, I was just a young lad at that time, just out of high school, you know, or should I say grammar school. They let me in the Shrine very young at that age. I think they had a special dispensation to allow me to get into the Shrine at that time.

I want to tell you a little story about 1993, and it's about the very same horse that Brother Ernie just told you about.

I have a little black mare. She's a registered American thoroughbred. She stands seventeen-one hands tall, and for those that aren't familiar with horse language, her back is even with the top of my eyes. She's very tall. She's a bigger ham than I am, I'll tell you. But she'll get on the street and really prance. But when I bought her, she was only two years old, and I started training her right away. I trained her that when we go out in the street and she sees someone in a wheelchair, she'll go up to that wheelchair and put her head down in their lap so they can rub her nose.

You know, if you've seen the Rosebowl Parade, you'll notice the blue lines along the curb, which is about six or seven feet out from the curb. When I rode in an equestrian parade, such as the Rose Bowl Parade, as Commander I attended a meeting and the chairman of the equestrian units was very strict, and he told us "Nobody is to go over that blue line."

When he said "nobody," well, my horse isn't nobody, really. I'm the nobody. As we started down the line and the horse spotted a couple of wheelchairs right off the bat, she went right over, crossed over that little blue line, and right up to the curb, and put her head down in the lap of the person in the wheelchair. They rubbed her nostril and nose, and rubbed her forehead. She backed up and we went down the street fine. As all of you know, as you watch the Rosebowl, you see the

fellows in the white suits and the little motor scooters going up and down the parade marchers and checking on everything. At first the parade marshals came up to me and I think they were going to tell me I can't go over that little blue line.

But as they watched and saw what happened all the way down the parade route (I don't have to tell you that that parade route is five and a half miles long) and I think after a while I saw them talking on their radio. I didn't know it at the time, but I guess what they were doing, they were radioing ahead, and I think they were scouting out the wheelchairs for me, because as we were going down the line, they were picking out if I missed one. They would point over to a wheelchair. I'd make sure I went over that way.

When we got to the end of the parade, the chairman of the equestrian units was at the front of Victory Park as you go into Victory Park at the end of the parade route. I thought, "Oh. Now I'm going to hear about it." He came up to me and said, "You know, I've heard about you and this horse all day long on the radio." He said, "I had to come down here and see you and shake your hand." He said, "You have broken every rule," he said, "but I want you to know that if you ever want to bring that horse back to the parade, you have an invitation." I was very honored.

But, you know, tonight when we were opening, your Sister that was opening the Chapter and talking about your history 125 years ago, I was sitting in the back, thinking, you know, when your Chapter was three years old and the General Grand Chapter was formed, and you received your Charter, the first Charter that you received from the General Grand Chapter, the first Most Worthy Grand Matron that signed your Charter, we have a lot in common. For that first Most Worthy Grand Matron that signed the Charter of California is Elizabeth Butler who was the first most Worthy Grand Matron who was also the first most Worthy Grand Matron of Illinois where I'm from.

Also, I'll tell you a little story about Sister Elizabeth Butler. She served as Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Matron of her Chapter, all at the same time. So you see, Sisters and Brothers, when you talk about your legislation today, and I heard some of your Members were talking about your dual membership and serving in different Chapters, and they couldn't do it, I thought to myself, well, this was before all the fancy trains, buses, airplanes and everything, and here back in the horse-and-buggy days this woman not only served her Chapter, but Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter at the same

time. So if we all put our mind to it, I imagine we can do it. And even you can do it, if you try to. It's really easy.

You know, I want to tell you a little story. I know Loyal is pretty excited because this is his first Grand Chapter after being elected to General Grand Chapter. But I want to tell you a little story of what happened in General Grand Chapter in Olando, Florida right at that same day of the election. I was walking out in the hallway after the elections, and a Sister came up to me and says, "Congratulations, Brother Loyal, on being elected as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel." And I said to her, "Oh. Didn't you hear? They elected me Most Worthy Grand Patron." And she looked at me, and I said, "Why, sure." She said, "Aren't you Brother Loyal?" I said, "No, he's the other fellow with the same haircut."

You know, Sisters and Brothers, we have to laugh once in a while, because it makes the heart grow fonder. And I've noticed this Grand Jurisdiction has a lot of laughter, and it's great being here with you. I want to tell you a little story, because I'm trying to get a lot of work done in South America and all over the country, Europe and so forth. We've been doing a lot of instituting and constituting of Chapters. I've only got two more years to do it. We're building up an awful lot of work. What I'm doing is, you know, Loyal is following behind, Harles is in between, and then Loyal. I figured, well, I can't do it all and I want to make sure that there's plenty of work for them to do. So if I institute a lot of Chapters, they're going to follow up.

This year I've been very lucky. We've been over in Italy and instituted chapters there. I'm going to constitute two Chapters in Italy next fall. Next spring we're also down in Peru, South America, and we instituted a Chapter down there. It was a Chapter that was constituted last October. And then we went down to Brazil, and I instituted a Chapter there and constituted four Chapters. The second week of December, we're going back down to South America, to Peru, and we're going to constitute one Chapter, and then we're going to Bolivia. There is no Eastern Star right now in Bolivia, but they have over 300 people waiting for me to initiate them because we're going to institute four Chapters in Bolivia at one time. And also we've accomplished a first, because in the Central American countries, it's the first time it's ever been done. In Central America, the Grand Lodges and the Grand Masters have sent word to all of the Masonic Lodges in Central America, and they all have endorsed the Eastern Star. We're working on setting up Chapters to go down there. It will probably happen next year, to institute Chapters in Central America. Sisters and Brothers,

someone asked me one time, "Why is it that we're doing so much initiating and instituting of Chapters in South America?"

It's real easy to explain that. If we look back in the history of my Grand Jurisdiction and your Grand Jurisdiction right here, look back in the history and go back 90 years, we'll see just exactly how many people we were initiating and how many Chapters we were instituting and constituting at that time. That's just the start of what Central America is right now, and this is why we're instituting and constituting.

Until Sister Maxine, we had not instituted or started any Chapters down in Brazil - there was no Eastern Star in the south. That was the first, so this is what is making it so great, that we are instituting quite a few, and initiating.

I want to tell you another little story. When I heard some of the questions and so forth about finances, when we instituted these four Chapters, we initiated 210 people at one time. Last spring I had a request from one of the Worthy Matrons asking me if I would give her a dispensation to initiate 70 people at one meeting at one time. I had to tell her that she could only initiate eight, according to the Red Book. That's the book that their Chapters are under; that it would be better if she initiated eight at a time, and that way it would give her Officers more practice. But one of the Chapters initiated 78 people in their first year. Another Chapter initiated 67 people. Another one 57 people. They're initiating quite a few.

Their dollar in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, is $1.10 to our dollar, so you might as well say it's a dollar per dollar. Initiation fee is $80. Their dues are $150 a year. In Italy, if you figure it out -- I can't tell you right now the difference, but they go into lire. The dues for the Chapters in Italy is 150,000 lire a year. I think if you break that down, it's just a little over $100 a year dues in Italy, and their Chapters run between 40 and 50 Members. When I was in Italy I asked them, "Why don't you want to build your Chapters bigger?" The answer that I received from the Members, "If we have a Chapter bigger than 40 Members, we would never have a chance to be Worthy Matron. It would take 30 or 40 years to be a Worthy Matron."

They would like to have Chapters at 30 Members apiece because then they would have an equal chance of serving as Worthy Patron or Worthy Matron, and this is their philosophy.

Sisters and Brothers, when you say you have a small Chapter, think of it that way. You have a better chance at being a Worthy Matron or

Worthy Patron. Think of the bright side. Always think of the bright side.

Now to all of our Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, I thank you for being here with me. It is a real pleasure to be with you. I know that you have a busy schedule -- some just flew in from Oklahoma Grand Chapter today. They're here for a day or two and then they're traveling on to other Grand Jurisdictions. I think it's a real tribute to Brother Loyal that we have so many of the General Grand Family here today.

Sister Pat, I know you're happy, bubbling, and well you should be. I know that you and Loyal will have a fantastic year when you preside and take over the leadership of this General Grand Chapter, and we wish you every good work, and very much happiness and good health.

To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, I want to thank you personally for everything you've done; all the kindnesses for Sister Lois and I. It is a real pleasure to be in your Grand Jurisdiction.

I will return, I think -- not maybe in the next year or two, but when I go out of Office, then I can leisurely take my time. I have enjoyed the Grand Jurisdiction of California very much.

You know, Brother Ernie was not teasing me about my horse, I figured I had two more years, and I wouldn't be able to ride the horse that much, and she's still a young horse, so I figured, well -- I didn't need to tell my wife this. So now she knows. But I did have the horse bred, and I figured this way, you know. By the time the two years is up, she'll be a yearling, and then I can have something to go start training, a new colt or filly, whatever it would be.

It's just great being here with each and every one of you, and for all the Elected Officers here. Now, may the peace that passes all understanding abide with you and yours from this day forth. God bless.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you very much, Brother Lennart. At the start of this year, Sister Sue and I told the Jurisdiction of California that in our visitations, if it wasn't fun, we weren't going to be there. We've been to many jurisdictions, and it's been fun all year long. Listening to you and the words and advice you've given to this Grand Chapter, there's no doubt in my mind that the next two years under your leadership and that of Florence Adair, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern

Star is going to soar to great heights because with your dedication, devotion, and love for our Order, there is no way that the Order of Eastern Star can miss. Thank you very much, Brother Lennart.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Lennart, it is an honor for us to have you here at our 125th Anniversary Session and this being your Official Visit. The Courtesies to Dignitaries did deliver to your room one of our 125th anniversary plates, and we hope that you and your wife will enjoy this special token of our love to you. Always remember California, and that we are with you in all of your travels. Sister Imogene Ilderton, Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, please present your Committee and your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

(By Imogene Ilderton, Past Matron (215), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Whenever I was introduced this year as Chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, someone always asks, "What do you do?" Think of it this way. You all know what armchair sports fans are. Well, we of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee are the armchair travelers of the Order of the Eastern Star. At this time it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present my armchair traveling companions, Sisters Patricia Player, Past Matron, and Susan Wallace, Past Matron, who is very busy getting ready for the 1999 Grand Installation.

Our journey began in February when we received our first shipment of Grand Chapter Proceedings from other Jurisdictions. As we snuggled down into our chairs, we heard a crinkling sound. Upon investigation, we discovered that our chairs were full of Post-it notes. Wanting to be sure that we had an exciting trip, Sister Sue had listed a not-to-be-missed attraction on each note. With our notes in one hand, and Proceedings in the other, we were on our way. As we traveled through the many pages, we discovered that in most jurisdictions, Grand Chapter is a three-day event. In others, Grand Sessions take place over a four-day period. In Scotland, Grand Chapter is one day. Although Chapters continue to consolidate and membership keeps declining, in some jurisdictions the rate of decline is slowing down. In 1995, the Maryland Grand Chapter Membership Committee informed the Members that if something wasn't done quickly, by the year 2013 the Grand Chapter of Maryland would be facing extinction.

With the aid of the Follow the Star Booklet, the Chapters came up with innovations to recruit new Members and increase membership participation and enthusiasm. In the past two years the annual rate of membership loss has dropped. This past year many Jurisdictions made a concerted effort toward Masonic youth and public awareness events. To help promote brotherly love, Montana had a special project called the Fix-It Shop, which encouraged Eastern Star Chapters to help repair their Meeting Halls. They also had a Love Thy Neighbor Project, encouraging Chapters to do acts of kindness in their communities. In Minnesota a Sunrise/Sunset Project encouraged all Chapters to work with the youth in their local areas.

Of the 32 jurisdictions we visited, 13 had Eastern Star Homes, with Missouri and Pennsylvania each having two. Colorado has opened its homes to non-Masonic persons, and Members are allowed to utilize their MedicAid benefits in paying for their stay. The Home in Iowa has an agreement with Hospice to serve terminally ill patients. The Home is full and has a waiting list. For the first time in many years, the income of the Home in Ohio was in excess of its expenses due largely to an increase in per capita, $2 additional per member. Also last year was the first time the Home received MedicAid and Medicare payments.

Most Jurisdictions without Eastern Star Homes support the Masonic Homes by serving on their Boards and Committees, and as residents, while other Jurisdictions have jointly owned Masonic/Eastern Star Homes.

It was interesting to read, in several Jurisdictions, that there are two or more candidates for the Office of Associate Grand Conductress; that the Grand Sentinel is elected, thus beginning his journey up the line; and that all Past Matrons and Past Patrons have a vote. In Oregon, every member is entitled to vote at Grand Chapter. We also learned that Oklahoma Grand Chapter is looking into electronic voting devices. Worldwide, the Members of our Order continue to give thousands of dollars to charitable projects. This money is gleaned through donation and a variety of fundraisers. The scholarship and scholar programs continue to receive strong support, and everywhere our Sisters and Brothers continue to donate many hours of service to make life a little easier for those in need. Isn't that what the Order of Eastern Star is all about?

Fun events in other Jurisdictions included weekend camping trips, cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean, and joint events with Members of

neighboring states. Of course, food events ranked number one on the activity scale.

I would like to thank our Grand Secretary, Sister Shirley Orth, and her staff for keeping us supplied with Proceedings so that we could visit as many Jurisdictions as possible during our seven-month journey. The more we read, the more we learned. For example, did you know that many Jurisdictions have honor stations and that in Oklahoma, the Worthy Grand Matron is furnished with a Grand Chapter car during her term? Sisters Pat and Susan, you were magnificent traveling companions. Thanks for your help and friendship.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of my Committee, I thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve on the 1998 Fraternal Correspondence Committee. We had an exciting trip. Do you know what? We didn't have to wait in any lines, experience any travel delays, or lose our luggage.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Imogene, Pat, and Susan, thank you for this wonderful report and the tour through the world of Eastern Star that you have provided for each of us. If there be no objections, the report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

Will the 1998 Worthy Grand Matrons from the neighboring Jurisdictions, please rise? Rosemary Ferris, Sharon Backus, Joy Lough, Martha Patterson, and Sue Mills is the 1998/99. We started into the Grand Line together, and we have traveled all these years together and have enjoyed every time we could be together. I asked them to come and meet with me these few days and to be my emblem-bearers this evening. It has meant so much to me. I thank you so very much. We're not going to quit. We're already planning our first reunion.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much for your attention to this Thursday Evening Session of our Grand Chapter. Please remain seated until the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, and distinguished Guests have retired. We would like to be able to get our distinguished Guests over across the street so we can be ready to greet you at the open house.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I declare this Thursday Evening Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at nine o'clock Friday morning.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

FRIDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 23, 1999

8:30 a.m.	**Musical Prelude:**	Arlene Williams Past Matron (578)
Entrance:	Grand Representatives Deputy Grand Matrons Grand Pages	
Escort:	Hostess and Host	
Entrance:	Officers of Burbank Chapter No. 352 Southern California Ritual Achievement Winner	
Escort:	Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Burbank (352)	

Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure to present to you Sister Chris Cross, Worthy Matron, and Brother John Wolcott, Worthy Patron, and the Officers of Burbank Chapter No. 352 who are the Ritual Achievement winners from Southern California.

Chris Cross, Worthy Matron, Burbank (352): I have the honor to present Sister Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, and Brother David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, our Hostess and Host for this Friday Morning Session. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

The Officers will assume the Grand Officers' stations.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure of presenting some of the Officers of Burbank Chapter. Joy Rera, Associate Matron; Brother Merle Rush, Acting Associate Patron; Irehne Cagan, Conductress; Cynthia Wolcott, Chaplain; Lindsay Cross, Marshal; Virginia Rothenbach, Speaking Organist; Diane Cottone, Ruth; Dorothy Swickard, Martha; Beverly Maples, Acting Electa; Carol Collins, Warder. These are some of the Officers of Burbank Chapter.

"You'll Never Walk Alone" . . . Jim Bailey (181/563), Past Patron

Entrance: Grand Officers

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Chris Cross, Worthy Matron, Burbank (352): Sister Sherie Gustafson, it would be my honor for you to present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of honor to present to you Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, you and I have served in four Grand Families together. We have traveled together and been many places together that we never thought we would go to. It is with a great deal of love, on behalf of my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Dave, to present to you your gavel at this Friday Morning Session.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sherie. Sister Sherie and Brother Dave, we would be pleased to have your welcome to our Members on this Friday Morning Session.

WELCOME

(By Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Burbank Chapter, our Sister Maxine Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Sharing is a treasured gift and I want to say to you, Good Morning, my dear Sisters and Brothers. This is a beautiful morning after the wonderful day that we had yesterday. To each one of you, we thank you for all the help which you have given us, especially yesterday.

Sharing is a lovely gift, to bring some sunshine every day and reach out with a special caring touch. Sharing general words of cheer can bring so much to those in need. Sharing good and bad times, too, with someone who will see you through, can do so much to put our minds at ease. Nothing brings a happy glow that fills our world and warms our soul like sharing sentimental moments. Yes, sharing is a treasured gift that gives our hearts a special lift, a blessing we just couldn't do without. It brings the joy we're hoping for, and makes each day mean even more, for sharing is what living is all about.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for this distinguished honor to not only welcome the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, a 1996 Worthy Patron, but the Officers and Members of Burbank Chapter, and thank them for their outstanding interest in our Ritual work. This has made it possible for them to preside here this morning. But, too, to welcome you, our 1996 Grand Conductress, Brother Ernie, our 1996 Worthy Patron, and all of our Sisters and Brothers. It is super to be escorted by Brother Dave, my quiet but debonair Worthy Grand Patron of 1996. This morning it is extra special to have him by my side.

Sister Sue, we've shared so many memories together, so many smiles that brighten up our days, so many times that keep us close forever, even when we go our separate ways. Because we have the closeness with each other, anytime you share will always be a special time, a time to always treasure and another cherished memory for me. The poem I read in the beginning by Brandly, and the verse above, was in a card sent to me and signed this way several years ago, and quote: "You have become a special friend that I thank God he brought into my life," and it was signed, "Love, Sue." Sue, you and your Tom have always been there for Warren and I, and have traveled many miles when we needed you the most. Brother Ernie, you have been one of those Past Patrons who have been ever ready to serve whenever needed, serving once again in 1996. Thank you for that special service. Sisters and Brothers, 125 years of Eastern Star in California is a very special occasion.

Do you realize how lucky we are to belong to an Order such as ours? Especially in 1998. We live a very sheltered life under the Star in the East. Now, more than ever, we are so lucky we have the teachings of our Order and the Masonic world in general. We need to treasure those lessons we are taught at each meeting. Let me ask you these five questions, just a little food for thought. Number one: Would you give up your life to preserve your father's honor? It wasn't to her word, but her father's word to God. Would you keep your word to a Sister or a Brother? Number two: Would you go to a land of strangers with your mother-in-law? Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Would you be constant, loyal, and true to a Sister or a Brother? Number three: Would you risk your own life for your own people; your country? Number four: Martha teaches that our loved ones live in our hearts forever. Number five and lastly: Would you defend your faith even if it meant death? Remember, truth is the key to loving one another. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege.

GREETINGS

(By David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron, Host)

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It sounds like you've been up partying all night. Let's try that again. Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. That's better. At least I know you're awake now. We are here, Sisters and Brothers, to honor Southern California winner of the Ritual Achievement Program. I know that they all must have had butterflies in their stomachs when the judges came to listen to their every word and watch their every footstep. I know the feeling, because my Chapter competed, also. I thought my Chapter had done well. However, when I received a letter several months ago asking me to host this particular Morning Session, that was the first indication that perhaps I would not be sitting in the West this morning. But it is an honor to be Host this morning, and I thank Sister Sue for that privilege.

In addition to honoring our Ritual Achievement Chapter this morning, we also have some important legislation coming up. Now, sometimes legislation seems like a mystery. I know it does to me. That happens to remind me of a little story about Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. It seems that they went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes said, "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see." Watson said, "I see millions and millions of stars." Holmes then asked, "And what does tell you?" Watson replied, "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me what a beautiful day it will be tomorrow. "What does it tell you, Holmes?" To which he replied, "Somebody stole our tent." As you listen to the legislation today, try to keep an idea on what they're really trying to tell you, and be tolerant of your Sisters and Brothers if they don't agree with you. We all see things differently. We all have a photographic mind, but sometimes we run out of film and we forget to reload.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sherie, a very special thank you for being the Hostess for this Session honoring our Ritual Achievement winners. You and I have been friends since we served together as Grand Officers in 1986, and we have shared much through the years. Brother Dave, it is a pleasure to have served in your 1996 Family as your Conductress. You have a quick wit, and I enjoy your wonderful stories, each with a very good message. Brother Ernie, our Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you. Sister Sherie, what a pleasure it is to have you and Brother Dave bring the greetings to this

Session. How can I ever forget the heartfelt dedication that you both gave to our Order. Sister Sherie, I can remember in 1994 when I was Grand Sentinel, we traveled as a Grand Family. As we caravanned around the country and I looked out the window and I saw all these plants, I saw all these trees and all these flowers, and basically I did not know the names of very many of them. But you never failed to answer when we got on the CB, and I could say, "What is the name of that plant?" And you always had it ready for us. How can we forget our happy hearts that spread their good will all over the State of California, and what a good year it was. Brother David, how fortunate I was in 1996 to be one of Von Bima's lions, one of Worthy Patrons. You have been an inspiration to me. As the group can tell, you do have a keen sense of humor, although I don't remember that Sherlock Holmes story that you just told me being written by Sir Conan Doyle. But I'm sure he thought about it. Thank you so very much for greeting us.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Chris and Brother John, will you please join Ernie and I here at the podium. Chris, you have been one of my girls for this past four years, and you and John have been a delight to work with. You were not afraid to take some new ideas and work them in with your strong traditions of your Chapter. It has been a pleasure to have you and your Officers join with us here on this Friday Morning Session. We are proud of your accomplishments. You have a can-do attitude that has labeled you as winners. Will all the Members of Burbank Chapter please stand? All of the members in the stands, too, that are in Burbank Chapter.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, you are well aware this year that we had a Ritual Achievement Program to honor the Officers of our Chapter, the time and effort that they have put forth in serving their individual Chapters; to give them recognition for their efforts and ability to further the teachings of our Order. They helped our members to realize what an honor it is to be an Officer in their Chapter and to take pride in their work. For all the fun that everyone had in participating in the program, there were rewards for excellence. At this time I would like to present to the Chapter that excelled in the presentation of the Ritual Opening for the Southern California area, this plaque, which tells of their outstanding achievement. Sister Christine and Brother John, it is with a great amount of pleasure that I present this token of this Grand Chapter's appreciation to you and the Officers of Burbank Chapter. The plaque has the Eastern Star emblem on top. "California Ritual Achievement Award presented to Burbank Chapter No. 352. Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, 1998."

Chis Cross, Worthy Matron, Burbank (352): I'm sure that the Members of Burbank Chapter will find a very special place on a very special wall to hang this so that we can all enjoy it. Thank you to all of the other Chapters in the State of California who participated in this program. I know that you all benefited as much as we did. Thank you, Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, for the opportunity for the growth of the Order of the Eastern Star through this program.

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Prayer: Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: Great Architect of the Universe, we give thanks this morning for the magnificent year we have had for Eastern Star in the State of California and the accomplishments that have been made under the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Committee Chairmen, and the Members of those Committees, such as the purchase of the new Eastern Star Home, Cents Make Sense, Home Fiesta, and all the other philanthropies supported by the generosity of the Members of this great organization. Please, Lord, show each of us how to do a random act of kindness for somebody today, just to make their day a little nicer. It is with pleasure that we have welcomed our many visitors from far and near to enjoy this week. Bless their presence and inspire them with increased enthusiasm in all their doings and determination to work for the highest ideals of our Order so our Star in the East will continue to shine. Dear God, we know that many of our members and members of our families are battling insidious diseases and illnesses. Please use Your miracle curing power to cure them or give them the strength and courage to fight these afflictions until a cure can be found. Maybe one of the cures will be found because of the benevolence of Eastern Star donating time and resources. May our day be brighter and enriched because of coming to You in prayer this morning. Amen.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I declare this Friday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Maxine Flint Justice, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, may we hear from you at this time?

REMARKS

(By Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, all Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

What a special, special time this has been for me, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I thank you for all the many, many things that have been done for our comfort and pleasure since we have been here. All of your pages have just been so attentive. Everything has just been perfect. We know that this has been a very special year for all of you to have such distinguished leaders as you have had.

I want to thank your Chairmen of Distinguished Guests. Sister Sherie, I appreciate all the correspondence that you sent to me to see that all of the plans were carried out. She and Brother Warren met me at the airport, and would you believe she took me to her home and had this delicious dinner along with some of her Past Grand Matrons, and there we sat, forgetting we had traveled across the United States. What a beautiful evening we had. And this, my Sisters and Brothers, is what it is all about; that we can sit down in the living room of our friends and talk and really get to know each other. I can never thank you enough, Sherie, for all the kindness.

At this time I would also like to thank you for bringing your Star Points to Orlando and picking up our southern theme. Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I also want to thank you for giving me this time on your program, because I know how important legislation is. But I did want to come before you, the Grand Chapter of California, to try to thank for the big part that you played in our Assembly in Orlando.

There are many memories here in California for me. And a lot of you don't know, but your Brother Jerry Cashion and Sister Dee helped formulate most of the plans of General Grand Chapter in Orlando. I was fortunate enough to have Brother Jerry and Dee travel with me to Orlando many times as we chose the hotels and did all the preparing for the Assembly. I want to thank Sister Dee for standing beside me all these years. What a dear friend she has been, and made me feel as though Brother Jerry was still there.

I have so many beautiful memories of the people here who have been so very kind to me. And when I chose your Brother Loyal to be the best Chaplain any Most Worthy Grand Matron can have, how honored

I was, and how proud he made me. I wish for you, Brother Loyal and Sister Pat, one of the greatest, greatest Assemblies anybody could have, because you two are very special, and I love you.

As you know, in 1993 I came to your Grand Chapter, and you did something that I know no other Grand Chapter in this world would do. But you presented to me a check for $25,000 to defray the expenses that we might have on the passing of your Brother Jerry, since the one who took his place may not have the time to raise the money. What a great gesture this was, and I shall never forget it.

Now I'm going to brag a little bit, because I'm saying that we have the best General Grand Chapter Session anybody could ever have; right? I am not talking, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, about passing a Ritual, because we have fouled up a lot there.

But I tell you, there's one lady that can definitely bring you out of any slump. Sister June Barnum. Those of you who have traveled with me have heard me say many times, our Committee Members are the ones who make us look good; right? Would you believe that we finished all our unfinished business? We finished all of our new business. But it wasn't me that did it. It was this lady right here. There was never a time that I had a question that I didn't call her, and she had that beautiful, pleasant voice, giving you the right answer and just taking all your troubles away from you. And would you believe, just last week, I had to call her again?

But what a thrill it is to have a friend such as this; such a beautiful, intelligent, efficient person. I can never thank you, Sister June, for all that you did to make our Assembly the perfect one.

Sister Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission, may I ask Sister Lura Rae to please come to the podium? Another accomplishment that we did this past Triennium, we were able -- and I don't want you to think that we're setting a precedent, because we aren't -- but if you made room reservations and sent in a deposit, we returned all of your money. It says "No Returns," if you'll remember. I've already told Florence to put it in red. If you made banquet reservations, we returned all your money if you couldn't come. If you made tour reservations, we also returned your money. We had to pay rent on the Convention Center which was unexpected. Our transportation was something like $192,000, and we sold bus tickets amounting to $83,000.

But I want you to know when we just finished our financial statement, we didn't use a dime of West Virginia's money. We didn't use a dime

of Virginia's money. And we sent the State of Virginia and West Virginia back money. At this time it is my pleasure to present to the Grand Chapter of California their check for $25,000. This makes me so happy, since you do have Brother Loyal. Again, thanks to each of you for the many memories, and I look forward to again being with you.

Lura Rae Dales, Past Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

How does one respond? My heart is full, and I know the heart is full of many of you out there, especially those of you involved in our Candlelighters raising funds that we felt would very much be needed to add to the assessment being made on our Members for our portion of the expenses of the General Grand Chapter Assembly in 2006. What a windfall, and how very gracious. The ties that bind in our Order will forever be the things that hold us together always. This money coming at this time will mean a great deal to our Grand Chapter Assembly Fund which each of you has contributed to, and the efforts of our Candlelighters will now be really lessened, to some extent. But don't tell them. Thank you very much, Sister Maxine, for your graciousness and for coming to our Grand Chapter and presenting this in this manner. We love you.

June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, to make it official and legal, I move that this wonderful refund of $25,000 be applied to the Triennium Convention Fund.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We have a motion and a second to apply this $25,000 refund to the Triennium to our 2003-2006 Triennium Fund. Sisters and Brothers, is there any questions? Any discussion?

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: I am Loyal Stark, Past Patron, and to Maxine I just want to say "Thank you very much" for California, on behalf of California. Thank you for your love and your spirit, and the sheer joy that you've given us. I pledge to you and I pledge to California, with everything in my power, to make you very proud. Thank you for the sacrifices that you have made. Thank you very much.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Now, Sisters and Brothers. All in favor of giving this $25,000 refund check to our 2006 Triennium fund, vote in the usual manner of Grand Chapter. This check will be given to that fund. Thank you very much.
ADOPTED:

Minutes: The minutes of the Thursday Morning Session were read and approved as corrected. The minutes of the Thursday Afternoon Session and the Thursday Evening Session were approved as read.

Escort: Past Grand Matrons

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is wonderful and a great honor for me to present Sisters Wilma Thompson, Past Grand Matron of Maryland, and Margaret Clark, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star *(Grand Honors extended.)*

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much for your attention, and I know that this legislation does get a little confusing.

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy Grand Matron declared the Friday Morning Session called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Friday Afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

(At 12:14 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 23, 1998

1:30 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Freda Wheeler
Past Matron (145/367)

Entrance: Grand Officers

"The Gold of California OES" . . . Grand Officers

Jerri Jean Golden, Grand Treasurer: Alas. Alas. What are we going to do? The gold supply is running down and we are losing out.

Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary: We have to find an answer. I have heard some new kind of gold might be on the horizon.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: The Gold of California, are the Old Masonic Temples throughout the State, many of which are now County museums.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Another gold is the golden harvest taken from the big bountiful valleys of San Joaquin and Sacramento.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Other pieces of gold are our National Parks, glorious rivers which shimmer with the light and life, the mountains with the green-gold of timber, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the golden hues of our desert.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The gold rush in California began in 1849, but then that gold began to dwindle, and in 1873 the new gold began.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: New gold? What's the new gold?

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The new gold for California. . . .the OES gold. This is a gold of a special way of life.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Ah, yes. That is the gold of fidelity, constancy, love of kindred and friends, faith in God and loving one another.

Louese Newman, Grand Organist: Music is the golden thread of harmony, making impressions more lasting.

Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: The Bible is our access to God and his Golden Throne.

Danna Willoughby, Grand Marshal: James Marshall found the first gold up in Gold country, but I shall marshal our attention to the gold nugget of fidelity.

Marilyn Harris, Grand Adah: As Adah, I glitter with the lesson of fidelity to all moral obligations, a pure nugget of love and devotion.

Lois Bates, Grand Ruth: As Ruth, I represent the golden hue of constancy and faithfulness to the demands of right and justice.

Carolyn Taylor, Grand Esther: As Esther, my nugget shines with a white light of purity and joy.

Norma Stilwell, Grand Martha: As Martha, I help you to find the shimmer of green gold that shines from having a faithful trust in God.

Desyl Allen, Grand Electa: As Electa, I share with you the golden goblet of sharing your love with one another.

Sue Bishop, Associate Grand Conductress: The journey to the East first began by observing the golden light.

Doris Parrish, Grand Conductress: Leading the way along the golden journey is the trustful faith in God, following his path, searching for direction as each lesson was learned.

Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron: The gold pans for this new Order began to come full, new kinds of dollars, worth more than gold. One being the message of the sand dollar, helping to spread Christ's Gospel throughout all Eternity, as the golden message of the spirit was released. Think of this message as your golden nuggets start to arrive in the East.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Match the spirit of the sand dollar, spreading good will and peace as the white dove binds us together with 125 years of love.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Now, pay attention to the gold fields as the gold nuggets come to the Worthy Grand Assessors in the East with the faithful, understanding, and noble miners.

(The escorts of the Grand Officers moved across the floor collecting pennies from members in various containers.)

Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of honor at this time that I do present some very special entertainment. We have with us this afternoon the Jugettes from Butte County.

"Butte County Jugettes with Brother George"
(The Worthy Grand Matron was invited to join the Jugettes and received honorary membership in the Butte County Jugettes.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I'm very proud to say that of these five people, Sarah Hayden is our Deputy Grand Matron District 7. George Haydon, Sharon Lusher, Worthy Matron (119): Melinda Caven, Worthy Matron (104); and Pat Chambers, Worthy Matron (35); all Members of District 7.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: I'd like to have you know that they spared no expense on these musical instruments. They're the finest empty bottles they could find in any garbage can.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We did enjoy listening to their band when we were in their area, and I did ask them to come and be with us today at our Grand Chapter Session. Thank you.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended the Altar.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: At this time we're going to have a report from our Special Courtesies Committee, Sister Sherie Gustafson.

REPORT OF THE 1998 SPECIAL COURTESIES COMMITTEE

(By Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to present Sisters Zoe Harris, Past Grand Matron and Paula Remington, Past Grand Matron. Also helping were Brothers James Craven, Past Grand Patron and David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron. We are missing our Brother Vernon Gordon, who is ill with pneumonia. Others helping were Sisters La Verne Craven, Past Matron, Debbie Von Bima, Past Matron, and Brothers Tom Remington, Past Patron and Warren Gustafson, assisted by members of the 1974, 1992 and 1996 Families, who donated many goodies for the enjoyment of our distinguished members, plus many other members who, out of the goodness of their heart, brought cookies, or had someone else bring them, including Sister Gloria Dillon, Past Matron, who for the last few years has made 40 pounds of fudge for all to enjoy. We will be, and have been happy to collect donations for cookies and items left, which will go back into the Special Courtesies fund, for use on Saturday afternoon for the Masonic Family Honor Session, plus bottled water and cups for all who are present to enjoy.

There are several areas of responsibility in this Committee.

1. Early in 1998, with the help of Sandy and Roger Nieder, Housing Chairmen, I mailed to all Distinguished Members of our General Grand Chapter a letter regarding our 125th "On the Wings of Love" Session. Along with that letter was information on Housing, plus asking for their time of arrival, date, flight, and airline.

2. Sister Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration, and I attended the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair's, reception in Detroit, Michigan, where I handed out many of those letters to Members of other Jurisdictions, plus I mailed many of the same letters to Jurisdictions. Letters were also mailed to many public officials.

3. One hundred twenty-five years of Eastern Star in California is a very special occasion. It was most important that our Dignitaries Room be set up with elegance for this special occasion, which we did, like an old-fashioned, high-style English tea, with added nostalgia, books, and yes, even the Inner Guards' dress from the 100th Session with the help of the Grand Secretary's Office and

Credentials Committee who came over and registered our Distinguished Guests. A big thank you to the Credentials Committee and the Grand Secretary's Office for making this possible. This makes it so much easier on our Guests, for then we are there to answer any questions they may have.

4. To preside over the Dignitaries' Luncheon is a wonderful honor. It is the recommendation of this Committee that this lunch should be separate from the Courtesies Committee.

5. Another recommendation to the Courtesies Committee is that Courtesies work with Special Courtesies, bring all items to Dome Rooms 1 and 2 where they can hand out our Distinguished Guests' corsages and gifts as they register.

   Everyone was so pleased that Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, three General Grand Chapter Star Points, and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, several Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, and many Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were able to join California's 125th year.

6. It was a big opportunity last night when we arrived to greet our Guests at Salons B and C and found it had not been set up as promised. The 1974s, '92s, and '96s worked frantically for 15 minutes to have the room ready Thursday night for our Distinguished Guests.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the opportunity we have had to communicate with and later meet and become acquainted with our Distinguished and Honored Guests, now our special Pals in our Eastern Star World. It has been a friendly encounter of a very special kind.

Just think–
What if we didn't have our wonderful Order?
How much would we miss it–
How empty our lives would be.
Remember that we have been taught-
The high ideals and principles of our Order,
Giving us a very special way of life.
Remember – those wonderful friendships that we have made to treasure all of our life.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go,
Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts
And we are never the same again.
So it is with the friendships made in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, I have several plaques to present to you for the Grand Chapter of California. I felt the Eastern Star needed to be told about throughout our country. The first one is from the White House, and I would like to read it to you at this time. "Warm greetings to everyone celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. It is a very American idea that we meet our challenges, not to big government or isolated individuals, but as Members of the true community, with all of us working together, upholding this fine tradition, the Members of the countless individuals and families through the years. You have devoted your time, talents, and energy to fulfill America's bright promise for all our people, and you have rightly earned the respect and abiding gratitude of all those you have served. Hillary joins me in extending best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration and for continued success." And yes, it is signed by our President. Worthy Grand Matron, I will not read the other two in essence of time, but one is a letter of congratulations to the Grand Chapter of California's 125th year from George and Barbara Bush, and the other one is a letter of congratulations from the Governor of the State of California.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so very much, Sister Sherie Gustafson and your Committee, Paula and Zoe, both Past Grand Matrons, for working on this Committee and doing so much to make this special Session known throughout the United States. Thank you for these letters of congratulations, and we will cherish them as we display them in our Grand Chapter Office. This report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Afternoon Session called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: My special thanks to the Grand Officers for their participation in the skit this afternoon, and especially their escorts who would not want to miss the party, so they joined right in. My special thanks to the Butte County Jugettes and Brother George. I enjoyed your entertainment at your Official Visit, and it was wonderful to have you with us today.

(The Delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: At this time what I would like you to do is all join hands. Our Grand Chaplain, Bradley is going

to give us a prayer for our Sister that was taken to the hospital with a broken leg. If you could please join the hand next to you.

Prayer: Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: Sisters and Brothers, I believe in the power of telepathy, so the very first thing I'm going to ask you to do is send good thoughts to our Sister. Let her know that we're thinking of her. It was just reported that she does have a compound fracture of the leg. Her name is Charlotte Barfield, and she's from Kern County. Almighty God we come to You in prayer because a Sister was hurt here this afternoon. Lift the collective prayers of over 1,000 people for the safe return of our Member. We pray that there are no serious complications, and that she will be back with us very soon. All of these things we ask for in Thy name. Amen.

(The Delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy Grand Matron declared the Friday Afternoon Session called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

(At 5:10 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

FRIDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 23, 1998

GRAND BALL

8:30 p.m. **Entertainment**

Chairman: Sandra Beneke (521), Past Matron

Soloists: Vicki Tama (199/164), Past Matron
Don Neilson (259), Worthy Patron

1876 – First California Ritual Team
Stars in Motion

9:00 p.m. **Grand March**

Directors: Karen and John Fletcher (553/342)

FIRST MARCH

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Escorts
Most Worthy Grand Patron and Escort
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Escort
General Grand Chapter Officers and Escorts
General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Escorts
Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Escorts
Grand Officers and Escorts
Grand Secretaries Emeritus and Escorts
Deputy Grand Matrons and Escorts
Past Grand Treasurers and Escorts
Grand Representatives and Escorts
Trustees of Eastern Star Home and Escorts

SECOND MARCH

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Escorts
Grand Officers and Escorts
Grand Chapter Committee Members and Escorts
Grand Pages and Escorts
Grand Inner Guards and Escorts
Grand Guards and Escorts

THIRD MARCH

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Escorts
Grand Officers and Escorts
Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

After the Grand March, members enjoyed dancing to the music of "Sophisticated Swing."

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE" SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 24, 1998

8:30 a.m. **Musical Prelude:** Harold Hand (21), Past Patron

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Escort: Hostess and Host

Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron, Host: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Jeraldine Southward Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration and Past Grand Matron of California, our Hostess for this Saturday Morning Session. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Brother Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California and Host for this Saturday Morning Session. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Officers of Crescent Chapter No. 165
Northern California Ritual Achievement Winner

Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure of presenting Sister Lydia Eckert, Worthy Matron, and Brother Clint Lee, Worthy Patron, and the Officers of Crescent Chapter, Murphys who are winners of the Ritual Achievement Award in Northern California.

Lydia Eckert, Worthy Matron, Crescent (165): The Officers will assume the Stations of the Grand Officers. Sisters and Brothers, it is a great honor for me to introduce to you the Officers of Crescent Chapter. The Chapter is 100 years old, but these Officers aren't. Sisters Kate Frederick, Associate Matron; Brothers David Frederick, Associate Patron; and Brother Dave also serves as the Master of Ophir-Bear Mountain Lodge, No. 33 in Murphys; Joan Patterson, Secretary; Reba Gibson, Conductress; Juanice Lee, Associate Conductress; Walt Patterson, Chaplain; Betty-Rae Smith, Marshal; Joyce Temple, Adah; Ellie Thomas, Ruth; Virginia Howard, Esther; Mary Parsons, Martha, and Sister Mary is also the Grand Representative of Colorado in

California; Inez Brown, Electa; and Bob Howard, Warder. The Officers of Crescent Chapter.

"Welcome to Our World" . . . California Singing Stars

Entrance: Grand Officers

Lydia Eckert, Worthy Matron, Crescent (165): Sister Jerry, it will be my honor for you to present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, there are many different ways of expressing love, but none so special as that of a mother's love. And as you, my fraternal daughter, were escorted to the East for the very last time of your Session -- we still have to work tomorrow -- I had the feeling of pride, knowing that you and your ability as a leader have done much for this Order during 1998. But more than your being a good leader, you know how to communicate and show love to our members. That's most important. As you receive your gavel this morning, I know that your decisions will continue to be for the betterment of our Order.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Jerry, for presenting to me my gavel for this Saturday Morning Session. Sister Jerry and Brother Dennis, we would be pleased to have your welcome to our Members on this Saturday Morning Session.

WELCOME

(By Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates of this Grand Chapter, Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to greet our Members on this, the final day of our "On the Wings of Love" Session. I want to thank Sister Sue for the honor and for the privilege of being escorted again with Brother Dennis Jordan, our Worthy Grand Patron of 1986. It was during that year that you first served as a Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter. I was proud of you then, and I am proud of you now. I'm sure that you have felt the honor and responsibility that has been yours this

year as you served as our 125th Worthy Grand Matron. This year you have had a lot of "opportunities" serving our Grand Chapter. To others, these happenings would have been called "problems," but with your positive attitude and unfaltering faith, you accepted these challenges and overcame any obstacles that were put in your path.

At the end of this Grand Chapter Session when you lay down your gavel, it should be with a sense of accomplishment, knowing that you have done your work for the good of the Order. As you continue to serve our Order, only remember the positive things that have happened to you during the year. You are fortunate to have had your husband, Tom, who was always nearby. Your big mama has watched with pride as you carried out your duties this year. Remember this one thought;

There's a lot of comfort in the thought that problems, grief, and woe
Are sent into our lives sometimes to help our souls too,
For through the depths of despair and understanding, love;
And peace and truth and comfort are sent from God above.

Brother Ernie, seldom does the Past Grand Matron have the honor of having two of those who served her year as the two top presiding officers of the State. It was a pleasure to have you as one of our Worthy Patrons in 1986. You went on to serve as a Grand Officer in 1994, and now you are standing by the side of our Sister Sue as Worthy Grand Patron. You and Sister Barbara are to be commended for the service that you have given to our Grand Chapter. I am sure that you will agree that each step of the way has been a learning experience. You have helped to teach others the lessons portrayed in our ceremonies as they traveled the Labyrinth of our Star. When you have completed your duties as Worthy Grand Patron, carry with you always and share with others these valuable lessons about life. I shall always remember that you were that Masonic gentleman who gave his support to one of my fraternal daughters.

It was a pleasure for me to share part of the morning ceremonies with the Officers of Crescent Chapter in Murphys. Your continued dedication to excellent work has brought you this honor. Sister Lydia, as a former San Diegan, I'm especially proud of your accomplishments. Brother Clint, what can I say except you are another 1986 Worthy Patron who has brought honor to our year. Congratulations to each one of you and your Officers. Perhaps Brother Earl Eckert will take all of you out later for ice cream as a reward for your efforts.

Recently while cleaning out some of my paperwork, I found a copy of our previous Eastern Star publication prior to the Cal Star News. It was dated 1973, which was our 100th year. This centennial-year edition

had an article in it about Maud Bigelow Sibley who was installed as Worthy Grand Matron at our 50th Annual Session. At that time she stated that she was the first Grand Officer to serve a full four-year term as an elected progressive line officer. In fact, she was the only one to serve as Associate Grand Conductress twice. Her closing remarks as Worthy Grand Matron were the following: "We are banded together by bonds of fraternal union for a common purpose, mutual advancement, and mutual benefit. As the spokes of a wheel become nearer to each other as they approach the hub, the source of motion, so may we find in our union the key to greater power, broader vision, and a nobler and more exalted outlook on life."

These words count here today as much as they did those many years ago. This fraternal bond that we share can carry us into the future if we do our part to keep it strong. Brother Dennis, we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

GREETINGS

(By Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron, Host)

Thank you, Sister Jerry. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

My greetings to each of you on this beautiful autumn morning. It is with joy and thankfulness that I extend to each of you a top of the morning. My joy, like each of yours, comes from the awesome knowledge that we belong to each other. We are family. We are no longer strangers. We are Sisters and Brothers. From that Altar where we each knelt to this very special moment today, we have found happiness, help and joy on this star-studded way.

My thankfulness, like each of yours, has grown through the days and weeks of this fraternal year as we have been led by the loving and caring hearts of our two special leaders. Sister Sue, Worthy Grand Matron, you have brought great honor to our fraternity, yes, and to yourself as you have directed our beloved Order's affairs in this wonderful state. Your concern for the well being of each of our members reveals that you have viewed your duty to be that of serving, not being served. You have viewed your duty as one of giving, not receiving. Yes, you have also loved more than being concerned about being loved. Therefore, as this wonderful journey nears its end, please know that we are very proud of you. We each, in this room, are blessed to be your Sisters and Brothers.

Brother Ernie, Worthy Grand Patron, as you have walked by the side of our Sister Sue, you have put your very own unique and special touch on the pages of the 1998 Eastern Star year in this Grand Jurisdiction. You have put the members, their laughter, their tears, their well being, ahead of your own. In sincere love, you have created a legacy that is indeed rich and lasting. Well done, my special Brother.

So to Sue and to Ernie, we thank God for each of you and for the loves of your lives, Sister Barbara and Brother Tom as the curtain falls on this year of service, may you know that our words echo those wonderful words yet to be spoken to each of us upon our entrance into the realm of the eternal. "Well done, good and faithful servants." May the coming days give to each of you the rest you so richly deserve.

Your 1986 fraternal dad is most pleased with, yes, and most proud, of his children. I thank you for the honor of addressing you this morning. I thank you, Sister Sue, for the privilege of being escorted once again to the Grand East and serving as Host with my very own special Worthy Grand Matron of 1986, Sister Jerry. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. God Bless. Enjoy the day.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Jerry and Brother Dennis, this is very fitting that both of you should serve as Hostess and Host on this, the last day of "On the Wings of Love" Session celebrating our 125th birthday. You were the ones that picked me out of the crowd to become one of your Grand Officers in 1986. We were so fortunate to serve with such fine leaders with much care and love for the Members of our Order. Now here we are at the final day of this 1998 Grand Chapter, and both of you are by my side. Thank you for the years of encouragement and, most of all, for your love. Brother Ernie, our Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: What an honor it is to have both Sister Jerry and Brother Dennis bring the greetings on this last Session of our year, as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Jerry was my Worthy Grand Matron when I was Worthy Patron for the first time. I was in complete awe every time she spoke, and I still am. Her "Winter Wonderland" was a wonderful Session, as it was my very first Session at Grand Chapter. What a fantasy it was. Snowflakes all over the auditorium. A wonder sled that brought she and Brother Dennis in. I sat there with my mouth open, saying, "What a wonderful place to be. What a wonderful Order we have in the Order of the Eastern Star." Again, Brother Dennis, being one of your mountain climbers, little did I realize at that time to what heights each and every one of us is capable and able to climb. Little did I realize that I would

be here this afternoon on our last Session. Brother Dennis, your sage advice has always been a guiding beacon for my decisions, which I hope were for the good of this Order. I want to thank you both for making this such a memorable Session.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: These past two days we have had with us our special Ritual Achievement winning Chapters on the Grand Chapter floor. We are so proud of these fine Chapters, and each of the Chapters that participated in this program. We knew that this Committee would need a new theme, and so the theme was "Catch Someone Doing Something Right." You can be proud of the many things right that you have done. It is wonderful to know that over 100 Chapters did join in the program. We know that you take pride in doing your Ritual work well. We congratulate you and thank you for the additional time and effort you put forth. How nice it is to have one of the winners with us from a small Chapter in the mountains of the Gold Country, and then another one from the larger city. See, size of your town, numbers of members, education, status in the community, none of these matter as much as your attitude to want to do well, your love for our Order and especially the love for our Sisters and Brothers. Congratulations Crescent, you are winners. Will all of the members of Crescent Chapter please stand! Congratulations, Crescent. You are the winners. Will all the Members of Crescent Chapter please stand? That's you Chapter Members, too and Officers. Brother Ernie, can we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: My Sisters and Brothers, yesterday you witnessed the presentation of a Ritual award for the area of Southern California, which was given to Burbank (352), which, as your Worthy Grand Matron has told you, is from a larger City. This morning I have an equal honor to present the same award to the outstanding Chapter in the program from Northern California. This is a real honor for me, not only because this is one of our smaller Chapters that shows each and every one of us what can be done, but it's because I've known its Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for many years. They not only participated in the Ritual Awards Program this year, but they also celebrated their 100th anniversary, which was an outstanding affair. This Chapter shows, as I said before, that you do not have to be a large Chapter to do things well. All you have to have is the motivation, the spirit, and the will to become a Member of the Order of Eastern Star and to derive the benefits that our great fraternity has to give. Sister Lydia and Brother Clint, would you kindly come up here? In appreciation of the work that you have completed, I would like to present this award to you. Once again, it says "California Ritual Achievement Award, presented to Crescent Chapter, (165), Sue

McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron; Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, and the year is 1998." Sister Lydia, it is with pleasure that I present this award to you.

Lydia Eckert, Worthy Matron, Crescent (165): Thank you, Brother Ernie, our Worthy Grand Patron, and to Sister Sue for having this program this year. Crescent Chapter is a small Chapter, but they are all heart. Long before you had a FUN program, Crescent Chapter knew how to have fun. We have fun whether it is in our work projects or in our serious business. These Officers volunteered, voted to participate in this award this year, and came to practice. We opened up the Instruction Book and Worthy Grand Matron's instructions and read them line for line, and we did it over and over and over again, and it came out right. We appreciate, Brother Clint and I, so much the work that these Officers did. They are all heart. We accept this beautiful plaque this morning, and the award, in the name of one of our Sisters that we have lost this week. She was one of the golden hearts of our Chapter. She fought a great battle. Tuesday she entered into rest. Sister Margaret Crosby is with us this morning, smiling down on us, with something humorous to say. She would find some kind of humor and joy in this award this morning and we dedicate this to her. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Clint Lee, Worthy Patron, Crescent Chapter (165): I can't top those words. I've learned long ago, when you cannot top it, let it go. Sisters and Brothers, this is a great bunch of people. We are awfully proud. We are as proud as we can be. Juanice and I feel so fortunate that we chose to move to this area. Thank you all very much.

Opening: The Grand Chapter Room was purged and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Prayer: Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain: Most Heavenly Father, we pray for the speedy recovery for Sister Cynthia who was injured here yesterday. Bring her back to us soon. We certainly need her help. We come to you this morning on bended knee at our Sacred Altar, on which rests the open Holy Bible, to thank You for answering our prayers for a safe and productive Grand Session. Thank You for protecting Sister Sue and Brother Ernie. May Your presence be with them as they lead us during the last meeting of this session. Bless our Grand Escorts led by Sister Barbara and Brother Tom for all that they have done for the Grand Officers and the Grand Chapter of California. We shall never find more dedicated and loving Members of the Order. They have given of themselves selflessly all year. We pray they are an example all Members in California will want to emulate. Bless the

residents of our Eastern Star Home for their presence, and our 50-year Members for the years of faithful service. Finally, dear Lord, we ask a special blessing for the most important people here at Grand Chapter; the California Delegates. Without the Members of our Chapter who attend these important Sessions, there would be no need for the rest of us. Please care for them as they return to their homes and their respective Chapters. We pray that the lessons of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love, and the Obligations we took at this Sacred Altar, will be our guiding light now and forever more as we follow the shining light of our Eastern Star. Amen.

OPENING ODE
"Bind Us Together, Lord"

Bind us together, Lord
Bind Us together,
With cords that can not be broken.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together with love.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star, called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I have to tell you that Crescent Chapter of Murphys brought me a present this morning. A tarantula. Now I have two. Maybe I'll have more.

Minutes: The minutes of the Friday Morning Session were approved as corrected and the minutes of the Friday Afternoon Session were approved as read by the Grand Secretary.

Escort: Junior Past Grand Matron

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great honor that I present Sister Denny Rae Grist, Junior Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, and my big Sister. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

We are pleased this morning to have with us some residents of our Eastern Star Home. We thank these Sisters for coming to be with us on this, our 125th, "On the Wings of Love" Session. I have to tell you that

yesterday they did have a little "opportunity," as they were driving here. They had a flat tire. So I was getting notes yesterday: "They've had a flat tire." "They're all okay." "Everything is okay." "We're going to be a little late." "Everything is okay." Anyway, I had constant reports on them. But now they're here, and they did get to see the Grand March last night. But I think they were hiding in the bleachers as I didn't see them.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present these wonderful ladies. I have the pleasure to present Vicki St. John (154), Dorothy Terry (133), Ginelle Winchester (244), Frances Malee (560), and Ethel Hansen (125). They are residents of our Eastern Star facility. You will notice that they each have a purple card, and our Courtesies to Dignitaries Committee assisted me in providing these for our residents. We appreciate that. Ladies, what a refreshing sight it is to have you in attendance here at our "On the Wings of Love" Session.

Having seen you many times at our Home in Brentwood, it does my heart good to have you here at our Grand Chapter. Your presence truly gives us the true meaning of all of the great purposes of our Order, which is to Love One Another. You have shown this to me because of your love for all of us. Now it is time for us to share our love for you. So we are glad to have you come and join with us in the fun. They will be staying with us through Sunday. Please spend some time, as you stop and visit with them and hear about their adventures and excitement in moving into our new facility. I think our Vicki has a presentation.

Vicki St. John, Resident, Eastern Star Home: Worthy Grand Matron, I have some pennies from the women of the Home, and we want you to have those. Add them to your store of pennies that you have collected.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: What she was saying: these pennies have been saved by the residents of the Home. When we went there for the Official Visit, they had heard about our penny collection, and so they had been collecting pennies, and they presented us pennies at the Official Visit, just as each of you have done at your Official Visits. I have to tell you that one of the residents there, Agnes Speede, happens to come from my Home Chapter, Triangle Palms, and that she loves to get Tom's goat so what she did, is she broke open her rolled pennies and broke them all out for Tom to roll back up. The more Tom yelled, the more she broke that dude open. Thanks so much for adding to this. It's going to be something very special for you at your new facility. I'm hoping we will have a count this morning, because I think we're over $13,000. Oh, and the envelope, please. As of ten o'clock

this morning, we have collected, since we have been here, $2,500. Along with the $12,200 that we already have in the bank, quick, Finance Committee, where are you? $14,700. We're going to make $15,000.

"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" . . . Phyllis Hix, Past Matron (643)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Phyllis. She's a Past Matron of Kern River Valley Chapter in Kernville. Yesterday I was in the West, and Jim Bailey from Heber (181), Roseville and he sang beautifully for us, and I thank you, Jim. Of course last night we had wonderful entertainment that we enjoyed the whole evening. And this choir, I want to tell you, if they aren't super. Sisters and Brothers, can we give them a hand.

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, you will preside at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron (133), Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, I will read to you several decisions that have been rendered by the Worthy Grand Matron that she would like to include in Part VII of our Constitution and Laws.

DECISIONS:

1. **Definition of "immediate family" as it applies to eligibility for aid from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund.**

   The definition of immediate family" extends to husbands, wives and minor children for purposes of eligibility of relief from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. Parents and grandparents can be included in the definition of immediate family if they are living under the same roof and are financially dependent on the member for support. The definition of immediate family does not extend to sisters, brothers or cousins. Section 89A

2. **Authority to edit Grand Chapter Proceedings.**

   The Presiding Officer of a Grand Chapter session has the final authority to edit the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter session that the person presided over. The Presiding Officer has the power to

decide what should or should not be included in the proceedings. Section 50(2)

3. **Authority to negotiate and present an offer to purchase an existing care facility without further action by the delegates.**

   The Eastern Star Home Board has the authority to negotiate and present an offer to purchase an existing care facility without further action by the delegates. Section 457

4. **Eligibility for membership.**

   A person who has suffered a criminal conviction of a felony and thereafter has had his criminal record expunged by a court, which results in vacating the plea and the case being dismissed, is eligible for membership in the Order. An expungement of a criminal record is tantamount to a dismissal of the criminal charges. Section 148(9) and 901

5. **Changes in a section of our Constitution which conflicts with the decisions section of our Constitution and Laws.**

   When there are changes made to our Constitution and Laws, which affects Part VII of our Constitution and Laws, it is not appropriate or necessary for the change to Part VII be presented as a legislative change. It is not necessary that the change be voted upon at the Grand Chapter Session. The Grand Secretary will make any necessary changes in our Constitution and Laws and thereafter notify the chapters. Section 51

6. **Definition of a raffle.**

   The sale of a piece of candy or gum in exchange for a raffle ticket constitutes a raffle. Section 178

7. **Assessments by Grand Chapter for the Eastern Star Homes against a Chapter for a person that has been suspended from the order.**

   Grand Chapter does not have the authority to levy assessments for the Eastern Star Home against a Chapter for the account of a person who has been suspended from the Order. Sections 96, 248, 249 and 250(2)

MOTION: I move their adoption. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Past Grand Patron, (105), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, I'm pleased to announce that this concludes all of the legislation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(By Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron, Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws, the Instruction Book, Resolutions, and Recommendations sent to us have been referred to the proper Committees and have been completed.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: This report will be placed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Sister Carrie Milliken, will you please present your Courtesies to the Dignitaries Committee?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES TO DIGNITARIES

(By Carrie Milliken, Past Matron, (242), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

What an exciting and rewarding year this has been. Thank you, Sister Sue, for the opportunity to serve you and our Order. Our Committee has created for you many gifts and corsages for special dignitaries attending this year's "On the Wings of Love" Session. Thank you for allowing us to use our imagination to prepare special gifts.

I appreciate your allowing me to choose the Committee that I worked with this year. We have had a lot of good times as we met and discussed the work we had accomplished and the work yet to be done. At this time it's my great pleasure to present my Committee:

Committee Members	Helpers
Pat Neu, (531) Co-chairman	Dorothy Abercrombie, (630)
Virginia Bailey, (242)	Dorothy Gablick, (546)
Velma Bates, (642)	Christina Vickrey, (242)
Bobbie Berrong, (445)	Shirley Wells, (172)

Gerald Flagg, (547)
Bernice Fourr, (630)
Joan Griesinger, (242)
Dorothy Griffiths, (471)
Ella Harrison, (537/202)
Linda Skipworth, (630)
Mae Laing, (537)
Art Laing, (537)
Patricia English, (242)
Donna Poole, (242)

Each Member shared his or her special talents. No project was impossible for these wonderful members. Whatever the task they were asked to do was done cheerfully. I must say they also had the most talented members any Committee could ever have. Pat Neu was my Co-chairman. What a great asset. She did an outstanding job. She and Velma Bates made 200 dress and tux covers. Patricia Neu made 75 jewelry bags. Linda Skipworth made beautiful badge bags for the Pages, with the help of Velma Bates. Linda Skipworth and Velma Bates made the striking "Sir Blade's" that adorned our luncheon table at the Courtesies to Dignitaries luncheon. Linda and her Committee made backs for the Deputy Grand Matrons. Joan Griesinger and Patricia English made 75 neck pillows for you to enjoy as you travel in your cars.

I would like to compliment Bobbie Berrong and her Committee for making over 350 beautiful corsages and boutonnieres. They are absolutely striking, and your work is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Shirley Wells, who made all the Sir Blade pins. A big thank you to each for a job well done.

To Dorothy Griffith and her husband who took care of all the luncheon reservations for our Courtesies Luncheon and made sure you had a place to sit and delicious food to eat, we thank you for the many hours you served.

Virginia Bailey served as Secretary and Bookkeeper. She had a very busy year and did a remarkable job. Thanks to Ella Harrison and Peggy Flagg for the 400 table favors, the "doggie bags." We hope you will take them home and enjoy them. I do not want to forget Gerald Flagg, who was our gopher and no matter what he was asked to do, he did it with a smile.

Bernice Fourr and Dorothy Abercrombie made 150 Grand Guard Carrying pieces. It took many months to finish, but they were done with love for our "On the Wings of Love" Session.

Thanks to Christine Vickrey for the delicious white chocolate roses for our O. E. S. home members and to Peggy Flagg, Dorothy Gablich and Patricia English for the shoe bags and grocery bag holders. A big thank

you to Donna Poole for using her talents to wrap the Gifts for the Grand Officers, they were absolutely beautiful.

Our Worthy Grand Matron had one special request. She asked me to provide Anniversary plates for our 125th anniversary session. I set out to find just the perfect plate for our session. The companies that I contacted were not able to do what we wanted so we went to our own members Art and Mae Laing and they said no problem and they have done an awesome job. They both dropped what they were doing and graciously accepted the challenge. The result is, we have these beautiful china plates as a momento.

Sue, thank you for asking me to Chair the Courtesies to Dignitaries Committee this year. You have been a Grand Lady and it has been a great pleasure serving our Grand Chapter of California with you and Ernie.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Carrie, from the moment I invited you to be Chairman of this Committee over two years ago, your mind has been racing with ideas, plans, and details. You have been wonderful to work with, and continue to be such a good friend of mine, and worked with your very talented people who have taken my every wish and made it come true.

You have made each of our guests feel so very welcome, and they have gone home with a very warm and loving feeling from California. A special thank you to Mae Laing, and I think maybe her Art some, too, for making the plates for our 125th celebration. She did all of these while undergoing radiation at the same time. These people truly have a can-do attitude. If there be no objections, your report will be received and will be printed in the Proceedings.

I don't think you have any plates left, Carrie. All plates are gone, but we have six or eight that need to be picked up. There are items for sale in the Courtesies booth. I told them it had to be useful things, and they certainly did that for me. Thank you so very much. It is my pleasure to present Susan White, Past Matron, and she is serving as the Chairman of our Appeals and Grievance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

(By Susan White, Past Matron (524), Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The members with whom I've had the pleasure of working this past year are Sisters Sue Bishop, Associate

Grand Conductress; Janet McClanahan, Karen Fletcher, Brothers Bill Betts, Past Grand Patron; Bernie Seamans, Past Grand Patron; Kenneth Beckner; and Don Nielson. We also sought assistance and gratefully acknowledge wise counsel on rulings from Past Grand Matron June Lucretia Barnum; Past Grand Patron, Gene Stiles; Diane Silva, and Collette Serio Gole on Bylaws and Jurisprudence, and Grand Secretary Shirley Orth, as well as constant conversations with Worthy Grand Matron Sue McKinney and Associate Grand Matron Sheri Weisser. You are all heartily appreciated and congratulated.

Gazing at this backdrop of snow-capped peaks and billowing clouds and translucent blue skies, is an appropriate setting for a dream. Visualize, if you will, the perfect social group, a gathering of friends who refer to each other as fraternal Sisters and Brothers, treating all with kindness, respect, and caring. This group or organization established protocols for behavior and conduct as well as procedures for government. All oral work and stories told are completed, in this dream Order with feeling and pride. Cooperation and assistance abound as each Officer and Member share responsibilities. Members who have opportunities for leadership are sought, congratulated, and celebrated, while other family members pledge loyalty and support. When problems or dysfunction arise, there are countless opportunities to advise, soothe nerves, and forget mistakes or small infractions, all done with either random or conspicuous acts of kindness. If feelings are trampled or bonds stretched, these Members in this dream Order meet quietly, as families do, make apologies, soothe feelings, and come away with more understanding, making amends or at least adjustments for individual differences.

Did you know, Sisters and Brothers, this dream is reality in our own Eastern Star world? Perhaps your Chapter shares this description of a harmonious and happy group.

Alas, this is not the case in all our California Chapters. Therefore, when differences and deviations become accusations, and argumentative behavior is rampant, trouble ensues, and problems are perpetuated. So enters the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Last year I issued a challenge to remember the Obligation, invalidate rumors, seek counsel with involved parties, forgive slights, listen to each other, and generally be a part of the solution and not the problem.

This year the Committee was contacted 23 times, down from 32 last year. Again, these contacts were by phone, in person, and mail. We have been able to ascertain answers to questions, investigate

allegations, make Constitutional references, find pertinent factual information, and make recommendations. To each of these situations, inquiries and appeals, we have invested considerable thought and time. Unfortunately, we have not always been able to make the Members happy with certain decisions, nor have we been able to educate our Sisters and Brothers in handling these problems.

We have, however, kept our investigations and handling in as confidential a manner as possible. Eight appeals were formally considered after contact from the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter Office, and Members. Cases we have dealt with that affected the Chapters were divided into two categories: One, those involving situations that were criminal or domestic in nature; Two, those about conduct unbecoming a member, abuse of power, slander, and the use of the black cube.

In the first category, criminal or domestic issues were part of a serious family dispute that spilled over into a Chapter. It resulted in the resignation and demits of eight Members. It should never have come into the Chapter. It was outside the Order's realm. Similarly, bodily injury and character slurs were two topics which resulted in professional help for Alzheimer and emotional counseling. No appeals were recommended for trial.

The remaining cases involved interpersonal problems in communication, usually between a Line Officer, Past Matron or Past Patron, as well as many issues with Chapter Secretaries. Some dealt with the indiscriminate use of the black cube. We placed a chapter on probation at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron and knowledge of the Associate Grand Matron for such a serious problem as the indiscriminate use of the cube.

I look forward to the successful completion of five years on this Committee. Best wishes to Brother Bill Betts, Chairman for 1999. May you be closer to experiencing the golden keys of friendship that will open the door to more charity, truth, and loving kindness in this, our beautiful Order. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Susan, you have been a dream this year, and just the kind of Chairman a Worthy Grand Matron needs. One that can take phone calls until midnight. You have a very special talent of defusing a situation and setting everyone at ease while letting them blow off steam, if necessary. Each of the Committee Members that have been called on have used their tact and loving kindness.

I would like to hear a report that we have no calls to your Committee. If only our Members could think before they speak. Words can destroy lives. In 1987 our Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara Campbell, reported, "When there is a Chapter problem, if we could just tear all of the phones out of the wall, we would have no problem." She was right. If there be no objections, the report of this Committee will be received, and it will be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. We have the Site Selection Committee.

REPORT OF ANNUAL SESSION SITE SITE COMMITTEE

(By Glenn Jones, Past Patron (36), Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Our committee has been asked by some of our Sisters and Brothers as to who and why some of the cities did not bid on our convention business. In order to clarify these questions for everyone, we offer the following:

ONTARIO: Susie Thornton suggested that we contact this new facility. We sent them a letter with our requirements and requested that they answer and fill out a form. They faxed me a reply advising that the tiered seating would cost about $17,000 to lease. With this cost, they felt that they were not competitive and did not complete the rest of our form.

SACRAMENTO: Quotes from their letter "October is a very difficult time to secure hotel and center space for prolonged weekday business." "At this time we cannot meet all of your needs and requirements." In this instance, the parking costs and downtown hotel costs are prohibitive. There is only one hotel next to the center and room costs are above $125.00/night. They hope to get one more hotel down town. We did not check the State fairgrounds.

RIVERSIDE: They responded with information and hotel costs listed in the report on file in the Grand Chapter Office. Debbie Menga called me at work and withdrew their bid feeling that they did not have enough room nights available within a ten mile radius. The Hotels they offered varied in price from $99 to $145/night.

The Committee has considered the concerns our Sisters and Brothers have had from previous sessions, security, meals, parking charges, lower cost exhibit hall space rental, and lower average motel costs $66 vs $84 (not including tax).

That's the difference between Fresno and Bakersfield, Fresno being $84, Bakersfield being $66. This is from a report that was given to me

by Jackie Belluomini on her room rates, and each of the hotels from the Fresno area gave me a proposition for their rate structures. The Committee, after much deliberation, recommends that the Grand Chapter Session for the year 2003 be held in Bakersfield.

MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter Session for the year 2003 be held in Bakersfield. *(The motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Debbie Maiman, Chairman of Consolidations, can we have your report at this time?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATIONS

(By Debbie Maiman, Past Matron (245), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Sue, the Members of the Consolidation Committee and I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving on this important Committee in this, the 125th year of our Order in California. It is my pleasure to introduce the Committee Members present at this Session: Sisters Diane Cottone, Marcia McBrayer, Erla Hildebrand, Sheila Reid, Velma Bostic, Beth Ferris, Marian Klusmann, and Brothers Art Laing and James Whitely.

This year has been filled with opportunities for the Consolidation Committee. We have traveled many miles to speak to and assist Chapter Members in the consideration of the important question of consolidation. To consolidate is not a decision made lightly. It is important, then, that the procedure be carried out according to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter. If a chapter is considering the question of consolidation, the Worthy Matron should call the Committee Member in her area, or the Chairman. Arrangements can be made for a Committee Member to speak to the Chapter Members and explain the process. If a Chapter begins the process without the proper information, and the Constitution is not followed, the process may have to be started over again.

The members of this committee are here to assist and guide Chapters through the business of consolidation and are working hard to make sure our members understand the procedures to complete a successful consolidation. We do not attend a meeting and tell you what to do. We give you information, and your members decide if consolidation is a consideration for your Chapter. It is important that a committee member speak to your Chapter if you are considering consolidation,

even if you have had a speaker in the past. Rules change, and we are here to explain how and why the procedures must be followed. Every consolidation is unique, and the Committee Members work hard to keep the Members of the Chapters involved and informed during the entire process. We do care about each situation and treat each consolidation individually.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Committee has completed nine consolidations this year, with five more scheduled to complete at installations in November. We also have six consolidations now in progress at various stages. The complete listing is included in this report and will be given to the Grand Secretary.

Again, it has been our pleasure to serve the members in California this year. We hope we have answered all their questions with charity and kindness, and have exemplified Electa's charge that we "love one another" when we have been called upon to assist Chapters in the very emotional process of consolidation. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

CONSOLIDATIONS COMPLETED
1997-1998 Grand Chapter Year

Installation	Chapters Consolidating	Consolidated Chapter
11-7-97	St. Johns No. 14 Northern Light No. 26	Northern Light No. 14
11-9-97	Long Beach Bettina No. 173 MarVista No. 414	Long Beach No. 173
11-15-97	Castro Valley-Hayward No. 455 Pleasanton No. 294	Castro Valley No. 294
11-21-97	La Paloma No. 202 West Covina No. 325	West Covina No. 202
11-25-97	Buena Park No. 240 Chispa No. 151	Chispa No. 151
4-14-98	Santa Maria No. 453 Poinsettia No. 287	Poinsettia No. 287
5-26-98	Centinela No. 136 Mercedes No. 126	Mercedes No. 126
8-13-98	Westminister No. 625 Golden Harvest No. 105	Golden Harvest No. 105
9-25-98	Copa del Oro No. 142 Gate City No. 212	Gate City No. 212

CONSOLIDATIONS IN PROGRESS

Taft Chapter No. 323 and Bakersfield No. 125 will become Bakersfield No. 125 at their regular installation on November 15, 1998.
Veritas No. 84 and Fidelia No. 56 will become Fidelia No. 56 at their regular installation on November 14, 1998.

Valley of the Moon No. 85 and Calistoga Keystone No. 189 will become Silverado No. 189 at their regular installation on November 14, 1998.

CHAPTERS CONSIDERING CONSOLIDATION

Estrellita No. 541 and Carita No. 115 have voted to consider consolidation, will form committees and meet after the 1998 Grand Chapter.

Bellflower No. 397 and Lynwood No. 438 have scheduled their Joint Chapter meeting for October 29, 1998 and should complete with installation in November 1998.

Star of the West No. 468 and Pomona No. 110 have voted to consider consolidation. The committees will meet after the 1998 Grand Chapter.

Sunset No. 280 asked Pacific Star No. 252 in September, 1998 to consider consolidation. The committees have not yet met. This consolidation should complete in early 1999.

Vernon-Lyman No. 35 and Amapola No. 119 have voted to consider consolidation. The committees will meet on November 1, 1998.

Sisson-White Pine No. 175 has sent a letter to Fidelity No. 131 asking them to consider consolidation.

Sunnyvale No. 250 and Los Altos No. 636 will have their Joint Chapter meeting after the 1998 Grand Chapter and should have their installation in November 1998.

Arrowhead No. 75 voted to approach Gate City No. 212 asking them to consider consolidation.

CONSOLIDATIONS ABANDONED

Bright Star No. 288 and Manzanita No. 342 voted to not continue at the report back.

Playa-Linda Ascot No. 425 and Fuchsia No. 597 voted to not continue at the report back.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Debbie, I know that each of the members of your committee have worked very hard, some actually working with consolidations and completing them, others giving Chapters information for the future, and food for thought. It has been a busy year for you, and we do appreciate the many miles traveled, the hours spent. If there be no objection, your report will be

received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Can we have the final report of the Credentials Committee, please?

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(By Alice Kelley, Past Matron (391), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the 1998 Credentials Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you from all of the members of the Credentials Committee for the honor of serving Grand Chapter this year. It is my privilege to present the final report on registration at this time.

Out of State

General Grand Officers	6
General Grand Chapter Committee Members	5
Grand Officers	22
Past Grand Matrons	17
Past Grand Patrons	8
Grand Representatives	23
Visiting Members	44
Total Out of State Members	125

California Members

General Grand Chapter Officers	1
General Grand Chapter Committee Members	2
Grand Officers	18
Past Grand Matrons	22
Past Grand Patrons	16
Deputy Grand Matrons	59
Past Elected Grand Officers	5
Worthy Matrons	199
Worthy Patrons	146
Associate Matrons	198
Associate Patrons	128
Conductresses	156
Associate Conductresses	100
Elected Voting Delegates	9
Past Matrons	744
Past Patrons	248
Members	192
Total California Members	2,243

Total Members Registered	2,368
Total Voting Delegates	1,984
Total Ballots Issued	2,466

Guests

Paying Guests	0
Guests	5
Total Guests	5
(Included in members count)	

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Alice, I know that each of you and each of the members of your Committee have worked very hard to see that each and every one of our Members and Guests were greeted with a big smile and a hearty welcome so that they would have all the information to make their stay with us very desirable. I also realize we have had a few additional opportunities this year with the special ballot on the Past Matron and Past Patron vote. You were prepared to roll with the punches, and you have done it well. If there be no objections, the final report of the Credentials Committee will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron (133), Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The Jurisprudence has completed all of their work.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Now if we can have Brother Dale St. Claire talk to us about Mileage.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE

(By Dale L. St. Claire, Past Patron (362), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Sue McKinney, it has been a pleasure to serve you, and I thank you for this appointment.

Mileage checks will be distributed beginning immediately after Divine Services on Sunday, October 25th, expected to be 10:45 a.m., and will continue until Installation, scheduled for 2:00 p.m., or until no one remains in line, whichever comes first. Those eligible must pick up their checks personally, no messengers, and must have a current dues receipt and credential. The distribution point remains the Credentials table. Eligibility continues to be registration by 8:30 a.m., Wednesday,

October 21, 1998, and attendance at each Session from the first through the last day, inclusive, in accordance with our Constitution and Laws, Section 104.

Those eligible include Grand Officers, including temporary appointees serving for absentees, Deputy Grand Matrons, Past Grand Elective Officers, members of Standing Committees, Special Committees specifically authorized by Grand Chapter, members of Elected Boards of this Grand Chapter, and Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Subordinate Chapters. Only one check will be issued, even if you are serving in more than one capacity.

Amounts available for distribution at this Session are:

Grand Officers	$363.20
Deputy Grand Matrons	1,424.40
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons	1,087.50
Past Grand Treasurers	169.30
Grand Secretary Emeritus	37.60
Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons	12,662.50
Committee Members	3,261.90
Total	**$19,006.40**

My sincere appreciation goes to the Grand Secretary, Sister Shirley Orth and her staff, for all their help in preparing the checks for distribution. Also, my appreciation goes to the Credential Committee, Sister Alice Kelly, and her staff, as well as my staff, for their assistance in making this process work. I might add that my staff is not with me. They're outside, psyching themselves up for the inevitable feeding frenzy that starts at the moment of check distribution.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Dale St. Claire and your Committee, for this work. We have been friends for many years, and I know accounting and money are your bag. Thank you for taking charge. If there be no objections, this report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Sister Nina Murray, Chairman of the Fiesta Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE 1998 "HAPPY 125 BIRTHDAY GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA" FIESTA

(By Nina Murray, Past Matron (456), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with much pride that I present the 1998 "125 Birthday Grand Chapter of California" Fiesta report. On June 6th and 7th we found many of our members and friends celebrating two milestones of Eastern Star history. First, the 125th Anniversary of Grand Chapter in California, and second, the end of an era of Fiestas at the Brentwood Eastern Star Home facility.

Old and new friends greeted each other as they walked around many decorated booths where the Grand Officers, dressed as clowns, with their associates, sold craft items or food items. Everyone got into the spirit of the day, many in costumes, all with smiles on their faces.

Archer School dedicated the library in honor of the Eastern Star Home. All present at the dedication received a laminated certificate in remembrance of the event.

Al Maliakah Shrine clowns entertained us both days.

The success of the weekend was a result of dedicated members working together toward a common goal, which was to make the 1998 Fiesta super great. Please refer to your program, page 57, for a listing of the Booth Chairmen and others that worked so hard to make the event the success it was. My deepest thank you to all who are listed on that page.

As Chairman, I would like to extend special thanks to three extra special people who worked beyond the call of duty. They are Louise Taylor (456), Fiesta Secretary; Linda Kephart (456), Fiesta Finance Chairman; and Durrand Russell (319), who gives so much of his time to make, organize, and repair the booth frames and tarps.

Thanks also to the many members who set up or tore down the booths, and those who worked on the Finance Committee.

Now it pleases me to announce the monetary result of the 1998 Fiesta. Our final amount earned this year was $19,374.99.

Worthy Grand Matron, if you had not cornered the market on pennies, we might have earned $19375.00. Oh well, I know you have plans for something wonderful for our new home in Yorba Linda.

Sister Sue, I thank you for the opportunity to be the Chairman for this year's Order of Eastern Star Fiesta, and I wish to thank Brian Whitaker and Laura Whitaker for their responsibility of chairing this event next year.

Home Fiesta

Nina Murray (456), *Chairman*

Brian Whitaker (528), *Co-Chairman*	Laura Whitaker (528), *Co-Chairman*
Louise Taylor (456), *Secretary*	Linda Kephart (456), *Treasurer*
Sigrid A'Ce (110)	Kay Akers (412/479)
Edra Anderson (171)	Claudia Benevento (278)
Lois Dalton (405)	Lida DeTomaso (488)
Peggy Flagg (547)	Donna German (352)
Jackie Hecht (174)	Aida Heidke (397)
Mitchel Johns (597)	Robin Logan (160)
Virginia Maestrini (380)	Tom McKinney (643)
Elizabeth Moffet (479)	Ethel Morlan (171)
Joe Morrow (145)	Mary Neiheiser (584)
Judy Nelson (438)	Sue Premo (632)
Fay Rocca (319)	Durand Russell (319)
Ron Schemm (645)	Bonnie Starr-Douglas (358)
Gloria Stiles (147)	Mercedese Winn (471)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Nina, Louise, Linda, and Brian and Laura. Thank you so very much for the excellent manner in which you laid out, organized, and set up the Fiesta. The weekend was perfect, complete with Shrine clowns. Our Grand Officers enjoyed two days of clowning around, and many of the Members joined in our costume fun. Can you believe over $19,000 for having fun? Funds were designated for special projects to be done at the new facility in Yorba Linda. One of these will be a therapeutic spa, large enough for six to eight residents. It will give them time for enjoyment, exercise, and special thoughts on the value of health needs. We may purchase additional exercise equipment that is designed especially for the mature adult. These three ladies have worked very hard. Nina, Louise, and Linda are all from my home Chapter, Triangle Palms (456) in Ocean Park, and have been avid supporters of the Eastern Star Home for many years, more than I would like to say, as Nina and I went through Job's Daughters line together, and we have worked on projects since that time. If there be no objection, this report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

At this time I would like to announce that I have a check here. The letter says:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the J. Clifford Lee Association of San Gabriel Valley, more commonly known as "The San Gabs", I am pleased to present

you with this check for $2,300.00 as our contribution to the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. This check will be given over to the Grand Secretary.

Our group is small but dedicated to this worthy cause. Our contribution represents the proceeds from fund raising events held specifically for this purpose."

This letter is signed Mary Maloof, Treasurer, "The San Gabs." Also Mary sent in her report on the Travel Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
1998 TRAVEL PROGRAM
"BINDING TOGETHER IN LOVE"
(By Mary Moloof, Past Matron (608), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I want to thank you, Sister Sue, for appointing me your Chairman and for the appointments of June Rankin (103) from the North and Shirlee Larson (405) from the South.

"Binding Together in Love," the 1998 Travel Program was a success.

The Grand Representatives, both current and former, were in charge of collecting and submitting the travel sheets to these chairpersons who then reviewed the sheets and mailed the pins and certificates to the Grand Representatives who, in turn, presented the pins and certificates personally to the recipients in their Chapter's whenever possible.

The travel programs were established to promote fun and fellowship among our members through visitations, committee work, travel, and involvement in youth groups and other participation. This was very evident in the number of Sisters and Brothers who have participated in this year's program.

A total of 780 pins were presented to our members. Without the enthusiasm of these members, this program would not have been accomplished.

The Committee extends heartfelt gratitude to the Grand Representatives, both current and former, and to our members for their cooperation in helping to promote this project.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much, each one of you, for doing this for me, and thanks for giving your report. This report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. Brother Dennis Jordan, may we have your History Book Committee report at this time?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY BOOK

(By Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron (126), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

The members of your History Book Committee, Sisters Frances Parker (107), Claudia Unger (128/195), Nancy Jordan (126), and I thank you for giving us the opportunity to attempt to capture in words the unique affairs of our beautiful Order in this Jurisdiction during the first 25 years of our second century.

Tomorrow as the 1999 Grand Officers receive the mantle of leadership for our Grand Jurisdiction, the first quarter of our second century comes to a close. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your labors on behalf of this Order during this year puts the final touch on this segment of our awesome history.

Your History Book Committee has a project in progress. Due to circumstances, many of them beyond our control, we still have some areas of our last 25 years to capsulate and place into the annals of our Order's history. Although much of the task is completed, some important things still await completion.

Therefore, our thanks to our incoming Worthy Grand Matron for granting the History Book Committee her permission to complete this enormous assignment and that the book covering the years from the Installation of the 1974 Grand Officers through the final days of "On the Wings of Love" Grand Chapter Session in 1998 will be presented during the coming fraternal year.

A special thank you to Sisters Frances Parker, Claudia Unger and Nancy Jordan for labors performed and for their willingness to see this challenge fulfilled.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron; Thank you, Dennis, Nancy, Claudia, and Frances for all your work on this committee. Frances did have foot surgery recently. We're so glad you could be here with us, too, Frances. This is a dream come true, and we thank Sister Sheri, our

Associate Grand Matron, for taking on this project. I think we'll hear something from her in just a few minutes. This report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Sisters Diane Lotspeich, from the Cal Star News and Barbara Weiss, may we have your report now.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAL STAR NEWS

(By Diane Lotspeich, Past Matron (79/185), Editor)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Over the river and through the woods
To Sue and Ernie's Grand Chapter we go . . .

To thank California Eastern Star members for their support of Cal Star News in 1998.

Statistically, it takes almost 200 hours per issue to log incoming articles, scan and process pictures, typeset articles, proofread, correct, print, deliver camera-ready copy to Western Web Printing in Santa Barbara, pick up and then deliver the finished papers to Barbara for her to sort, label, package, and mail each issue. The financial report for publishing four 32-page issues this year will be printed in the Proceedings. As each issue must be published in four-page increments, there are articles already waiting to be included in the Winter Issue. Mark your calendars now – the deadline is November 15.

Now, I have some good news and some sad news. First, the good news:

To the 110 Chapters, Districts, and Associations who submitted articles in 1998: Thank you for sharing the news of your activities with California Eastern Star. Please pick up your Honor Roll Certificates at the Cal Star News Booth.

Also, 39 Chapters in California included Cal Star News when mailing their Chapter Newsletters. Many included a subscription form or purchased gift subscriptions for newly initiated members and shut-ins. Remember, gift cards are available upon request.

Unfortunately, there is some sad news. Subscriptions are on the decline—down to 3000 as of this mailing from 3400 just three years ago. But you can help by encouraging your members to subscribe. Let's see if together we can reach the goal of 4000 subscribers by Grand Chapter next year.

Now, tie a string around your finger to remind yourself to renew your subscription today! And while you are at it, please consider a gift subscription for your newly elected Chapter Officer and new initiates, shut-in or out-of-state members. And while you are at the Cal Star News Booth, be sure to check out our fantastic Clip Art Library which is available in both PC and Mac format.

Sister Barbara and I thank you for appointing us to serve Grand Chapter on this Special Committee, and we especially thank our husbands, our keen eyed proofreaders, and the Committee for spending the many hours necessary to publish each issue of Cal Star News.

Cal Star News
Balance Sheet as of 30 September 1998

Beginning Balance as 1 October 1997				
Checking account	$	1,131.70		
Savings account		983.52		
Certificate of Deposit		10,463.33		
Petty Cash		151.34		
Total cash on hand:			**$**	**12,729.89**
Income				
Subscriptions	$	7,487.00		
Interest on checking		23.00		
Interest on Savings		35.06		
Interest on CD		481.82		
Donations		304.00		
Total Operating Income	**$**	**8,330.88**	**$**	**21,060.77**
Expenses				
GC photographs	$	198.00		
Prepress/print		3,565.29		
Toner cartridge		164.24		
Transportation		100.00		
Bulk Mail Permit		85.00		
Bulk Mail Postage		2,256.73		
First Class Postage		61.25		
Return Postage		200.00		
Mailing labels		67.50		
Misc. office supplies		100.04		
Software upgrades		183.83		
Zip+4 Software Update		24.45		
Returned check fee		37.00		
Total Operating Expenses	**$**	**7,043.33**	**$**	**14,017.44**

Clip Art donations				
Clip Art disks	$	1,803.00		
Postage		166.80		
Total Clip Art donations	**$**	**1,969.80**		
Clip Art expenditures				
Postage	$	108.60		
Disk labels		60.35		
Iomega JAZ drive		199.98		
Computer RAM		610.98		
Total Clip Art expenditures	**$**	**979.91**	**$**	**989.89**
Balance as of 30 September 1998			**$**	**15,007.33**
Cash on hand:				
Checking account	$	1,073.63		
Savings account		2,961.58		
Certificate of Deposit		10,945.15		
Petty cash		26.97		
Total cash on hand:			**$**	**15,007.33**

Circulation as of 30 September 1998:	
Prepaid subscriptions	2,971
Complementary	86
Total issues mailed:	**3,057**

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: You, Sister Diane, and each of the members that assist you, we know how difficult it is to meet those deadlines, and how sometimes that each of us need to be reminded, or need an extra shove. We in California are very proud of our paper, and we wish that all of the members in the state were able to receive it. Please, Sisters and Brothers, remember this is a wonderful gift for members, officers, or shut-ins. Read all about it. Read about it in the Cal Star News. If there be no objections, this report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Brother Todd Williams, Chairman of the Web Site. Will you and Bill Wine please come forward and give your report?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WEB SITE

(By Todd E. Williams, Past Patron (273), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year as the Chairman of the Web Site Committee.

Before I start our presentation, I would like to introduce our Web Master, Brother Bill Wine (384) and acknowledge our several members who have directly and indirectly contributed to the Web site. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney, and her husband Tom, Associate Grand Matron Sheri Weisser, Grand Secretary, Shirley Orth, Brother Brian Whitaker, Sisters Lindakay Bosh, Diane Lotspeich, and our other Committee Member, Virginia Williams.

As many of you may recognize, this is a new Committee. It was born out of the development of a new technology and the foresight of our leadership. By now most all of you have noted the www.abc.com or www.cbs.com that goes with virtually every newscast. Most of you have also noticed the www.something.com that is presented on your utility bill or your Discovery of MasterCard statement. And who has not noticed those letters on the delivery truck or the billboard on the highway. These are the addresses that are providing instant linking of our community to the world. Those of you who have taken the leap have found a wealth of information covering everything from when a package is or was delivered to the opportunity of ordering your next kitchen appliance or that book you could not find at your local Border's Book Store. Those of you have taken the leap have provided to your children and grandchildren educational links they could only hope to find in their local libraries. This is the technology that will bring our society closer together. It will give us the opportunity to communicate more rapidly with not only our Sisters and Brothers but with the entire world. It was with the firm understanding of these possibilities, our Executive Committee explored the possibility of creating a Web site. The primary question was: "What could we do with it?"

It would seem that in that same time, January of 1997, a member of our Worthy Grand Patron's lodge mentioned in a lodge meeting that he had recently purchased a new computer and was seeking permission to publish a web page promoting their lodge. Shortly after that promotion, our Worthy Grand Patron spoke with Brother Bill Wine, his Lodge's new Web Master, about the Grand Chapter Executive Committee's discussion and the possibility of creating a web-site, which would contain information about the Order of Eastern Star scholarships. He wanted to make applications available on the Internet. Requests for applications for our Eastern Star scholarships had dramatically increased. They had gone from perhaps 130 per year to well over 800. This represented a substantial increase in postage and a substantial claim to Grand Chapter resources. Brother Ernie was

informed not only would it be possible to put the scholarships on line, but that a whole lot of other information could be placed there as well. He was pleased. Following a couple of monthly board meetings, Brother Wine was eventually asked to put together a proposal and mail it to the Grand Secretary. It was not long after that, that an Executive Committee meeting was set and Brother Wine was told to proceed; that the main concern was the publication of our scholarships. They were to be our initial focus.

As the pages were being developed, their were several other hurdles to be overcome; not the least of which was the question of how we were to be recognized on the World Wide Web.

A "domain name" is how the world finds you. Because of this, its selection is extremely important. As you can imagine, it should be easily remembered and should be reflective of who you are. It should be obvious that www.abc.com is the ABC television network. We should have a like address. But in selecting an address we also needed to be respectful of the rest of the Eastern Star world.

www.easternstar.com might have been obvious, but if we used that, what would General Grand Chapter use. Also, the "com" would suggest to the world that we were a business and not a fraternal organization. Ultimately the "com" was replaced with "org" and "easternstar" was replaced with "oescal." It is our hope that the other Grand Chapters of the world will conform to this scheme, making it easy and consistent for the world to find all of us. It is a matter of record that General Grand has registered www.easternstar.org and I invite all of you to visit that site. At that site you will find links to several other Grand Chapters. Unfortunately, none of them have followed the model we hoped they might use in establishing their own addresses.

As I have said, making available applications for our scholarships was our first goal. Today, not only do we provide the applications in several different formats, but we also provide the information about how recipients are determined, when applications must be filed, and to whom they must be sent. Two years ago, when the Grand Lodge of California first mentioned us, we mailed out over 5000 applications. Of those applications sent out, close to 1,000 were received back. As you can imagine, not all of the students submitting applications followed directions; many were simply not qualified. But in that year alone, over 600 were received that were qualified by the May 1st deadline. This year the deadline was moved up to March 15 to allow for the presenting of awards at high school graduations. This

dramatically reduced the number of applications received, but nonetheless, we received over 225 applications of which 21% originated from the web-site. This represents a substantial reduction in our processing costs and a major increase in exposure. In the context of national exposure, we have received requests from as far away as New England and New Jersey, even though they could not be considered, as they were not California residents.

As I mentioned before, other things were included in the early discussions. Objectives included the possibility of publishing the Worthy Grand Matron's Calendar, publishing the names, addresses and meeting dates for our Chapters and a narrative of "What is the Order of the Eastern Star."

Of those objectives we have published the Worthy Grand Matron's Calendar and the narrative of "What is the Order of the Eastern Star." In addition to this, we now provide periodic reports on the status of our new Eastern Star Home in Yorba Linda as well as a Guest Book where our members and the world can leave comments for the world to read. To date, we have had over 11,000 visitors to our web-site. Over 550 visitors have signed our Guest Book. They have visited us from virtually every state of the union and as far away as Kaiserslautern, Germany, and Ayrshire, Scotland. They have come from Canada to Brazil. We have had visits ranging from Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to those just interested in more information or in becoming members. We even have at least one documented record of a new member as the result of their introduction to the Order of Eastern Star on the web, and a second one pending. We are truly recognized world wide.

Recently we added a page describing the life of our founder Rob Morris and includes some of his thoughts and poetry. I urge all of you to visit this site, if you have not already, to learn more of our distinguished Order.

Our Worthy Grand Matron's Calendar was a major accomplishment for us this year. And, while it has gone through several presentations this year, we have been able to provide this information to our membership. We look forward to presenting it again next year, in a new and improved format.

With the help of Brother Brian Whitaker, we have been able to provide periodic updates to our membership on the sale of our old Eastern Star home in Brentwood and the development of our new Home in Yorba

Linda. We trust that this information has been timely and informative for each of you who have visited us on the Web.

Our Guest-book has been the informal media by which many of you have found each other and maintained fraternal contact. We look forward to reading your many comments. As I said, we have had over 520 visitors leave their remarks.

As a side note, Brother Wine told me of a recent incident where he was introduced as the Web Master for our Grand Chapter Web-site. At the reception for our Worthy Grand Patron a lady came up to him and said, "You are the Web-Master?" A little hesitant and not knowing he was going to be hit, he said "Yes." She then proceeded to throw her arms around him and gave him a hug. Brother Wine asked what that was for and she said it was for being involved with putting the web site up, especially the guest book. Seems that she and her husband will be staying with some folks in Canada whom they met via the guest book.

In the past few weeks, it has come to our attention that some of our Grand Officers have or are building their own home pages. Some of them are related to our fraternity as they relate their personal views, schedules and activities in our Masonic family.

Along this same line, one of our Past Grand Patrons is in the Supreme Grand Line. Brother Stark's Lamplighters have proposed that our Past Grand Patron, the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, should also have an Internet presence. This committee supports that goal and we are looking to work more closely with the Lamplighters to achieve this.

As many of you who have visited our web site already know, we have published the Worthy Grand Matrons Itinerary this year. We are looking to expand that next year. We are also considering the addition of calendars for the Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives' Receptions.

There are yet a few other areas we hope to address this next year, and if any Brother or Sister would like to assist in the research we would appreciate any time they have available to offer. These areas include a "History of the Eastern Star" as well as an article featuring the "History of the Order in California," a Graphics Section for those who wish to download Eastern Star graphics and feature articles written by noted Order of the Eastern Star members. These could appear regularly as bulletin stuffers for Chapter newsletter editors. Or a "What's Happening in California" section with upbeat items showcasing the

positive side of Eastern Star in California including photos of our members involved in sponsored activities.

This is simply a glimpse of the possibilities. They are limited only by our imagination. We have the technology. We have the inspiration. We have the talent. We need only the time and interest of a few of our members to engage the world. The most important thing to remember is that we can promote the Order of the Eastern Star in California in the most positive way possible.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Todd and Brother Bill. This has truly been an adventure into the unknown for this Worthy Grand Matron. I am not a computer whiz, so I depended on the two of you for your vision. My husband brings me the e-mail every day and piles it on my desk. Some jokes, fun stories, and many quick questions that may be answered without a phone call. Inquiries from all over the world. We have new members, courtesy of the Web site. When we have an inquiry in a particular area, we contact the Chapter or Chapters in the area and have them contact the potential member. Thank you for taking this big step into the next millenium in the field of communication. If there be no objection, the full report will be printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered. Sister Barbara Pierce, will you please give your report for Helen Sampson on "Hands Across the Border"? While Barbara is coming to the microphone, I have a note that a check for $1,000 was donated by the 1982 Monterey Bay Association to the Benevolent Fund. Thank you.

Helen Sampson gave the report to me, and I have left it in the room, so we'll have to tell you about it. It was marvelous. The three states together went to Laughlin, Nevada. We met with Arizona, Nevada, and California. We had 209 and I think nine members from California that were with us. It was an absolute wonderful time.

Each state had their own hospitality room, all right together. We mingled between the members. We had a wonderful dinner on Saturday night. I understand that they are making a donation of funds that were left over of $152 to the charity of the Worthy Grand Matron's choice. I have not gotten that yet, but it's on the way. We do hope that many more of these "Hands Across the Borders" will be done. Sister Barbara, would you like to add to this?

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron (197/397): There was a little competition going on, the most number of members from a Chapter and most number of members from a state. Bellflower Chapter (397) won the most members there from a Chapter in California, and you're all

wondering why I would tell you that. The Worthy Grand Patrons had the most members from the state, and it was announced that Arizona won that. But we want to put in a protest. I think that was counted on the reservations, not on the actual people that showed up.

But it was fun. I do hope that, just for a plug, my own home area of Bishop, California, will be hosting a "Hands Across the Border" in Nevada on July the 10th, 1999 and we do invite 2,000 people there. I won't give you my address, but I will invite 2,000 people.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara, we thank you for representing Helen today. We thank Helen for representing California on this project. Of course, our very own Kay Cosby represented us on this Committee, so we knew we were going to have a perfect program. Every detail was super. Accommodations, entertainment, food, and time to visit with our friends from Nevada and Arizona. We were so excited to have our Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Pat Rasmussen, and our own Loyal Stark with us for the event. We did combine it with the 1990 reunion and made a great success. The report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON "HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER"

(By Helen Sampson, Past Matron (242), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and Delegates to this 125th California Grand Chapter Session:

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank you for appointing me to chair this committee and giving me the privilege of choosing my own committee. The other members of this committee were: Diane Tayloe (242), John Tayloe (242), Sherol Cantwell (242/327), Ann Lazenby (359), Veryl Lazenby (359), Joanne Parkins (173/359), Raymond Parkins (173/359), Bonnie Dale (82/161), Bob Dale (82/161), Peggy Flagg (547), Gerald Flagg (547), and Richard Sampson (242).

From the very beginning I tried to keep your goal in mind, which was to make this a fun event for everyone and what a challenge that was for an event that was going to be held in Laughlin, Nevada, in the middle of the summer!

When the three chairpersons first met in Laughlin to get things started, it was decided that I would chair the dinner portion of the event.

Knowing that my Worthy Grand Matron preferred chicken that was the choice I made for dinner. The only restriction was that it be a generous portion and that it be eatable. Believe me it was both.

In keeping with your goal of having fun, Richard came up with the idea of a golf tournament. And having learned a few things in Eastern Star I immediately thought it was a wonderful idea and made him the chairman. (Little did I know he made me the Co-Chairman). All in all the golfers had a very good time and there were prizes for each of them as well as a brown bag breakfast and plenty of cold drinking water.

Each state was given a hospitality suite at the end of the 4th floor, they all connect with each other and the outside patio just in case someone needed to "cool off."

There was a contest for each state, that the chapter with the most members present would be declared the winner. The chapters in California that won were Bellflower (397) and Kern River Valley (643). There was another contest that was between the Worthy Grand Patrons, involving the state that had the most members present. Well, there seemed to be considerable discussion as to when the cut off date was and since Arizona was the state challenging the other two we had to use their cut off date of July 1, which made Arizona the winner. But, Worthy Grand Patron, had the cut off date been the day of the event California would have won.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would be remiss if I did not express my thanks to the Riverside Casino and Hotel for their generous cooperation. Without the help of their National Marketing Department we would have had to pay for many of the "freebees" that were comped to us. As you well know we started with the usual budget of zero. But because the members of the committee were so generous with their money, time and talents, we were able to manage on a registration fee of $5.00 per person. At this time, Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to present you with the financial report, including a check in the amount of $155 to be used for the charity or fund of your choice.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, there is also a memory book of your weekend in Laughlin which is being sent to your home.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Richard and Sister Janice Mullard are Co-chairmen of Necrology and Divine Service, may we have your report?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY AND DIVINE SERVICE

(By Janice & Richard Mullard
Past Matron and Past Patron, (405), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ernie Lewis, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the 1998 Committee for Necrology and Divine Service, we wish to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving on this Committee. Due to illness and some other commitments, all of our Committee Members are not here this morning, but my husband Richard and Judy Dreiman (163) are.

Our goal, Worthy Grand Matron, was to bring to our members a beautiful church service to praise our Heavenly Father and to give meaningful tributes to honor departed ones. Your choice of this Grand Chapter's theme, "On the Wings of Love," practically guaranteed our success, and it is the focus of our day.

The first order of business was to choose several artists in their own fields to assist with the music, the religious service, drawing, decorations, and last but not least, several hands willing to lighten the work.

Our thanks to our soloists, Phyllis Hix (643) and Richard Mullard (405), for sharing their wonderful voices. Special thanks to Melissa Cronin (260), Evelyn Walker (639), the wonderful California Singing Stars. We are so happy to have you with us. Thanks also to our former Grand Organist, Harold Hand (21), who did not hesitate to say yes when asked to participate. To you, Sister Sue, for your help in selection of the familiar hymns, the selection of our ESTARL recipient Richard Smyth to read our Scriptures, and the sharing of your own minister and friend, the Reverend John Carpenter. To Sister Joanne Krausman, for the artistry of her covers and choice of our back drop, we send our sincere thanks. The loan of this special back drop from the Past and Present Grand Faith of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls is greatly appreciated. To Gina Davis and Cummings Florists for use of their pedestals and their special arrangements to add to the beauty of our service, our love and thanks.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Grand Conductresses, Grand Chaplain, the Presidents of the Northern and Southern Deputy Grand

Matrons. We appreciate your extra time for this service at the memorial.

Our grateful thanks to our group leaders, the Grand Chapter Week Chairpersons, the Setup Committee, and others who contributed their time and effort to assist this Committee, from the moving of the paraphernalia, the stage hands at the Saroyan Theater, to the Youth Groups who will be participating in the services and offering. We send our love and gratitude. Remember, tomorrow is our Necrology and Divine Service, and we hope that you will be there at nine o'clock and give generously as our buckets are passed, for this money will go to our youth groups.

We hope, Worthy Grand Matron, that we have served you well, and that those in attendance will be lifted "On the Wings of Love" and will go forth with renewed devotion to our God and for the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Janice and Brother Richard, my special thanks to you for all of the work you have done and will do tomorrow morning. This is a very important part of our Grand Session, and I know that you have such strong faith that this will be a meaningful service. We want our members who are missing their own church services at home to feel the presence of the Lord in this place. I am very excited to have my own pastor bring the message. Thank you, and we will look forward to your services tomorrow. If there be no objection, this report will be received and printed in the Proceedings. It is so ordered.

I also have a check here for $100 for the "Cents Make Sense," and the Grand Choir has done that for us. Thank you so much. They not only give their talents, but they give their money, too.

Unfinished business. Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you have items that need to be brought up for the Assembly at this time?

Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fundraising program to benefit heart research. *(Motion was seconded.)* **ADOPTED:**

Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, the Delegates heard earlier that the project of the history book has not reached its completion. We do want to see that book finished, but I have been advised by the Grand Secretary that we no longer have

copies of the Centennial Book. I would move that we not only publish the 25 years, but we also issue another book combining the Centennial and the 25-year book, and that it be published next year, and that I be allowed to appoint a Committee to complete this. *(Motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Members of the Grand Chapter of California continue to support the ESTARL program. *(Motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Sheri Weisser, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, last year the Delegates allowed us to participate in a label program in 1999. Several of the members approached me with some requests that we check out before we decide on the manner to do this.

Members inquired about the feasibility of administering the label program in-house. After researching the volume of mail, both outgoing and incoming and the posting of the donations, it was determined that, at this time, it is more cost effective to use a vendor to manage this program.

Members inquired about the possibility of reordering labels. After conferring with our auditors, it was determined that we do not meet the IRS criteria to avoid unrelated business tax.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, do you have programs to be presented at this time?

Doris Parrish, Grand Conductress: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I have three motions to present to the Delegates this morning, and I am presenting them early so I can work with the Finance Committee and be ready to go for the year 2000.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fund-raising with the Members of California for the sale and distribution of pocket calendars, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter General Fund, and the sale and distribution of the large calendars, with the proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund. *(Motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Doris Parrish, Grand Conductress: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fund-raising with the Members of California by securing

advertisements from Members of California Eastern Star to be placed in our roster, with the proceeds to benefit the General Grand Chapter Fund. *(Motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

Doris Parrish, Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to offer some explanation before I present this third motion.

My family has had a personal interest in the Unicorn Children's Foundation, which works to benefit children with learning disorders. These learning disorders include dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, and autism. It would be meaningful to me if the Grand Chapter would authorize any Subordinate Chapter which wanted to do so, in lieu of a carrying piece for me at the Official Visits in 2000, to give the money the Chapter otherwise would have spent on a carrying piece to or for the benefit of, the Unicorn Children's Foundation.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that Grand Chapter authorize any Subordinate Chapter which wants to do so, in lieu of a carrying piece for me at the Official Visits in 2000, to give the money the Chapter otherwise would have spent on a carrying piece, to or for the benefit of the Unicorn Children's Foundation. *(Motion was seconded.)*
ADOPTED:

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sisters and Brothers, at this time I would like to thank my Kern River Valley Chapter for use of the paraphernalia that we have used this week. It has been a special treat to be allowed to use these items. The Emblems of the Star Points are from the Chapters of each of our Grand Star Points.

Sherry Glab Rullman, will you please rise? This dear lady has served as Parliamentarian this week. Thank you, Sister Sherry, you have been wonderful. I met with Sister Sherry a few weeks ago in her home, and said please keep me out of trouble. You have been Super!

Our Grand Chapter Week is drawing to a close, and with it the Eastern Star Year of 1998 and our "On the Wings of Love" Session. With my loving husband Tom by my side, our Worthy Grand Patron Ernie and his lovely wife Barbara, and this very special Grand Family, we have met the challenges and opportunities that have been set before us. As I have said so many times before, the days have rushed by all too fast. Please know how much I have enjoyed serving you as your Worthy Grand Matron and being with you, the Members.

You are the gold of California. For 125 years our Grand Chapter has been guided by, for, and with the talents and skills of you, the members. We know the history of this Grand Chapter is strong and the future of our Order is even stronger as we look forward to exciting times ahead. Never cease to grow. Strive for the best, reach for the star!

Happiness is a choice, and we are so very happy that you made the choice to be with us here this week as we reminisced about the past, set goals for the future, made and adjusted rules to live by, celebrated lives and accomplishments, and every so often drew in some fun, too.

You, the Members, have been so very generous to us. I speak for the entire Grand Family as I say, thank you so very much for the special things you have done for us this year, and made this a year of treasured memories.

Our dove flies over the State of California carrying with it the tie that binds us all together in love, knowing that each of you will "trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths." Brother Ernie, may we hear from you?

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron)

Sisters and Brothers, this is supposed to be a farewell address. I do not know where to start, because I am not going anywhere. This year has been such a successful year and everyone has had so much fun, why leave? I fully intend to stay around and help our 1999 Worthy Grand Matron Sheri Weisser and Worthy Grand Patron Ron Behnke make their year even a greater year than the one we've just completed.

Before the year started over 100 members attended a breakfast in Fresno and agreed to be Observers for the Ritual Achievement Program. Things just grew from that point. Since our first Official Visit in Bellflower, we started our 'Cents Make Sense" Program which ended up with you our members collecting over a million pennies for our Eastern Star Home project. That's a lot of pennies, especially when Tommy had to roll most of them.

All of our All Officer Instructionals were well attended. What a wonderful Grand Family we have had this year. We have made family relationships that will be everlasting true and sincere.

As our Worthy Grand Matron has recognized all year, we should do random acts of kindness. Something we do for someone without expecting something in return. Sisters and Brothers, I thank all of you for all the random acts of kindness that you have given to me all year. It has been a year that I will remember as one of the greatest of my life. Never have I been greeted with such enthusiasm, such spirit, such kindness, and such a true sense of love, from anyone as I have from you members. Sisters and Brothers, you have given me and my wife Barbara one of the greatest years of our life.

In concluding this address, all I ask is that you do not lose any of this spirit or enthusiasm. Keep it going and make our Order continue to grow and prosper. Work hard, but have FUN. God bless you each and every one.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, will you read the minutes? I always think this is really tough.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Saturday Morning session were approved as read by the Grand Secretary.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for your attention this morning. Please remain seated until the Grand Officers and the Grand Pages have retired.

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. this afternoon for the welcome of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Youth Leaders, and other Guests from our Fraternal Family.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 12:05 p.m.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"ON THE WINGS OF A DOVE"

MASONIC FRATERNAL FAMILY SESSION

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 24, 1998

1:30 p.m.	**Musical Prelude:**	Betty Schmieter Past Matron (347)
1:40 p.m.	"Surf City" by Jan and Dean as performed by Collette Serio Gole and Harry Gole	
1:45	Youth Group Pre-Opening Ceremony	
Escort:	American Flag Northern/Southern Jurisdictional DeMolay	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

FLAG TRIBUTE

(By Miss Kim Kollmeyer, Grand Patriotism, International Order of Rainbow for Girls)

As I packed my swimsuit and sun block, as I prepared to come to this gorgeous beach party, I began to think of the beaches we would be visiting, the golden sand between my toes, and the competitive game of beach volleyball. Then I began to think of past events that have occurred on our beautiful beaches, of those that have lain down but not to catch a glimpse of the sun's rays, rather to catch a chance of peace.

December 7, 1941, an attack upon one of our most beautiful beaches surprised the U.S. Army and Navy. Pearl Harbor experienced a great bombing which led the United States to lose most of its equipment and, more importantly, nearly 3,000 men within a two-hour period. Our beaches took on a new face that day as instead of smiles and giggles playing in the water, men cried for help as their battleships sank to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. As the fighter planes dove the turbulent water, many would begin to question just what the purpose of fighting really was for. Fire and smoke filled the air as fallen bodies and planes pressed upon the sand and ocean. But through the smoke and fire, waves a beacon of peace. Through months of war and battle, our beautiful Stars and Stripes flew high above our land, sending a signal to

all that America, Home of the Brave, would once again be America, Land of the Free.

As World War II came to an end and reconstruction of our country commenced, those who had lost their lives found their homes in a new place called Arlington Cemetery. Today those who visit those courageous soldiers also visit another piece of war that often goes unrecognized. High above our cemetery flies a beautiful American Flag which also fought hard to represent our Country. Our Flag found its place upon many battlefields and today finds its place in the hearts of many Americans. As I leave this beach party with the memories of the smiles and laughter that I will share with each of you, I will also leave with a little heartache. I will remember all of those who gave of their lives, whose efforts have given us the liberty that allows us to have days like these and each time I see that Star Spangled Banner, I will say a few words to myself in recognition of those who lost their lives. God bless the USA. Thank you.

ENTRANCE OF THE YOUTH GROUP FLAGS:

International Order of Rainbow for Girls Banner:
Miss Gina Baker, GEC & Rainbow Banner Bearer
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

International Order of Job's Daughters Flag:
Miss Sarah Harvey, Grand Bethel Marshal
International Order of Job's Daughters

International Order of DeMolay Flag
State Center Chapter of DeMolay

ENTERTAINMENT

Scottish dance . . . Sara Tapney, Past Worthy Advisor, Fresno Clovis Assembly, IORG

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: We would like to thank Jan and Dean, alias Collette and Harry Gole, for that magnificent rendition of Surf City. Also we would like to thank Sarah Tapney, Past Worthy Advisor of Fresno Clovis Assembly, International Rainbow Order of Girls, for her beautiful Scottish dance.

Entrance: Chairman, Liaisons to Youth Groups

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, and Friends:

I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Marsha Price, Past Matron, Chairman of Liaison to Youth Groups; Mary Louise Radford, Past Matron, Liaison to International Order of Job's Daughters; Janet Clark, Past Matron, Liaison to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Malcolm White, Past Patron, Liaison to International Order of the DeMolay.

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished and Honored Members of our Masonic Family, our Masonic Youth, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: I would like you all to think of sandy beaches, palm trees, surfers, and high waves. You are on the shores of Malibu, and we are ready for a beach party blast.

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Hey, little Gidget, did you come down here to watch me catch the curl?

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Oh, Moon Doggie, don't be so full of yourself. You're yesterday's wave rage. I'm here to watch those new guys and girls who know how to find the pipeline, our Masonic youth.

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: You mean those kids where, like, the A watch crowd of our communities, they always come to the rescue when someone needs help.

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Hey, Dude. They also know how to have a radical fun time. You know where they got their fresh ideas to help their communities while digging each other's company, don't you?

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Sure, Gidget. Our adult Masonic Organizations. In our time, we hotdogged the town in our woodies and watched the sunset over the fire gate.

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: But even then we had fun, fun, fun till Daddy took the T-Bird away. So whether you're a long-boarder like us, or a cool short-boarder like our youth, the Masonic Order still offers us the best place to catch the coolest waves.

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: But what's coolest about them all, is that no matter the tide, no matter the weather, Masonic organizations will always hang together.

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Come on Moon Doggie, before the Big Kahuna gets here. Surf's up, and let's catch the big one, and no wipe out! Thank you.

Escort: Hostess and Host

Linda Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: I have the honor to present Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Betts, Past Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, who will be our Hostess and Host for the Saturday Afternoon Session. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: I have the pleasure to present Sister Linda Bray, Past Matron, and Brother Bill Bray, Past Patron, who are serving as our General Chairmen of this Masonic Family Session.

Entrance: Grand Officers

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters, Brothers, and Members of our Masonic Family, I have the honor to present Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, our Worthy Grand Matron, I know that this is a very special afternoon for you because of your Masonic heritage. Having served as the Honored Queen of your Bethel, your Tommy's involvement in DeMolay and his Masonic involvement, we know that you have been looking forward to presiding at this Masonic Honor Session. It is with a great deal of honor that I present to you your gavel to preside over this Saturday Afternoon Session.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kathleen, for presenting to me my gavel. Sister Kathleen, may we have your welcome, followed by greetings from Brother Bill.

WELCOME

(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue for inviting the 1995 TEAM leaders to be your Hostess and Host for this "Masonic Family" session. It is an honor to once again share the East with our Brother Bill Betts, our 1995 Worthy Grand Patron.

Today as we recognize the representatives of our Masonic organizations, we are allowed to join together to show our support and appreciation for our great "Masonic Family."

Most Worshipful Melville H. Nahin, we are honored by your presence as you represent the Masonic Fraternity, from which the heritage of our Masonic Family is derived. We welcome you and wish you much success in your coming year as the Grand Master of Masons in California.

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome all of the representatives of our Masonic Family organizations and we thank you for spending the afternoon with our Eastern Star members.

A very special part of our Masonic Family is our youth groups and it is with much pride that I welcome these outstanding young people.

We, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, represent the past and present of our Masonic Family. You, the members of our youth groups, represent the present and the future. We look forward to turning the reins of leadership over to you, our very capable youth leaders, trusting that you will continue to cherish the heritage of the past and forge ahead to build on it in the future for a better tomorrow.

To help you build for your future; I have some information I would like to share with you. Having been a high school teacher for thirty-five years and currently the Vice-Principal in charge of student activities at my high school, I know how important scholarships are to our young people. The Order of the Eastern Star has an outstanding scholarship program in which we reward the hard work of our deserving youth. I strongly encourage you to apply for one of our scholarships at the end of your senior year of high school and as you continue with your college education.

In 1998, of the 190 applications read by our Scholarship Committee, only 16 were from our youth groups and only 58 had a Masonic connection. We awarded approximately $75,000 to young people who, for the most part, had no Masonic connection. We want that to change! I urge you to "spread the word" to your members that we value you and are eager to help you with your college expenses. Our 1999 Scholarship Committee Chairman will be available at the Grand Secretary's desk after this session with the new Scholarship applications for you to take home to your members. Our application can also be found on the Internet.

Once again the Order of the Eastern Star welcomes all the members of our Masonic Family. Have a wonderful afternoon!

GREETINGS

(By Bill Betts, Past Grand Patron, Host)

Thank you Sister Kathleen. I am pleased to serve with you this afternoon.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worshipful Melville Nahin, Grand Master of Masons; Distinguished and Honored Members; Sisters and Brothers:

What an opportunity and honor for me to serve as Host for this "Masonic Family Honor Session." Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

It would seem the whole nation is talking about getting back to "Strong Family Values." It is the "Politically Correct" phrase for any politicians seeking office. Masonry has for centuries taught and practiced what we believe to be the moral fiber on which strong families are built. These morals and beliefs are a part of each of our Concordant bodies. It is appropriate today, that we honor these bodies and lend all the support we can to them.

We have many fond memories from prior sessions. Our Grand Masters have brought many inspiring messages to us. Our Youth Leaders bring us hope and a strong faith in the future of our Order. They often challenge us and, sometimes, even to action. We welcome all of you and are confident you will enjoy this Masonic Family Honor Session.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Dear Sister Kathleen and Brother Bill, it is only fitting that you should be here with us this afternoon to welcome our Members and many visitors to our "Beach Party Masonic Family Honor Session." I had the pleasure of serving in

your Grand Family, dedicated to the success of TEAMWORK, "Together Everyone Achieves Miracles. We thank you for being here today with your basket of miracles. Brother Ernie, may we hear from you?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Kathleen, being a true team player, I thank you for being our Hostess for this Saturday Afternoon Session. The name of the game is teamwork, and in your year as Worthy Grand Matron, you demonstrated how successful it can be. Brother Bill, you and Sir Pig certainly kept all spirits high and their Members on their toes in 1995. I would like to thank you and Kathleen as a team for being our Host and Hostess this afternoon.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Afternoon Session called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda and Brother Bill, thank you very much for accepting the "Opportunity" to serve as Chairmen of the Masonic Family Honor Session, our own Beach Party. You have been very special friends for many years and have very strong ties to Masonic Bodies that will be represented here today. Thank you for all of your efforts. We have enjoyed the program thus far, and look forward to many more highlights. Will you please introduce our special entertainment?

Bill Bray, (403), Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I now have the pleasure to present Lance Hough, Senior Councilor, Pleasanton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, who has a song for us.

Musical moment . . . Lance C. Hough, Senior Councilor, Pleasanton Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Escort: Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Guests. It is with great honor that I present the Most Worshipful Melville H. Nahin, Grand Master of Masons in California, and his lovely wife, Alice. Please join me in a very warm welcome to our Distinguished Guests.

Escort: Grand Lodge Officers

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Worshipful Sir, we would be pleased if you would introduce your Grand Officers.

Melvin H. Nahin, Grand Master of Masons in California: Every Grand Master thinks he has the most wonderful family. I don't think it. I know it. Folks that are here with us this afternoon: from Oakland, a member of Orinda Lodge, No. 122, the Junior Grand Steward, Worshipful Alexander Kirkpatrick; from Torrance, a member of Redondo Lodge No. 328, Senior Grand Deacon, Worshipful George A. Anderson and his wife, Sweet Sue; from Sacramento a member of Union Kit Carson Lodge No. 58, Assistant Grand Lecturer, Robert S. Watanabe and his wife, Sharon; from El Sobrante, El Portal Lodge 347, Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division 1, Worshipful Edward P. Margherio; from Madera, Madera Lodge No. 280, our new Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Ray Whitaker; from Riverside, a member of Upland Mount Baldy Lodge, No. 419, Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful David C. Decker and his wife, Nancy; from Lafayette, a member of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, No. 480, Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Al Weis and his wife, Virginia. You all know what happens if the Grand Master doesn't introduce his wife. She's been introduced, but I don't think she needs a new dress. From Beverly Hills, my wife Alice.

Escort: Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of California

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is my great honor to present these two very good friends and fine gentlemen, both Past Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Grand Lodge of California, Brother Tony Wordlow and Sam Pavlovich. Please welcome them. Will all the escorts of our Grand Lodge Officers please rise? Will the wives of our Grand Lodge Officers all rise at one time? Thank you so very much for being with us here today. Marilyn Wordlow, would you please rise? We have had a wonderful time these last four years. Thank you for being with us here this afternoon. We thank these wonderful loved ones of these Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, for being with us here today, and we give you a very heartfelt and loving welcome.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, we are in full realization that it is protocol to have the Grand Master speak last at such events. However, due to the inclement weather we have and our understanding that our Grand Master may have to fly back to Northern California, we are deviating from protocol at this time.

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor and privilege at this time to present to you our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California. He, like our Most Worthy Grand Patron, was born in Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the American Bar Association. He has been a recipient of many honors from our Concordant Bodies, including the 33rd degree from the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. May I at this time present to you our 133rd Grand Master of Masons in California, the Most Worshipful Melville H. Nahin. Worshipful Sir, may we hear from you at this time?

REMARKS

(By Melville H. Nahin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California)

I hope you will permit me to remove my hat. I don't usually wear hats I feel more comfortable without them. How beautiful you all are. As I look at the dias, as I look out there, you personify the beauty that God has given to us in all aspects of this world and all aspects of our lives. You know we have had so many introductions already today that I really have picked up the words of our Prince Hall Brethren, "protocol having been established."

I was going to give you a prepared text, a talk about love. I had it written. I had it reviewed. I thought it was a pretty good talk. But I thought about the many times that I have met with your Grand Line this year. The wonderful leadership there. I thought about last night, the beautiful steak dinners that I was privileged to attend, and I thought about the Grand March last night, the beauty and love that was shown there, and I thought to myself, "How ridiculous would it be for me to talk to you about love. You personify love. The love of man to man, woman to woman, man to woman, the love of our Creator in every way, and I congratulate you." You know, in the Old Testament it is said, "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all Thy heart, and with all Thy soul, and with all Thy might." And then we are taught in the new Testament, "A new commandment I give unto thee, that you shall love your neighbor as yourself." I wonder how can we give all our love to God and still have love to give to our neighbors. I realize, also, that you only have the love that you give. If you give a little love, that's all you get back. If you give lots of love, you get lots of love back. And you, my Brothers and Sisters of the Eastern Star, I am one of you from Ocean Park (245), and I am so fortunate. We have had Ernie. We have had our Worthy Sue. We will have Sheri, and we will have Ron next year, and how God has blessed us with the personifications of love. These four know how to give because they know how to get and give some more. They continue to do so, and I congratulate them, and I applaud them. Let's applaud them.

If I were to have given my text, I would have told you that Alice and I have been married almost 49 years, and I love her dearly. We fight. Oh, yes, we fight. We're normal. But we love each other. True, true love. I say the love of man for a woman, not just carnal knowledge, but the love of being with each other. The love of doing things together. Poor Alice has to travel up and down the state next year with me, and boy, I'm sympathetic with her, as I was with Marilyn last year. As Alice said, "I volunteered, she didn't." She didn't know, but she volunteered, too. If I were to have told you about that, I would have also said that, despite my love for Alice, I haven't been faithful to her. I think that's the thing to say these days, I haven't been faithful these last 49 years. Why, we had in our home Dorothy, a lovely female Dorothy, and every time I would come home from work or a meeting, Dorothy would greet me at the door, and she would love me and kiss me and hug me, all in front of Alice. I think Dorothy's main purpose in being with us was to protect us against elephants and giraffes. I must tell you that in all the years Dorothy did live with us, we didn't have any problems with elephants and giraffes. Of course, Dorothy was our dog. Dorothy has long gone, but I had a love affair with her, indeed I did. That's the kind of love we can give and get too.

Then driving down the road a couple of years ago it was twilight, and I saw the most beautiful sight in the sky I'd ever seen. A gorgeous sunset of God our Father, and I fell in love with nature, and I fell in love with all that God has given to us. And yesterday, when I was flying down from Concord in a single motor plane, the first time I've ever done that, the pilot, Butch Daniels from Sutter Creek, said to me, "Okay. We're up. You take over." And I looked at him and said, "What? I've never been in a plane, much less flown a plane." But I did, 20 minutes, with clammy hands. But I looked down upon the farmlands and I looked down upon Mount Diablo. What beautiful creations and how we do love them. I guess that's what the world is all about. Love. And now abideth faith, hope, love. And the greatest of these is love. What I'm saying to you today very simply and as succinctly as I can, we lawyers are never short-winded at all, I say to you, I, as the Grand Master, these men behind me, the ladies up there, and all of you who belong to the Grand Lodge of California, we give you our love. We love you. I love you. God loves you. May He bless and keep you in everything that you do. As you depart these ceremonies today, tomorrow, may He guard your going out and coming in, unto life and peace, from this day forth and forever more. God bless you.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Most Worshipful Sir, it has certainly been our honor and privilege to have you address us this afternoon. It was only ten days ago that you were installed as Grand

Master, and it's obvious from your presentation that our Masonic Order in the State of California is under a true leader for the coming year. Sisters and Brothers, how often do we have a leader in our organization, a man, stand up in front of everybody and tell them that he loves you? That truly is a leader. A man that can say, "I love you and you love me." Love is the main thing we want. I am certain that the State of California can look forward to this coming year as being one of the leaders of our nation. Once again, Worshipful Sir, thank you for taking the time and effort to address this group.

Melville H. Nahin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California: Ernie, Sue, I see you have something in your hand. We have in the Grand Lodge an Emblem that we like to give. It's like a key ring, but it really isn't a key ring. It's a circle, like a circle of life. A circle of time, never-ending. It's supported by a base with the seal of the Grand Lodge of California on it, the support that we give to all of us who do work in the circle of life. And attached to that we have a key, also in the Grand Lodge of California, which we contribute as the key, your first key to success. In the case of both of you, it's not the first, but the first of many successes.

Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Matron: Most Worshipful Grand Master, we, the Members of the Order of Eastern Star in California, thank you for your message of hope and love, and extend to you our prayers for good health, safe travels, as you begin your journey and step into new horizons with our Masonic Family. Remember, the pleasure you get from life is equal to the attitude you put into it. We would like you to have this 125th Anniversary Plate, celebrating the anniversary of Eastern Star Grand Chapter in California.

Melville H. Nahin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California: Sue, since you're only 25, that means Ernie must be 100. Is that right?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: I told you we were in good hands.

Melville A. Nahin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California: Beautiful. I'm sure you're familiar with it. It will be on my desk in my den at my home with Alice and me. Thank you for the opportunity for being with you. Forgive me as I have to run. As Ernie said, it's raining out, and I'm due in Burlingame at seven o'clock tonight.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much. Sisters and Brothers, we did have Members of our Order that drove down today, and as they were arriving and telling us about the storms, we thought it best to allow them a little more time. We thank you for making those adjustments again.

Escort: Adult and Youth Leaders of the Masonic Youth Organizations

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a great deal of honor that I present these wonderful Members of our youth groups and their adult leaders: Sisters Tamara Thorpe, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, and Grand Bethel Officers of the International Order of Job's Daughters; Scott Fisher, Master Councilor, and the Officers of the Southern California Jurisdiction of the International Order of DeMolay; Pamela Marie Sepulveda, Miss California Job's Daughter of the International Order of Job's Daughters; Jannik Catalano, Master Councilor, and the Officers of the Northern California Jurisdiction, International Order of DeMolay; Elizabeth Nicks, Grand Worthy Advisor, and the Grand Officers of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

(Presentation of Rainbow Grand Officers)

(Presentation of Grand Bethel Officers)

(Presentation of Northern and Southern California Grand Officers)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We have Rose Marie Short, Grand Bethel Guardian from the International Order of Job's Daughters, and Bill Keel, Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters; Anna Lind, Supreme Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Michael Bryant, League Administrator, Southern Jurisdiction California International Order of DeMolay; Allen Vaselov, Director of Northern California International Order of DeMolay. Please give a hearty welcome to our wonderful youth leaders and youth.

Bill Bray, Chairman, Masonic Fraternal Family Session: Well, we have a little more entertainment for you. I have the pleasure of presenting Kendra Morrison, Past Honored Queen, Bethel 147, Clovis, and a member of Fort Millerton Chapter (557).

Piano solo . . . Kendra Morrison

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much. That was gorgeous. I was just reminded that Kendra is a recipient of one of the Campbell Dillon Scholarships.

Escort: Distinguished and Honored Guests of our Masonic Family

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a great deal of honor that I introduce these very Distinguished Members of our Masonic Fraternity: Kathleen Kelly, Grand Royal Matron, Order of the Amaranth, and Murray Cooke, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International. I want to tell you that Murray Cooke and I are both from Triangle Palms Chapter in Venice, well, Ocean Park now, and we have been friends for many years. It is so wonderful for me to be able to welcome him in the East this afternoon. Thank you, Murray for coming. Bob Koe, Eminent Right Standard Bearer, Grand Commandry of the Knights Templar; Betty Collins, Queen, Daughters of the Nile, Islam Temple No. 25; John G. Stonebraker, Deputy Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, representing the Grand High Priest; Elizabeth A. Gray, Queen of Daughters of the Nile, Mokattam Temple; Robert Bussman, President, the Robert of the Bruce Association in California; Ella Harrison, Deputy Grand President of the Grand Chapter of Order of Golden Slipper; William Ryland, National President-Elect of the National Sojourners; Dave Denbow, Past Pharaoh (1997), Ancient Egyptian Royal Order of Sciots, representing, Charles Bruggerman, Pharaoh.

Marsha Price, Chairman, Liaison to Youth Groups: In honor of the International Order of Job's Daughters, 75 years in California, the Ritual Team will present an Honor to the Eastern Star.

(Ritual team introduced.)

Speaker: We are no part of the Masonic Order, but a woman's heart does beat to the same inspiration that promotes man to do noble deeds. Out of the desire to serve in a like manner and the human desire for fraternal fellowship comes the Order of the Eastern Star. This glorious star, significant of the Star of Bethlehem which harold the coming of light of all lights, has in less than a century shed its rays of light into all parts of the world. Its dignity and beauty as a fraternal order is respected and revered. Great and glorious Eastern Star, whose light has shed both near and far, to bless and comfort young and old, rays light their path to a sheltered fold, we honor thee.

Speaker: The ray of blue has taught us too, that God loves us like Fathers do. Fidelity and each kindred soul, is the valued lesson by the blue ray told.

Speaker: The golden light of the second ray has changed the outcome of many a day. Here we recall that labor brings love. The reward for labor sent from above. Constancy of purpose, be it humble or great, is blessed with companionship, a joy to relate.

Speaker: Loyalty shines from the pure ray of white. And loyalty demands allegiance to family, and friend, to nation, to God, to the world without end. Loyalty is the lesson on our hearts we must write, if God is to guide us on the pathways of right.

Speaker: Green pastures means growth and new life on earth. For green Eastern Stars symbolizes rebirth. The green of the fourth ray is the hope of all men where it tells by its story that we shall live again.

Speaker: The red is the fifth ray and symbol of love. Mother love, virginal love, and the love from above that God and his fatherhood gives to each one who seeks to know Him and His blessed son.

Tamara Thorp, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: Many people have asked, "Just what is Job's Daughters? What is its purpose, meaning and ideals?" This organization is for girls between the ages of 11 and 20 who are related to a Master Mason. The purpose of our Order is to band these girls together for character building to spiritual and moral development by teaching a greater reverence for God and the holy scriptures, loyalty to our flag and to our country, and respect for parents and adults.

Founded in 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick in the City of Omaha, Nebraska, its ritual is based upon the Bible story of Job, with special emphasis on the fifteenth verse of the forty second chapter, "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

Our Emblem is the Triangle, which reminds us of the three fold influences of our lives, they are God, our country, and our home, the foundation of the security in which we live. We now add our colors of purple and white to yours.

Speaker: White in all ages has been deemed an emblem of purity and truth. May we ever remember the lessons taught in Job's Daughters,

and may purity and truth be ever practiced in our thoughts and acts. I now add the white flower, ever symbolic of a woman's purity.

Speaker: Purple is the symbol of royalty. True royalty is founded on nobility of character and virtuous habits and thoughts. Kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, willingness and many other little virtues are essential in a noble character. I add this purple flower as a constant reminder of power and royalty of motherhood.

Speaker: This glorious Order of the Eastern Star, we pay you just tribute, for nothing can bar the light of your good deeds, your teachings of faith, the gifts of fine women to country and state. This is our tribute to you, our respect and our honor in all that we do.

Worthy Grand Matron, in honor of you and the Members of this Grand Chapter, I present to you our bouquet of flowers containing the colors of the Order of Eastern Star and of Job's Daughters.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Girls, that was beautifully done. You have done your work so well and I'm so very proud of you. These certainly do mean something very special to me because Job's Daughters and Eastern Star have been a very big part of my life. Thank you. Sister Marsha Price, Liaison, will you please present the Liaison to the Youth Groups who will, in turn, present the Presiding Officers of the various youth groups?

Marsha Price, Chairman, Liaison to Youth Groups: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for my appointment to this Committee. I have felt privileged working with Members of our Order who are dedicated to the future of our Masonic youth. I have the pleasure to present Sister Mary Louise Radford, Past Matron (78/524), Liaison to the International Order of Job's Daughters, who will present the Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

Mary Louise Radford, Past Matron (78/524), Liaison to International Order of Job's Daughters: It gives me great pleasure at this time to call upon Miss Tamara Thorpe, Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters. May we hear from you at this time, Tamara?

REMARKS

(By Tamara Thorp, Grand Bethel Honored Queen International Order of Job's Daughters)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers of the Grand Chapter, Distinguished Guests, Members and Friends of the Order of Eastern Star:

It is with great pleasure that I bring greetings and love from the California Job's Daughters. Job's Daughter's teaches its membership leadership, self-confidence, respect for elders, patriotism, poise, and public speaking. It gives our Members the qualifications and the qualities that will be useful in the adult world. Job's Daughters is based on the Book of Job found in the Holy Bible. We teach the lessons that Job learned when he was tried for his faith in God. Job showed us patience in difficulties and faith in times of trouble. The Daughters of Job were known as the fairest in the land. We learn to live our lives reaching for the best we can be.

The regalia of Job's Daughters is a Grecian robe that is worn by each Member during a meeting. It is symbolic of many emblems, ideas, and lessons of our order, but above all it symbolizes quality. An element that should be present in all of our lives. Those of you who choose to become Members of an organization such as the Order of Eastern Star and who actively support and participate in the youth orders have the opportunity to put a positive impact in the lives of today's youth. As adults, you have the opportunity to guide the youth of our world, for you are their role models. All three of the Masonic youth orders look to you for encouragement, membership, and educational support.

When you are present at our meetings and activities we grow to learn about your Order and our inquiries of Eastern Star lead us to be future members in Eastern Star.

The Members are inspired by your presence and look up to the adult leaders of the world. They need to know that you believe in their hard work and efforts. There is no greater gift you can give to youth than a part of yourself and your time. The Order of Eastern Star and the International Order of Job's Daughters share two very common bonds. Both of our Orders require Masonic relationship, and both our Orders teach lessons from the Holy Bible. Our Masonic organizations are built like stepping stones. When we reach majority, we can take the next step higher and join your Order, which opens the doors to all the other adult organizations. I would like to thank the Grand Chapter for allowing me to address the Session today. On behalf of California

Job's Daughters, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your encouragement. It is my hope the Masonic Family will grow with each passing year. May the light of Eastern Star shine brighter than others as you promote all Masonic organizations.

Mrs. McKinney and Mr. Lewis, on behalf of the California Job's Daughters, I would like to present you with these gifts for your loving support for Job's Daughters.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: I would like to thank Job's Daughters for this wonderful gift. And by listening to your Honored Queen, there is no doubt in my mind that the future of our Order is in the hands of our youth, and it's in safe hands.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much, Tamara, for this wonderful gift. I want to tell you that I do not have one of these dolls. Thank you very much Tamara. On behalf of the Eastern Star of California, we would like to present to you this gift, and we have a check for you from our Members who have been buying dove pins all year long, and wearing this dove pin. The dove is a portion of my emblem for this year. Before Grand Chapter started, we had $2400 in the bank for that project. Now, there is going to be more money coming, but we have a check here for you for $800. Tomorrow, after our Divine Service and the rest of the pin money is figured up, then we will be sending you another check to use for anything that your organization would like to do. This is a gift from Brother Ernie and I, just a little memento to remember this year and being here at our Grand Session with all of us.

Marsha Price, Chairman, Liaison to Youth Groups: It is now my pleasure to present Janet Clark, Past Matron (346), Liaison to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, who will present the Grand Worthy Advisor.

Janet Clark, Past Matron (346), Liaison to International Order of Rainbow for Girls: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, and Members of our Masonic Family:

Seventy-six years ago Reverend W. Mark Sexon began an organization for young girls based on God's promise to his people that he would never again destroy the Earth. Since then many of us have followed the Rainbow, searching and finding the gold. At this time will all the girls of majority age of Rainbows please stand, all the girls now serving and

working with Rainbow? These are people who are still following that Rainbow road. Thank you very much.

It is now my privilege to present to you a young lady who epitomizes our lessons of love through service. I have the honor of presenting to you Miss Elizabeth Nicks, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

REMARKS

(By Elizabeth Nicks, Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Honored and Distinguished Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Friends:

I would like to tell you a story about my friend Mary the daunting task of writing a school report on her favorite role model. Being only eleven years old, she immediately thought about the lady who worked in the bank. She was so pretty and always smiling, plus, she had all that money. However, it did not take her long to realize that a more substantial role model was necessary. Mary decided to seek the wisdom of her grandmother. Mary loved visiting with her grandmother. Her gentleness and kindness were apparent to everyone who knew her. She was always ready to lend a helping hand. Mary especially enjoyed watching her in her beautiful dresses when she was going to Eastern Star meetings. Her grandmother would certainly be able to suggest a role model. Yet Mary did not receive one answer as she expected. She received five. Their names were Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa. Each had a lesson, and each taught Mary an important teaching to becoming an aspiring woman. Mary realized she had been looking at things all wrong. She wasn't looking to her grandmother for an answer. She was looking to her grandmother as the answer. Eastern Star has instilled significant principles into its Members, and because you show these traits, you are excellent role models for all young women. Your Order teaches about love, loyalty, fidelity, faith, and constancy. Adah's lesson of love teaches us the importance of respect for our family. Ruth's story stresses that loyalty is what holds a family together during difficult times. Esther's teachings of fidelity prove that truth is the key to success. Martha's lessons remind us to always have faith. Electa's lessons of constancy teaches us the importance of standing up for our beliefs and following our dreams. It is these lessons the Order of the Eastern Star teaches its Members that make them the wonderful role models you are for us. It has been seven years since Mary had to write that paper, ever since, she has been looking forward to the day when she can become a member of

this outstanding organization. She wants to be a role model for the children of the future, just as her grandmother was a role model to her. Just like Mary, these lessons were a visible part of my own grandmother's personality as she, too, was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Past Matron. I know my Grandmother Nicks is watching from Heaven and is very proud that I'm here with you today, and happy that I have filled out my petition to join this beautiful Order.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We would like to present to you this gift, Elizabeth, from the Eastern Star Members of California, your check, and a gift from the Worthy Grand Patron and myself. Thank you so very much, and we know that you will have wonderful years of service to our Order as you join as one of our Sisters.

Marsha Price, Chairman, Liaison to Youth Groups: I have the pleasure to present Brother Malcolm White, Liaison to the International Order of the DeMolay, who will present the Master Councilors of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions.

Malcolm White, Past Patron (89/426), Liaison to International Order of the DeMolay: Worthy Grand Matron, I don't know why it is that you picked me for this particular assignment. I guess you thought that anything dealing with DeMolay, that I would be willing, eager to do. Sisters and Brothers and Friends, I'd like to tell you a little bit about our Worthy Grand Matron and DeMolay. You all know her many talents and her ability to deal with opportunities. I have shared with Mom McKinney a few hours in bussing tables in Southern California DeMolay Conclaves because the young men forgot. May I borrow from our Sisters from Rainbow Girls, with a little adaptation, with your indulgence. Would all of those people who have worked with DeMolay and who may be majority Members of DeMolay, would you please stand? It is with a great amount of personal pride and honor that I present to you the first of two young men representing DeMolay in California. The first will be, for no particular reason, Brother Scott Fisher, Master Councilor of the Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay.

REMARKS

(By Scott Fisher, Master Councilor
Southern California Jurisdiction, International Order of DeMolay)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Guests and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

I bring you greetings from California and DeMolay. The bond between Eastern Star and DeMolay has not always been easy to find, but we realize that the relationships with our parents and grandparents, Members of Eastern Star, have encouraged us to take the steps. A vision started with the grandfather who had faith that his newborn grandson would some day harness the skills taught to him through this Masonic heritage. This grandfather was a Past Grand Patron of this very state for the 1978/79 year, inspired his grandson to never give up and to always realize, that no matter how big your dream, it is never too far away to reach. This grandfather was unfortunately unable to see his grandson reach his dream, by becoming the Deputy Master Councilor, Southern California DeMolay, just this past Labor Day. Also, a mother who is a current member of this beloved Order set an example for her daughter also to never give up. This daughter is now serving Southern California DeMolay as Jurisdiction Princess and has become a member of Sojourner Chapter (608). Lastly, a young man whose grandparents were Members of Eastern Star and whose mother and sister chose to become Members of Crown Chapter, had instilled in him the same beliefs that all Eastern Stars share with the youth of the Masonic Family, and he turned out to be the man that is standing before you here today. I feel that I can speak for all of the young men and women of Southern California DeMolay that we are extremely proud to say that if it was not for our mutual understanding of the influence that you, the Members of the Order of Eastern Star, carry into our lives as supporters of the youth of the Masonic Family, we would not be the citizens that we are today and the examples that we hope to be. It is by your every effort that you, the Members of Eastern Star, have lifted us, the youth of the Masonic Family, onto your "Wings of Love" and have guided us in the right direction so we will be able to fly on to success.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Scott, on behalf of the Worthy Grand Patron and myself, I would like to present to you this gift to remember this day that you have had the opportunity to stay with us and speak to us, and we do appreciate it. My son happened to be a Grand Officer of Southern California DeMolay a few years ago, too, so I've been at many of those fun conclaves. This gift is from the Members of California Eastern Star. Brother Ernie?

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron: Scott, it is our pleasure to present to you this check for the Southern California DeMolay. As the Worthy Grand Matron said, after tomorrow we will have a further check to give to you.

Malcolm White, Past Patron (89/426), Liaison to International Order of DeMolay: The next young man is the Master Councilor of

the Northern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay. Please welcome Brother Jannik Catalano.

REMARKS

(By Jannik Catalano, Master Councilor
Northern California Jurisdiction, International Order of DeMolay)

I would first like to thank you all for inviting me here to speak today. Seventy-nine years ago Frank S. Land started an organization for young men. He took a chance on one young man and eight of his friends. He strove to do something that would help the young men in his community to become better men. That organization, started from one phone call, made Frank Land successful thousands of times over with the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of young men who would benefit from the lessons of DeMolay. Every one of these young men are his successes due to his one seemingly insignificant risk. These successes need to be repeated every year if DeMolay will continue to be successful, and this is true for all of our organizations. In order to keep all of our organizations from extinction, we need a constant resurgence of new Members. We are not successful at this point. Success is not just a one-time thing. In order to be truly prosperous, we need to keep on doing the great things that we do. We need to keep on sharing our programs, our values, our lives with people who benefit from the learning experiences and friendships that they will gain as a result of being part of our Orders. We cannot afford to consider ourselves to be successful at this point and let up our efforts. An entrepreneur would not be considered successful if his business was incredibly profitable, and then closed. Our Orders have all experienced prosperity in years past, but this isn't good enough. Would we honestly be able to consider ourselves fortunate if these successes were the only ones we were to have in years to come? I think not. Our success, our prosperity, our achievements, need to be replicated 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to ensure our survival. This is because success isn't one day a week. Success is a journey, not a destination.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The Worthy Grand Patron and I would like to present to you this gift from the two of us so you can enjoy and remember this day that you have spent with us. From the Members of California Eastern Star, we have this gift for you, too.

Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Matron: We also have for you a check. Congratulations.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Miss California Job's Daughter, may we have you up here, please? We thank you for joining

with us this year at our Session. Miss California Job's Daughter now is the PR person for the Job's Daughter organization. She is willing to come to any of your Chapter meetings to help talk about Job's Daughters and the things that they are doing, and help you even get a Bethel going, or whatever you're doing. If you would like to have her come visit you, please give a call. We thank you for coming and being with us, because this is a new station in the last four years. Congratulations.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.)

Bill Bray, Chairman, Masonic Fraternal Family Session: Now that the microphones have been set up, I have the pleasure of presenting Kathleen Pedro, Past Worthy Advisor, Flower Assembly No. 35, who will perform an Irish dance. Incidentally, she came in first place for her talent at Grand Assembly.

Irish dance . . . Kathleen Pedro, Past Worthy Advisor, Flower Assembly, No. 35, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Bill Bray, Chairman, Masonic Fraternal Family Session: It doesn't get any better than that. That was really fantastic. I'll tell you. Money is no object. I was able to acquire a musical group that some of us remember about 20, 30 years ago. It is now my pleasure to present the Beach Boys.

Musical selection . . . California Beach Boys

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you all so very much for your attendance at our program this afternoon for our Masonic Family Honor Session. A special thank you to our Brother Bill and Sister Linda Bray for all of the work and planning that they have done to bring about this wonderful day for us. We thank the young people who have come to speak to us. They say that our future is not in good hands? I say it is. Please remain seated for the recessional of the 1997/98 Grand Officers. We look forward to an evening of black-and-white with our Skunk Town Strutters' Ball. We have many who have tickets for dinner. If you do not have a ticket for dinner and you want to come to the concert, remember it does start at 7:30, and the doors will open prior to that. There's special seating for those that are going to the dinner, and other seating for those that just want to go to the concert.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I declare this Saturday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Sunday Afternoon.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 4:13 p.m.)

CANDLE CEREMONY

"One Little Candle" . . . California Singing Stars

NARRATION

(Robin Rains (358), Past Matron)

(The Grand Officers formed a star around the Altar.)

There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle. Its beam shines here tonight to remind us that we must relight the flame of rededication and enthusiasm in our Order.

A candle is a small thing, but one candle can light another. And as it gives its flame to the other, see how the light increases.

Light is the power to dispel darkness. You have this power to move back the darkness in yourself and in others with the birth of light created when one mind illuminates another; when one heart kindles another; when one hand strengthens another. And its flame also enlarges as you pass it on.

Georgia Lauchland, Grand Warder: We have lighted this candle of service so that we who have seen his star may think of our needy Sisters and Brothers and help them wherever they are. May envy and hatred and malice just wither before it's flame and the eternal fires of God light up our hearts in our Father's name. May all who have come to this service tonight with hearts over burdened with care leave with their burdens lightened and peace find a resting place there. And so as the flame of the candle goes out and the work of the day is o'er may all who have come to this chapter tonight be permitted to meet once more.

"Pass It On" . . . Solo

CLOSING ODE

"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove"

On the wings of a snow white Dove,
He sends His pure sweet love,
A sign from above
On the wings of a Dove.

RECESSIONAL

(The escorts of the 1998 Grand Officers placed Real Estate FOR SALE signs in the Grand East and the escorts of the Grand Floor Officers placed FOR SALE signs on their chairs.)

Tom McKinney, Past Patron (643): We've padlocked the pump. It's time to get back to work and sell a few homes. My wallet! It's empty. Let's head home on the Kern River.

Barbara Lewis, Past Matron (384): Okay, Ernie. Two years is enough. We've had a lot of fun, but the rain has started and this Grand Family knows that's a good omen for us. But the freezer is getting empty.

Tom McKinney, Past Patron (643): Ernie, you need some practice. You and Barbara have spent the last two years of our lives with Sue and I. You've become a part of our family. It's going to seem strange to go home and not have you and Barbara there. Maybe Ernie and Barbara would like to buy a listing in Kernville.

(The 1999 Grand Officers ran onto the floor and placed SOLD signs over the FOR SALE signs.)

Tom McKinney, Past Patron (643): Sue, maybe your entire Grand family would like to buy a house in Kernville. I think they have just been moved from where they've been last year. Do we have enough listings for each one of them? Come on. Let's all go home.

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron: The time has come for all of you to return to your homes. Your family and friends await your return with admiration for your service to our Order in 1998. May all of your travels be safe and may you continue to have fun along the Eastern Star trail.

(The 1998 Grand Officers and their escorts retired.)

NECROLOGY

"ON THE WINGS OF LOVE"

SAROYAN THEATER

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1998

Organ Prelude: Harold Hand, Past Patron (21)

"The Holy City" . . . Richard Mullard, Past Patron (405)

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Doris Parrish, Grand Conductress
Sue Bishop, Associate Grand Conductress
Jerry Bradley, Grand Chaplain

Hymn: *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* *Congregation and Choir*

EULOGY FOR SISTER LILAS ERMA HAUG
Worthy Grand Matron 1972-1973
(By Patricia B.Quibell, Past Grand Matron)

We'll softly say a fond farewell
For just a little while.
For soon, we know, we'll meet and
Greet our loved one with a smile.

Help us, O Lord, to truly say
Thy will on earth be done
Help us, like her, to keep the faith
Till the crown of life be won.

Our Past Grand Matron, Sister Lilas Erma Haug, was initiated into Caliz de Oro Chapter No. 457 in Oakland on June 3, 1949 where she served as both Adah and Conductress. She affiliated with San Carlos No. 551 on July 10, 1952 and served as Esther and Chaplain becoming their Worthy Matron in 1960.

Sister Lilas served Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand Matron in 1964 and on the Housing Committee in 1969 before entering the Grand Line in 1969. Sister Lilas served as California's 100th Worthy Grand Matron in 1973. She chose as her theme "The Wand of Friendship Fills Our Book with Love," choosing Lilac, Pennsylvania Blue, and Crystal with

Silver accents as colors for that year. Her emblem was "The Magic Wand of Friendship." The motto she selected was "Let us by Love Serve One Another" and her watchwords were Knowledge, Beauty and Understanding. It was said that she believed that "No greater gift can God give man than his friends." Serving as her Worthy Grand Patron was Brother Jens Morley.

Sister Lilas continued her service to Grand Chapter in 1974 serving on the Convention Committee and in 1977 was appointed to the Finance Committee. She also served as Chairman of the Special Courtesies Committee in 1986.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another Day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, he set me free.

EULOGY FOR SISTER LAVERNE IRWIN WALKER
Grand Treasurer 1975-1976
(By Earlynn Albright, Past Grand Matron)

Sister LaVerne Irwin Walker was born November 26, 1914 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania and grew up in that area. Following her education she became a school teacher and worked with young people for many years. Her work with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls gave her much pleasure as well. She was a Past Worthy Advisor

in Pennsylvania and active for many years on the Rainbow Board in Alhambra.

Sister LaVernne's Eastern Star membership began October 26, 1945 when she was initiated into Lyra Chapter No. 144, Whittier. Later affiliating with San Dimas Chapter No. 509 in 1953 and served as Worthy Matron of San Dimas Chapter in 1958. Sister LaVerne was a plural member of Alhambra Chapter No. 193 and was a faithful member of both Chapters. She had served as Chaplain, Marshal, Electa and Secretary during her membership. Her artistic abilities and interest in arts and crafts were sought and appreciated by her Chapters.

Sister LaVerne loved to travel and serving as a line officer she missed few events or parties. She and her Associate Patron even rented an airplane to fly to Bishop to attend a line party.

Receiving the appointment of Deputy Grand Matron in 1960 the traveling continued. She served Grand Chapter on the Scholarship Committee from 1968 to 1971 and Chairman in 1972. She also served on various Grand Chapter Committees through the years. Her election to serve as Grand Treasurer in 1976 was a high light in her Eastern Star life and again she traveled, attending all official visits, receptions and events. Sister LaVerne was a dedicated and loving member and was thoroughly enjoyed by the Grand Family of 1976. I am honored to give this tribute for Sister LaVerne on behalf of Sister Donna Smith, Worthy Grand Matron that year and from her Annual Report offer these few words:

No matter how heavy our sorrow
No matter how great our despair,
Doesn't heaven seem nearer and dearer
Just knowing our loved one is there?

Hymn: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* *Congregation and Choir*

EULOGY FOR MEMBERSHIP

(By Janice Mullard, Chairman, Necrology/Divine Service)

Let us cherish the memory of all those members in our subordinate chapters whom we have lost in death since our California Grand Chapter last convened.

In the reception of these members into our Order they were instructed that their membership forged them into a Golden Chain, for the purpose of working together as a force for good to benefit mankind and to honor their God. There was also a beautiful symbolism, presenting the falling

away of each link in Death which represents our mortality, yet pointing toward our immortality with eternal life.

Let us remember the virtues of these Sisters and Brothers, who have walked with us. They may be gone from our sight but never from our memories. We recall now the years of joy, the association of laughter, work and service that is unending; we remember that they have touched our lives with friendship, caring and sharing. We remember that this great organization has bound us together in love.

They will be missed, for each of them filled a special place in our lives that no one else can replace. Their personal specialty added weight or more carats to our Golden Chain.

One by one the links are severed
From the Golden Chain of love
One by one our Order is forming
In the Fathers house above
Let our deeds be pure and noble
May our lives be not in vain
So that when the links are welded
Complete again will be the chain.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the subordinate chapters, families and many friends in the loss of their loved ones.

The following is a favorite poem of mine that I would like to share with you at this time. I pray the words have special meaning for you also.

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow – peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength for the day
Rest for the labor, light for the way;
Grace for our trials – help from above
His unfailing sympathy and his undying love.
Helen Steiner Rice

Life is beautiful from a mountain top, but when you find yourself in the valleys of life, through which we all must travel, that is when your faith is tested and strength is needed. The mountains we have climbed this year have been strewn with loving thoughts, kind deeds, and most importantly, the prayers of the Grand Chapter members, our Sisters and Brothers. For all of this support and source of strength we deeply and sincerely thank you. Your walk with each of us through the valley,

lends strength and support to our efforts. God has promised to never leave us or forsake us and likewise our Sisters and Brothers have lifted us upward on "On the Wings of Love" as you shared your strength and love with us. For this God has richly blessed us all.

Hymn: *"Because He Lives"* *California Singing Stars*

Floral Presentation: Normal Cornell, Deputy Grand Matron (590)
Janet Forney, Deputy Grand Matron (276)

Memorial Tribute: Judy Dreiman, (163)

DIVINE SERVICE

Call to Worship Rev. Robert R. Smyth (107)

Hymn: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* *Congregation and California Singing Stars*

Morning Prayer: Rev. Robert R. Smyth (107)

"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" . . . Phyllis Hix (643), Past Matron

Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31 Reverend John Carpenter
Kernville United Methodist Church

SERMON "Making Choices"
(By Reverend John Carpenter
Kernville United Methodist Church)

We have all had those times when we are challenged to the point of fatigue, those moments when our task overwhelms us and our commitment becomes a burden. Which of us has not experienced that depressing moment when any real sense of progress seems so impossible. These are the times when we may feel most alone, and it may seem as if even God has grown weary and abandoned us. Yet it is at that very moment, at the point of the impossible, that God speaks most clearly **if we choose to listen:**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is an everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does NOT faint or grow weary: his understanding is unsearchable.

I can almost hear God speaking these words. It may seem so incredible, but we need to be reminded of his limitless understanding and infinite power. He reminds us not to confuse our human condition

with the nature of God. And in the midst of this divine admonition we can also hear of God's great love **if we choose to listen:**

He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint...

Do you want to have your strength renewed? Do you want to have your spirit lifted as if on wings of an eagle? Then all we have to do is to make the choice to believe God's word and *wait for the Lord;* and we wait upon the Lord in prayer...

Have you ever really thought about prayer? It's a direct line of communication with God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth! And unlike the many long distance advertisements we hear about, it doesn't matter how many minutes we talk, it won't cost a single penny. And furthermore, God is always there; we never have to speak to an answering machine or listen to a computer telling us to push different buttons according to our various needs. Prayer! One of the greatest and most wondrous gifts God has given us. It's priceless.

In this passage, and through his word, God is reaching out to each and every one of us in love and mercy. He offers us great strength and renewing power. All we have to do is make the choice to listen and receive. However, it is a choice, an act of the will, something we have to do for ourselves. God is a gentleman, he stands at the door and knocks but he only enters when invited. Make the choice! Be renewed and lifted as if on the wings of an eagle and may God be glorified in all that you do. God Bless!

Offertory Prayer Rev. Robert R. Smyth (107)
Offertory Hymn: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children"*
California Singing Stars

OFFERING *(Will go to the Youth Groups)*
Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay

Hymn: *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* *Congregation and California Singing Stars*

Benediction: Reverend John Carpenter
Kernville United Methodist Church

Choral Anthem: *California Singing Stars*

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1998

The theme for the 126th Installation of Grand Officers was "The Key to California Gold." The backdrop was a huge gold key with five large poppies. The stage and the area in front of the stage were covered with 10,000 brilliant gold California poppies.

1:45 p.m. Piano Prelude Harold Hand (21), Past Patron

Entrance:

Grand Representatives
1998 and 1999 Deputy Grand Matrons

Narration

(By William Martin (10), Past Patron)

Formation

(By the Associate Matrons and the Associate Patrons.)

My Sisters and Brothers – have you kept track of how many golden sunrises and sunsets we have enjoyed here in California this past summer? Last spring, after a wild winter of El Nino rains, the valleys were covered, wall to wall, with the beauty of golden poppies. It seems this is Mother Nature's way of apologizing for her last winter's temper tantrum. It has been reported by nature watchers that a sudden gust of wind coming out of the west has torn up these poppies and swept many of them skyward. As God gave us the Rainbow as a symbol of His promise and hope after the Great Floods of Noah's time, He now gives us the beauty of many colors after each day – but none so obvious as the gold of the poppies at sunset.

(The float in the shape of a very large Treasure Chest entered the Grand Chapter room, circled the room, and came to rest in the center of the formation.)

Into Mother Nature's display of beauty, we welcome the Treasure Chest holding our leaders of 1999, Sister Sheri Weisser and Brother Ron Behnke. Into their capable hands we place the treasure, the future of our beautiful Order, knowing it will be treated with tolerance, respect, and dignity.

Tonight we see the addition of many other inspiring colors from the magnificent California sunsets. Colors from the highest peaks to the valleys and open farmland, all settling down and around the central star of our Order. Gathered together, they represent both the past and the future of our great heritage.

(Associate Matrons, carrying blue hats, entered from the southeast to form the Adah point of the star.)

The deep blues of the distant mountains at dusk add their beauty to our star, representing Fidelity.

(Each Associate Matron in the Adah point raised her blue headdress to the top of her head.)

(Associate Matrons, carrying yellow hats, entered from the southwest to form the Ruth point of the star.)

The yellow of bright sunshine still gilding the highest mountaintops represents Constancy.

(Each Associate Matron in the Ruth point raised her yellow headdress to the top of her head.)

(Associate Matrons, carrying white hats, entered from the southwest to form the Esther point of the star.)

The white of God's window, a clear sky directly above us, is for Purity.

(Each Associate Matron in the Esther point raised her white headdress to the top of her head.)

(Associate Matrons, carrying green hats, entered from the southwest to form the Martha point of the star.)

The green of our farmland and its productivity stands for Immortality.

(Each Associate Matron in the Martha point raised her green headdress to the top of her head.)

(Associate Matrons, carrying red hats, entered from the southwest to form the Electa point of the star.)

The red of the first and last rays of the sun upon the low clouds representing Fervency.

(Each Associate Matron in the Electa point raised her Red headdress to the top of her head.)

All of these bright and subtle colors unite to form the beauty of the Star in the East.

(The Associate Patrons, wearing hats glittering with gold, form a pentagon around the star.)

A steady stream of California gold flows from the mountains down and around the Star, forming a pentagon, to unite us all in Sister Sheri's desire to Cherish the Past, Treasure the Present, and Envision the Future.

(The float moves out of the Star and circles the floor, ending up in the west.)

"God gave his people the symbol of Hope in the Rainbow of Noah's time. The vibrant colors of the sunrise and sunset surrounding our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for 1999 reflect His support for all Eastern Star chapters.

Today we can assist Mother Nature by spreading the packets of poppy seeds you have been given over the hills and roadsides of California, thus creating an endless source of California Gold."

(The formation dissolves as Sister Sheri and Brother Ron alights from the float.)

PRESENTATION OF 1999 GRAND OFFICERS

(By William Martin (10), Past Patron)

The World Book Dictionary describes Gold as a bright, beautiful, precious thing or material. Heritage is defined as what may be handed on to a person from his ancestors, such as land, traits, beliefs, or customs. Our 1999 Grand Officers come to us this afternoon as shining examples of both the brightest and best of Masonic traditions and California's Eastern Star.

Grand Sentinel: The 1999 Grand Sentinel, Brother Richard McClelland, is a true native of California, having been born in Oakland. He is a member of Welcome Lodge No. 255 in Lemoore and he joined Lily of the Lake Chapter (41) in 1988, serving as Worthy Patron in 1990, 1992, 1994, and will again serve in 1999. He has served Grand Chapter as Vendor Co-Coordinator, spent two years on the Kick-Off Dinner Committee, and was the 1998 Banquet Co-Chairman. Brother Richard is a great supporter of our Youth Groups,

having served as Associate Bethel Guardian of Lemoore Bethel from 1989-1994. He was designated a Member of Honor of that organization. During his three years as Chairman of the Rainbow Advisory Board of Visalia, he was awarded the Master of the Grand Cross of Color. He and his wife, Shirley, are the proud parents of three children: son John and daughters Cindy and Theresa, and both daughters are also members of Lily of the Lake Chapter. They are the grandparents of nine, one of whom has already joined the Chapter! He is escorted this afternoon by his wife, Sister Shirley, a Past Matron of Lily of the Lake Chapter No. 41.

Grand Warder: Our lovely Dove, guardian of the treasure chest, is Sister Jane Cooper, a Past Matron of Sierra Star Chapter (129). She was born in Wickenburg, Arizona, and joined Eastern Star in 1956, being initiated into Celandine Chapter, in Loyalton, California. She served as Worthy Matron in 1960 and 1993, and served Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand Matron in 1997, Grand Page in 1987 and as co-chairman of the Grand Pages in 1991. She served on the Benevolent Committee from 1995-1996. She and her late husband, Bud, a Past Master of Sierra Valley Lodge No. 184, are the parents of two sons, Jim and Todd. She is the proud grandmother of Jessica and Timothy. She is escorted this afteroon by her son, Jim Cooper.

Just as the Key is an essential element to opening the door to our California heritage, the rays of our central Star are the Key to unlocking the message of the Order of the Eastern Star. Representing these five rays of our central Star for 1999 are:

Grand Electa: Sister Geri Terry, a native Californian, from San Francisco, and a member of Concord Chapter (384). She was initiated into Golden Gate Chapter (1) during her parents' Advance Night, in 1954. Her first office was in 1955, as their Adah. She affiliated with Concord Chapter in 1964, serving as Worthy Matron with her husband, Don, in 1977. She served as President of the Northern Deputy Grand Matrons in 1987, and has served on the Election Board for several years. Sister Geri served as Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 266, Concord, and as a Deputy Grand Guardian for three years. Her daughter, Nicki, a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 266, is presently a member of Concord Chapter (384), and son, Ken, a Past Master Councilor of Carquinez Chapter, have rewarded her with three grandchildren. She is proud to be escorted by her husband, Don, a Past Patron of Concord Chapter (384) and the Sr. Warden of Diablo Valley Lodge No. 448.

Martha: Our Green Ray, Grand Martha, will be represented by Sister Deanna Carr, a native of Sharon, Pennsylvania, and a member of Tahquitz-Victoria Chapter (241). She is a third generation member of the Order. She was initiated into Saddleback Chapter, Laguna Hills, in 1985. Sister Deanna served her Chapter as Worthy Matron in 1991, and was a 1996 Deputy Grand Matron. She has also served as Area Chairman of the Endowment Committee, and has worked with the Credentials Committee. She and her husband, Jerry have three children and seven grandchildren. She is escorted this afternoon by her husband, Brother Jerry Carr, a 1999 Worthy Patron of Tahquitz-Victoria Chapter (241), and a Past Master of Newport Lodge No. 144, Newport, Washington.

Esther: Another native San Franciscan, our White Ray of Esther, the Noble and Dignified Queen, Sister Karen Fletcher, joined Campbell Chapter (553) in 1982, serving as Worthy Matron in 1987 and 1998. She is also a member of Manzanita Chapter (342), Morgan Hill, and has served Grand Chapter as President of the North Central Deputy Grand Matrons in 1992. Her committee appointments include: Liaison to Rainbow, Credentials Committee, Chairman of Pictures, Chairman of Special Duties, Roster Advertising, Appeals and Grievances, and served as Co-Chair of Escort and Grand March for this Grand Chapter Session. Her dedication to Rainbow has been recognized by a Master of the Grand Cross of Color in 1980. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Campbell Assembly No. 235, and served on the Advisory Board in 1984 and 1996, and as Grand Deputy in 1997. She is proudly escorted by her husband, Brother John, 1999 Worthy Patron of Campbell Chapter (553), a Past Patron of Manzanita Chapter (342), and a Past Master of Morgan Hill Lodge.

Ruth: Another third generation member of our Order, our Golden Ray of Ruth, Sister Ann Elger, representing Tujunga Chapter (445), comes to us from Hutchinson, Kansas. Sister Ann joined Eastern Star in 1972, and has since served her Chapter as Worthy Matron in 1987, 1991, and 1997. She has served Grand Chapter for a number of years, in many capacities: Deputy Grand Matron in 1990, Credentials Committee, Registration Committee, Singing Stars, Inner Guard, Sound and Lighting, and Entertainment. She was an usher at the 1997 General Grand Chapter Session, and has acted as Social Chairman for the Candlelighters for 1997-1998. She is proud to be the mother of Skie and Lisa, and grandmother of Danielle. She is escorted by her husband, Bob, a four-time Past Patron of Tujunga Chapter (445) and a member of Tujunga Lodge No. 592.

Adah: Representing the blue ray of Adah, Sister Kay Akers comes to us from Estrella Chapter (412) and La Jolla Chapter (479). She, too, was born in California, in San Diego, a city rich in the history of California. Sister Kay joined the Order in 1984, and served La Jolla Chapter (479) as Worthy Matron in 1990. She was a 1994 Deputy Grand Matron, and served on the Consolidation Committee in 1995 and 1996. She also served as Guardian of Bethel No. 315, International Order of Job's Daughters. She is the mother of Teresa, Jason, and Suzanne, who is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 315 and a member of La Jolla Chapter (479) and the doting grandmother of Brett and Austin. She is escorted this afternoon by her husband, Donald.

Grand Organist: Our Grand Organist, Sister Betty Schmieter, representing Yorba Linda Chapter (347) is a native of New York City. She joined Eastern Star in 1971 in Minnetonka Chapter of Mound, Minnesota. She served as Worthy Matron of Yorba Linda (347) in 1983. Her many years of service to Rainbow resulted in her being awarded the Grand Cross of Color. She has been a Board Member for the Fullerton/Yorba Linda Assembly for many years, and currently serves as their Musician. She is always available to play for all Youth Group Installations in the area. She is the proud mother of Don and Neva, a Past Worthy Advisor of Fullerton/Yorba Linda Assembly. She is escorted today by her son, Don Schmieter.

Grand Marshal: Marshaling the way into the future, our Sister Janet McClanahan claims a third generation Masonic heritage. Born in Tracy, this native Californian joined Eastern Star in 1974. She served Joaquin Chapter (348), Tracy, as Worthy Matron in 1990 and 1998. Her service to Grand Chapter includes Grand Esther in 1996, President of the 1993 Central Deputy Grand Matrons, Liaison to Rainbow in 1992, member for many years and Chairman in 1994 of the Medical Committee, Chairman of the Masonic Family Honor Session and the Appeals and Grievances Committee. Her involvement with Rainbow is seemingly life-long, beginning as a Rainbow Mascot for Tracy Assembly at age 5. She grew up to be Worthy Advisor, Grand Representative of New York, Pledge Mother, Mother Advisor, and to serve on the Advisory Board. Needless to say, she is a proud recipient of the Grand Cross of Color. Travelling with Sister Janet this year will be her mother, Sister Patricia Robinson, a Past Matron of Joaquin Chapter who served as Grand Adah in 1986. Sister Janet is escorted this afternoon by her husband, David.

Grand Chaplain: Our 1999 Grand Chaplain, Brother LeRoy Newsom, comes to us as a plural member from Santa Ynez Valley Chapter (566) and Hollywood Chapter (133). This California native son was born in

Southgate, and is a Past Master of both South Pasadena and Santa Ynez Valley Lodges and was honored to receive the Hiram Award. He is currently serving as Secretary and Officers' Coach, as well as President of the Central Coast Past Masters' Association. He joined Eastern Star in 1979, in South Pasadena Chapter (272). He has served as Worthy Patron with his wife, Sally, four times, in 1982, 1986, 1993, and 1997, and has been awarded the Eastern Star Service Award. Brother LeRoy is currently on the Advisory Board of the James T. Edkins Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Ritual Advisor for the South Pasadena Chapter of DeMolay. This second generation Mason is the father of four, and grandfather of eight. Granddaughter Dawna is carrying on the family tradition – she is Senior Princess of Bethel 339, International Order of Jobs' Daughters. Brother LeRoy is proudly escorted by his wife, Sally, a Past Matron of Santa Ynez Valley Chapter (566) and Hollywood Chapter (133).

Associate Grand Conductress: Five generations of Masonic heritage, and a membership in Golden Harvest Chapter (105), certainly qualify Associate Grand Conductress Danna Willoughby to a key role in California's golden future. This native of Long Beach joined our Order in 1974, and served her chapter as Worthy Matron in 1980. Her service to Grand Chapter include Deputy Grand Matron 1988, Grand Ruth 1994, Grand Marshal 1998, Chairman of Set-up 1986, Committee Membership on Session Site, Housing, Inner Guard, Special Duties, Publicity, Co-Chairman of Sound and Lighting. Sister Danna is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 212, Garden Grove, where she served as Bethel Guardian for eight years. She has also served on the Parents Club of DeMolay and the Rainbow Advisory Board. She is the loving mother of three sons, just ask her about her five grandchildren! Sister Danna is escorted by her husband, Darrell, a Past Patron of Golden Harvest Chapter (105) and a member of Acacia Grove Lodge No. 351.

Grand Conductress: Our 1999 Grand Conductress, Sister Sue Bishop, was born in Casa Grande, Arizona. She is a plural member of Athena Chapter (46) in Hollister and Sunset Chapter (280), San Francisco. She joined Eastern Star in 1967, and has served as Worthy Matron five times, in 1972, 1980, 1985, 1989, and 1990; Deputy Grand Matron in 1975, Grand Adah in 1993, Grand Marshal in 1997, and Associate Grand Conductress in 1998. Her committee appointments include co-chairman of Special Duties, five years on Credentials, one as Chairman; three years on Appeals and Grievances, Co-Chairman Grand Chapter Set-up, and Co-Chairman Decorations. She has been honored by her chapter with the Service Award. Sister Sue and Brother Junior have three children and seven grandchildren. Her son Mark has just taken his first degree in Masonry! Sister Sue is proudly escorted by her

husband, Junior, a 12 time Past Patron of Athena Chapter (46) and a member of Sunset Chapter (280). Junior has served San Benito Lodge No. 211 as Secretary for eighteen years and is a recipient of the Hiram Award.

Grand Treasurer: The true keeper of the Golden Key, our Grand Treasurer, Sister Jerri Jean Golden, comes to us from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is a three-time Past Matron of Beacon Point Chapter (383), in 1989, 1990, and 1996, where she has been a member since 1984. Her service to Grand Chapter includes Deputy Grand Matron in 1992, Inner Guard in 1993, and Grand Treasurer in 1995-1998. She is the mother of two Past Worthy Advisors of San Pablo Rainbow, and served as president of the Rainbow Parents Club. Her daughters Lori and Deborah belong to Beacon Point Chapter! Sister Jerri Jean is escorted by her husband, Rick, a Past Patron of Beacon Point Chapter and a member of Bay Cities Lodge.

Grand Secretary: Sister Shirley Orth, our Grand Secretary, represents Semper Fidelis Chapter (135) and comes to us from Walla Walla, Washington. She was initiated into Northgate Chapter, Seattle, in 1960, by her late father. Affiliating with Semper Fidelis in 1978, she served her chapter as Worthy Matron in 1984, and has since served Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand Matron in 1989, Service Award Chairman, Grand Page, Grand Esther in 1995, and as Grand Secretary since 1996. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow, and the mother of two sons, Kenneth and Michael. Her mother, Helen Crouse, is a sixty-four year member of the Order. She is escorted by Warren Woodworth, a Past Patron of her Chapter.

Associate Grand Patron: We are proud to welcome Brother Glenn Jones, our Associate Grand Patron. He is a Past Patron of Rising Star Chapter (36), Sacramento, having served in 1981, 1984, 1989, and 1997, and a member of Oak Plains Lodge No. 789, Sr. Warden of the Lodge of Perfection, Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He has served on several Grand Chapter Committees: Site Selection, Activities, and Special Duties, as well as General Chairman of the 1995 Grand Chapter Week. A very active father of Jackie, Trish, Mark, and Michael, and grandfather of eight and a half, he vowed to become a Master Mason before his daughter was installed Honored Queen of Bethel No. 312. He has been honored with the Grand Cross of Color, served as Rainbow Dad, and member of the Bethel Parents' Committee. He has been honored with the Hiram Award and our own Eastern Star Service Award. Their two daughters have followed Glenn and Jerry into Rising Star Chapter. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Jerry, a Past Matron of Rising Star (36),

who served as Deputy Grand Matron in 1987 and as Grand Electa in 1991.

Associate Grand Matron: Our Associate Grand Matron for 1999, Sister Doris May Parrish, is another native daughter, having been born in Los Angeles. She comes to us representing Harbor Star (521). A Past Honored Queen and member of the Guardian Council, she first joined Eastern Star in 1973. She served as Worthy Matron in 1980, Deputy Grand Matron in 1985, Grand Electa in 1993 and Grand Marshal in 1996. Her committee assignments include Housing, Inner Guard, Special Duties, Courtesies to Dignitaries, and Decorations. She and Brother Dick are the proud parents of two second generation members of Harbor Star (521): Alice, a Past Matron, and Merle, the 1999 Associate Matron, and the grandparents of four. Sister Doris traces her Masonic affiliation to her uncle, under whose sponsorship she entered Job's Daughters. Her father followed her into the craft, eventually attaining his 33rd degree in Scottish Rite. He, in turn, was privileged to confer the third degree of Master Mason on Brother Dick. Sister Doris is proudly escorted this afternoon by her husband, Brother Dick, a Past Patron of Harbor Star (521).

Worthy Grand Patron: His emblematic Gold Pan, reminiscent of California's past, holds as its treasure the Star in the East, our hope for the future. Guiding our 1999 Prospectors with Faith, Diligence, and Optimism is our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, from Lyra Chapter (144), Whittier. A native of Chicago, Illinois, he is a member of Whittier Lodge No. 323, and has been a member of Eastern Star since 1974. He served as Worthy Patron of his Chapter in 1977 and 1997, and was on Grand Chapter's Membership Committee, Co-Chaired the 1997 Fiesta, and spent a year on the Eastern Star Home Board. The father of Michael and Jennifer, he has been a Scoutmaster, Rainbow Dad, and served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Whittier. Brother Ron is escorted by his wife, Cathy, a Past Matron of Lyra Chapter, and a 1994 Deputy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Holding the key to unlock our Golden Year of 1999 is our lovely Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser. A native of Billings, Montana, she is a member of San Lorenzo (577) and Moss Agate (126), of Billings, Montana. A thirty-four year member of the Order, she served as Worthy Matron in both 1977 and 1994. She has served Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand Matron in 1984, and Inner Guard for both Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter. She was elected our Grand Treasurer for seven years, before being appointed Grand Marshal in 1995 and entering the Grand Line in 1996. A majority member of both Rainbow and Job's Daughters, she is a Past

Mother Advisor and has served on the Guardian Council. She is a recipient of the Grand Cross of Color. She is the proud mother of Kim, the 1999 Worthy Matron of San Lorenzo Chapter, Marcie, and Patti, all of whom are Past Worthy Advisors, and the grandmother of Keli, Samantha, Kaitlyn, and Emily. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, is proudly escorted by her husband, Al, a Past Patron and the 1999 Worthy Patron of San Lorenzo (577), a Past Master of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551, Inspector of the 157th Masonic District, and a member of Rimrock Lodge No. 149, Billings, Montana. Joining Sister Sheri on the stage are her mother and father, Irene and Bob Glasgow, her daughter, Kimberly Hegg and granddaughter, Keli.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Honorary Marshal: Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron

Emblem Bearers

Adah: Yvonne Beckenhauer, Past Grand Matron
Ruth: Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron
Esther: Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron
Martha: Earlynn Albright, Past Grand Matron
Electa: Jeraldine Southward Creager
General Grand Chapter Committee Member,
Registration, and Past Grand Matron

ENTRANCE OF BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Patricia Quibell, Past Grand Matron

Bible Escorts: Katherine Hill, Past Grand Matron
Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron

ESCORT

Host: Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
Hostess: Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron: Sue McKinney
Worthy Grand Patron: Ernie Lewis

Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, we have the honor of presenting Sister Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors*

extended.) Sister Sue, our Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed a privilege to present to you your gavel.

Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, I have the honor of presenting Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of California, our Host for the afternoon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, I have the honor of presenting Sister Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California and our Hostess for this afternoon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: California General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends: I have the honor to present Sisters Jerry Southward Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration, and June Lucretia Barnum, Parliamentarian of the General Grand Chapter, both Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Entrance: Grand Officers of 1998

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

"The Lord's Prayer"

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Sunday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor for the Installation of the 1999 Grand Officers.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

FLAG CEREMONY

United States Flag:	Donald Hull, Past Grand Patron
Canadian Flag:	Clint Dillon, Past Grand Patron
California Flag:	Bernie Seamans, Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star Flag:	David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag:	Frank Young, Past Grand Patron

FLAG TRIBUTE

(By Warren Wildman, Past Grand Patron)

I am the symbol of the living American, the badge of its greatness, the emblem of its destiny. I am the flag of the United States, the last, best hope of peace on earth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

"O, Canada"

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

It is a very special privilege for me to greet and welcome you to this 126th Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter of California. We hope you will enjoy the ceremonies of this afternoon as one Eastern Star year is ending and another is beginning. We look forward to the new year with great excitement. To the 1999 Grand Officers, we wish you much happiness and success as you begin your special year of service to our Order in California. I would like to just add one little announcement. The penny count is currently up to $15,616.69. Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, we would be pleased to have your Address of Welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, and many Friends here this afternoon:

I consider this a distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to the start of our next 125 years as we celebrate the 126th Installation of our Grand Chapter. It is a real pleasure to be in the East with our Sister Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron and Hostess. The principles of our great Masonic Family have never been needed more than at the present time. We must stand firm for what we believe and which helped create the greatest emblem in the world today, our Grand Star. We have a golden opportunity to share our light with the world. The time and place is now. We must and will seize the moment. The flame has been fueled by Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ernie, and all Sisters and Brothers who served our Order so

splendidly in 1998. We all truly thank you for your service. Now the torch is about to be passed to our Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, and all of those who will lead and serve our Grand Chapter in 1999. May your flame always burn bright and be fueled by the and love support of all of the Members of this Grand Jurisdiction. May the good works of our glorious Order be skyrocketed to the sky as we, each one of us, light the way for others.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Loyal. Sister Ardath, will you bring greetings at this time?

GREETINGS

(By Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

My cup overflows with the privilege of being your Hostess this afternoon, along with Brother Loyal as your Host. Sister Sue and Brother Ernie have certainly distinguished themselves as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and now we are about to enter a new year. "The Key to California Gold" is the theme, and with the California poppies and prospector's pan of gold, the year of 1999 will be rich in the beauty of nature's loveliness and rich in the gold we value in our Members. Brother Ron's emblem also reminds us to keep God centered in our lives and in all we do. With these principles foremost in our leaders' lives, we can expect miraculous things.

We have read that when we do our very best, we never know what miracles are wrought in our own lives and in the lives of others. We welcome and greet all of you to this 1999 Installation of Grand Chapter Officers. Thank you.

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
Participating in the Ceremony of Installation
And the Presentation of Jewels

Sue McKinney; Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting those participating in the Installation this afternoon, Sisters Kathleen MacDonald and Brothers Terry Holts, Installing Grand Officers; Installing Grand Marshal, June Lucretia Barnum; Installing Grand Chaplain, Bill Betts; Presentation of Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron Jewels, Barbara Pierce and Frank Young; Honorary Marshal, Barbara Pierce. In the West are our Acting Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron Denny Rae Grist and Gene Stiles. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

On the sidelines the emblem bearers were Yvonne Beckenhauer, Sherie Gustafson, Kay Cosby, Earlynn Albright, and Jerry Southward Creager; Bible Bearer: Patricia Quibell; Bible Escorts; Katherine Hill and Mary Meixner; Flag bearers; Donald Hull, Clint Dillon, Bernie Seamans, David Von Bima, Frank Young; Flag Tribute; Warren Wildman, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

I have the pleasure of presenting Brother Harold Hand, Installing Organist, and Soloists, Sherry Brady and Sister Heidi Martin (347). We thank all of you for your participation this afternoon. I now declare a recess for the Ceremony of Installation.

(1998 Grand Officers retired.)

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

OBLIGATION

Worthy Grand Matron — Sheri Weisser (577)

"One Moment in Time" . . . Heidi Martin (347)

Worthy Grand Patron — Ron Behnke (144)

"Once in a Lifetime" . . . Sherry Brady

Associate Grand Matron	Doris Parrish (521)
Associate Grand Patron	Glenn Jones (36)
Grand Secretary	Shirley Orth (135)
Grand Treasurer	Jerri Jean Golden (383)
Grand Conductress	Sue Bishop (46/280)
Associate Grand Conductress	Danna Willoughby (105)
Grand Chaplain	LeRoy Newsom (566/133)
Grand Marshal	Janet McClanahan (348)
Grand Organist	Betty Schmieter (347)
Grand Adah	Kay Akers (412/479)
Grand Ruth	Ann Elger (445)
Grand Esther	Karen Fletcher (553/342)
Grand Martha	Deanna Carr (241)
Grand Electa	Geri Terry (384)
Grand Warder	Jane Cooper (129)
Grand Sentinel	Richard McClelland (41)

PROCLAMATION

Sue McKinney, Junior Past Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, as I hand you this gavel, I hand you the responsibility for the welfare of the Order in California for the ensuing year. You are starting out on a journey of a lifetime. I pray for you good health, safe travels, and much love as you serve our Order. May you always use this gavel for the good of our Order.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sue, for presenting me the gavel. I will use it with humility. You have been a super big Sister. No one could ask for any better. You had a terrific year with your 1998 Grand Officers. I congratulate you on a wonderful year. It has been fun traveling with you, Ernie, Barbara, and Tom.

Sue McKinney, Junior Past Grand Matron: Sister Sheri, at this time I would like to present you the Isabelle Harrison Hilditch Jewel that has been worn by each Worthy Grand Matron since it was presented in 1946. It shines with the beauty of our Order, and I know how much pride with which you will wear it in 1999 as Worthy Grand Matron of this Jurisdiction. I also have something in this little bag: The Worthy Grand Matron's seal and travel badge from the Jurisdiction of California, and the keys to the Grand Chapter Office.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sue, for this presentation. I will use the seal of this Office with great care, and I will wear the necklace with great pride. When this Jewel was presented to Sister Isabella in October of 1946, it was filled with special significance to her. The Star in the center represents her service as Worthy Matron. The jewels in the five points were mined in her San Diego County, and the six diamonds from corner to corner of the pentagon represent members of this Order who had a part in this Jewel. Each Worthy Grand Matron who has worn this jewel has added their luster to it. I will wear it with pride this year. Thank you.

Ernie Lewis, Junior Past Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, it is my honor to present to you this Worthy Grand Patron's ring which was worn by Brother J. Hartley Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron in 1935, and with it, the lapel pin which was worn by Brother Joseph Reed, Worthy Grand Patron in 1949. May you wear both of these in good health, pride, and with my heartiest congratulations. But I also have, Brother Ron, the honor to return this gold watch, knife, and watch fob with the emblem of the Worthy Grand Patron. It is an heirloom, as I understand it, of your family, and this year you gave me the honor of wearing this all year long.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: It is such an honor to get these jewels which have been worn by such distinguished men. I hope that I can do justice to what they have already done before me. I will do my best to do that. In one's life a person has many moments that stand out in memory, but only a few that become landmarks. Usually these landmarks can be said in just a few words. I asked Cathy, "Will you?" She said, "I will." We both said, "I do." She screamed. The doctor said it was a boy. She screamed again. The doctor said it was a girl. Then Sheri said, "Will you?" And I said, "I will." We both said, "I do," and I guess it's time we scream. I don't know.

Sister Sheri, a landmark like this, it was extremely important to me that the gavel that I present to you had meaning for both of us, and particularly for you. It is a key, and the sounding block is a California golden poppy.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Ron, thank you very much for this. We've had a lot of fun traveling this year. We've formed a very special friendship between the four of us, and I'm sure it will continue forever and ever. Thank you for this lovely gift. Sister Sue, thank you for the use of your gavel, but I think I'd like to use mine. Sister Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron and Brother Tom McKinney, do you have a presentation you'd like to make at this time?

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Sue, in 1982 you climbed the stairs through the rainbows and the clouds into a new experience at serving your Chapter after 1982: Worthy Matron. From the clouds on top of that rainbow you landed on the back of a dove, serving as our 1986 Grand Warder. Then you climbed off the dove and went home, laid down, put your feet up, but guess what? That dove came and found me, and he said, "Come with me. I want you to see someone," and he led me up to Kernville where I had the opportunity to ask you to serve with me as my Grand Marshal in 1994. After much consideration and you saying yes, you again soared to new heights. I love you and know you will be by my side always.

As you have continued through years of service with this Grand Chapter, serving our Grand Line, you have become an awesome Worthy Grand Matron, and the Members love you. Now your husband and the members of California have a very special presentation.

Tom McKinney, Past Patron (643): What an awesome task, to be asked to present a jewel to that Past Grand Matron, a lady that's traveled over 250,000 miles in California for the last five years, has

missed four Official Visits while carrying and loving and sharing and teaching the Order of Eastern Star to you, the members. There's no way that I can do this by myself. I would ask the members of California Eastern Star to rise and symbolically assist me as I place this Past Grand Matron's jewel around her neck.

Sue McKinney, Junior Past Grand Matron: Thank you very much, my Sisters and Brothers, and my loving husband, Tom. This jewel is from the members. I have been saving all of my gift money and stashing it in an account. That account is now empty. See I knew there were no diamonds or jewels in our family, or any lying around our house. I do think my special "Tommy" added a few bucks. Thank you! This will always be a wonderful remembrance of all the members of California.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Frank Young and Sister Barbara Lewis, will you make your presentation at this time.

Frank Young, Past Grand Patron: Brother Ernie, thank you so very much for allowing me to share in the presentation of this jewel to you. It represents much love and affection from the Members throughout California. Our association over the years has been one filled with excitement and joy, and I'm looking forward to much continued pleasure as we travel the Masonic road in the future. Your jewel symbolizes Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. The end of one Chapter in your life, and the beginning of many more. I offer you my best congratulations. Sister Barbara, do you have something for Brother Ernie?

Barbara Lewis, Past Matron (383): Thank you very much, Brother Frank. Brother Ernie, when Sister Sue asked you to walk beside her, you made Concord Chapter very proud. I, too, am very proud. I have the pleasure, on behalf of the 1998 Members and Officers of California, to present you with this ring that will remind you of their love and support. Now your hour glass is almost empty, so I think it's time to get you home.

Ernie Lewis, Junior Past Grand Patron: Brother Frank and my loving wife Barbara, thank you very much for the presentation of this token. Every time I look at it, it will be a remembrance not only of my year as Worthy Grand Patron, but a remembrance of wonderful times that you, the Members of the Order of Eastern Star, have given to me this year. This is a token from you, and I will always remember it that way, because it was through your efforts, through your hard work, that this year was such a great year. I want to thank you very much for it.

Every time I do look at this ring, I'll remember each and every one of you because you are the Order of the Eastern Star and this ring will represent you.

INSTALLATION ADDRESS

(By Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron)

What an exciting afternoon this has been. How exciting to witness the Installation of our 1999 Grand Officers. Sister Kathleen MacDonald, my loving thanks to you, Brother Bill, and all of the 1995 team for this beautiful Installation. I know you involved all of your team, and they probably don't want to see another poppy for several days. I had some words written down here to express to the 1995s and all of the helpers what I thought this room might look like. You far exceeded any expectations I ever dreamed of. It's beautiful. I thank you for your many hours of work. You could not have made me happier. It is more than I ever expected. It's hard to keep a secret when this many people are involved, but you did. She wouldn't even let me come into this arena until just before coming in on the float. Kathleen, I know you worried. You had some sleepless nights, and many work parties, but your efforts are truly appreciated. This afternoon is all that we expected it would be. The 1995 team is fantastic. Our thanks to each of you. Kathleen, I especially want to thank you for installing me. You started me on this journey. I thank you for all that you do for me, for all your support, and especially for your friendship.

A loving thank you to each member of our Installing team. Each of you has had a special part in my fraternal life. Just before we traveled to Grand Chapter, we learned that Brother Vernon and Sister Paula Remington would not be able to participate because of illnesses. Thank you, Sister Jerry Southward Creager and Brother Clint Dillon, for agreeing to fill their positions. The beautiful voices of our Singing Stars has filled our arena this week and we thank them. Sister Heidi Martin, thank you. Doesn't she have an awesome voice?

Today we begin the last fraternal year of the century. I thank the Members of California for electing me as your leader, and I pledge to you that I will do my very best to lead you into the new century.

Many of the 1999 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are serving in that position for the first time. Many are new, young members of our Order. All are filled with enthusiasm. They are eager to try different programs, eager to bring new members, new active members, into our Order, and eager to bring members back to Chapter. They are eager to see our Order grow once again. The Worthy Grand Patron and I have

set goals for 1999, not only for ourselves, but for our Order in California. One of our goals is to increase the attendance of our members at Official Visits. The majority of our events are scheduled on weekends. We hope this will enable more of our members to attend the special event. You are an important key in the realization of this goal. We need you and want to share these times with you.

We are calling our travel program the Key Member Program. This program is designed to encourage our members to actively support their Chapters. Our Grand Representatives have agreed to assist in the coordination of this program. Contact the Grand Representative in your area for the point sheet. All of you are on your way to receiving your Key Member Pin because points are given for attending this Grand Chapter.

Our second goal is to decrease the number of contacts made with our Appeals and Grievances Committee. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they had no report to make at the next Annual Session? Sisters and Brothers, we must live our Obligation. Before you make that phone call to complain about another's action, before you speak harshly to another, remember that when you joined this Order, you promised to never speak ill of a Sister or Brother. Remember your promise to cherish and defend their reputation. My grandmother used to tell me, "If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all." Only each of you can assure that we reach this goal. Please treat one another as you would like to be treated.

We feel it is vital that we make ourselves and our good works known in our communities. Therefore we've designed a special pin for those Members who give 50 hours of community service. We hope many of you will participate in this program. Don't be shy about letting your community know about our Order. When you help clean the beach, highway, or park, when you volunteer at your local hospital, when you help your community become a better place, tell everyone that you belong to our Order and that all over the world Members just like you are helping others.

We have asked each of the incoming Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to commit to at least one action to make their Chapter better. At the workshop in July, several goals were presented – to encourage the Officers to perfect their Ritual work, to encourage more social enjoyment, to contact their shut-ins more frequently, to adjourn the business meetings before 9:30 p.m. They need your help to achieve their goals. You, the members, are the key to their success.

The Grand Officers will be visiting our Chapters throughout the year. They are anxious to know each of you a little better. We know you will want to share the hopes and dreams of your Chapter and our Order with them.

Congratulations to the Grand Officers and the Deputy Grand Matrons. We are excited about serving with each of you. Thank you for accepting our invitation to serve. Our thanks, too, to the many Committees and Committee Members who said yes. It takes many workers to help run our Grand Chapter.

We've asked our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to serve with kindness, try new ideas, and fill our Chapter rooms with loving members. We ask each of you to return their kindness, try new ideas, and fill our Chapter rooms.

YOU are the "Key to California Gold." Thank you for your support. I'm honored to serve each of you as we cherish the past, treasure the present, and envision the future. At this time I'm pleased to present my family. Will you please rise? I believe you all know my husband, Al. Our oldest daughter, Kim, is with us today, and her daughter Keli. And Keli is 13 years old today.

"Happy Birthday" . . . Members

She would rather be at the N Sync Concert, but Keli, thank you for sharing your birthday with me today. My parents, Bob and Irene Glasgow, are here from Billings, Montana.

We have friends from Montana with us today. Will you please rise? This is Beverlee Sveinson, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Montana. Sister Beverlee is from Moss Agate Chapter, and was one of those "first impressions that was permanent." Beside them are Brother Gene Korber, Past Grand Patron, and his wife, Helen. Thank you for sharing this week with us.

We are pleased to have two of our Grand Lodge Officers with us. Would you please rise, and your wives? This is Brother Al Weis and his wife, Gini. Brother Al is Deputy Grand Master, and David C. Decker, Senior Grand Warden and his wife, Nancy. Thank you for sharing this afternoon with us. I'm sure our paths will cross many times this year and we look forward to seeing you often.

I'm very proud to be a member of San Lorenzo Chapter - the friendliest Chapter in the East Bay. Will the members of San Lorenzo please rise? Thank you for all that you do. I truly appreciate your efforts.

Will those that came on the San Lorenzo bus please rise? These are members of my District and the East Bay Association. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

San Lorenzo Chapter has many Members that reside at the Masonic Home at Union City. Once a month the Home van brings them to our meetings. Today the bus brought them to our Installation. Will the Masonic Home residents please rise? Thank you, my friends, not only for your support today, but for your support of the San Lorenzo Chapter.

We're also pleased that the residents of the Eastern Star Home stayed for the Installation. We have some exciting times ahead of us as we prepare to move into our new Retirement Center. I enjoy our visits. We'll be back to see you real soon. Our thanks to each of you for attending this Installation. Your presence is appreciated and you have made our day complete.

INSTALLATION ADDRESS

(By Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to add my thanks to all of you for coming to attend this wonderful ceremony. To the Members of California, I want to add my thanks sincerely for allowing me to serve our beautiful Order as the Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year. My heart is at the same time filled with tremendous pride and a great humility for this singular honor. I promise I will do everything within my power to serve Eastern Star to the best of my ability and to emulate those amiable examples set by those Honored Brothers who have preceded me.

This wonderful honor is made even more wonderful for being shared with Sheri. Her knowledge of our Order is unsurpassed and we will all benefit. I have no doubt this next year will be unparalleled experience because it will be served standing at her side. Sister Sheri, I pledge to you my loyalty and support. May you and I, Cathy and Al, be friends forever.

To Sister Sue and Brother Ernie and the 1998 Grand Family, I can't find words to convey how unbelievably great this last year has been.

The help and support you have given me and Cathy has helped to make it so, and I look forward to lifelong friendships.

Sister Kathleen, you and your 1995 Grand Family have made this Installation completely unbelievable. An event such as this represents such a huge amount of work, and you and all those who put so much effort into its success have my sincere gratitude.

Brother Terry, I am truly honored to have you install me as Worthy Grand Patron. Cathy and I value greatly yours and Bonnie's friendship. I have often asked and always received your counsel and advice, and it is deeply appreciated.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California, our Order is indebted to you for all of your countless hours of service. I am truly thankful for the presence of so many of you here today, and for your support and good wishes. The Order of the Eastern Star has always had remarkable leaders, and for me to be following your example is a big part of what has made this day so special for me and I know will make this experience so wonderful. You have set an example to be emulated, and your support means more to me than you will ever know. But know this. If my service to the Order can be half of what each of you have already done, then I shall be doubly blessed.

To the Sisters and Brothers who will serve our Grand Chapter in 1999 as Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Matrons, I send my sincerest congratulations. We have already begun to feel like a family. It is this family feeling that is the best support that we can give the Members of our Order. I wish for you the best of everything in your efforts.

To the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 1999, it has been my honor and extreme pleasure to get to know so many of you during this last year. What an incredible experience. When I try to explain to non-members of Eastern Star how anyone could spend the time and exert the effort that we do, I always come back to the feeling of warmth of friendship that we feel whenever we walk into a Chapter room and see a new member or an old friend. I am truly humbled to be associated with so many fine ladies and gentlemen. I know that the friendships formed will be lifelong and continue to be a source of joy.

To Sherry Brady, thank you so very much for sharing your talent and helping make this evening so special for me. Sherry and I work together in a physical therapy office. We work as a team. I am so pleased and so proud to have you a part of this special day in my life. Shall we give her another hand?

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you members of my own very special Lyra Chapter. Will members of Lyra Chapter please stand? Will you remain standing for a minute? I also have a very special pleasure today. Two of our members, Ray and Betty Olson who came up on the bus are today celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Will members of Orange County please stand? You also are an outstanding group of friends, and I greatly appreciate your support. Thank you very much.

I am now very proud to be able to introduce to you my family. First, my wife, Cathy. Will you please stand? I live my life by this single precept, if I can get through it; that "I am nothing more or less than the love I see in my wife's eyes." Will my daughter Jennifer please stand? Our daughter Jennifer has never failed to make us both very proud, from playing ice hockey to artist in the film industry, she is an extremely wonderful young lady and I am very glad to have you here.

My mother-in-law, Edna Thirkettle. I've always called her "Mom." She's a member of Lyra Chapter and has always felt like my own mother. Will Joan Thirkettle please stand? This is my sister-in-law, and these two ladies are, in every sense of the word, family.

In my emblem I chose a prospector. The year 1999 is the 150th anniversary of the Gold Rush. It was the hope of these brave, hard-working prospectors to strike it rich and stake a claim to ensure the future of their families. In our beautiful Eastern Star, we often refer to ourselves as family. It is my fervent hope that with your help we will be able to stake a claim for our future. Thank you very much, and may God bless us all in our efforts.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Marshal, would you join us at the podium, please? Sister Janet, we're very pleased that you accepted the position of Grand Marshal, and in that position you have a special emblem. It's with a great deal of pleasure that Ron and I present this to you. This baton was made by Myra Levine, the husband of one of my Chapter members.

Janet McClanahan, Grand Marshal: Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This baton is beautiful, and I hope I will be able to serve our Order to the best of my ability. I thank you for the opportunity that you have afforded me. Brother Ron, I, too, must have screamed very loud when you talked to me, because I now have nine boys and girls to watch over.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, have you any further business to bring before the Grand Chapter?

Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I have no further business to present.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, is there any business on your desk to be brought before the Grand Chapter?

Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary: There is no further business on my desk, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Has any Sister or Brother present any business to offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter? If not, we will proceed to close.

CLOSING ODE

"Beyond the Sunset"

Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,
When with our Savior, Heav'n is begun;
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning,
Beyond the sunset, when day is done.

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 5:45 p.m.)

(Announcements were made by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: You are cordially invited to meet the 1999 Grand Officers at their Stations.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CAL. ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR A.D. 1875

Sue McKinney
Worthy Grand Matron

Shirley Orth
Grand Secretary

Ernie Lewis
Worthy Grand Patron

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

General Chairman
Kathleen MacDonald, P.G.M.

Co-Chairman
Bill Betts, P.G.P.

Associate Matron and Associate Patron Hats
Susan Wallace P.M.
1995 San Diego, Orange Belt and Orange County Associations

Corsages
1995 Deputy Grand Matrons

Float
Harold Hand, P.P. and Callie Miller, P.M.
1995 San Fernando Association

Formations
Sara Lee Martin, P.M.

Grand Officers' Carry-in Pieces
Jerri Jean Golden, P.M. and Shirley Orth, P.M.

Narration
Bill Martin, P.P.

Poppies (10,000)
1995 Busy Bees and Their Friends

Programs
Carl Wallis, P.P.

Room Decorations
Suzy Anderson, P.M.
1995 Monterey Bay Association (North, South, West Stations)
1995 Northern San Joaquin Association (Sidelines)
1995 Central San Joaquin Association (Star Point Stations)

Stage Decorations
Fran Groat, P.M.
1995 Peninsula Association

Well Decorations
Edna Eisert, P.M.
1995 Central Coastal Association

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Emblems
Merton Martin

1999 DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

1. Diana Plant
2. Deborah Howell
3. Wilma Roberts
4. Betty Bowden
5. Janet Pillow
6. Betty Tindle
7. Matha Foster
8. Edna Boltman
9. Cynthia Dawson
10. Margie Rheaume
11. Kay Hankins
12. Marilyn Atkins
13. Brenda Jones
14. Barbara Kimberling
15. Barbara Shaw
16. Darleen Cook
17. Puffy Moring
18. Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen
19. Pat Shute
20. Char Radtke
21. Lora Corner
22. Elaine Parres
23. Susan Huff
24. Gayle Togersen
25. Cathy Sudderth
26. Jeanne Reynolds
27. Denise Armstrong
28. Geraldean Minor
29. Debby Hoban
30. Dona Mincy
31. Joyce Keeney
32. Thelma Brixey
33. Carol Tucker
34. Betty Rosenthal
35. Bernadine McCracken
36. Dorothy Lewis
37. Linda Bray
38. Linda Taylor
39. Joanne Brookfield
40. Pam Potter
41. Mercedese Winn
42. Aida Heidke
43. Nancy Clancy
44. Vera Ulrich
45. Susan Stokes
46. Becky Neuwirth
47. Sharon Woodman
48. Bonnie Buck
49. Jeanette Bearden
50. Angelina Ramos
51. Millie Glover
52. Linda Stevens
53. Arlene Williams
54. Carol Zayas
55. Beverly Youngblood
56. Alyson Grant
57. Betty Howard

COMMITTEE REPORTS NOT GIVEN DURING THE SESSION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PICTURES

(By Becky & Jim Neuwirth, Past Matron & Past Patron (259), Chairmen)

Memories of happy times is a picture which one can see over and over and can last forever. Thus, the duty of the Pictures Committee is to assist in creating those memories for all to enjoy.

West Coast Photographers was again invited to be the official photographer for this session. Over 2,000 photographs were taken at approximately 80 different events from the Kickoff Dinner to the Installation of the 1999 Grand Officers.

This committee began its assemblage shortly after the conclusion of the 1997 Grand Chapter Session, and reached 19 members by the beginning of the 1998 Grand Chapter Session. Letters were sent to prospective committee members during the year requesting their participation, and a form was designed to gather pertinent information for each committee member, a copy of which is attached to this report. We arranged a meeting with the photographer at his home to discuss the details of what events would be photographed, how many assistants would be needed at each, and where certain events would be photographed. Information for this was obtained from a list of meal events provided by the Banquets Chairperson, the tentative Grand Chapter Week schedule, and the 1997 program. A detailed schedule was created using this information, as well as the information provided by each committee member. This schedule included date, type of event, time of event, event group, location, and those who were to assist. A copy of this schedule was mailed to each committee member and to the photographer, and copies were distributed to the General Chairman, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, 1999 Installation Chairperson, and any other interested party who requested such. In addition, a portion of this schedule was provided to the Programs Chairperson for printing in the program. All events listed on the schedule were photographed, adhering to proper protocol where necessary.

We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for asking us to participate in your Grand Chapter Session and to share a part of your memories that will last forever.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON RIBBONS

(By Millie Schneider, Past Matron (384), Chairman)

I was delighted when I received a letter from Sue McKinney asking me to be Chairman of Ribbons for Grand Chapter Week. I had wanted to help out any way possible since Ernie Lewis was from my Chapter. Many thanks to Sue and Ernie for asking me to serve. Another big thank you to Clint Lee for being so efficient that it made the Chairman's job easier.

In February, I gave a letter to all Grand Chapter Committee Chairmen telling them when my form for ribbons would be sent to them. My second letter, with the form and instructions on where to pick up the ribbons at Grand Chapter, was mailed out on April 5th. The letter was mailed to all Standing Committees, Grand Chapter Week Chairmen, etc. Approximately 90% answered by the due date. Some came in as late as September. Several never did respond, so I used the previous years reports for the number of ribbons they needed. When ordering be sure to ask for a few extra ribbons. This way you will not have to reorder when committees are increased.

At one of our planning meetings in Fresno, I showed Sue all the Ribbon colors. Her decision of purple and lavender was made at that time. I ordered a total of 1,185 ribbons from Flash Ribbons. Stan was very prompt in getting the order finished and mailed to me. My recommendation is to be sure to specify to Stan not to make any changes without calling the Chairman first. He printed and mailed the ribbons without telling me he had changed the color of the printing. Sue did accept the change, so we did not have to reorder 1,185 ribbons. He did give us a 10% discount when we accepted his change. This could create a problem in the future if he continues to do this.

I put the ribbons in large envelopes and alphabetized them by committees. My table at Grand Chapter was across from Credentials and was located by a nice big sign. Most chairmen after getting their credentials remembered to walk over to get the ribbons, but you still need to keep an eye open for those who forget. I was at my table the first two days that Credentials was opened. You do nott really need any help until Grand Chapter. It is a long two days, and one person plus yourself gives you time for a walk or snack. This was a fun committee. I really enjoyed it.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROSTER ADVERTISING

(By Glenna V. Case, Past Matron (83), Chairman)

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star:

Our thanks go out to all the members participating in the Roster Advertising committee this year and to all the Officers and members who placed ad's in the Roster for the ensuing year.

Our Roster Ad's brought in $7,500.00 for Sue's year and this year it looks as though we will continue to do as well. Our members appreciate having a resource they can refer to for services during the year and the ad's placed in the roster provide that information. Keep up the good work.

LEGISLATION

(Throughout the Session the various Committees presented the following legislation to the delegates.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS 1998

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

~~Sec. 104. **MILEAGE, ANNUAL SESSION.** At the close of the annual session of the Grand Chapter, the Committee on Mileage shall pay mileage to and from the city in which such session is held as follows:~~

~~A sum equal to five (5) cents per mile for the round trip from the location of the Chapter, if more than twenty-five (25) miles from the City in which such session is held, to each of the following persons to wit:~~

~~Grand Officers, including temporary appointees serving for absentees, Deputy Grand Matrons, past grand elective officers, members of Standing Committees, members of Special Committees authorized by Grand Chapter, members of elected Board of this Grand Chapter, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of subordinate Chapters. In the event that these delegates are unable to attend, their mileage shall be paid as follows: that of the Worthy Matron to the Associate Matron, that of the Worthy Patron to the Associate Patron, or mileage for one person paid to the legal Delegate of each Chapter, in the above order. Ranking delegates of any Chapters under dispensation may also be paid such mileage, on majority vote of the Grand Chapter, regardless of whether they have been granted voting rights at the session.~~

~~Mileage shall be determined from published records of the California State Automobile Association, and shall be paid regardless of mode of conveyance. No person shall receive mileage unless in attendance at such session from the first to the last day inclusive, unless excused by the Grand Chapter or the Worthy Grand Matron. No person shall receive mileage in more than one capacity.~~

~~When, for any reason, any person entitled to mileage fails to draw it at the annual session, it may be paid within ten (10) days after the close thereof on written order of the Worthy Grand Matron. Thereafter all rights as to unpaid mileage shall cease and the Convention and Mileage Fund shall be credited therewith.~~

SEC. 104. SPECIAL SESSIONS AND SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. Grand Officers and acting Grand Officers who act as such at special sessions of the Grand Chapter shall be paid MILEAGE at the ~~same~~ rate OF FIVE (5) CENTS PER MILE ~~as herein outlined for attendance at the annual session of the Grand Chapter~~. In addition to mileage the actual and necessary expenses incurred for board and lodging shall be paid to Grand Officers and/or acting Grand Officers who may be required by the Worthy Grand Matron to attend one school of instruction held for Deputy Grand Matrons.

(See Sec. 62 for Deputy Grand Matrons)

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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Gil Bates, P.P. (287)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Frank Young, Past Grand Patron, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No.1, Section 104 of our Constitution and Laws, has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote.

Last year, as many of you may recall, in the report of the Finance Committee, we requested the assistance of the Membership in resolving some of the costs of the distribution of the mileage checks at Grand Chapter. The opinions of a number of Members are incorporated within this proposed legislation. The mileage checks to Grand Chapter for those attending average around $12. There are over 1,000 checks printed, and in many cases, approximately 65 percent of these checks only are picked up. The time it takes, both in the office to sort the database and determine those entitled to checks and those who are going to be picking them up, is often unknown. It takes about a week's time just to prepare the checks, and a large amount of time on the staff's part reconciling when they are returned by the bank in these amounts of, generally, $12. As part of the procedures, it is required by our auditors to review larger checks, but because of the numbers in this particular account, they do have to spend time looking at these. The cost of these checks far outweighs the benefit that we are receiving. And to offset that loss to the Members picking up mileage to Grand Chapter, we have, in the subsequent legislation that we'll consider immediately following, reduced the assessment to the Chapter so that if the Chapter would like to replace the mileage on a one-on-one basis

within the Chapter, or spread it between others attending, they would have that right so the overall cost is not borne by any one individual. It's reducing the cost of preparing the checks as well as increasing the revenue to the Chapters by reducing the assessment. We hope you'll consider this and vote in an affirmative manner as has been suggested by the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance.
ADOPTED:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Chairman, Finance Committee)

We, the combined Committees on Constitution and Bylaw, and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendments Nos. 2 through 10 to Sections 63, 80, 88, 89A, 89B, 96, 106, 281, and 406 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, move that they be voted upon as a unit and recommend a "yes" vote.

The reasons are that these amendments are all complementary to the amendment which you just adopted by reducing certain charges no longer necessary and eliminating certain language which is no longer necessary.
ADOPTED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS NOS. 2 - 10:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

Sec. 96. **DUES PAYABLE BY SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.** Each Chapter shall, no later than September 1 of each calendar year, pay to Grand Chapter, fees, dues and assessments as follows:

(e) **Convention ~~and Mileage~~ Fund.** For a special fund to be known as the Convention ~~and Mileage~~ Fund, for the payment of expenses incurred at the annual session of the Grand Chapter, which are not covered by the registration fee, ~~and the payment of mileage provided for in Section 104, thirty-five~~ TWENTY-FIVE cents for every member in good standing, or such sum as may be specifically prescribed by Grand Chapter at each annual session. ~~The Convention and Mileage Fund balance shall be maintained at an amount which is not less than the sum of the last three years expenditures for mileage.~~

(All other subsections of Sec. 96 are unchanged.)

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:

COMMITTEES

Sec. 63. **STANDING COMMITTEES; APPOINTMENT.** The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following standing committees:

1. Committee on Aims and Objectives.
2. Committee on Credentials.
3. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.
4. Committee on Jurisprudence.
5. Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
6. Committee on Finance.
7. Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
8. Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.
9. Committee on Distribution.
~~10. Committee on Mileage.~~
11. Committee on Necrology.
12. Committee on Benevolent Fund.
13. Committee on Publicity.
14. Committee on Grand Chapter Week Activities.
15. Committee on Housing.
16. Committee on Scholarship.
17. Committee on J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund.
18. Committee on Endowment Fund.
19. Committee on Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations.
20. Committee on Courtesies to Dignitaries.
21. Committee on Consolidation.
22. Committee on Annual Session Site.
23. Committee on the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.
24. Committee on Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions.
25. Committee on Membership.

(Renumber committees.)

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:

~~Sec. 80. **MILEAGE.** It shall be the duty of the Committee of Mileage to report at each Annual Session total mileage due each person entitled thereto, from an itemized statement of the same prepared in the Grand Chapter office; and to distribute, or cause to be distributed, mileage checks to those members entitled thereto.~~

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5:

Sec. 281. **DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES**. Delegates and representatives, ~~as~~ of chartered Chapters, may attend any session of the Grand Chapter, held while a Chapter is under dispensation, but shall have no right to participate in the business thereof ~~or to mileage~~, except as granted by the vote of the Grand Chapter; provided, however, that its delegates or representatives may appear before any committee on any question relating to it and, before the Grand Chapter, by permission of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Voting Rights: 29.

~~Mileage: 104.~~

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6:

Sec. 106. **COMPENSATION, STANDING COMMITTEES.** For services rendered to the Grand Chapter by members of Standing Committees, compensation shall be paid as follows: One hundred dollars ($100.00) each to the General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week, to the Chairmen of the Committees on Aims and Objectives, Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, Finance, and Benevolent Fund, and twenty-five dollars ($25.00) each to the other members thereof; one hundred dollars ($100.00) each to the Chairmen of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer

Fund and the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund; fifty dollars ($50.00) each to the Chairmen of the Committees on Credentials, Grand Chapter Week Activities, Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations~~, Mileage~~ and Housing; to each of the other members of the Committees on Grand Chapter Week Activities and Credentials, thirty dollars ($30.00), and on Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations~~, Mileage~~ and Housing, twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50); twenty-five dollars ($25.00) each to the Chairmen of the Committees on Appeals and Grievances, Dispensations and Charters, Fraternal Correspondence, Consolidation, Endowment Fund, Membership and Scholarship Fund and to each of the other members thereof twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50).

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 7:

Sec. 88. **SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

(e) **Expenses.** All allowances and expenses of the Scholarship Committee, ~~except mileage to the annual session of the Grand Chapter,~~ shall be charged to the Scholarship Fund.

(All other subsections of Sec. 88 are unchanged.)

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS NO. 8:

Sec. 89A. **J. CLIFFORD LEE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND.**

(d) **Expenses.** All awards and expenses of the Committee~~,~~ ~~except mileage to the annual session of the Grand Chapter,~~ shall be charged to the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund.

(All other subsections of Sec. 89A are unchanged.)

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9:

Sec. 89B. **MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND.**

(d) **Expenses.** All awards and expenses of the committee~~, except mileage to the annual session of the Grand Chapter,~~ shall be charged to The Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.

(All other subsections of Sec. 89B are unchanged.)

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 10:

Sec. 406. **EXPENSE OF INVESTIGATION.** The members of the Benevolent Fund Committee shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in line of duty upon satisfactory showing, and as the Chairman may recommend and the Finance Committee may approve. All allowances and expenses of the Benevolent Fund Committee ~~except mileage to the annual session of the Grand Chapter,~~ shall be charged to the Benevolent Fund.

Signed: June Lucretia Barnum, P.M. (129)
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 11:

SPECIAL RULES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

Sec. 111, Rule 11. **Reports of Committees; Form.** Committees shall report promptly on all matters referred to them or within their prescribed duties. All such reports shall be in triplicate, typewritten,

double spaced and signed by a majority of the Committee, and shall be filed with the Grand Secretary immediately after presentation. THE GRAND SECRETARY WILL FORWARD ONE COPY TO THE INCOMING WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND ONE COPY TO THE NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

(Remainder of Rule unchanged.)

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 11 to Section 111, Rule 11, of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. This change will give a benefit to the new Committee Chairman and to permit continuity of actions.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12:

SPECIAL RULES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

Add new rule:

SEC. 111, RULE 19. **DISTRIBUTION OF ITINERARIES AND ROSTERS.** THE GRAND SECRETARY SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE ITINERARY AND ROSTER AS FOLLOWS:

ONE COPY OF THE ITINERARY TO THE GRAND LINE OFFICERS, THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS, TO EACH WIDOW OF PAST GRAND PATRONS AND WIDOWER OF PAST GRAND MATRONS, TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME, TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION, TO EACH STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, TO THE EDITOR AND CIRCULATION MANAGER OF CAL STAR NEWS, TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, FINANCE, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, BENEVOLENT, ENDOWMENT, J. CLIFFORD LEE, AND TO EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE.

ONE COPY OF THE ROSTER TO THE GRAND LINE OFFICERS, THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS, TO EACH CHAPTER SECRETARY MARKED "SECRETARY'S FREE COPY," TO EACH GRAND SECRETARY OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY, TO EACH WIDOW OF PAST GRAND PATRONS AND WIDOWER OF PAST GRAND MATRONS, TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME, TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION, TO THE EASTERN STAR HOME, TO THE GRAND SECRETARY OF MASONS, GRAND LODGE LIBRARY IN SAN FRANCISCO, TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HOMES AT UNION CITY AND COVINA, TO GRAND LODGE OF IOWA'S LIBRARY, TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOBS' DAUGHTERS, INTERNATIONAL RAINBOW FOR GIRLS, NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN JURISDICTIONS OF DEMOLAY, TO THE AUDITOR, TO THE INSURANCE FIRM, TO THE EDITOR AND CIRCULATION MANAGER OF CAL STAR NEWS, TO THE HOUSING CHAIRMAN, CHAIRMAN OF MEMORIAL CANCER DRESSING STATIONS, TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, FINANCE, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, BENEVOLENT, ENDOWMENT, J. CLIFFORD LEE, AND TO EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE.

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance, to whom proposed Amendment No. 12, Section 111, Rule 19 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommend a "yes" vote, and for the following reason. This amendment would add a rule to Section 111 which would outline our current practice.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 13:

Sec. 128. **PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL**

2nd paragraph:

The Grand Chapter office shall ascertain that the essential material is submitted, then transmit the material to the chairman of Constitution and Laws for study and the proper recommendation, AFTER WHICH THE MATERIAL WILL BE RETURNED TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE TO BE FORWARDED ~~The chairman of Constitution and Laws shall forward the material together with recommendation~~ to the Worthy Grand Matron, or the Worthy Grand Patron in the case of chapters under dispensation. When approved, or disapproved, the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron, shall return a certified copy to the Chapter, filing a copy, with the original bylaws, with the Grand Secretary.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 13 to Section 128, second paragraph in the Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reasons. This change is to document what has been happening for some years now. The Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws, after reviewing and approving the change, sends the new bylaws back to the Grand Secretary for forwarding to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval. The Grand Secretary always keeps track of the Worthy Grand Matron and her travels, and she batches correspondence and other data, such as bylaws changes, and sends them to her for action and signature.

ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 14:

Sec. 148. **MEETINGS TO BE HELD; TIME.** All meetings must be held on the day and at the hour provided, however, no meeting shall be held on the days designated for the annual session of the Grand Chapter, nor on the day prior to the FORMAL opening, or the day following the close, of the annual session, or on the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, when the hour may be changed for Anteroom meeting.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Shirley Orth P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom this Proposed Amendment No. 14, Section 148 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. This amendment will define "opening" as "formal opening."
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 15:

Sec. 249. **PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY.**

2nd paragraph:

Notice Before Suspension. If any member shall fail to pay such dues and/or assessments for the period hereinabove provided, the Secretary shall inform the Worthy Matron thereof, and if directed by the Worthy Matron to do so, ~~she~~ shall notify such member, by ~~registered or~~ certified mail, requiring a return receipt, that, at the first stated meeting which comes one month or longer, thereafter, the date of which shall be given in the notice, ~~he~~ THE MEMBER will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order, unless ~~he~~ THE MEMBER makes such payment or, at such meeting, shows good and satisfactory reasons for ~~his failure~~ FAILING to do so.

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 15 to Section 249 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. This would make our Constitution and Laws consistent with our current practice.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 16:

Sec. 254. **RITUALS, ETC. FOR OFFICERS.** Each Chapter shall have the use, without cost, of the following property of the Grand Chapter and shall be responsible for its care and safekeeping, to wit:

Three uncoded copies of the Secret Work as printed and distributed by the General Grand Chapter, one for the Worthy Patron, one for the Associate Patron and one for the Conductress.

Add:

THREE LARGE-PRINT RITUALS CONTAINING DIAGRAMS OF THE LABYRINTH AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ONE FOR THE WORTHY PATRON, ONE FOR THE ASSOCIATE PATRON AND ONE FOR THE CONDUCTRESS.

Such property shall be returned to the Worthy Matron by such officers on expiration of their terms of office.

A Chapter may purchase Instruction Books, Rituals and Constitution and Laws for the use of officers, and such books must be returned to the Worthy Matron at the expiration of their terms of office.

Penalty For Loss. Fines are hereby imposed on Chapters for loss of any of the foregoing property, as follows:

Uncoded copies of the Secret Work as printed and distributed by the General Grand Chapter, twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

Add:

LARGE-PRINT RITUALS CONTAINING DIAGRAMS OF THE LABYRINTH AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00).

Such fines shall not be waived by the Worthy Grand Matron except on proof of facts definitely absolving both the Chapter and its officers of negligence in connection with such loss.

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 16, Section 254 of our Constitution and Laws, has been referred, recommend a "yes" vote. Our reason is,

because without a copy of the new Ritual, our Chapters now have no diagram of the Labyrinth.

MOTION: A member moved that this amendment be sent back to Committee to be returned at a later date with the proper proposals. *(The motion was seconded.)*
APPROVED:

MOTION: A member moved to strike the words "$50" and insert "$25." *(The motion was seconded.)*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, Finance Committee)

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Finance, to whom proposed amendment to Proposed Amendment No. 16, Section 254 of your Constitution and Laws were referred, recommend a "no" vote on this amendment. Our reason for recommending this "no" vote is this is a penalty that is meant to deter our members from losing property that belongs to the Grand Chapter. It is not a cost of replacing those Rituals.
AMENDMENT NOT APPROVED:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaw and Finance to whom this amendment was referred recommend a "yes" vote to the amendment as printed in your pamphlet.
ADOPTED AS PRINTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 17:

Sec. 255. **RITUAL AND INSTRUCTION BOOKS FOR MEMBERS.** Any affiliated member of the Order in good standing may purchase a copy of the Ritual ~~through the Secretary of his Chapter~~, either for his own use or for donation to any other member.

~~The Secretary of the Chapter shall see to it that the name and address of the purchaser or of the donee is permanently inscribed or otherwise placed appropriately on or in the book prior to delivery.~~

The book shall not be transferred, and shall be surrendered to the Secretary of any Chapter demanding it, if the owner loses his good standing in the Order.

Illegal Use; Penalty. Any member who willfully or negligently allows a Ritual for which he is responsible, to be possessed or read by anyone not a member of the Order is subject to discipline therefor.

Instruction Books. Copies of the Instruction Book shall be sold to Chapters for the use of officers as covered in Section 254. Any member of the Order in good standing may purchase a copy of the Instruction Book ~~through the Secretary of his Chapter~~. The cost to the member shall be established by the Grand Chapter office and shall cover the costs.

The member will be required to keep said copy of Instruction Book current which may require the payment of a nominal fee for the costs of any necessary revisions.

~~The Chapter Secretary shall retain a record of all members obtaining Instruction Books.~~

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 17 to Section 255 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following reasons. This amendment relieves the Chapter Secretary of an additional task and permits the Grand Chapter Office to sell the Ritual and Instruction Books directly to members at the Associate Matrons' and Associate Patrons' Workshops, Deputies' Schools, Instructionals, and other gatherings of members. This is another documenting of a practice I believe we have been doing consistently in the past.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENEMENT NO. 18:

Sec. 257. **CONSTITUTION AND LAWS FOR MEMBERS.**

4th paragraph:

~~The Chapter Secretary shall retain a record of all members obtaining a copy of the Constitution and Laws.~~

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Gene Stiles, Chairman Constitution and Bylaws)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 18 to Section 257 is referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following reasons. This amendment relieves the Chapter Secretary of an additional task and permits the Grand Chapter Office to sell the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Books directly to members at Associate Matrons' and Associate Patrons' Workshops, Deputies' Schools, Instructionals and other gathering of members.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 19:

CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS
(Revised 1985)

Sec. 289. **POWER AND PROPOSAL.**

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th paragraphs:

It shall be presented and read at a stated meeting and shall lie over, without debate, for consideration, on special notice as provided in Section 146 at the next stated meeting. By majority vote, its consideration may be postponed to a subsequent stated meeting without further notice, but it may not be laid on the table or indefinitely postponed. The vote upon the proposal shall be by written ballot and the vote required to carry it shall be two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. If proposal (I) or (2) is carried, the Secretary shall thereupon send a certified copy thereof to the Chapter or Chapters referred to in the proposal TO THE CHAIRMAN OF CONSOLIDATION and to the Grand Secretary. If proposal (3) is accepted, the Secretary shall thereupon send a certified copy thereof to the first Chapter referred to in the proposal TO THE CHAIRMAN OF CONSOLIDATION and to the Grand Secretary. If this proposal is accepted by the first Chapter no further proposals will be sent. If this proposal is rejected by the first Chapter, the secretary shall send a certified copy thereof to the second Chapter referred to in the proposal, and so on, until the proposal is accepted or until it is rejected by each of the named Chapters. A copy of

any subsequent proposals sent to a Chapter shall also be sent TO THE CHAIRMAN OF CONSOLIDATION AND to the Grand Secretary. All copies of a proposal shall include a statement of the action taken, the meeting at which it was done, and the notice given of the meeting.

Any Chapter receiving a proposal to consider consolidation must notify its members, as aforesaid, before a vote on the proposal shall be taken. The Grand Secretary, THE CHAIRMAN OF CONSOLIDATION and the Chapter making the proposal shall be notified of the results of the vote. The acceptance of a proposal to consider consolidation does not obligate a Chapter to complete a consolidation.

A Chapter may call a special meeting for the purpose of voting on matters of consolidation in any month in which it holds only one or no stated meeting.

When a Chapter has adopted a proposal to consolidate after notice as provided in Section 146 and shown by notice thereof received by THE CHAIRMAN OF CONSOLIDATION AND the Grand Secretary, as aforesaid, or when a Chapter considering consolidation requests assistance, the Chairman of the Consolidation Committee shall assign a member of the Consolidation Committee to assist the Chapters regarding all procedures necessary for the completion of a consolidation. In the event no member of the Consolidation Committee is available, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a member of Grand Chapter to act as a pro tempore member of the Consolidation Committee.

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Nancy Thomas, Past Matron, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Amendment No. 19 to Section 289 has been referred make the following recommendation, and that is for a "yes" vote.

The reason behind this, is to expedite the information on the consolidations to the Chairman so that after certain votes are taken, that Chairman has certain actions that she needs to take. Having the information sent directly to her expedites the whole process of consolidation.

ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 20:

Sec. 10. **ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.** The Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Star Points shall be sisters. The Worthy Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron shall be brothers. With this restriction, Past Matrons and Past Patrons who are members of this Grand Chapter shall be eligible to any office in Grand Chapter; provided, however, that no person shall hold more than one office in the Grand Chapter at one time; FURTHER PROVIDED THAT A MEMBER CURRENTLY SERVING AS AN APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICER SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR AN ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICE; and, further provided that the member of Grand Chapter seeking the office of either Grand Secretary, or Grand Treasurer, shall not be eligible to be a candidate for that office at the Grand Chapter election of officers following his, or her, 70th birthday.

Add:
THE GRAND MARSHAL FOR 1999 HAVING BEEN APPOINTED WITH THE INTENT OF BEING A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS, THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION, IF ADOPTED, WILL TAKE EFFECT AT THE CLOSE OF THE 1999 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION AND THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY DELETED.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Elsie Manning, P.M. (72)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Collette Serio Gole, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Amendment No. 20 to Section 10 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reasons. This legislation would make the election of the Associate Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Patron, in fact, a true, open process to any eligible Past Matron and/or Past Patron. It would encourage Past Matrons and Past Patrons to seek office. Tradition, has in the past, negated our election process and has implemented, in reality, an appointment procedure for the Grand Marshal to proceed to the Office of Associate Grand Conductress.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION BOARD

(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

We're about to take a ballot vote. Again, I ask for your attention to the procedure to be followed. The Voting Delegates will use Ballot No. 2 only. You will cast either a "yes" or "no" vote on Ballot No. 2 from the strip of ballots you received. The members of the Election Board will now pick up their ballot containers and report to their assigned stations.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot opened.

(When all had voted.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION

(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, the results of Ballot No. 2 on Proposed Amendment No. 20: Total votes cast were 1,940. Two-thirds necessary will be 1,294. "Yes" votes, 592. Total "no" votes, 1,348.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Proposed Amendment No. 20 is **NOT ADOPTED:**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 21:

Sec. 113. **CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.** The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter, including all revisions and additions, may be amended in the following manner only:

(2) 4th paragraph:

The Grand Secretary shall, on receipt of proposed amendments, cause copies thereof to be prepared and delivered to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, members of the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, Finance, Aims and Objectives and Distribution. NO ONE RECEIVING SUCH COPIES OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SHALL DISCUSS THEM, OR CAUSE THEM TO BE DISCUSSED, OTHER THAN IN APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, UNTIL AFTER

THEY HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ALL VOTING DELEGATES BY THE GRAND SECRETARY.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Elsie Manning, P.M. (72)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Nancy Thomas, Past Matron, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Proposed Amendment No. 21 to Section 113 of the Constitution and Laws is referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and the Jurisprudence Committee, and the Committees recommend a "no" vote. The recommendation is for the following reason. It was felt that this amendment was so broad that it would prevent a member at this meeting or at their own Chapter from saying, "Gee, I wonder. What about if we did an amendment or proposed amendment to do this?" It was felt that the breadth of this amendment would hinder general discussion amongst our members.

NOT ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 22:

Sec. 191. **PLURAL MEMBERSHIP.**

2nd paragraph:

A plural member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership in each of the Chapters, ~~except that one may not be an elective officer of more than one (1) such Chapter at the same time~~ INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IN EACH OF THE CHAPTERS AT THE SAME TIME EXCEPT THAT A MEMBER MAY NOT HOLD THE OFFICE OF WORTHY MATRON OR WORTHY PATRON IN MORE THAN ONE CHAPTER AT THE SAME TIME.

Signed: Connie Biaggi, P.M. (201)
Heidi Marsh, A.M. (53)
Mary Young, P.M. (552)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Nancy Thomas, Past Matron, Jurisprudence Committee)

Proposed Amendment No. 22 to Section 191 of our Constitution and Laws was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee, who makes the following recommendation. The Committees recommendation is for a "no" vote. It was felt that having a member serve in two separate Chapters in an Elected Office meant that, ultimately, when the person became Worthy Matron status, someone would have to jump to land into the East. This proposal would give Chapters a false sense of security that they had a filled line when, in fact, they really did not have a filled line.

NOT ADOPTED:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment Nos. 23, 24, and 25 to Section 63, 65, and 75B of the Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following reasons. This block of amendments deletes the Committee on Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions. It was planned that this Committee be deleted immediately after the Eastern Star Foundation amendment was adopted at our 1997 Grand Session. Its deletion, however, was lost in the shuffle. The first paragraph of Section 420 says that the Foundation's purpose is to, "receive gifts, bequests, and contributions." This encompasses all the tasks which were previously performed by this Committee. It is therefore important to delete this overlapping of responsibilities and the confusion which might be created if the Committee were not deleted.

ADOPTED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS NOS. 23 - 25:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 23:

COMMITTEES

Sec. 63. **STANDING COMMITTEES; APPOINTMENT.** The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following standing committees:

1. Committee on Aims and Objectives.
2. Committee on Credentials.
3. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.
4. Committee on Jurisprudence.

5. Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
6. Committee on Finance.
7. Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
8. Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.
9. Committee on Distribution.
10. Committee on Mileage.
11. Committee on Necrology.
12. Committee on Benevolent Fund.
13. Committee on Publicity.
14. Committee on Grand Chapter Week Activities.
15. Committee on Housing.
16. Committee on Scholarship.
17. Committee on J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund.
18. Committee on Endowment Fund.
19. Committee on Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations.
20. Committee on Courtesies to Dignitaries.
21. Committee on Consolidation.
22. Committee on Annual Session Site.
23. Committee on the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.
24. ~~Committee on Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions.~~
25. Committee on Membership.

(Renumber committees.)

Signed: Max Rush, P.P. (347)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 24:

Sec. 65. **TERM.**

(b) The members of the Benevolent Fund, Endowment Fund, J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, Consolidation, Appeals and Grievances, Annual Session Site, AND the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund ~~and Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions~~ Committees shall serve for three years, with one-third of the membership of such committees being appointed each year. One member of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund Committee ~~and the Committee on Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions~~ shall reside in the northern area of the state, one member in the central area of the state, and one member in the southern area of the state. ~~Initially, the member appointed to serve the first one-year term of the Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions Committee shall act as chairman, and subsequent appointees shall act as chairman in the last year of their appointment.~~

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Max Rush, P.P. (347)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 25:

~~Sec. 75-B. — **WILLS, BEQUESTS AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Wills, Bequests and Charitable Contributions to work together with the members of the Committee on Endowment Fund to inform all members of the Order in California, and other interested persons, of the several methods of making contributions to the Endowment Fund, or another Eastern Star Charity, and to give assistance in this regard when requested to do so.~~

~~The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their expenses in the same manner as the members of the Committee on Endowment Fund, as set out in Sec. 75e.~~

Signed: Max Rush, P.P. (347)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 26:

Sec. 64. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS.** Each of such committees shall consist of three members, with the following exceptions:

Add:

(M) THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHAPTER WEEK ACTIVITIES SHALL CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Sheri Weisser, P.M. (577)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 26 to Section 64 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. Upon the recommendation from the present Committee, this amendment increases the Grand Chapter Activities Committee from three to four members.

ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 27:

Sec. 69. **CREDENTIALS.**

(6) To prepare a complete report upon matters herein described and present the same to the Grand Chapter prior to the close of the annual session.

Registration shall open at ~~9 A.M.~~ 1 P.M. on the second day immediately preceding the formal opening of Grand Chapter, and shall open and close otherwise, at times designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials until the formal opening of Grand Chapter after which a member or members of the Committee on Credentials shall be on duty one (1) hour before the opening of each business session of Grand Chapter, and will remain on duty for at least one-half (1/2) hour after the opening of each business session, and at other times deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials. For the purpose of election, only, registration shall close between the hours of 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. on the day of election.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Clinton B. Lee, W.P. (165/405)
H. S. Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Stephen S. Wallace, P.P. (171)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 27 to Section 69 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. This change will reduce the cost to the Committee Members and streamline the operation when Grand Chapter opens in mid-week.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 28:

Sec. 86. **GRAND CHAPTER WEEK ACTIVITIES.**

(e) It shall be the duty of the General Chairman to prepare and to render to the Grand Chapter FINANCE COMMITTEE~~, during the annual session for which he is Chairman~~, WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER

THE CLOSE OF GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, a full and complete account of all funds and moneys received and all disbursements made.

Signed: Clinton B. Lee, W.P. (165/405)
H. S. Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Stephen S. Wallace, P.P. (171)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Gil Bates, Past Patron, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 28 to Section 86 of the Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a "yes" vote. This would allow for timely accounting of funds and receipts from the Grand Chapter Week activities.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 29:

Sec. 259. **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.** Meetings shall be made as attractive and fraternally beneficial as possible; but all entertainments of an exclusively social nature shall be deferred until the close of the Chapter, and no preparations for entertainment shall be allowed to interfere in any way with the conduct, setting or appointments of the meeting. No degrees shall be conferred at any time, except as provided in the Ritual and no other ceremony of any kind at any time shall either contain, adapt or reveal anything pertaining to the Ritual or ceremonies of the Order. PORTABLE OR TRAVELING MICROPHONES MAY BE USED IN DEGREE AND RITUAL WORK.

Decision W.G.M. Beckenhauer 1989

Signed: William J Bray, III, P.P. (403)
Collete Serio Gole, P.M. (133)
Helen J. Wood, P.M. (292)
Gilyard Bates, P.P. (390)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 29 to Section 259 of our Constitution

and Laws has been referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following amendment to the amendment.

In next to the last line add the word "wireless" between the words "traveling" and "Microphone;" and add the following words in the last line after "work," "provided the sound does not project outside the secured room."

The reason for the recommendation is as follows: The use of portable or traveling wireless microphones has been approved by the Grand Lodge of Masons in California, and it is the considered opinion of the Committees that we should be in compliance with what the Blue Lodges are permitted to do when it comes to security of our Ritual. These changes have been coordinated with the proponents of this particular amendment.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 29: (as amended)

Sec. 259. **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.** Meetings shall be made as attractive and fraternally beneficial as possible; but all entertainments of an exclusively social nature shall be deferred until the close of the Chapter, and no preparations for entertainment shall be allowed to interfere in any way with the conduct, setting or appointments of the meeting. No degrees shall be conferred at any time, except as provided in the Ritual and no other ceremony of any kind at any time shall either contain, adapt or reveal anything pertaining to the Ritual or ceremonies of the Order. PORTABLE OR TRAVELING WIRELESS MICROPHONES MAY BE USED IN DEGREE AND RITUAL WORK PROVIDED THE SOUND DOES NOT PROJECT OUTSIDE THE SECURED ROOM.

Decision W.G.M. Beckenhauer 1989

ADOPTED AS AMENDED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 30:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE.**

(10) To provide Grand Chapter with office space, TO BE LOCATED AT THE EASTERN STAR HOMES SITE, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA~~, through trust, lease or rental. Such office space shall be in a fire resistive building~~. THIS OFFICE SPACE IS TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH A LEASE, RENTAL OR PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR

HOMES OF CALIFORNIA AT A RENTAL/LEASE RATE, OR PURCHASE PRICE, TO BE AGREED TO BETWEEN THE PARTIES. BOTH PARTIES ARE TO DILIGENTLY WORK TOGETHER TO ENABLE HAVING THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE RELOCATED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME (60 TO 120 DAYS), AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT LEASE FOR THE FLOOD BUILDING OFFICE FACILTIES IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON WILL COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OFFICE RELOCATION IN A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY MANNER.

Signed: Lorita Giles, P.M. (512)

Nancy Thomas, Past Matron, Jurisprudence Committee: MOTION: For the debate on Proposed Amendment No. 30, I move that Standing Rule No. 2 be amended as follows: each member shall speak no more than once on the same subject without permission from the Presiding Officer or of the Grand Chapter, except members of committees may speak more than once in relation to the report of the committee. A proponent of the proposed amendment or the maker of a motion will be allowed to speak first in support of the proposed amendment or the motion and shall be allowed to speak last.

There will be no limit on the number of proponents and opponents permitted to speak on the amendment. Each speaker will speak once and will be limited to two minutes. The total debate will not exceed one hour.

A tally will be kept to ensure that both sides have the opportunity to express their opinion. After three on one side have spoken, it is necessary for three to speak on the other side before debate can continue. *(The motion was seconded.)*
NOT APPROVED:

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. 30:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE.**

(10) To provide Grand Chapter with office space, TO BE LOCATED AT THE EASTERN STAR HOMES SITE, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA~~, through trust, lease or rental. Such office space shall be in a fire resistive building~~. THIS OFFICE SPACE IS TO BE

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME, IN ORDER TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, SHALL WAIVE THE FIRST YEARS RENTAL FOR THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE BUILDING AND WILL PAY FOR THE PHYSICAL MOVE OF THE OFFICE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO YORBA LINDA. ANY REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FACILITIES, NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE, SHALL BE PAID FOR BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE FUNDS FOR THIS ENDEAVOR SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE RESIDUE OF THE SALE OF THE OLD EASTERN STAR HOME.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE, FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Collette Serio Gole, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Delegates will refer to Proposed Amendment No. 30 to Section 73 of our Constitution and Laws on page 42 of their packet. In addition, the Delegates will also refer to the substitute amendment that was handed out to each of you yesterday afternoon. The proponent has proposed an amendment to the substitute amendment.

Sec. 73. **FINANCE.**

(10) To provide Grand Chapter with office space, TO BE LOCATED AT THE EASTERN STAR HOMES SITE, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA~~, through trust, lease or rental. Such office space shall be in a fire resistive building~~. THIS OFFICE SPACE IS TO BE

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME, IN ORDER TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, ~~SHALL~~ MAY WAIVE THE FIRST YEARS RENTAL FOR THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE BUILDING AND ~~WILL~~ MAY PAY FOR THE PHYSICAL MOVE OF THE OFFICE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO YORBA LINDA. ANY REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FACILITIES, NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE, ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE PAID FOR BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE FUNDS FOR THIS ENDEAVOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE TAKEN FROM THE RESIDUE OF THE SALE OF THE OLD EASTERN STAR HOME AND SHALL NOT EXCEED $100,000.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE, FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Collette Serio Gole, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom the amendment to the substitute amendment to Proposed Amendment No. 30 has been referred, makes the following recommendation. The Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence Committees recommend a "yes" vote. The reason for the recommendation is that the Home Board has unanimously endorsed this amendment and supports financial parameters set forth in the amendment to the substitute amendment.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, you are about to vote on the amendment to the Substitute Amendment to Proposed Amendment No. 30.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION BOARD
(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, we're about to take a ballot vote, and I ask your attention to the procedure to be followed. You will be using Ballot No. 1. If you don't have one, Ballot No. 1, your ballot will not count. I ask for the Election Board to please pick up their containers and report to their sections.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot opened.

(When all had voted.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION
(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, the result of Ballot No. 1 on the proposed amendment to Substitute Amendment No. 30, total votes cast were 1,968. Total "yes" votes, 734. Total "no" votes, 1,234. The majority necessary is 1,313.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: the amendment to the Substitute Amendment No. 30 is **NOT ADOPTED**.

Victor Hendricks, Past Patron (135): MOTION: I move to amend the amendment as follows, to read: "A: Compensate the existing full-time employees who cannot move to a new location. That would add the severance package. "B: Provide reasonable estimates for each of the following: 1. Compensation package. 2. Moving the Office. 3. Set up and training new staff. 4. Free rent for one year. C: This amendment to Amendment 30 to be provided to Delegates in written form prior to voting on the amended amendment." *(At this time the motion was not seconded.)*

June Lucretia Barnum, Chairman of Finance Committee: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this proposed motion, or this motion, be postponed, to be the first order of business tomorrow

morning following opening. *(The motion was seconded.)*
APPROVED:

Gene Stiles, Chairman Constitution and Bylaws Committee:
MOTION: I move that the Substitute Proposed Amendment No. 30 which was postponed at yesterday afternoon's Session be now brought back to the floor. *(The motion was seconded.)*
APPROVED:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE, FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Collette Serio Gole, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Delegates will refer to Proposed Amendment No. 30 on page 42 of your packet. This will also include the substitute amendment that was handed to the Delegates Wednesday afternoon. The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom the substitute amendment to Proposed Amendment No. 30 has been referred makes the following recommendations. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends a "yes" vote. The Finance Committee recommends a "no" vote. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends a "yes" vote. Each Committee will give their reason for their respective recommendation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Past Grand Patron, Chairman)

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee unanimously recommends a "yes" vote on this very important substitute amendment. There are a multitude of benefits to be realized by this amendment. It generates substantial financial savings for Grand Chapter while permitting the Order to realize the American dream of becoming, in essence, our own landlord. In addition, the Grand Chapter will have greater floor space, no-cost parking at the doorstep, and other benefits too numerous to enumerate. All of this, and more, while saving approximately $9,000 a year in rent, starting in the second year. The first year would be at no cost to Grand Chapter.

This is not a frivolous amendment nor has it been undertaken without first obtaining outside tax specialist counsel's review and concurrence, and in addition, from the Homes Board legal counsel, R. Steven Doan, Past Grand Master and a Member of our Order. Brother Doan is intimately familiar with the corporate organization of our Homes, its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and its relationship to Grand

Chapter. He was the legal counsel utilized for the purchase of our new Home.

I will read the legal opinion of this respected attorney who specializes in the Internal Revenue Code and other tax matters.

The subject of the letter is "Eastern Star Homes of California, the Home." It is addressed to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Home. "You have asked me to comment on whether the Home may rent office space at the new Yorba Linda Home site under applicable corporate and tax laws. The Home is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation which is exempt from tax as a charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. "As such, the Home is subject to regulation under both the California Corporations Code and the Federal Internal Revenue Code, among others.

"Under the California Corporations Code, the Home has the same right to buy real property and rent it that an individual has." The quote on that is Corporations Code of California, Section 5140. Based on the copies in my possession, there are no limitations in either the Home's Articles of Incorporation or the Home's Bylaws which would restrict the Home's right to buy real property and rent it. "Of course, any investment in real property and any lease of that real property should be prudent." Per the Corporation Code of California, Section 5240. This means that the Home should avoid speculation and should invest and lease property considering the probable income and safety of capital. It would seem reasonable for the Home's Board to conclude that it is prudent to invest in the Yorba Linda facility and to rent any excess office space at that facility at market rate.

"The Internal Revenue Code does not prohibit Section 501(c)(3) organizations from owning and leasing real property at market rates. "The income from those leases is not taxable so long as the property is owned free and clear of any mortgage and no substantial services are rendered to the tenants." The reference there is Internal Revenue Code Section 512(a), (b)(3), (b)(4), and 514. "Normal janitorial services and utilities are not considered substantial services for this purpose." The reference there is U.S. Treasury Section 1.512(b)-1(c)(2), (5). See also Revenue Ruling 69-178, 1969-1 CB 158. "Because of tax rules against "private inurement," the Home would not be permitted to rent excess office space at Yorba Linda to a related party such as Grand Chapter unless the rent to be received and other terms of the tenancy are at market rates in the Yorba Linda area." Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). However, I would assume that the Home's Board would not

rent excess office space at Yorba Linda to the doctors who are now tenants or to Grand Chapter at other than market rates.

I understand that the proposed rental rate for Grand Chapter's tenancy in Yorba Linda is a $1.25 a square foot. You have advised that this amount is in the range of arm's length rental rate for similar space in the area of this property. If such is the case, then it would seem reasonable and appropriate for the Home's Board to enter into such a lease with Grand Chapter, even though Grand Chapter is a related party.

You have also advised me of a proposal for the Home to fund between $100,000 and $150,000 for the cost of moving the Grand Chapter Office to the Yorba Linda property." This would be permitted only if it is comparable to terms of transactions done at arms length between unrelated parties. Certainly landlords do, on occasion, offer tenants cash payments for moving allowances. Landlords also, on occasion, offer tenants free rent as an inducement to sign a lease. The money which otherwise would have been used for rent could then be used to fund the cost of the move. These benefits are usually reflected in a higher rental rate. If such benefits are to be provided, I would recommend that a real estate professional handling commercial property in the Yorba Linda area be consulted as to the appropriate rental rate for the proposed term of the Grand Chapter lease which would justify the cash moving allowance for free rent being considered.

Attached to the letter is an analysis showing the savings of one facility versus the other. And the year's rent saving is reflected as approximately $9200. There are other benefits here that I think will be addressed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, Chairman)

The Finance Committee recommends a "no" vote on Proposed Amendment No. 30 to Section 73(10) of our Constitution and Laws for the following reason.

Your Finance Committee has not been able, at this time, to acquire all the necessary information needed to perform a thorough and diligent study of the impact that this move would have on the tax-exempt status of both the Eastern Star Homes of California and the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star

The primary concern of the Finance Committee is the effect that this move would have on the tax-exempt status of both entities involved in

the transaction. None of us want to see our Eastern Star Home lose its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is the opinion of your Finance Committee that Eastern Star Homes of California is required by both their Articles of Incorporation and the Internal Revenue Code to charge the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star, rent at a fair market rate, as well as being prohibited from paying for any tenant improvements and moving costs that they would not also pay for in the case of an unrelated third-party tenant. The property, assets, profits, and net income of the Eastern Star Homes of California are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and cannot be used to benefit an entity that is not organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. The Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, though a nonprofit association, is not organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. Further, the Eastern Star Homes of California amended their Articles of Incorporation to provide for the fact that they will not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, Section 4941, subparagraph (d). Self-dealing would include any direct or indirect sale or exchange or leasing of property between the Eastern Star Homes of California and its substantial contributor, the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Additionally, it is important to note that corporations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which have established their tax-exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are generally subject to tax on income from rental property.

Your Finance Committee is not opposed to moving the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star's Office. We are opposed to this proposed amendment to our Constitution and Laws and because of the effect that the move would have on the tax-exempt status of both the Eastern Star Homes of California and the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star

If Proposed Amendment No. 30 is adopted by the Delegates of this Grand Chapter, your Finance Committee is prepared to present a supplemental budget, as required by Section 73(2) of our Constitution and Laws, to cover the cost of moving the Office of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You received a copy of the supplemental budget yesterday afternoon when you returned from lunch.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron, Chairman)

The Committee on Jurisprudence concurs with all of the statements made by Constitution and Bylaws. I don't want to be repetitive but I want to make some points. We recommend a "yes" vote for the following reasons. (1) the move of the Grand Chapter Office to the Yorba Linda facility would not jeopardize the 501(c)(3) tax status of the corporation. This opinion was given by a tax attorney. In 1995 the attorney for the Home, in contemplating a move by Grand Chapter Office to Eastern Star Home site, indicated that such a move would not create IRS tax problems. This opinion was given by a tax attorney. The Yorba Linda property includes a Home facility as well as rental property. An opinion was obtained from legal counsel that says it does not violate corporate law if we were to rent this property of the Home to the Grand Chapter Office. This opinion was given by a tax attorney. Another opinion was obtained as late as two days ago from legal counsel validating the action of moving the Grand Chapter Office to Yorba Linda. (2) The rent charged to Grand Chapter is an arms length transaction and therefore it does not violate IRS tax rules. The rent of $1.25 per square foot is comparable to the rent that can be charged for the Office at the Yorba Linda property. This has been confirmed by a property management company hired by the Home. (3) There will be greater efficiency between the Home and the Grand Chapter Office. Some examples would be: Elimination of weekly Fed-X bills. Eliminating delay in communication. Facilitating communication and encouragement of face-to-face meetings. (4) Transportation and parking is better. (5) Larger office space. (6) Conference room is larger and more accessible. (7) Greater labor pool. (8) The move is a good business decision. And last, and most important, the Grand Chapter Office is a reliable, consistent, and long-term tenant for the Home property. The income derived from this rental will benefit the Eastern Star Home and not a third party.

Victor Hendricks, Past Patron (135): MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to amend the amendment as follows: It reads, "A: Compensate the existing full-time employees, there's five of them, who cannot move to a new location, with an adequate severance package. "B: Provide reasonable estimates for each of the following: (1) Compensation package, (2) Moving the Office, (3) Setup and training of new staff, (4) Free rent for a year. "C: This amendment to Amendment 30 will be provided to the Delegates in written form prior to voting on the amended amendment." *(The motion was seconded.)*
NOT ADOPTED:

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: We will now vote on proposed Substitute Amendment No. 30.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION BOARD
(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

We are about to take a ballot vote, and please give me your attention to the procedure to be followed. The Voting Delegates will use Ballot No. 3 only. You will cast either a "yes" or "no" ballot, No. 3, from the strip of ballots, and deposit it in the container when it is passed to you. If you use any ballot but the properly numbered ballot, your ballot will be lost. Voting Delegates, you're reminded to be sitting in the properly designated sections for Voting Delegates. The Members of the Election Board will now pick up their ballot containers and report to your assigned sections. Please remain in your seats until the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot open.

(When all have voted.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot is closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION
(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

The results of Ballot No. 3 on the Proposed Substitute Amendment No. 30: Total votes cast were 2,009. Total "yes" votes were 1,514. Total "no" votes were 495. Two-thirds necessary to pass the Substitute Amendment No. 30 was 1,340.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: Substitute Amendment No. 30 is **ADOPTED:**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 31:

Sec. 206. **DEFINED AND ENUMERATED.**

(6) To contribute more than ~~one~~ TWO hundred dollars a year to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, International Order of Job's Daughters and/or Order of DeMolay.

Signed: Lois Bates, P.M. (287)
Edith Wright, P.M. (390)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gil Bates, Past Patron, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment 31 to Section 206 of the Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommend a "yes" vote for the following reason. It will allow for increased donations to Youth Groups without requiring special dispensation from Grand Chapter.

MEMBER: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to amend Amendment No. 31 to add the word "each" after the words "$200 a year." Also, put the word "the" after "and/or." (The motion was seconded.)
AMENDMENT ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 31: (as amended)

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ADOPTED AS AMENDED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INSTRUCTION BOOK

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 32:

Page 4:

SPECIAL RULES

~~1. Chapter programs and year books MUST NOT be published until after the Worthy Matron receives the itinerary of the Worthy Grand Matron.~~

~~2. Each Worthy Grand Matron's itinerary shall be carefully checked and no special events, such as: Chapter parties, Deputy Grand Matron's receptions, Grand Representative's receptions or Chapter anniversaries shall be scheduled on the same date and within fifty (50) miles of a Worthy Grand Matron's official visit nor a Grand Officer's reception. (1997)~~

1. CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND YEAR BOOKS MUST NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL THE ITINERARY OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON-ELECT IS RECEIVED AT GRAND CHAPTER. CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES, PARTIES, RECEPTIONS FOR DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS OR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES SHALL NOT BE SCHEDULED ON THE DATE OF A WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S OFFICIAL VISIT IF IT IS WITHIN FIFTY(50) MILES; AND AT NO TIME SHALL ANY OF THESE EVENTS BE SCHEDULED ON THE DATE OF A GRAND OFFICER'S RECEPTION.

~~3~~ 2. There shall be no applause for any officer upon completion of his/her work.

Signed: Lura Rae Dales, P.M. (259)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron, Chairman, Jurisprudence)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 32 to the Instruction Book, page 4, has been referred, recommends an amendment to the proposed amendment as follows: On page 45, insert, on the third line after the word "reception," the words "without permission from the Worthy Grand Matron." This amendment to the amendment has been approved by the proponent. The purpose of the amendment is to allow

Chapters to schedule events with the Worthy Grand Matron's approval even though they might conflict with another calendared event. The final authority in scheduling an event will be within the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron. With this amendment to the amendment, the Committee to whom this amendment has been referred will recommend a "yes" vote.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 32: (as amended)

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~~3~~ 2. There shall be no applause for any officer upon completion of his/her work.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 33:

Page 2, 1st paragraph:

The Chaplain's chair is on the floor of the Chapter room in front of and right of the Worthy Matron, with ~~north~~ SOUTH leg at the north marching line. The Marshal's chair is on the floor of the Chapter room in front of and left of the Worthy Patron, with the ~~south~~ NORTH leg touching the south marching line.

Signed: Sheri Weisser, P.M. (577)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 33 to the Instruction Book, page 2, part 1, has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 34:

Page 36, 10th paragraph:

The Associate Conductress should memorize and recite to the candidates: "Before we begin the initiation, I would like to inform you that in a Chapter meeting, members of the Order of the Eastern Star do not wear hats or gloves, and ladies do not wear slacks. For your initiation, you will enter the Chapter room with both hands empty. ~~The Conductress will open the Chapter room door and offer her left arm to the candidate nearest her." (When there are more than two candidates add: "The others will follow in pairs marching directly behind them.") "I will take the arm of the other (or "remaining" if there are more than two) candidate. This order will apply whenever you are escorted during the initiation ceremony. After we have entered the Chapter room, the Conductress will give a brief address and then offer her right arm to the candidate first in line.~~ WHEN THE CONDUCTRESS OPENS THE CHAPTER ROOM DOOR SHE WILL OFFER HER ARM TO THE CANDIDATE NEAREST HER. WE WILL MARCH DIRECTLY BEHIND THEM. THIS ORDER WILL APPLY WHENEVER YOU ARE ESCORTED DURING THE INITIATION CEREMONY. AFTER WE HAVE ENTERED THE CHAPTER ROOM, THE CONDUCTRESS WILL GIVE A BRIEF ADDRESS AND AGAIN OFFER HER ARM TO THE CANDIDATE. Throughout the initiation

observe square corners or curved lines whenever she does. Give a direct answer to any questions asked of you and obey all other instructions. Your name will be mentioned twice during the ceremony and you should acknowledge this with a slight bow. (In giving this instruction the Associate Conductress should illustrate by giving a slight bow of her head.) Candidates are then escorted to the preparation room and the Ritual lecture is given. (1988)

Signed: Sue L. Bishop, P.M. (46/280)
Doris Parrish, P.M. (521)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to which Proposed Amendment No. 34 to the Instruction Book, page 36, paragraph 10, has been referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. This amendment would clarify instructions given by the Associate Conductress to the candidate.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 35:

Page 37, 3rd paragraph:

If there is an uneven number of candidates, ~~a Chapter member may be used to form even couples~~ A MEMBER MAY ASSIST TO FORM EVEN COUPLES. The courtesy candidate's name shall be given along with real candidates' names. No reference to courtesy candidate" is to be made.

Signed: Sue L. Bishop, P.M. (46/280)
Doris Parrish, P.M. (521)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 35 to the Instruction Book, page 37, paragraph three, has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reasons. This would permit a close friend or relative to walk with the candidate, even though they are members of another Chapter. This would

promote closer relationships.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 36:

Page 37, 4th paragraph:

~~As a cue to the Associate Conductress, when the music has stopped (after the Ribbon Ceremony), the Chapter room is ready for the ceremony of initiation~~. THE ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS WILL GIVE THE RAPS ON THE DOOR WHEN THE ORGANIST STOPS PLAYING.

Signed: Sue L. Bishop, P.M. (46/280)
Doris Parrish, P.M. (521)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 36 to the Instruction Book, page 37, paragraph 4, has been referred recommends a "yes" vote for the following reason. This is a simple clarification for improved understanding.
ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 37:

Page 22-A, 2nd paragraph:

Deputy Grand Matrons DO NOT receive Grand Honors ~~only~~ at their Chapter Official Visits~~; however,~~ AND they are not escorted through the Labyrinth.

Signed: Robbie Lee Mallery, A.M. (563)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron, Chairman, Jurisprudence)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 37 to the Instruction Book, page 22(a), paragraph 4, has been referred, recommends a "yes" vote for the following reasons. This amendment will remove a conflict between our Constitution and Laws and the Ritual. It will also remove a conflict

between the Constitution and Laws and General Grand Chapter Red Book. The Ritual and General Grand Chapter Red Book provide that the only people that can receive Grand Honors are those that are escorted through the Labyrinth. Since Deputy Grand Matrons are not escorted through the Labyrinth, they are not entitled to receive Grand Honors at their Official Visit.
NOT ADOPTED:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 38:

Page 52, 4th paragraph:

The Worthy Matron extends her right hand, receives the Deputy Grand Matron in the East, and says, "Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister _____ Deputy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. ~~You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Deputy Grand Matron."~~ (1981)

Signed: Robbie Lee Mallery, A.M. (563)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Collette Serio Gole, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 38 to the Instruction Book, page 52, paragraph 4 has been referred, recommends a "no" vote. A "no" vote is based on your previous vote on No. 37.
NOT ADOPTED:

George Dupray, San Juan Chapter 563: MOTION: Having voted in the majority, I would move to reconsider Proposals 37 and 38. *(The motion was seconded.)*
NOT APPROVED:

PRPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 39:

Sec. 29. **VOTING RIGHTS.**

(3) In the event that none of the first four elective officers of such a subordinate Chapter can attend a session of Grand Chapter, a delegate elected by the Chapter shall be entitled to cast the votes of said elected and installed officers. Upon registration at such session of any such officer, however, the voting privileges of such delegate shall terminate. Should said delegate be a CONDUCTRESS, ASSOCIATE

CONDUCTRESS, Past Matron or Past Patron they shall also be entitled to their vote as such.

Signed: Gayle L. Marta, P.M. (639)
Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws)

The Delegates will refer to Proposed Amendment No. 39 to Section 29 of our Constitution and Laws, on page 59 of your booklet. Constitution and Laws recommends a "yes" vote. This is simply a clarification of the vote of the Conductress and Associate Conductress.
ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS: The California Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star has no prescribed Ritual for the presentation of a Fifty-year Pin, and

WHEREAS: The presentation of the pin is a significant event in both the life of the recipient and in the life of the recipients Chapter, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that a new section be added to the Instruction Book immediately preceding the 75-year ceremony (page 55) as follows:

50 YEAR PIN PRESENTATION CEREMONY

THE FOLLOWING CEREMONY MAY TAKE PLACE EITHER IN AN OPEN CHAPTER OR BEFORE OR AFTER THE CHAPTER MEETING WHEN NON-MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

WORTHY MATRON: (SISTER OR BROTHER) MARSHAL, YOU WILL CONDUCT (SISTER(S), BROTHER(S), OR (SISTER(S) AND BROTHER(S)) WEST OF THE ALTAR, IN FRONT OF ESTHER'S STATION, FACING THE EAST. (AFTER THEY ARE IN PLACE SHE MAY PROCEED OR INVITE A SISTER OR BROTHER TO PROCEED WITH THE CEREMONY AS FOLLOWS.)

(CONFERRING SISTER OR BROTHER GOES TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ALTAR, ENTERING THE LABYRINTH

BETWEEN RUTH AND ETHER'S STATIONS, AND FACES THE EAST.)

CONFERRING SISTER OR BROTHER: SISTERS, BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, IT HAS BEEN A CUSTOM OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, TO PRESENT TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTAINED A MINIMUM OF 50 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING, A PIN SIGNIFYING THAT MILESTONE IN THEIR FRATERNAL LIFE. THIS HONOR IS PRESENTED ONLY TO THE SELECT FEW WHO HAVE REACHED THIS POINT IN TIME BY THEIR OWN VOLITION AND AT THE WILL AND PLEASURE OF OUR GREAT CREATOR.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, HAS NOTED, WITH GRATIFICATION, THAT (SISTER(S), BROTHER(S) OR SISTER(S) AND BROTHER(S) HAS OR HAVE) BEEN (A MEMBER OR MEMBERS) OF A REGULAR CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR FOR 50 YEARS AND AT THIS TIME WE SHALL HAVE THE PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE OF BESTOWING UPON (HER, HIM OR THEM) A VISIBLE TOKEN OF OUR FRATERNAL LOVE AND APPRECIATION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS AND CUSTOMS OF FREEMASONRY, FROM WHENCE WE DERIVE OUR HERITAGE, LET US FIRST INVOKE THE BLESSING OF GOD.

WORTHY MATRON: ***

CHAPLAIN: MOST GRACIOUS AND GLORIOUS GOD, RULER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. WE THANK THEE FOR THE MANY YEARS, WHICH THOU HAS GRANTED TO OUR (SISTER(S), BROTHER(S), OR SISTER(S) AND BROTHER(S). WE THANK THEE FOR LIFE, HEALTH AND STRENGTH, AND THE DAILY PROVISIONS OF THY PROVIDENCE. GRANT TO OUR (SISTER(S), BROTHER(S) OR SISTER(S) AND BROTHER(S) MANY ADDITIONAL YEARS OF LIFE. BE EVER NEAR TO (HER, HIM, OR THEM), SUSTAIN AND COMFORT (HER, HIM, OR THEM). LEAD (HER, HIM, OR THEM) IN THY WAYS, THAT SHE, HE, OR THEY) MAY HAVE HAPPINESS AND FRIENDSHIP ALL THE DAYS OF THEIR (LIFE OR LIVES). AMEN.

AUDIENCE: SO MAY IT EVER BE.

WORTHY MATRON: *

CONFERRING SISTER OR BROTHER: (SISTER(S), OR BROTHER(S) (WAS OR WERE) INITIATED INTO OUR BELOVED ORDER ON (GIVE DATE(S) IN (GIVE NAME AND NUMBER OF CHAPTER(S) AND (SHE, HE, OR THEY) (IS OR ARE) NOW (A MEMBER OR MEMBERS) OF _____CHAPTER NO._____.

(CONFERRING MEMBER TURNS TO FACE RECIPIENTS)

(SISTER(S), BROTHER(S), OR SISTER(S) AND BROTHER(S), IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF A REGULAR CHAPTER OF OUR ORDER FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY, AND BY DIRECTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, I AM HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS VISIBLE TOKEN OF THE FRATERNAL LOVE AND APPRECIATION OF YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS. (HOLD UP THE PIN SO ALL MAY SEE)

THIS BEAUTIFUL PIN IS BUT A SMALL TOKEN OF THE ESTEEM IN WHICH YOU ARE HELD AND THE AFFECTION WITH WHICH YOU ARE REGARDED. THE GOLD ON YOUR PIN REPRESENTS 50 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP. UPON ITS FACE RESIDES THE EMBLEM OF OUR ORDER, THE PHRASE 50 YEARS AND THE NAME OF OUR STATE. IT IS A BADGE OF MERIT AND DISTINCTION WHICH WILL CAUSE YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS TO RECOGNIZE YOU AS ONE WHO HAS LONG BEEN DEVOTED TO THE IDEALS, PRINCIPLES AND GOALS OF THIS INSTITUTION. THIS BEAUTIFUL PIN, WE KNOW, WILL BE WORN BY YOU WITH PRIDE. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL WEAR IT WITH PLEASURE AND HONOR TO YOURSELF AND TO OUR ORDER.

(INVESTS RECIPIENT(S) WITH THEIR PIN)

WORTHY MATRON: *** SISTERS AND BROTHERS, PLEASE JOIN WITH ME IN EXTENDING A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO (THIS OR THESE) MEMBER(S) WHOM WE HAVE HONORED THIS EVENING AND RESUME ORDER AT THE SOUND OF THE GAVEL.

(APPLAUSE)

WORTHY MATRON: * (SISTER OR BROTHER) MARSHAL. CONDUCT THESE HONORED MEMBER(S) TO THEIR SEAT(S).

AFTER THEY ARE SEATED SHE MAY GIVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF EACH RECIPIENTS FRATERNAL AND PERSONAL HISTORY AND EXTEND BOTH HER PERSONAL AND THE CHAPTERS CONGRATULATIONS.

Signed: Douglas N. Cairns, P.P. (557/151)
Herbert Gore, P.P. (365/557)
David Hodges, P.P. (309)
Erland Myers, P.P. (200)
Jerry M. Sherrill, P.P. (510)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Nancy Thomas, Past Matron, Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Resolution No. 1 has been referred, recommends an amendment to the proposed resolution as follows on page 53 of your pamphlet. At the beginning where it says the title, remove the word "Presentation" from the title and add, at the beginning of the title, the word "Recommended" so that it then reads, "Recommended 50-Year Pin Ceremony. Just under that, delete the next paragraph in its entirety, the paragraph that starts, "The following ceremony" and ends "allowed to attend." That whole paragraph comes out. In the third paragraph, correct the spelling of "Esther." On page 55 of your pamphlet, in the third paragraph, second line, delete the word "with" so that it then reads, "Please join me." In the last paragraph put an apostrophe on the word "Chapter's." These changes are with the concurrence of the proponent of this legislation, and with these changes, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, recommends a "yes" vote.
AMENDMENT ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 (as amended)

RECOMMENDED 50 YEAR PIN CEREMONY

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ADOPTED AS AMENDED:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED: that the officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, will actively support and encourage the passage of legislation at General Grand Chapter to allow Majority Members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Majority Members of the International Order of Job's Daughters to be eligible for membership in the Order of Eastern Star regardless of a direct bloodline linkage to a Master Mason.

Signed: Robbie Lee Mallery, A.M. (563)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Kay Cosby, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Resolution No. 2 has been referred, recommends a "no" vote for the following reason. Many members support the concept in Resolution No. 2. However, we do not feel it is within our prerogative to legislate how people will vote at General Grand Chapter.

June Lucretia Barnum, Chairman Finance Committee: It would be my thought that the best way to get your point across here is to amend this resolution so that the Resolution would read if amended:

"**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, consider submitting legislation for consideration at the next General Grand Chapter Triennium to allow Majority Members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Majority Members of International Order of Job's Daughters to be eligible for membership in the Order of Eastern Star regardless of the direct bloodline linkage to a Master Mason."

Barbara Richards, Chapter 177: MOTION: I move that we admit this resolution that Sister June Barnum brought to our attention. It

makes better legislative action and does address the issue. *(The motion was seconded.)*

Helen Figel, Past Matron, Mission Bell, 205: MOTION: I would like to amend this resolution to read "at the age of 18." *(The motion was seconded.)*
NOT ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 2 (as amended)

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, consider submitting legislation for consideration at the next General Grand Chapter Triennium to allow Majority Members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Majority Members of International Order of Job's Daughters to be eligible for membership in the Order of Eastern Star regardless of the direct bloodline linkage to a Master Mason.
ADOPTED AS AMENDED:

RESOLUTION NO. 3
(By Gene Stiles, Chairman Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

Worthy Grand Matron and Delegates, I will now introduce Resolution No. 3:

"**WHEREAS** this was the celebration year of the first 125 years of Grand Chapter in California and the profits made from the sales of the commemorative pin were very bountiful to our Grand Chapter General Fund, and;

WHEREAS the Worthy Grand Matron of 1998 has made a very worthwhile recommendation that a portion of the proceeds be utilized in a joint public relations endeavor with Grand Lodge of California and other Masonic Bodies to make Masonry and Eastern Star more recognizable organizations to the general public, and;

WHEREAS the funds that were raised during 1998, it is considered appropriate that this resolution be considered and adopted at this Grand Chapter Session."

Now, therefore; Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, participate in this public relations program with the Grand Lodge of California; California Masonic Foundation; Masonic Homes of California; and the Orient of California Scottish Rite Bodies. The financial participation shall consist of a total of

$30,000, allocated over the years of 1999, 2000, and 2001, at the rate of $10,000 per year." The funds will come from the proceeds of the 125th commemorative pin sales of $94,341 which were put into the General Fund in 1998."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON JURISPRUDENCE, FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws)

Worthy Grand Matron, the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, and Jurisprudence, to whom the Distribution Committee referred this resolution, recommends as follows: Constitution and Bylaws, yes. Finance, yes. Jurisprudence, yes. The reason for the recommendation: This resolution implements a recommendation of the 1998 Worthy Grand Matron and it is an important step in trying to get the fraternal message of the Order of Eastern Star presented to a broad base of the general public.

ADOPTED:

VOTE FOR THE PAST MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS

(By Gene Stiles, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws)

The subject that I rise to at this point is the vote, continuing vote, of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons at Grand Chapter. It is now time that we bring to the Delegates a piece of unfinished business, namely, the continuation or discontinuance of the vote for the Past Matrons and Past Patrons which was passed at our 1996 Grand Chapter Session.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION BOARD

(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

The Voting Delegates will use Ballot No. 1 on your official Special Ballot only, and Ballot No. 1, "yes" or "no," is at the bottom part. The Voting Delegates will use the one marked Ballot No. 1 and put it in the container when it is passed to you. The Members on the Election Board are on their way, so please have your ballots ready.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The ballot is now open.

(When all had voted.)

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The ballot is closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION

(By Lydia Eckert, Past Matron, Chairman)

The results of the Special Ballot Ballot No. 1, the total votes cast were 1,138. Total "yes" votes were 1,070. Total "no" votes, 68. The two-thirds necessary to pass this measure would be 759.

Sue McKinney, Worthy Grand Matron: The amendment is **ADOPTED:**

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Grand Chapter	Representative	Address	Expires
Alabama	Evelyn Anderson (190)	1930 - 7th Avenue, Sacramento 95818	July 1, 1999
Alberta	Stanley Hawkes (327)	41819 Shain Lane, Quartz Hill 93536	Dec 31, 1999
Arizona	Goldie Stottrup (149)	5401 S. Bank Rd., Crescent City 95531	Aug 31, 1999
Arkansas	Muriel Shaw (21/549)	837 Bille Road, Paradise 95969	Mar 10, 1999
Australia	Sandra Kay Butler (211)	874 Louise Street, Colton 92324	Dec 31, 1998
British Columbia	Raymond Dias (127/41)	Centennia Park, #465B, Hanford 93230	Dec 31, 1999
Colorado	Mary Parsons (165)	685 Fair Oaks Lane, Murphys 95247	Apr 1, 1999
Connecticut	Wilbur Wade (111/137)	P. O. Box 690, Mendocino 94560-0690	Dec 31, 1999
Delaware	Ruth Carano (8)	5410 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante 94803	Dec 31, 1999
Dist. of Columbia	Wayne Bode (99)	143 Via Mantilla, Walnut Creek 94598	Jan 1, 2000
Florida	Jean Hodge (89)	16450 E. Clinton, Sanger 93657-9623	Dec 31, 1999
Georgia	Juanita Kennedy (588)	4100 Wilson Lane, Concord 94521	Sep 1, 1999
Idaho	Dorothy Holder (173/561)	5170 E. Burnett, Long Beach 90815	Dec 31, 1998
Illinois	Yolanda Williams (553)	826 Chapman Street, San Jose 95126	Sep 30, 2000
Indiana	Dora Jean Fleming (552)	P. O. Box 694, Herlong 96113	Jan 21, 1999
Iowa	Glen Hartsock (310)	3712 Iroquois Avenue, Long Beach 90808	Apr 1, 1999
Kansas	Betty Tusant (243/390)	34356 Corn Crib Circle, Wildomar 92595	Jan 1, 2000
Kentucky	Virginia Spurgin (125)	2419 Renegade Ave., Bakersfield 93306	Dec 31, 1999
Louisiana	Robert Francis, Jr. (547)	1428 North Charles, Ridgecrest 93555	Jan 1, 2000
Maine	Edwin Winship (643)	P.O. Box 3980, Wofford Heights 93285	Mar 1, 2000
Manitoba	John Lew (213)	438 Joshua Way, Sunnyvale 94086	Jun 30, 1999
Maryland	Bessie Watson (181)	7732 Twin Oaks Ave., Citrus Heights 95610	May 15, 2000
Massachusetts	Joyce Stout (151)	310 1/2 North Dwyer Place, Anaheim 92801	Dec 31, 1999
Michigan	Maxine B. Rush (556)	P. O. Box 1002, Vista 92084	Jan 1, 1999
Minnesota	Gloria June Ludtke (360)	48243 Callie Floristas, La Quinta 92253	Dec 31, 1998
Mississippi	Rachael Fanslow (241)	24511 North State St. #82, Hemet 92543	Dec 31, 1999
Missouri	Virginia Wiest (485)	P. O. Box 110711, Big Bear Lake 92315	Dec 31, 1999
Montana	Robert Fuller (176)	3585 Via Gala, Lompoc 93436	Dec 31, 2000
Nebraska	Jean Hopton (59)	1001 Stonybrook Drive, Napa 94558-3741	Oct 1, 1999
Nevada	Rose Lee Prater (447)	15586 South Sexton Road, Escalon 95320	Dec 31, 1999
New Brunswick	Carl Braun (97/344)	P. O. Box 966, Grover Beach 93433-0966	Dec 31, 1999
New Hampshire	Kenneth Harris (215)	90 Berens Drive, Kentfield 94904	Jan 1, 1999
New Jersey	Doris Townsend (362)	731 Wayne Drive, Bakersfield 93304	Jan 1, 2000
New Mexico	Marjorie McCullough (3/455)	4477 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley 94546	Jan 1, 1999
New York	Madelyn Beers (135/636)	857 Placenza St., Livermore 94550	Nov 2, 1999
North Carolina	Thelma Badgley (385)	8342 LaRiviera Drive, Sacramento 95826	Jan 1, 1999
North Dakota	Lida DeTomaso (488)	17155 Manzanita Drive, Fontana 92335	Jan 1, 2000
Nova Scotia/P.E.I.	Irene Anderson (131)	P. O. Box 23, Dunsmuir 96025-0023	Dec 31, 1999
Ohio	Betty Sutherin (17/153)	2145 Lake Blvd., Redding 96003	Feb 1, 1999
Oklahoma	Shirley Ambrosini (26/581)	2883 Fairway Avenue, Redding 96002	Oct 1, 1999
Ontario	James Calkins (178/234)	7720 Eureka Avenue, El Cerrito 94530	Feb 27, 1999
Oregon	Nina Murray (456)	4035 Beethoven Street, Los Angeles 90066	Jun 1, 2000
Pennsylvania	Mona Lee Peterson (160/584)	7817 East 6th Street, Downey 90241-2205	Jan 1, 2001
Puerto Rico	Max Kaplan (252)	2039 - 33rd Avenue, San Francisco 94116	Mar 1, 1999
Quebec	Frances Aguilar (300)	5946 Crow Court Street, San Diego 92120	Jun 30, 2000
Rhode Island	Maebelle Shipley (405)	624 West Palm Drive, Placentia 92870-2327	Nov 1, 1999
Saskatchewan	Bob de Camp (114)	1638 West Castle Ave, Porterville 93257	Dec 31, 1999
Scotland	Catherine Burt (403)	6507 Bellaire Ave, North Hollywood 91606	Dec 31, 1999
South Carolina	Elsa Templin (322/649)	958 Jay Avenue, Camarillo 93010	Sep 15, 2000
South Dakota	Tillie Roel (574/282)	1417 Amador Circle, Silinas 93906	Dec 31, 1999
Tennessee	Duane DeBruce (172/608)	1906 Warrington, Duarte 91010	Dec 31, 1999
Texas	Frances Golden (563)	6625 Galaxy Court, Citrus Heights 95621	Oct 10, 1999
Utah	Miriam B. Ruble (296/417)	337 Ruble Road, Crows Landing 95313-9748	Dec 31, 1999
Vermont	Janice Paull (31)	919 Willow Glen Way, San Jose 95125-3344	Jan 15, 1999
Virginia	E. Bruce Link (332/478)	620 Pomona Avenue, Coronado 92118-2213	May 1, 2000
Washington	Juanita Severe (490)	2562 Ulric Street, San Diego 92111	Sep 1, 1999
West Virginia	Jean R. Jeffery (79)	1502 Robin Avenue, Ventura 93003-6520	Jul 31, 1999
Wisconsin	Catherine Gibson (50/372)	1444 Michigan, Stockton 95204	Nov 20, 1998
Wyoming	Bettilou Jane Harder (48/55)	4250 Winding Way, Sacramento 95841-7262	Dec 31, 1998

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Alberta	Mrs. Cecilia Watt	P. O. Box 66, Standard, AB TOJ 3GO	2000
Arizona	Mrs. Mary Ellen Ledyard	4351 W. Valencia, Tucson 85746	2000
Arkansas	Mrs. Carol James	1405 Westgate, Pine Bluff 71601	2000
Australia	Mrs. Sadie Copeland	93 Mofflin Road, Elizabeth Vale, SA 5112	1998
British Columbia	Mrs. Helen Hunter	1117 Thunderbird, Nanaimo V9S 3P1	1999
Colorado	Miss Frances North	1414 Olive Street, Denver 80220	1999
Connecticut	Mrs. Carolyn Collins	9 White Oak Road, Ansonia 06401	1998
Delaware	Mrs. Helen A. Oliver	56 Osage Road, Claymont 19703	2000
Dist.of Columbia	*Mrs. Isabella A. Clarke*	6205 Starwood Way, Rockville 20852	2000
Florida	Mrs. Betty R. Cox	7951 Edge Lake Drive, Orlando 32822	2000
Georgia	Mrs. Anita Tritton	2253 Kilkenny Way, N.E., Marietta 30066	2000
Idaho	Mrs. Edna McKie	7829 Manasses, Boise 83703	1998
Illinois	Mrs. Mary Ann Chaney	P. O. Box 143, Bethallo 62010	2000
Indiana	Mrs. Louise Pruse	4025 Indiana Hills Drive, Fort Wayne 46809	2000
Iowa	Mrs. Sheila Soderquest	809 6th Sibley 51249	2000
Kansas	Ms. Katheryn M. Drake	1110 Donnon, Council Grove 66846	1999
Kentucky	Mrs. Carolyn Meadows	246 Steedly Drive, Louisville 40214	2000
Louisiana	Mrs. Aline Lewis	Rt. 1, Box 159, Delhi 71232	1998
Maine	*Mrs. Barbara P. Smith*	RR 2 Box 225, Bucksport 04416	2000
Manitoba	Mrs. Shirley Nagy	509 Riverton Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2L 0N8	2000
Maryland	Mrs. Anna Mae Welcher	705 Maryland Avenue, Cambridge 21613	1999
Massachusetts	Mrs. Marjorie Welton	171 Birch Street, Attleboror 02703	1999
Michigan	Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes	263 S. Sprague Road, Coldwater 49036	2000
Minnesota	Mrs. Audrey Heiser	1409 Holdridge Circle, Wayzata 55391	2000
Mississippi	Ms. Carol Kennedy	Route 1, Box 127, Lena 39094	1999
Missouri	Miss Karen Gaertner	555 Spring Glen Drive, Ballwin 63021-7459	2000
Montana	Mrs. Sheila Veerkamp	Box 205, Victor 59875	2000
Nebraska	Mrs. Barbara Hall	603 Colfax Street, Schuyler 68661	2000
Nevada	Mrs. Judy Raiche	637 Palmoa Drive, Boulder City 89005	1998
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Scotland	Mrs. Doris Brown	19 Windsor Crescent, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE26 2NT, England	1998
South Carolina	Mrs. Jacqueline Sluder	P. O. Box 545, Seneca 29679	1999
South Dakota	Mrs. Ardell Clements	Box 8, Armour 57313	2000
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Texas	Mrs. Wanda Smith	P. O. Box 466, Center 75935	1998
Utah	Mrs. Brenda Hanse	198 North Country Way, Fruit Heights 84037	2000
Vermont	Mrs. Sharon Boudreau	20 Rugg Avenue, Milton 05468	1999
Virginia	Mrs. Opal Day	384 S. Newtown Rd., Virginia Beach 23462	1999
Washington	Mrs. Sharon Spudich	11538 Ogle Road N.E., Poulsbo 98370	1998
West Virginia	Mrs. Sarah Osborne	P.O. Box 5803, Princeton 24740	1998
Wisconsin	Ms. Alice Larson	3320 Leonard Street, La Crosse 54601	1999
Wyoming	Mrs. Sharon Jennings	Box 441, Buffalo 82834	1998

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1997 - 2000

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P.O. Box 1097, Credo, WV 25507 (304) 453-4098

Wisconsin - May — Mrs. Lois A. Nyman
36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118-9349 (414) 965-2200

Wyoming - August — Mrs. Betty Duncan
1212 Turkey Track Lane, Gillette, WY 82716 (307) 682-9268

LIVING PAST GRAND MATRONS

Year		
1954	**Bernice Jan Basich (471) (Nick*)** 3136-A Via Vista, Laguna Hills 92653-1915	**(949) 768-3886**
1957	**Marguerite Weisheimer (99) (Walter*)** 30 Escondido, San Francisco 94132	**(415) 753-0407**
1961	**Everina Rheingans (549) (Kenneth)** 1469 Kristin Court, Paradise 95969-2705	**(530) 877-2943**
1968	**Lura Rae Dales (259) (Milton)** 7108 Nada Street, Downey 90242-2007	**(562) 928-7622**
1969	**Florence Dunn (47) (Chet*)** 44 Grove Street, Salinas 93901	**(831) 424-6815**
1972	**Barbara Poole (241/245) (Arthur)** 2716 Blue Spruce Drive, Hemet 92545-7752	**(909) 925-3322**
1974	**Zoe Harris (173) (Gene*)** 964 Palo Verde Avenue, Long Beach 90815-4662	**(562) 431-7153**
1976	**Donna Smith (360) (Jack)** 51-555 Monroe Street, Space 143, Indio 92202-9713	**(760) 398-5758**
1977	**Patricia Quibell (17) (Ray)** P.O. Box 990267, Redding 96099-0267	**(530) 223-4021**
1978	**Hildegard Smith (619/524) (Kenneth)** 319 Calle Fiesta, San Clemente 92672-2114	**(949) 498-5433**
1979	**Boyana Brown-Redman (159) (James)** 14951 North Country Road, Grass Valley 95945	**(530) 274-0915**
1980	**Earlynn Albright (521) (Rex)** P.O. Box 880, Columbia 95310-0880	**(209) 533-3680**
1981	**Ferne Hammond (250/214) (Walter*)** % Judy Silver, 509 Danielle Court, Roseville 95747	**(916) 782-4848**
1982	**Betty Stubblefield (237) (James)** 2472 Shields Avenue, La Crescenta 91214-1543	**(818) 248-6382**
1983	**Anita Simon (314) (Richard*)** 308 Coast Street, Willits 95490-3808	**(707) 459-2117**
1984	**Ardath Garst (260) (Frank)** 1447 West 186th Street, Gardena 90248-3912	**(310) 329-1484**
1985	**Katherine Hill (372) (Howard)** P.O. Box 144, Linden 95236-0144	**(209) 887-3671**
1986	**Jeraldine Southward Creager (478) (Bob)** 2216 Cliff Street, San Diego 92116-1225	**(619) 298-5818**
1988	**Jean Powers (468/324) (Robert)** 1015 Whitman Avenue, Claremont 91711-3653	**(909) 624-3257**
1989	**Yvonne Beckenhauer (18) (Rolland)** P.O. Box 815, Watsonville 95077-0815	**(831) 724-8084**
1990	**Kay Cosby (143) (Dwight)** P.O. Box 1184, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-1184	**(520) 680-9064**
1991	**June Lucretia Barnum (129/280)** 845 California Street, No. 601, San Francisco 94108	**(415) 982-5034**

LIVING PAST GRAND MATRONS

Year		
1992	**Paula Remington (276) (Thomas)** P.O. Box 752, Calexico 92232-0752	**(760) 357-2090**
1993	**Mary Meixner (59) (Edgar)** 2642 West Pueblo Avenue, Napa 94558	**(707) 252-8839**
1994	**Barbara Pierce (197/397) (Ronald)** 255 Mount Tom Road, Bishop 93514-2120	**(760) 872-4394**
1995	**Kathleen MacDonald (195)** 1533 Elwood Drive, Los Gatos 95032-1009	**(408) 378-9435**
1996	**Sherie Gustafson (310) (Warren)** 1883 East Decatur Avenue, Fresno 93720-2783	**(559) 323-5024**
1997	**Denny Rae Grist (48) (Wayne)** 8687 Chili Hill Road, Newcastle 95658-9657	**(530) 885-0186**

* Deceased

LIVING PAST GRAND PATRONS

Year		
1967	**Robert Armbrust (241) (Melvina)**	**(909) 925-4374**
	1361 Amberwood Drive, Hemet 92543-5703	
1970	**Henry Woods (186)**	**(925) 314-9855**
	% David Woods, 2610 Mossy Oak Drive, Danville 94506-2116	
1974	**James Craven (273/103) (La Verne)**	**(510) 727-1385**
	21966 Dolores Street, Apt 254, Castro Valley 94546	
1975	**W. Gordon Gilbert (335)**	**(909) 606-0702**
	14885 Running Brooks Way, Chino Hills 91709-6242	
1978	**John Allen (77) (Janet)**	**(209) 267-5751**
	P.O. Box 246, Sutter Creek 95685-0246	
1981	**Earl Eckert (165/556) (Lydia)**	**(209) 728-3848**
	P.O. Box 1951, Murphys 95247-1951	
1983	**A. Leroy Covey (479) (Eleanor)**	**(619) 453-0926**
	8435 La Jolla Scenic Drive North, La Jolla 92037-2141	
1984	**Warren Wildman (115/294) (Barbara)**	**(510) 521-7690**
	1024 Fontana Drive, Alameda 94502-6820	
1985	**Delroy Aldershof (133) (Margaret)**	**(818) 833-0602**
	15455 Glenoaks Blvd., No. 388, Sylmar 91342-7987	
1986	**Dennis Jordan (126) (Nancy)**	**(209) 722-7701**
	2354 East South Bear Creek Drive, Merced 95340-9157	
1987	**Clinton Dillon (172/193) (Gloria)**	**(626) 799-9470**
	1705 Los Robles Avenue, San Marino 91108-1624	
1988	**Bernard Seamans (195) (Jeanne)**	**(805) 995-3174**
	P.O. Box 374, Cayucos 93430-0374	
1989	**Judge Thomas M. Sagar (300) (Yvonne)**	**(619) 442-4238**
	2282 Dehesa Road, El Cajon 92019	
1990	**Loyal Stark (294) (Joan)**	**(510) 783-8422**
	24065 Edloe Drive, Hayward 94541	
1991	**Donald Hull (380) (Evelyn)**	**(310) 326-1542**
	1911 West 233rd Street, Torrance 90501-5530	
1992	**Vernon Gordon (555) (Mae)**	**(559) 698-5226**
	P.O. Box 370, Tranquillity 93668-0370	
1993	**Gene Stiles (105) (Barbara)**	**(714) 838-3050**
	17362 Roseleaf Avenue, Tustin 92780-2543	
1994	**Frank Young (18) (Kathy)**	**(831) 429-8540**
	659 High Street, Santa Cruz 95060	
1995	**Bill Betts (108) (Joan)**	**(626) 355-0090**
	404 Manzanita, Sierra Madre 91024	
1996	**David Von Bima (33) (Debbie)**	**(707) 795-0932**
	7349 Castille Court, Rohnert Park 94928	
1997	**Terry Holts (79) (Bonnie)**	**(805) 642-6117**
	5437 Woodbury Street, Ventura 93003-3954	

GRAND OFFICERS

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October 1899
WILLIAM SCHUYLER MOSES *
Venerable Past Grand Patron

October 1913
KATE JOSEPHINE WILLATS *
Past Grand Matron

October 1930
SUSAN MILLS WILLATS *
Grand Secretary Emeritus

October 1972
MAUD McWILLIAMS SMITH *
Grand Secretary Emeritus

October 1979
GLADYS M. JOHNSON
Grand Secretary Emeritus

October 1987
VIOLA M. PERRY *
Grand Treasurer Emeritus

October 1995
DIANE DIXON SILVA
Grand Secretary Emeritus

May 1873		1876-1877		1880-1881	
GP	George John Hobe *	GP	Jerome Spaulding *	GP	Jerome Banks *
GM	Maria Anderson *	GM	Ada Adelia Libbey **	GM	Sarah Jennie Mann *
GAP	George W. Simonton *	GAP	John Carlton Marsh *	GAP	Joseph W. Kinsley +
GAM	Anna Maria Elliot *	GAM	Elizabeth Bullard **	GAM	Eleanor Farrington *
GS	Henrietta Whitcher *	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *
GT	Mary Ellen Gillespie *	GT	Mary Ann S. Knox *	GT	Mary Jane Reeves *

October 1873-1874		1877-1878		1881-1882	
GP	George John Hobe *	GP	Rollin C. Gaskill *	GP	Edward Swift West *
GM	Mary Ellen Gillespie *	GM	Annie E. Doublas *	GM	Frances Ellen Ryder *
GAP	W. G. Doolittle **	GAP	William Adams **	GAP	John Bradford Cox *
GAM	Sarah Anderson *	GAM	Harriet Norcross *	GAM	Sarah Cassidy *
GS	Henrietta Whitcher *	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *
GT	Kate Richardson *	GT	Lizzie J. Holmes *	GT	Mary A. Hasty *

1874-1875		1878-1879		1882-1883	
GP	George John Hobe *	GP	Ianthus Jerome Rolfe *	GP	Abram F. Hitchcock *
GM	Henrietta Whitcher *	GM	Fena Woods Ford *	GM	Mary Ann Flint *
GAP	William S. Phelps **	GAP	John W. Philbrook +	GAP	Andrew J. McPike *
GAM	Emily Rolfe *	GAM	Malinda C. Parker *	GAM	Caroline Seeley **
GS	Anna Maria Elliott *	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Kate Richardson *	GT	Anna L. Thomas *	GT	Mary Matilda Holtz *

1875-1876		1879-1880		1883-1884	
GP	Jeremiah E. Whitcher *	GP	Charles L. Thomas *	GP	Anderson C. Hartley *
GM	Emily Rolfe *	GM	Eleanor Marie Owens *	GM	Mary Ann Flint *
GAP	John Quincy Adams **	GAP	Edward Swift West *	GAP	Darwin DeGolia *
GAM	Emile C. Swain *	GAM	Hattie E. Major *	GAM	Mary Jane Mayhew *
GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Kate J. Willats *	GT	Sarah E. Baker *	GT	Annie E. Briggs *

*Deceased **Demitted +Suspended

1884-1885		1891-1892		1898-1899	
GP	Fred Wm. G. Moebus *	GP	Chauncey C. Bush *	GP	Joseph M. Lawrence *
GM	Mary J. Young *	GM	Mattie Ann Farnum *	GM	Jaria A. Pierce *
GAP	Justice Merryfield *	GAP	David Byron Todd *	GAP	George L. Darling *
GAM	Luci M. Singletarry *	GAM	Kate E. Boyd *	GAM	Marie Summerfield **
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Ella Marie Haum *	GT	Mary Anna Smith *	GT	Kate S. Craig *

1885-1886		1892-1893		1899-1900	
GP	Edmund W. Roberts *	GP	Jacob F. Boller *	GP	George L. Darling *
GM	Abbie E. Wilkins *	GM	Georgia A. Matfield *	GM	Fannie T. McCowen *
GAP	Martin J. Wright *	GAP	George W. Stout *	GAP	Charles C. Corbiere *
GAM	Carrie A. Kingsley *	GAM	Emma Perkins *	GAM	Lulu Lucas *
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Lora Virginia Ream *	GT	Arvilla McHarvey *	GT	Isabelle L. Wawter *

1886-1887		1893-1894		1900-1901	
GP	John Nelles Young *	GP	Allen B. Lemmon *	GP	Ernest W. Conant *
GM	Mary B. Moore *	GM	Emma Hapgood *	GM	Maud E. Bowes *
GAP	Benjamin F. Bagley *	GAP	Zachary T. Gilpin *	GAP	Benjamin A. Plant *
GAM	Elizabeth Phillips *	GAM	Margaret B. Searles *	GAM	Etta Ada Miller *
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Lovina Gibson **	GT	Sarah I. Hubbard *	GT	Adaline B. Runyon *

1887-1888		1894-1895		1901-1902	
GP	John Hatfield Gray *	GP	Thomas Flint, Jr. *	GP	Charles E. Mitchell *
GM	Gertrude S. Freeman *	GM	Augusta D. Wilson *	GM	Clara A. Giberson *
GAP	Jesse Beech Fuller *	GAP	Powell S. Lawson *	GAP	Claude de St. Maurice*
GAM	Mary S. Numms *	GAM	Hattie E. Alexander *	GAM	Minnie D. Brown *
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Isabel Derman *	GT	Julie M. Lubeck *	GT	Agnes Johnson *

1888-1889		1895-1896		1902-1903	
GP	Thomas Flint *	GP	James B. Merrit *	GP	Lyman C. Byce *
GM	Mary E. Partridge *	GM	Carrie L. Peaslee *	GM	Mabel B. Seymour *
GAP	John McMurry *	GAP	Roscoe E. Hewitt **	GAP	Arthur H. Millberry *
GAM	Elmira F. West *	GAM	Florence Miller *	GAM	Emma E. Rupp *
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Calista Spaulding **	GT	Mary T. Dean *	GT	Henrietta Heuer *

1889-1890		1896-1897		1903-1904	
GP	Jesse Beech Fuller *	GP	James R. Tapscott *	GP	George F. McNoble *
GM	Annie E. Briggs *	GM	Ella Tyler Hall *	GM	Chlo Craig *
GAP	George T. Shaw *	GAP	John Adam Gallup *	GAP	Erwin S. Logan +
GAM	Mary Louis Grohs *	GAM	Susan Rucker *	GAM	Agnes Conant *
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Elizabeth Wardwell *	GT	Isadore Hoarton *	GT	Annie B. Barnes *

1890-1891		1897-1898		1904-1905	
GP	Fred Lawrence Button *	GP	Harrison D. Rowe **	GP	Charles J. Willett *
GM	Mary Jeannie Parker *	GM	Eva M. Porter *	GM	Pauline W.Dohrmann *
GAP	J. Avery Shepherd *	GAP	Lewis O. Stephens *	GAP	Lorenzo B. Leavitt *
GAM	Mary S. Brown *	GAM	Belle Smith **	GAM	Anna N.Skinner *
GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *	GS	Kate J. Willats *
GT	Melissa Morey *	GT	Jane F. Raabe *	GT	Emma Neal Rider *

*Deceased **Demitted +Suspended

1905-1906

GP Florin L. Jones *
GM Georgiana Polhamus *
GAP Curtis J. Monroe *
GAM Catherine Merrit *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Helen Seeman *

1906-1907

GP Casimir J. Wood *
GM Anna D. Dudderar *
GAP George W. Earl *
GAM Alice F. Hickie *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Ida H. McCoy *

1907-1908

GP Benjamin Cartwright *
GM Emma R. Leach *
GAP Matthew Stewart *
GAM Alice S. Dozier *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Laura P. Butcher *

1908-1909

GP Alexander Fraser *
GM Annie M. Johnson *
GAP Harry Clay Cooper *
GAM Marsh E. Rankin *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Eliza C. Higgins *

1909-1910

GP Phineas F. Ferguson *
GM Rosa J. Burns *
GAP Dr. John Paddock *
GAM Lucy Anna Curtis *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Marie Sherer *

1910-1911

GP William Mossholder *
GM Ada M. Dalton *
GAP William A. Hicks +
GAM Nellie A. Darling *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Josephine M. Pattern *

1911-1912

GP John L. McNab *
GM Lena W. Stannard *
GAP George G. Vanderlip *
GAM Addie Lee Sleeper *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Lillian B. Hammar *

1912-1913

GP William K. Chambers *
GM Martha G. Dinsmore *
GAP Briceno A. Fassett *
GAM Leah Nora Earl *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Charlotte Jameson *

1913-1914

GP Fred L. Kincaid *
GM Minnie Hiner *
GAP Arnold Goodfriend *
GAM Virginia Coate *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Theresa J. Catron *

1914-1915

GP Eldon P. Mains *
GM Minnie B. Wheeler *
GAP Harry V. Brown +
GAM Jennie M. Wayman *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Laura M. Macdermott *

1915-1916

GP Alrik Hammar *
GM Elizabeth Wheeler *
GAP Pliny H. Murphy *
GAM Emma Graves *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Eva Harriet Boyd *

1916-1917

GP William F. Holman *
GM Maude N. Haven *
GAP Arthur T. Biddle *
GAM Nellie D. Graham *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Georgia Catherwood *

1917-1918

GP Robert Edgar *
GM Ivy C. Shelhamer *
GAP Frank A. Foye *
GAM Mary E. Finlay *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Lena R. Mallery *

1918-1919

GP Darwin W. Pierce **
GM Elizabeth Marshall *
GAP Henry C. Haake *
GAM Margaret E. Sawyer *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Lillian P. Beckley *

1919-1920

GP Lew E. Wallace *
GM Louise Elsensohn *
GAP Walter V. Scott *
GAM Ida H. Fitschen *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Gertrude M. Mildrim *

1920-1921

GM Effie Easton *
GP Roy Musser **
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Annie S. Brasch *

1921-1922

GM Maud Dezell Bradley *
GP Delos Albert Mace *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Genevieve Norton *

1922-1923

GM Stella M. Linscott *
GP Ernest E. Noon *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Sue Estelle Tuck *

1923-1924

GM Maude B. Sibley *
GP Guy W. Brundage *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Georgia E. Hunt *

1924-1925

GM Zella W. Samson *
GP Russell La Fontaine *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Grace D. Beckman *

1925-1926

GM Cora S. Holland *
GP Waldo F. Postel *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Bessie A. Pierce *

1926-1927

GM Hazael M. Piper *
GP Raymond H. Griest *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Birdie Eiler *

1927-1928

WGM Gladys Fitch Pierce *
WGP Henry F. Pernau *
GS Kate J. Willats *
GT Mattie M. Charette *

*Deceased

**Demitted

+Suspended

1928-1929
WGM Pauline A. Hause *
WGP Bert R. Hollway *
GS Susan M. Willats *
GT Anna L. McKenney *

1929-1930
WGM Myra Moyse *
WGP Walter W. Bradley *
GS Susan M. Willats *
GT Mildred C. Blair *

1930-1931
WGM Willa J. Hellwig *
WGP Joseph M. Argabrite *
GS Stella Linscott, PGM*
GT Florence Newman *

1931-1932
WGM Elsie M. Pierce *
WGP John L. McDonald *
GS Stella Linscott, PGM*
GT Grance I. Good *

1932-1933
WGM Grace Butterfield *
WGP Lloyd E. Griffin *
GS Stella Linscott, PGM*
GT Gladys H-Robinson *

1933-1934
WGM Jessie G. Morris *
WGP Wallace Rutherford *
GS Stella Linscott, PGM*
GT Clara E. Alvarez *

1934-1935
WGM Minnie V. Collins *
WGP J. Hartley Taylor *
GS Stella Linscott, PGM*
GT Anna N. Moncur *

1935-1936
WGM Bertie Y. Connolly *
WGP Edward Counter, Jr. *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Josephine L Fisk *

1936-1937
WGM Rita May Cooper *
WGP Frank D. Cruse *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Leila Vevoda *

1937-1938
WGM Mary I. Warner *
WGP Robert P. Easley *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Flora T. Whitney *

1938-1939
WGM Maude E. Fluetsch *
WGP John Vale *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Catherine E. Yates *

1939-1940
WGM Helen L. Edwards *
WGP Ernest E. Williams *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Grace King *

1940-1941
WGM Gertrude C. Matson *
WGP Ralph Boynton *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Margurite Mcdonald *

1941-1942
WGM Corine O. Melville *
WGP Walker Peddicord *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Sally L. Chalson *

1942-1943
WGM Kathryn Farwell *
WGP Donald A. Boone *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Kittie Briggs *

1943-1944
WGM Hazel T. Lane *
WGP Francis J. Herz *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Anna Shrader *

1944-1945
WGM Lillian W. Podesta *
WGP Logan R. Cotton *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Esther M. Serel *

1945-1946
WGM Isabella H. Hilditch *
WGP Harry C. Sproule *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Beulah Ludlow *

1946-1947
WGM Birdie Bassett *
WGP Carson Hubbard *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Isabelle Mosher *

1947-1948
WGM Thelma Bailey *
WGP George Harlan *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Viola L. Rasmeor *

1948-1949
WGM Elvetta Grohl *
WGP Joseph F. Reed *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Lillian H. Adkins *

1949-1950
WGM Margaret Lauritzen *
WGP Arthur J. Hook *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Verna Westhoven *

1950-1951
WGM Lois B. Tamba *
WGP Henry J. Hardy *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Sadie Lumry *

1951-1952
WGM Helen B. DeBeers *
WGP James L. Halley *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Hattie M. Tolle *

1952-1953
WGM Gilma Vick Moyers *
WGP J. Clifford Lee *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Zelma L. Bray *

1953-1954
WGM Bernice J. Basich
WGP Robert J. McMullen *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Viola Larsen *

1954-1955
WGM Thelma R. Warner *
WGP Philip F. Leahy *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Jennie E. Young *

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1955-1956
WGM Mabel Tellefson *
WGP Reuben C. Wright *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Agnes C. Barnes *

1956-1957
WGM Marguerite Weisheimer
WGP Elmer J. Walther *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Royetta Wilson *

1957-1958
WGM Grace M. Hoffman *
WGP George D. Danielson*
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Agnes McGehee *

1958-1959
WGM Annie P. Mills *
WGP Henry L. Wintz *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Thelma Schleifer *

1959-1960
WGM Mary E. Balden *
WGP James L. Millard *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Isabel V. Meager

1960-1961
WGM Everina Rheingans
WGP Dalora K. Burnham *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Eunice W. Benson *

1961-1962
WGM Helen O. Isberg *
WGP Robert C. Atkinson *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Ruth V. Burnside *

1962-1963
WGM Carol M. Jensen *
WGP Edwin F. Collins *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Ethel Holland

1963-1964
WGM Esther M. Sandman *
WGP William P. Wilson *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Bessie Kidd

1964-1965
WGM Ellen C. Walters *
WGP James H. Hoole *
GS Maude M. Smith *
GT Helen Bratschie *

1965-1966
WGM Marian F. Schwach *
WGP Edward T. Mancuso *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Ruby M. Parker

1966-1967
WGM Vivian Kilgore *
WGP Robert Armbrust
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Isabelle E. Johnson

1967-1968
WGM Lura Rae Dales
WGP Robert M. Lutz *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Vera G. Blum *

1968-1969
WGM Florence Dunn
WGP Richard Brassell, Jr. *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Dale A. Ellsworth

1969-1970
WGM Bessie V. Robinson *
WGP Henry E. Woods
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Ruth H. Chase

1970-1971
WGM Elsie K. Mitchell *
WGP Thomas W. Thurman*
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Grace Anderson

1971-1972
WGM Barbara E. Poole
WGP Jay E. Miller *
GS Maud M. Smith *
GT Helen Andrews *

1972-1973
WGM Lilas E. Haug *
WGP Jens A. Morley *
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT Grace Gould

1973-1974
WGM Zoe Harris
WGP James B. Craven
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT Lois Johnson

1974-1975
WGM Eleanor M. Marsh *
WGP W. Gordon Gilbert
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT Wilma A. Harrell *

1975-1976
WGM Donna M. Smith
WGP Stanley M. Love *
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT LaVerne Walker *

1976-1977
WGM Patricia B. Quibell
WGP Gerald P. Cashion *
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT Eunice Thornton *

1977-1978
WGM Hildegard Smith
WGP John Allen
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT Lillian Propst *

1978-1979
WGM Boyana Brown-Redman
WGP Stuart H. Maude *
GS Gladys M. Johnson
GT Viola Perry *

1979-1980
WGM Earlynn Albright
WGP Hershel C. Brown *
GS Diane Dixon
GT Viola Perry *

1980-1981
WGM Ferne Hammond
WGP Earl E. Eckert
GS Diane Dixon
GT Viola Perry *

1981-1982
WGM Betty Stubblefield
WGP David A. Minnich **
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry *

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1982-1983
WGM Anita Simon
WGP A. Leroy Covey
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry *

1983-1984
WGM Ardath Garst
WGP Warren Wildman
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry *

1984-1985
WGM Katherine Hill
WGP Delroy Aldershof
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry *

1985-1986
WGM Jeraldine Southward
WGP Dennis Jordan
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry *

1986-1987
WGM Barbara Campbell*
WGP Clinton O. Dillon
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry*

1987-1988
WGM Jean Powers
WGP Bernard Seamans
GS Diane Silva
GT Viola Perry *

1988-1989
WGM Yvonne Beckenhauer
WGP Thomas M. Sagar
GS Diane Silva
GT Sheri Weisser

1989-1990
WGM Kay Cosby
WGP Loyal L. Stark
GS Diane Silva
GT Sheri Weisser

1990-1991
WGM June Lucretia Barnum
WGP Donald A. Hull
GS Diane Silva
GT Sheri Weisser

1991-1992
WGM Paula Remington
WGP Vernon Gordon
GS Diane Silva
GT Sheri Weisser

1992-1993
WGM Mary Meixner
WGP William Stiles
GS Diane Silva
GT Sheri Weisser

1993-1994
WGM Barbara Pierce
WGP Frank Young
GS Diane Silva
GT Sheri Weisser

1994-1995
WGM Kathleen MacDonald
WGP Irwin "Bill" Betts
GS Diane Silva
GT Jerri Jean Golden

1995-1996
WGM Sherie Gustafson
WGP David Von Bima
GS Shirley Orth
GT Jerri Jean Golden

1996-1997
WGM Denny Rae Grist
WGP Terry Holts
GS Shirley Orth
GT Jerri Jean Golden

1997-1998
WGM Sue McKinney
WGP Ernie Lewis
GS Shirley Orth
GT Jerri Jean Golden

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LIST OF CHAPTERS WITHDRAWN FROM THE JURISDICTION OF CALIFORNIA

No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Action
120	Electa	Austin	5/01/1894	Admitted to California Grand Chapter
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada
121	Esther	Carson	5/01/1894	Admitted to California Grand Chapter
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada
122	Adah	Reno	5/01/1894	Admitted to California Grand Chapter
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada
148	Martha	Wadsworth	4/24/1896	Instituted
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada
152	Silver State	Winnemucca	6/11/1896	Instituted
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada
156	Argenta	Virginia City	3/20/1897	Instituted
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada
166	Iphigenia	Eureka	10/17/1898	Instituted
			10/16/1901	Withdrew to Nevada

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
4	California	San Francisco	4/ /1873	Chartered Instituted before Grand Chapter was organized
			10/18/1893	Charter recalled Reorganized as Harmony 124
7	Alameda	Alameda	4/ /1873	Chartered Instituted before Grand Chapter was organized
			9/18/1878	Charter Surrendered
12	Amador	Drytown	3/07/1874	Instituted
		Plymouth	4/22/1878	Permission granted to move to Plymouth
			10/ /1880	Charter surrendered
15	Electa	San Jose	2/02/1875	Instituted
			10/15/1877	Charter surrendered
16	Rainbow	Rohnerville	4/03/1875	Instituted
		Hydesville	7/11/1879	Approved Chapter removing their Charter from Rohnerville to Hydesville
			10/10/1891	Charter Suspended by WGP
			10/23/1891	Charter Recalled
22	Olive Branch	Hornitos	3/04/1876	Instituted
			8/16/1887	Charter recalled

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24	Centennial	West Oakland	10/11/1876	Instituted
			3/27/1879	Charter Surrendered
29	Queen Esther	Windsor	4/05/1877	Instituted
		Healdsburg	5/07/1879	WGP approved the action of Queen Esther Chapter in removing from Healdsburg to Windsor, Sonoma County
			10/ /1880	Charter Surrendered
32	Myrtle	Dixon	9/14/1877	Organized as Morning Star
				Name changed to Myrtle before Chartered.
			11/10/1885	Charter Surrendered
34	Opal	Winters	4/18/1878	Instituteed
			3/22/1883	Charter Surrendered
37	Adah	Meridian}	5/24/1879	Instituted
		College City}	8/16/1887	Charter Recalled
38	Pacific	Santa Cruz	11/21/1879	Instituted
			5/17/1884	Charter Surrendered
43	Woodbine	Walnut Creek	5/08/1880	Instituted
			2/26/1884	Charter Surrendered
52	Quincy	Quincy	6/21/1881	Instituted
			8/16/1887	Charter Recalled

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54	Ophir	Oroville	6/21/1881 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter Recalled
64	Occidental	Martinez	10/15/1881 8/28/1885	Instituted Charter Surrendered
69	Manzanita	Calistoga	4/13/1883 1/09/1899	Instituted Charter surrendered
70	Brilliant Star	Orland	5/15/1883 10/22/1891	Instituted Charter Recalled
81	Flower Valley	Coloma	8/22/1884 10/ /1895	Instituted Charter Surrendered
87	Laurel	St. Helena	2/11/1886 9/18/1896	Instituted Charter Surrendered
88	Mountain View	Janesville	4/16/1886 10/21/1921	Instituted Charter Revoked
91	Fall River	Burgettville} Glenburn}	6/24/1886 8/23/1897	Instituted Charter Recalled
98	Yosemite	Oakdale	6/20/1888 10/ /1895	Instituted Charter Surrendered

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101	Elaine	Reedley	3/11/1889	Instituted
			5/22/1899	Charter Surrendered
132	Chrysanthemum	Sanger	2/14/1894	Instituted
			6/29/1990	Charter Recalled
139	Orestimba	Newman	12/28/1895	Instituted
			2/03/1988	Charter Surrendered
157	King Solomon's	San Francisco	4/20/1897	Instituted
			10/10/1898	Charter Recalled
158	Galt	Galt	8/09/1897	Instituted
			8/01/1907	Charter Surrendered
180	Golden State	College City	5/26/1900	Instituted as Martha Chapter, name changed prior to charter as another Martha Chapter already existed.
			3/10/1910	Charter Surrendered
187	Eagle	Eaglesville	12/18/1900	Instituted
			2/09/1938	Charter Surrendered
194	Hilda	Mokelumne Hill	5/10/1901	Instituted
			2/22/1928	Charter Surrendered

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
236	San Pedro	San Pedro	2/06/1906	Instituted
			5/12/1910	Charter Surrendered
251	Paul Revere	San Francisco	4/08/1907	Instituted
251	Ideal		11/20/1929	Charter Suspended
			4/14/1930	Charter Restored
			10/22/1962	Charter Surrendered
256	Marietta	Fruitvale	4/30/1907	Instituted
			10/21/1921	Charter Revoked
261	Dinuba	Dinuba	10/28/1907	Instituted
261	Alta	Dinuba	1/12/1972 CN	257 Reedley
				261 Alta
			12/13/1972	Charter Surrendered
265	Daylight	Los Angeles	2/06/1908	Instituted
265	Radiant-Daylight	Los Angeles	5/28/1971 CN	265 Daylight
				421 Radiant
			6/22/1988	Charter Surrendered
285	Garvin	Randsburg	5/26/1909	Instituted
			11/07/1917	Charter Surrendered
318	Sierra	Big Pine	4/14/1913	Instituted
			12/15/1945	Charter Surrendered

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356	University	Los Angeles	9/10/1919	Instituted
			10/21/1926	Charter Revoked
419	Park	San Francisco	11/26/1923	Instituted
			10/22/1925	Charter Revoked
461	Mayflower	San Francisco	4/07/1926	Instituted
			9/21/1928	Charter Surrendered
462	Angeles Mesa	Los Angeles	5/06/1926	Instituted
			10/20/1927	Charter Revoked
466	Melrose	Los Angeles	7/29/1926	Instituted
			12/20/1964	Charter Surrendered
536	Dunsmuir	Dunsmuir	9/08/1934	Instituted
			11/01/1959	Charter Surrendered
538	Ad Astra	Fresno	10/03/1936	Instituted
			10/18/1944	Charter Revoked
646	Silver Trowel	Los Angeles	8/13/1973	Instituted
			5/24/1985	Charter Surrendered

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Dispensations
UD	Laurel	Covelo	12/26/1877	Instituted
			1/08/1878	Dispensation granted
UD	Alta Loma	Signal Hill	8/16/1926	Instituted
			10/19/1927	Dispensation Recalled
UD	Los Banos	Los Banos	10/14/1912	Instituted
			10/12/1913	Dispensation Surrendered

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1	Golden Gate	San Francisco	5/10/1869		Instituted		
1	Golden Gate	San Francisco	11/30/1973	1	Golden Gate		
				27	Ivy		
				196	San Francisco		
				460	Justice		
1	Golden Gate	San Francisco	1/24/1996	1	Golden Gate		
				229	Parnassus Imperial		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	4/12/1872		Instituted		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	6/11/1973	8	Oak Leaf		
				423	Plymouth		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	6/16/1975	8	Oak Leaf		
				392	Effie Easton		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	6/ 2/1980	8	Oak Leaf		
				457	Caliz de Oro		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	9/15/1980	8	Oak Leaf		
				277	Athens		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	8/13/1994	8	Oak Leaf		
				65	Unity		
9	Evangeline	Nevada Nevada City	6/17/1873		Instituted		
9	Evangeline	Nevada City	5/06/1980	9	Evangeline		
				615	Pelton		
13	Martha Washington	Visalia	12/09/1874		Instituted		
13	Martha Washington	Visalia	03/11/1988	13	Martha Washington		
				334	Exeter		
14	St. John's	Weaverville	1/28/1875		Instituted		
14	Northern Light	Millville	11/07/1997	14	St. John's		
				26	Northern Light		
17	Welcome	Shasta	4/05/1875		Instituted		
17	Welcome Redding	Shasta	4/27/1993	17	Welcome		
				44	Redding		
18	Lily of the Valley	Watsonville	5/11/1875		Instituted		
18	Wild Lily	Watsonville	11/30/1994	18	Lily of the Valley		
				19	Idlewild		
19	Idlewild	Santa Cruz	3/30/1876		Instituted		
			11/30/1994	18	Lily of the Valley	18	Wild Lily
				19	Idlewild		

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21	Acacia	Los Angeles	3/14/1876		Instituted		
21	Acacia-Rose Croix	Los Angeles	5/14/1971	21	Acacia		
				317	Rose Croix		
21	Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/29/1986	21	Acacia-Rose Croix		
				167	Highland Park		
21	Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	21	Highland Park		
				522	Atwater Larchmont		
21	Highland Park	Los Angeles	09/14/1989	21	Highland Park		
				216	Los Feliz		
26	Northern Light	Millville	9/11/1875		Instituted		
26	Northern Light	Millville	3/22/1997	26	Northern Light		
				450	North Star		
			11/07/1997	14	St. John's	14	Northern Light
				26	Northern Light		
27	Ivy	San Francisco	12/07/1876		Instituted		
			11/30/1973	1	Golden Gate	1	Golden Gate
				27	Ivy		
				196	San Francisco		
				460	Justice		
35	Vernon	Gridley	5/03/1879		Instituted		
35	Vernon-Lyman	Gridley	1/06/1992	35	Vernon		
				363	Lyman		
36	Naomi	Sacramento	5/03/1879		Instituted		
36	Rising Star	Sacramento	11/17/1995	36	Naomi		
				593	Rising Star		
41	Lily of the Lake	Lemoore	3/23/1880		Instituted		
41	Lily of the Lake	Lemoore	6/21/1944	41	Lily of the Lake		
				400	Riverdale		
41	Lily of the Lake	Lemoore	2/09/1991	41	Lily of the Lake		
				270	Eschscoltzia		
42	Ariel	Antioch	3/30/1880		Instituted		
42	Ariel	Antioch	9/13/1983	42	Ariel		
				198	Maspha		
44	Redding	Redding	6/18/1880		Instituted		
			4/27/1993	17	Welcome	17	Welcome Redding
				44	Redding		
45	Ceanothus	San Juan Bautista	5/22/1880		Instituted		
45	Magnolia	San Juan Bautista	11/18/1990	45	Ceanothus		
				73	Magnolia		

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47	Reveille	Salinas	7/09/1880		Instituted		
47	Reveille	Salinas	11/26/1990	47	Reveille		
				580	Castroville		
49	Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1881		Instituted		
49	Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1984	49	Placer		
				116	Truckee		
50	Homo	Stockton	5/21/1881		Instituted		
50	Valley Oaks	Stockton	11/23/1991	50	Homo		
				355	Golden Poppy		
51	Alturas	Alturas	6/03/1881		Instituted		
51	Alturas	Alturas	6/25/1986	51	Alturas		
				232	Bonner		
55	Marysville	Marysville	6/25/1881		Instituted		
55	Marysville-Friendship	Marysville	5/02/1991	55	Marysville		
				67	Friendship		
56	Fidelia	Yuba City	6/28/1881		Instituted		
56	Fidelia	Yuba City	7/08/1986	56	Fidelia		
				431	Smartville		
59	Silver Spray	Napa	8/12/1881		Instituted		
59	Silver Spray	Napa	4/05/1984	59	Silver Spray		
				274	St. Helena		
60	Yolo	Woodland	8/20/1881		Instituted		
60	Yolo	Woodland	2/22/1985	60	Yolo		
				349	Cacheville		
61	Morning Star	Petaluma	9/27/1881		Instituted		
			2/24/1993	61	Morning Star	161	Gold Ridge Star
				161	Gold Ridge		
62	Mountain Fern	Georgetown	10/15/1881		Instituted		
62	El Dorado-Tahoe Fern	Georgetown	6/23/1996	62	Mountain Fern		
				499	El Dorado-Tahoe		
65	Unity	Oakland	3/17/1882		Instituted		
65	Unity	Oakland	4/09/1969	65	Unity		
				504	Rosa M. Shattuck		
			8/13/1984	8	Oak Leaf	8	Oak Leaf
				65	Unity		

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67	Friendship	Lincoln	5/03/1882		Instituted		
			5/02/1991	55	Marysville	55	Marysville-Friendship
				67	Friendship		
68	Monterey	Pacific Grove	11/11/1882		Instituted		
68	Ocean Spray	Pacific Grove	3/19/1896		WGP approved name change of Monterey Chapter, No. 68 to Ocean Spray, No. 68		
68	Monterey Peninsula	Pacific Grove	1/18/1993	68	Ocean Spray		
				239	Monterey Peninsula		
72	Electa	Modesto	6/29/1883		Instituted		
72	Electa Modesto	Modesto	11/19/1996	72	Electa		
				532	Modesto		
73	Magnolia	Gilroy	7/05/1883		Instituted		
			11/18/1990	45	Ceanothus	45	Magnolia
				73	Magnolia		
74	Esther	Adin	7/19/1883		Instituted		
			6/24/1978	74	Esther	450	North Star
				450	North Star		
75	Silver Wave	San Bernardino	7/28/1883		Instituted		
75	Arrowhead	San Bernardino	5/03/1991	75	Silver Wave		
				548	Arrowhead		
76	Rohnerville	Fortuna	9/08/1883		Instituted		
76	Rohnerville-Redwood	Fortuna	3/16/1997	76	Rohnerville		
				564	Redwood Empire		
77	Azalia	Campo Seco	10/13/1883		Instituted		
77	Azalia	San Andreas	5/21/1895		WGP authorized Azalia Chapter, No. 77, to remove from Campo Seco to San Andreas		
77	Azalia Angels	San Andreas	9/20/1988	77	Azalia		
				134	Angels		
78	Marguerite	Santa Barbara	5/12/1884		Instituted		
78	Santa Barbara-Marguerite	Santa Barbara	1/24/1988	78	Marguerite		
				501	Santa Barbara		
79	Ventura	Ventura	5/13/1884		Instituted		
79	Ventura-Fillmore	Ventura	11/14/1987	79	Ventura		
				361	Fillmore		
82	Sotoyome	Healdsburg	9/03/1884		Instituted		
82	Sotoyome-Clover Leaf	Healdsburg	11/16/1991	82	Sotoyome		
				130	Clover Leaf		

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84	Veritas	Colusa	11/21/1884		Instituted		
84	Veritas	Colusa	11/10/1989	84	Veritas		
				368	Arbuckle-Loyal		
86	Marshall	Willows	4/18/1885		Instituted		
86	Citrus	Orland	1/08/1987	86	Marshall		
				208	Citrus		
89	Raisina	Fresno	4/26/1886		Instituted		
89	Raisina Fresno	Fresno	11/27/1995	89	Raisina		
				295	Fresno		
89	Raisina Fresno	Fresno	11/25/1996	89	Raisina Fresno		
				482	Sanger		
93	Heliotrope	Selma	5/02/1887		Instituted		
93	Heliotrope	Selma	9/24/1979	93	Heliotrope		
				312	Kingsburg		
93	Heliotrope	Selma	11/27/1989	93	Heliotrope		
				271	Monte Vista		
94	Tulare	Tulare	11/07/1887		Instituted		
94	Tulare-Corcoran	Tulare	6/25/1990	94	Tulare		
				370	Corcoran		
95	Bethlehem	Paso Robles	3/22/1888		Instituted		
95	Bethlehem	Paso Robles	5/20/1969	95	Bethlehem		
				102	Violet		
96	Southern Star	San Diego	4/02/1888		Instituted		
96	San Diego Star	San Diego	11/19/1991	96	Southern Star		
				264	San Diego		
99	Beulah	San Francisco	8/16/1888		Instituted		
99	Beulah-Liberty	San Francisco	8/20/1964	99	Beulah		
				451	Liberty		
99	Amity	San Francisco	2/11/1974	99	Beulah-Liberty		
				262	Amity		
99	San Francisco	San Francisco	11/08/1990	99	Amity		
				155	Golden West Mission		
99	San Francisco	San Francisco	11/12/1992	99	San Francisco		
				183	California Presidio		
102	Violet	San Miguel	3/21/1889		Instituted		
			5/20/1969	95	Bethlehem	95	Bethlehem
				102	Violet		

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103	Golden Wave	San Leandro	4/05/1889		Instituted		
103	Golden Wave	San Leandro	12/29/1986	103	Golden Wave		
				293	Foothill		
104	Josephine	Chico	6/28/1889		Instituted		
104	Josephine Chico	Chico	12/15/1988	104	Josephine		
				627	Chico		
104	Josephine Chico	Chico	6/20/1996	104	Josephine Chico		
				326	Wild Rose		
105	Hermosa	Santa Ana	10/13/1888		Instituted		
105	Golden Harvest	Garden Grove	11/20/1993	105	Hermosa		
				483	Garden Grove		
105	Golden Harvest	Garden Grove	8/13/1998	105	Golden Harvest		
				625	Westminster		
108	Pasadena	Pasadena	7/11/1890		Instituted		
108	Pasadena-Melita	Pasadena	11/16/1984	108	Pasadena		
				467	Melita		
108	Pasadena	Pasadena	11/16/1890	108	Pasadena-Melita		
				307	Southland		
111	Ocean View	Mendocino	9/19/1891		Instituted		
111	Ocean View	Mendocino	4/29/1990	111	Ocean View		
				291	Point Arena		
111	Ocean View	Mendocino	5/16/1993	111	Ocean View		
				230	Sapphire		
113	Santa Monica	Santa Monica	1/08/1892		Instituted		
113	Santa Monica	Santa Monica	11/18/1985	113	Santa Monica		
				474	Palisades		
				476	Westwood Hills		
			11/17/1994	113	Santa Monica	245	Ocean Park
				245	Ocean Park		
114	Palm Leaf	Porterville	2/18/1892		Instituted		
114	Palm Leaf	Porterville	3/31/1987	114	Palm Leaf		
				306	Lindsey		
116	Truckee	Truckee	3/15/1892		Instituted		
			3/24/1984	49	Placer	49	Placer
				116	Truckee		
117	Columbus	Sacramento	8/08/1892		Instituted		
117	Columbus-Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/26/1990	117	Columbus		
				420	Fort Sutter		

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118	Woodbridge	Woodbridge	9/17/1892		Instituted		
118	Woodbridge Oaks	Woodbridge	3/30/1994	118	Woodbridge		
				371	Live Oak		
124	Harmony	San Francisco	11/10/1893		Instituted as California U.D., name changed before Charter issued.		
124	Harmony	San Francisco	8/08/1967	124	Harmony		
				440	Fireside		
124	Harmony	San Francisco	11/02/1967	124	Harmony		
				496	Nonpariel		
124	Harmony-Jewel	San Francisco	4/26/1977	124	Harmony		
				238	Jewel		
124	Harmony	San Francisco	11/30/1982		Name change to "Harmony" approved by WGM (WGM Report, page 74, 1983 procedings)		
124	Harmony	San Francisco	11/18/1995	124	Harmony		
				382	Crocker		
126	Mercedes	Merced	5/26/1998	126	Mercedes		
				136	Centinela		
130	Clover Leaf	Cloverdale	7/21/1894		Instituted		
			11/16/1991	82	Sotoyome	82	Sotoyome-Clover Leaf
				130	Clover Leaf		
131	Fidelity	Dunsmuir	8/31/1894		Instituted		
131	Fidelity	Dunsmuir	3/25/1976	131	Fidelity		
				381	McCloud		
133	South Gate	Los Angeles	12/24/1894		Instituted		
133	South Gate	Los Angeles	11/19/1968	133	South Gate		
				268	West Lake		
133	Hollywood	Los Angeles	8/02/1986	133	South Gate		
				209	Hollywood		
133	Hollywood	Los Angeles	11/23/1991	133	Hollywood		
				272	South Pasadena		
133	Hollywood	Los Angeles	11/20/1993	133	Hollywood		
				192	Elysian		
				313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park		
134	Angels	Angels Camp	12/18/1894		Instituted		
			9/20/1988	77	Azalia	77	Azalia Angels
				134	Angels		

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136	Centinela	Los Banos	6/10/1895		Instituted		
136	Centinela	Los Banos	1/24/1990	136	Centinela		
				545	Dos Palos		
			5/26/1998	126	Mercedes	126	Mercedes
				136	Centinela		
140	Oakland	Oakland	1/02/1896		Instituted		
140	Oakland	Oakland	6/02/1965	140	Oakland		
				533	Sterling		
140	Oakland	Oakland	11/22/1974	140	Oakland		
				519	Encina		
140	Nova Dies-Oakland	Oakland	4/04/1984	140	Oakland		
				544	Nova Dies		
140	Nova Dies-Oakland	Oakland	8/17/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland		
				303	Golden Chain		
140	Nova Dies-Oakland	Oakland	11/12/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland		
				410	Lake Merritt		
141	Miramonte	Mountain View	1/08/1896		Instituted		
141	Miramonte	Mountain View	11/23/1988	141	Miramonte		
				562	Menalto		
142	Copa del Oro	Redlands	9/25/1998	142	Copa del Oro	212	Gate City
				212	Gate City		
143	Norwalk	Norwalk	2/12/1896		Instituted		
143	Emerald Star	Norwalk	4/02/1997	143	Norwalk		
				253	Artesia		
144	Lyra	Whittier	2/12/1896		Instituted		
144	Lyra	Whittier	11/17/1899	144	Lyra		
				248	Holly-Gardens		
145	Jasmine	Azusa	2/13/1896		Instituted		
145	Foothill	Glendora	11/17/1996	145	Jasmine		
				357	Foothill		
146	Delano	Delano	3/12/1896		Instituted		
146	La Rosa	Wasco	5/22/1972	146	Delano	146	La Rosa
				489	Wasco		
146	La Rosa	Wasco	11/26/1976	146	La Rosa		
				514	Faith		
147	Pearl	Compton	4/10/1896		Instituted		
147	Golden Crown	Norwalk	11/22/1996	147	Pearl		
				613	Century		

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					Instituted		
151	Chispa	Anaheim	6/06/1896				
151	Chispa	Anaheim	5/29/1990	151	Chispa		
				191	Brea		
151	Chispa	Anaheim	11/25/1997	151	Chispa		
				240	Buena Park		
					Instituted		
155	Mission	San Francisco	12/19/1896				
155	Golden West Mission	San Francisco	11/03/1975	155	Mission		
				350	Golden West		
			11/08/1990	99	Amity	99	San Francisco
				155	Golden West Mission		
					Instituted		
160	Occident	Downey	6/19/1897				
160	Occident-Guardian	Downey	11/15/1988	160	Occident		
				439	Guardian		
160	Downey	Downey	2/15/1994	160	Occident Guardian		
				626	In Shallah		
					Instituted		
161	Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	1/06/1898				
161	Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	11/23/1985	161	Gold Ridge		
				182	Valley Home		
161	Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	2/05/1991	161	Gold Ridge		
				336	Riverview		
161	Gold Ridge Star	Sebastopol	2/24/1993	61	Morning Star		
				161	Gold Ridge		
161	Gold Ridge Star	Sebastopol	1/20/1995	161	Gold Ridge Star		
				634	Santa Rosa		
					Instituted		
163	Scepter	Orange	3/11/1898				
163	Scepter	Orange	7/14/1986	163	Scepter		
				389	Santa Ana		
					Instituted		
167	Esperanza	Los Angeles	2/11/1899				
167	Esperanza-East Gate	Glendale	9/12/1972	167	Esperanza		
				225	East Gate		
167	Highland Park	Los Angeles	10/18/1982	167	Esperanza-East Gate		
				263	Highland Park		
			11/29/1986	21	Acacia - Rose	21	Highland Park
				167	Highland Park		

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168	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/14/1899		Instituted		
168	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	7/12/1971	168	Los Angeles		
				441	Utopia		
			2/25/1977	168	Los Angeles	258	Los Angeles
				258	Golden State		
				281	Pleiades Orme		
169	Olive Branch	San Francisco	3/29/1899		Instituted		
169	Starr King	San Francisco	9/24/1965	169	Olive Branch		
				204	Starr King		
		San Francisco	6/24/1971	169	Starr King	170	King Solomon's
				170	King Solomon's		
170	King Solomon's	San Francisco	4/04/1899		Instituted		
170	King Solomon's	San Francisco	6/24/1971	169	Starr King		
				170	King Solomon's		
			8/28/1980	170	King Solomon's	255	Richmond
				255	Richmond		
173	Long Beach	Long Beach	8/07/1899		Instituted		
173	Long Beach Bettina	Long Beach	8/14/1992	173	Long Beach		
				399	Bettina		
173	Long Beach	Long Beach	11/09/1997	173	Long Beach Bettina		
				414	Mar Vista		
175	Sisson	Mount Shasta	9/23/1899		Instituted		
175	Sisson-White Pine	Mount Shasta	2/12/1983	175	Sisson		
				487	White Pine		
178	Berkeley	Berkeley	4/04/1900		Instituted		
178	Alethe-Berkeley	Berkeley	6/06/1967	178	Berkeley		
				366	Alethe		
178	Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	1/16/1984	178	Alethe Berkeley		
				375	Thousand Oaks		
178	Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/09/1990	178	Thousand Oaks		
				550	Vista Cerrito		
178	Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	11/24/1991	178	Vista Cerrito		
				290	West Gate		
179	Ontario	Ontario	5/03/1900		Instituted		
179	Euclid	Ontario	8/31/1900		Name changed from Ontario to Euclid		
179	Sunrise	Ontario	11/15/1990	179	Euclid		
				330	Chino Valley		
182	Valley Home	Windsor	7/28/1900		Instituted		
			11/23/1985	161	Gold Ridge	161	Gold Ridge
				182	Valley Home		

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					Instituted		
183	California	San Francisco	8/14/1900				
183	California	San Francisco	1/02/1952	183	California		
				206	Aloha		
183	California	San Francisco	3/22/1968	183	California		
				228	Yerba Buena		
183	California-Presidio	San Francisco	11/12/1986	183	California		
				481	Presidio		
			11/12/1992	99	San Francisco	99	San Francisco
				183	California-Presidio		
					Instituted		
184	Crockett	Crockett	8/07/1900				
			4/24/1984	184	Crockett	220	Pinole-Crockett
				220	Pinole		
					Instituted		
186	Laurel	San Mateo	9/22/1900				
186	Peninsula	Burlingame	11/30/1986	186	Laurel		
				275	Burlingame		
					Instituted		
188	Tehachapi	Tehachapi	1/16/1901				
188	Tehachapi	Tehachapi	12/03/1969	188	Techachapi		
				603	Arvin		
					Instituted		
189	Calistoga	Calistoga	1/19/1901				
189	Calistoga Keystone	St. Helena	6/23/1996	189	Calistoga		
				235	Keystone		
					Instituted		
190	Sacramento	Sacramento	3/07/1901				
190	Ada-Sacramento	Sacramento	11/16/1989	190	Sacramento		
				301	Ada		
					Instituted		
191	Fullerton	Fullerton	3/19/1901				
191	Brea	Brea	2/12/1979	191	Fullerton		
				506	Brea		
			5/29/1990	151	Chispa	151	Chispa
				191	Brea		
					Instituted		
192	Pacific	Los Angeles	3/23/1901				
192	Trinity	Los Angeles	2/24/1972	192	Pacific		
				217	Loyalty		
192	United	Los Angeles	2/15/1977	192	Elysian		
				520	Wil-Brea		
192	Elysian	Los Angeles	2/27/1989	192	United		
				354	Elysian		
			11/20/1993	133	Hollywood	133	Hollywood
				192	Elysian		
				313	Eagle Rock-Glassell		

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193	Alhambra	Alhambra	3/25/1901		Instituted		
193	Alhambra-Granada	Alhambra	11/20/1990	193	Alhambra		
				442	Granada		
193	Alhambra	Alhambra	8/24/1993	193	Alhambra-Granada		
				554	San Marino		
196	San Francisco	San Francisco	9/16/1901		Instituted		
			11/30/1973	1	Golden Gate	1	Golden Gate
				27	Ivy		
				196	San Francisco		
				460	Justice		
197	Mt. Whitney	Bishop	1/11/1902		Instituted		
197	Mt. Whitney	Bishop	6/19/1991	197	Mt. Whitney		
				595	Mono		
198	Maspha	Brentwood	4/23/1902		Instituted		
			11/06/1993	42	Ariel	42	Ariel
				198	Maspha		
199	Ionia	Davis	4/29/1902		Instituted		
199	Golden Valley	Davis	5/22/1996	199	Ionia		
				221	Golden Rod		
200	Las Mariposas	Mariposa	5/27/1902		Instituted		
200	Las Mariposas	Mariposa	11/17/1991	200	Las Mariposas		
				641	Sierra Vista		
201	Beckwith Star	Beckwourth	6/25/1902		Instituted		
201	Beckwith Portola Star	Beckwourth	6/30/1996	201	Beckwith		
				321	Portola		
202	La Paloma	Covina	8/05/1902		Instituted		
202	West Covina	Orange	11/21/1997	202	La Paloma		
				325	West Covina		
204	Starr King	San Francisco	9/26/1902		Instituted		
			9/24/1965	169	Olive Branch	169	Starr King
				204	Starr King		
205	Miramar	Richmond	9/30/1902		Instituted		
205	El Portal	Richmond	9/14/1984	205	Miramar		
				249	Acantha		
205	Mission Bell	Richmond	11/22/1992	205	El Portal		
				605	Mission Bell		
205	Mission Bell	Richmond	12/10/1993	205	Mission Bell		
				220	Pinole-Crockett		

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206	Aloha	San Francisco	10/04/1902		Instituted		
			1/02/1952	183	California	183	California
				206	Aloha		
208	Citrus	Orland	2/25/1903		Instituted		
			1/08/1987	86	Marshall	86	Citrus
				208	Citrus		
209	Hollywood	Hollywood	2/28/1903		Instituted		
209	Hollywood-Malta	Hollywood	11/20/1973	209	Hollywood		
				475	Malta		
209	Hollywood	Hollywood	1/12/1980	209	Hollywood-Malta		
				210	Mendias-Ray		
209	Hollywood	Hollywood	8/02/1986	133	South Gate		
				209	Hollywood		
210	Palestine	Los Angeles	3/07/1903		Instituted		
210	Mendias Ray	Los Angeles	11/28/1972	210	Palestine		
				485	Mendias Ray		
			1/12/1980	209	Hollywood-Malta	209	Hollywood
				210	Mendias Ray		
211	Colton	Colton	7/08/1903		Instituted		
211	Rialto	Rialto	11/16/1991	211	Colton		
				596	Rialto		
212	Gate City	San Bernardino	9/25/1998	142	Copa del Oro		
				212	Gate City		
215	San Rafael	San Rafael	9/11/1903		Instituted		
215	Marin Star	San Rafael	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael		
				594	Fairfax		
				609	Novato		
216	Sunset	Los Angeles	9/16/1903		Instituted		
216	Los Feliz		11/25/1974	216	Sunset		
				329	Olivette-Wilshire		
216	Los Feliz	Los Angeles	4/20/1981	216	Los Feliz		
				540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler		
216	Los Feliz	Los Angeles	11/26/1984	216	Los Feliz		
				258	Los Angeles		
		Los Angeles	9/14/1989	21	Highland Park	21	Highland Park
				216	Los Feliz		
217	Loyalty	Los Angeles	9/22/1903		Instituted		
			2/07/1972	192	Pacific	192	Trinity
				217	Loyallty		

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218	Yosolano	Winters	2/13/1904		Instituted		
218	Esparto-Winters	Esparto	3/17/1983	218	Yosolano		
				341	Esparto-Winters		
218	Esparto-Grafton	Esparto	2/28/1987	218	Esparto-Winters		
				379	Esparto-Grafton		
220	Pinole	Hercules	2/23/1904		Instituted		
220	Pinole-Crockett	Hercules	4/24/1984	184	Crockett		
				220	Pinole		
			12/10/1993	205	Mission Bell	205	Mission Bell
				220	Pinole-Crockett		
221	Golden Rod	Dixon	4/02/1904		Instituted		
			5/22/1996	199	Ionia	199	Golden Valley
				221	Golden Rod		
223	Loyal	Williams	4/27/1904		Instituted		
			12/09/1975	223	Loyal	368	Arbuckle-Loyal
				368	Arbuckle		
224	Celeandine	Loyalton	6/22/1904		Instituted		
			9/16/1972	129	Sierra Star	129	Sierra Star
				224	Celeandine		
225	East Gate	Los Angeles	2/15/1905		Instituted		
		Glendale	9/12/1972	167	Esperanza	167	Esperanza-East Gate
				225	East Gate		
227	Monrovia	Monrovia	4/12/1905		Instituted		
227	Monrovia	Monrovia	8/29/1972	227	Monrovia		
				575	Santa Anita		
			4/28/1984	227	Monrovia	471	Arcadia
				471	Arcadia		
228	Yerba Buena	San Francisco	4/14/1905		Instituted		
			3/22/1968	183	California	183	California
				228	Yerba Buena		
229	Imperial	San Francisco	4/17/1905		Instituted		
229	Parnassus-Imperial	San Francisco	6/20/1974	229	Imperial		
				269	Parnassus		
			1/24/1996	1	Golden Gate	1	Golden Gate
				229	Parnassus-Imperial		
230	Sapphire	Fort Bragg	4/17/1905		Instituted		
			5/16/1993	111	Ocean View	111	Oceanview
				230	Sapphire		

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231	Lower Lake	Lower Lake	4/20/1905		Instituted		
231	Lower Lake	Clear Lake	11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake		
				585	Mountain Star		
232	Bonner	Cedarville	4/29/1905		Instituted		
232	Bonner	Cedarville	10/28/1964	232	Bonner		
				254	North East		
			6/25/1986	51	Alturas	51	Alturas
				232	Bonner		
235	Keystone	Napa	9/27/1905		Instituted		
			6/23/1996	189	Calistoga	189	Calistoga Keystone
				235	Keystone		
237	Glen Eyrie	Glendale	2/22/1906		Instituted		
237	Glendale Glen Eyrie	Glendale	11/09/1994	237	Glen Eyrie		
				422	Glendale		
237	Glencrest	La Cresenta	11/15/1996	237	Glendale Glen Eyrie		
				494	Crescenta Valley		
238	Jewel	San Francisco	3/20/1906		Instituted		
			4/26/1977	124	Harmony	124	Harmony Jewel
				238	Jewel		
239	Monterey	Monterey	3/30/1906		Instituted		
			1/18/1993	68	Ocean Spray	68	Monterey Peninsula
				239	Monterey		
240	Buena Park	Buena Park	4/06/1906		Instituted		
			11/25/1997	151	Chispa	151	Chispa
				240	Buena Park		
241	La Victoria	San Jacinto	4/06/1906		Instituted		
241	Tahquitz-Victoria	Hemet	11/19/1992	241	La Victoria		
				351	Tahquitz		
242	Needles	Needles	4/11/1906		Instituted		
242	Barstow	Barstow	12/29/1996	242	Needles		
				546	Barstow		
245	Ocean Park	Ocean Park	5/10/1906		Instituted		
245	Ocean Park	Santa Monica	1/19/1984	245	Ocean Park		
				395	Culver City		
245	Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/21/1991	245	Ocean Park		
				446	Ionic-Menorah		

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245	Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/19/1992	245	Ocean Park		
				247	Columbia-Beverly Hills		
245	Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/17/1994	113	Santa Monica		
				245	Ocean Park		
247	Columbia	West Los Angeles	6/14/1906		Instituted		
247	Columbia-Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	11/22/1986	247	Columbia		
				404	Beverly Hills		
			11/19/192	245	Ocean Park		
				247	Columbia-Beverly Hills	245	Ocean Park
248	Hollenbeck	Los Angeles	6/02/1906		Instituted		
248	Holly Gardens	Los Angeles	5/02/1972	248	Hollenbeck		
				464	The Gardens		
248	Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/25/1984	248	Holly Gardens		
				623	La Mirada		
			11/17/1990	144	Lyra	144	Lyra
				248	Holly Gardens		
249	Acantha	Richmond	9/07/1906		Instituted		
			9/14/1984	205	Miramar	205	El Portal
				249	Acantha		
252	Casimir	San Francisco	4/13/1907		Instituted		
252	Casimir	San Francisco	11/04/1965	252	Casimir		
				432	Forest		
252	Casimir	San Francisco	7/14/1980	252	Casimir		
				427	Seaport		
252	Casimir	San Francisco	3/13/1989	252	Casimir		
				470	Roosevelt		
252	Casimir	San Francisco	11/07/1991	252	Casimir		
				374	Lebanon		
252	Pacific Star	San Francisco	5/05/1995	252	Casimir		
				255	Richmond		
253	Artesia	Artesia	4/15/1907		Instituted		
			4/02/1997	143	Norwalk	143	Emerald Star
				253	Artesia		
254	North East	Fort Bidwell	4/19/1907		Instituted		
			10/28/1964	232	Bonner	232	Bonner
				254	North East		
255	Richmond	San Francisco	4/22/1904		Instituted		
255	Richmond	San Francisco	8/28/1980	255	Richmond		
				170	King Solomon's		

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255	Richmond	San Francisco	5/26/1988	255	Richmond		
				284	Albert Pike		
			5/26/1995	252	Casimir	252	Pacific Star
				255	Richmond		
257	Reedley	Reedley	5/28/1907		Instituted		
			1/12/1972	257	Reedley	261	Alta
				261	Dinuba		
258	Oriental	Los Angeles	9/06/1907		Instituted		
258	Golden State	Los Angeles	5/26/1970	258	Oriental		
				298	Golden State		
258	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/25/1977	168	Los Angeles		
				258	Golden State		
				281	Pleiades Orme		
			11/26/1984	216	Los Feliz	216	Los Feliz
				258	Los Angeles		
260	Gardena	Gardena	9/30/1907		Instituted		
260	Gardena	Gardena	5/22/1992	260	Gardena		
				315	Moneta		
262	Amity	San Francisco	11/30/1907		Instituted		
262	Amity	San Francisco	6/23/1969	262	Amity		
				434	Trinity		
			2/11/1974	99	Beulah-Liberty	99	Amity
				262	Amity		
263	Highland Park	Los Angeles	1/13/1908		Instituted		
263	Highland Park	Los Angeles	9/09/1979	263	Highland Park		
				266	Garvanza		
			10/18/1982	167	Esperanza East Gate	167	Highland Park
				263	Highland Park		
264	San Diego	San Diego	1/17/1908		Instituted		
			11/19/1991	96	Southern Star	96	San Diego Star
				294	San Diego		
266	Garvanza	Los Angeles	2/19/1908		Instituted		
			9/09/1979	263	Highland Park	263	Highland Park
				266	Garvanza		
267	Golden Rule	Imperial	2/21/1908		Instituted		
			3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule	276	Imperial Valley
				276	Signal Alamitos Crown		
				289	Alamo		

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268	West Lake	Beverly Hills	2/22/1908		Instituted		
			11/19/1968	133	South Gate	133	South Gate
				268	West Lake		
269	Parnassus	San Francisco	2/27/1908		Instituted		
			6/20/1974	229	Imperial	229	Parnassus Imperial
				269	Parnasus		
270	Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	3/14/1908		Instituted		
			2/09/1991	41	Lily of the Lake	41	Lily of the Lake
				270	Eschscholtzia		
271	Monte Vista	Orosi	3/16/1908		Instituted		
			11/26/1989	93	Heliotrope	93	Heliotrope
				271	Monte Vista		
272	South Pasadena	South Pasadena	3/28/1908		Instituted		
			11/23/1991	133	Hollywood	133	Hollywood
				272	South Pasadena		
273	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	4/04/1908		Instituted		
273	Santa Cruz Redwoods	Santa Cruz	11/23/1991	273	Santa Cruz		
				638	Valley of the Redwoods		
274	St. Helena	St. Helena	5/02/1908		Instituted		
			4/05/1984	59	Silver Spray	59	Silver Spray
				274	St. Helena		
275	Burlingame	Burlingame	5/16/1908		Instituted		
			11/30/1986	186	Laurel	186	Peninsula
				275	Burlingame		
276	Signal	El Centro	6/08/1908		Instituted		
276	Signal Alamitos	El Centro	3/19/1977	276	Signal		
				316	Alamitos		
276	Signal-Alamitos Crown	El Centro	9/30/1983	276	Signal Alamitos		
				311	Imperial		
276	Imperial Valley	Brawley	3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule		
				276	Signal-Alamitos Crown		
				289	Alamo		
277	Athens	Oakland	6/10/1908		Instituted		
			9/15/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8	Oak Leaf
				277	Athens		

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280	Amo	San Francisco	1/22/1909		Instituted		
280	Occidental	San Francisco	6/20/1931		Name change to Occidental approved by WGM		
280	Victory	San Francisco	12/03/1968	280	Occidental		
				388	Victory		
280	George Washington Victory	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280	Victory		
				409	George Washington		
280	Sunset	San Francisco	11/13/1994	280	George Washington Victory		
				396	Seal Rock Brilliant Star		
281	Pleiades	Los Angeles	1/30/1909		Instituted		
281	Pleiades-Orme	Los Angeles	10/08/1971	281	Pleiades		
				492	Henry S. Orme		
			2/25/1977	168	Los Angeles	258	Los Angeles
				258	Golden State		
				281	Pleiades-Orme		
284	Albert Pike	San Francisco	4/26/1909		Instituted		
			5/26/1988	255	Richmond	255	Richmond
				284	Albert Pike		
286	Rising Light	Huntington Park	5/28/1909		Instituted		
286	Bell	Bell	6/16/1987	286	Rising Light		
				393	Bell		
			11/25/1996	286	Bell	397	Bellflower
				397	Bellflower		
287	Poinsettia	Oceanside	6/08/1909		Instituted		
287	Poinsettia	Oceanside	11/28/1995	287	Poinsettia		
				620	San Dieguito		
287	Poinsettia	Oceanside	4/14/1998	287	Poinsettia		
				453	Santa Maria		
288	Fraternity	San Jose	11/23/1909		Instituted		
288	Bright Star	San Jose	11/26/1991	288	Fraternity		
				493	Jarman		
289	Alamo	Brawley	1/13/1910		Instituted		
			3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule	276	Imperial Valley
				276	Signal-Alamitos Crown		
				289	Alamo		
290	West Gate	Berkeley	2/01/1910		Instituted		
			11/24/1991	178	Vista Cerrito	178	Vista Cerrito
				290	West Gate		

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291	Point Arena	Point Arena	5/31/1910		Instituted		
			4/29/1990	111	Ocean View	111	Ocean View
				291	Point Arena		
293	Elvesta	Oakland	7/30/1910		Instituted		
293	Foothill	Hayward	6/10/1980	293	Elvesta		
				433	Foothill		
			12/29/1986	103	Golden Wave	103	Golden Wave
				293	Foothill		
294	Pleasanton	Pleasanton	9/22/1910		Instituted		
294	Castro Valley	Castro Valley	11/15/1997	294	Pleasanton		
				455	Castro Valley-Hayward		
295	Fresno	Fresno	9/30/1910		Instituted		
			11/27/1995	89	Raisina	89	Raisina Fresno
				295	Fresno		
296	Wistaria	Turlock	10/01/1910		Instituted		
296	Ceres	Ceres	11/21/1993	296	Wisteria		
				416	Smyrna		
297	Fruitvale	Oakland	12/21/1910		Instituted		
297	Alameda	Alameda	8/20/1982	297	Fruitvale		
				386	Alameda		
298	Halcyon	Los Angeles	1/10/1911		Instituted		
298	Golden State	Los Angeles	8/12/1919		Name changed approved by WGP		
			5/26/1970	258	Oriental	258	Golden State
				298	Golden State		
300	La Mesa	La Mesa	3/04/1911		Instituted		
300	Star of the East	El Cajon	11/16/1991	300	La Mesa		
				429	El Cajon		
301	Ada	Sacramento	3/23/1911		Instituted		
			11/16/1989	190	Sacramento	190	Ada-Sacramento
				301	Ada		
303	Golden Chain	Oakland	4/29/1911		Instituted		
			8/17/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland	140	Nova Dies-Oakland
				303	Golden Chain		
305	Ruth	So. San Francisco	5/12/1911		Instituted		
305	Unity	So. San Francisco	11/22/1992	305	Ruth		
				583	Crystal Springs		

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306	Lindsay	Lindsay	6/13/1911		Instituted		
			3/31/1987	114	Palm Leaf	114	Palm Leaf
				306	Lindsey		
307	Southland	Pasadena	1/13/1912		Instituted		
			11/16/1990	108	Pasadena-Melita	108	Pasadena
				307	Southland		
308	Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	1/19/1912		Instituted		
			8/06/1976	308	Mary E. Partridge	410	Lake Merritt
				410	Lake Merritt		
309	Calkota	Kerman	2/17/1912		Instituted		
309	Concordia	Clovis	12/18/1990	309	Calkota		
				320	Concordia		
310	Palos Verdes	Long Beach	2/26/1912		Instituted		
310	Meridian	Long Beach	1/27/1990	310	Palos Verdes		
				435	Searchlight		
310	Meridian	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310	Meridian		
				502	All States		
310	Meridian	Long Beach	3/13/1994	310	Meridian		
				617	Star of Lakewood		
311	Imperial Crown	Calexico	3/27/1912		Instituted		
			9/30/1983	276	Signal Alamitos	276	Signal-Alamitos
				311	Imperial		Crown
312	Kingsburg	Kingsburg	7/11/1912		Instituted		
			9/24/1979	93	Heliotrope	93	Heliotrope
				312	Kingsburg		
313	Eagle Rock	Los Angeles	9/12/1912		Instituted		
313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	Los Angeles	11/09/1987	313	Eagle Rock		
				486	Glassell Park		
			11/20/1993	133	Hollywood	133	Hollywood
				192	Elysian		
				313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park		
315	Moneta	Los Angeles	11/30/1912		Instituted		
			5/22/1992	260	Gardena	260	Gardena
				315	Moneta		
316	Alamitos	Holtville	2/01/1913		Instituted		
			3/19/1977	276	Signal	276	Signal Alamitos
				316	Alamitos		

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317	Rose Croix	Los Angeles	3/10/1913		Instituted		
			5/14/1971	21	Acacia	21	Acacia-Rose Croix
				317	Rose Croix		
319	Inglewood	Inglewood	5/10/1913		Instituted		
319	Centinela Valley	Hawthorne	6/25/1985	319	Inglewood		
				569	Westchester		
319	Centinela Valley	Hawthorne	11/12/1988	319	Centinela Valley		
				469	Hawthorne		
320	Concordia	Clovis	6/03/1913		Instituted		
			12/18/1990	309	Calkota	309	Concordia
				320	Concordia		
321	Portola	Portola	6/16/1913		Instituted		
			6/30/1996	201	Beckwith	201	Beckwith Portola Star
				321	Portola		
323	Maricopa	Maricopa	7/12/1913		Instituted		
323	Taft	Taft	1/20/1970	323	Maricopa		
				337	Taft		
325	La Puente	La Puente	4/04/1914		Instituted		
325	West Covina	West Covina	8/10/1991	325	La Puente		
				527	West Covina		
			11/21/1997	202	La Paloma	202	West Covina
				325	West Covina		
326	Wild Rose	Afton	4/22/1914		Instituted		
326	Wild Rose	Afton	11/11/1990	326	Wild Rose		
				328	Eowana		
			6/20/1996	104	Josephine Chico	104	Josephine Chico
				326	Wild Rose		
328	Eowana	Stonyford	5/30/1914		Instituted		
			11/11/1990	326	Wild Rose	326	Wild Rose
				328	Eowana		
329	Wilshire	Los Angeles	7/18/1914		Instituted		
329	Olivette-Wilshire	Los Angeles	11/24/1969	329	Wilshire		
				503	Olivette		
329	Olivette-Wilshire	Los Angeles	11/26/1973	329	Olivette-Wilshire		
				418	Arlington		
			11/25/1974	216	Sunset	216	Los Feliz
				329	Olivette-Wilshire		

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330	Chino Valley	Chino	7/21/1914		Instituted		
			11/15/1990	179	Euclid	179	Sunrise
				330	Chino Valley		
331	Hayward	Hayward	9/23/1914		Instituted		
			11/07/1992	331	Hayward	455	Castro Valley-Hayward
				455	Castro Valley		
334	Exeter	Exeter	2/26/1915		Instituted		
			3/11/1988	13	Martha Washington	13	Martha Washington
				334	Exeter		
335	Montebello	Montebello	3/17/1915		Instituted		
335	Whittier	Whittier	11/17/1989	335	Montebello		
				444	Whittier		
335	Whittier	Whittier	1/31/1991	335	Whittier		
				508	La Habra		
336	Riverview	Guerneville	4/13/1915		Instituted		
			2/05/1991	161	Gold Ridge	161	Gold Ridge
				336	Riverview		
337	Taft	Taft	5/22/1915		Instituted		
337	Taft	Taft	2/02/1968	337	Taft		
				364	Buena Vista		
			1/20/1970	323	Maricopa	323	Taft
				337	Taft		
341	Esparto	Esparto	4/28/1916		Instituted		
			3/17/1983	218	Yosolano	218	Esparto-Winters
				341	Esparto		
343	York	Watts	6/13/1916		Instituted		
343	Majestic Star	South Gate	2/07/1972	343	York		
				480	Majestic		
				618	Parva Stella		
343	Majestic Star	Southgate	4/13/1977	343	Majestic Star		
				477	Florence		
			11/26/1984	343	Majestic Star	397	Bellflower
				397	Bellflower		
345	South West	National City	10/09/1916		Instituted		
345	Chula Vista	Chula Vista	11/25/1996	345	South West		
				458	Chula Vista		

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349	Cacheville	Yolo	4/24/1917		Instituted		
			2/22/1985	60	Yolo	60	Yolo
				349	Cacheville		
350	Golden West	San Francisco	6/01/1918		Instituted		
			11/03/1975	155	Mission	155	Golden West Mission
				350	Golden West		
351	Tahquitz	Hemet	9/21/1918		Instituted		
			11/18/1992	241	La Victoria	241	Tahquitz-Victoria
				351	Tahquitz		
352	Burbank	Burbank	3/31/1919		Instituted		
352	Burbank	Burbank	7/06/1983	352	Burbank		
				598	Magnolia Park		
352	Burbank	Burbank	2/20/1991	352	Burbank		
				465	Heritage Roseland		
353	Pittsburg	Pittsburg	6/26/1919		Instituted		
			9/13/1983	42	Ariel	42	Ariel
				353	Pittsburg		
354	Elysian	Los Angeles	6/28/1919		Instituted		
354	Elysian	Los Angeles	3/27/1970	354	Elysian		
				424	Nimshi		
354	Elysian	Los Angeles	3/26/1982	354	Elysian		
				413	Cahuenga		
			2/27/1989	192	United	192	Elysian
				354	Elysian		
355	Golden Poppy	Stockton	8/04/1919		Instituted		
			11/23/1991	50	Homo	50	Valley Oaks
				355	Golden Poppy		
357	Glen	Glendora	10/03/1919		Instituted		
357	Foothill	Glendora	1/13/1990	357	Glen		
				509	San Dimas		
			11/17/1996	145	Jasmine	145	Foothill
				357	Foothill		
358	Corinthian	San Diego	12/15/1919		Instituted		
358	North Park	San Diego	11/19/1989	358	Corinthian		
				387	Silver Strand		
361	Fillmore	Fillmore	3/13/1920		Instituted		
			11/14/1987	79	Ventura	79	Ventura-Fillmore
				361	Fillmore		

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362	Progressive	Bakersfield	5/12/1920		Instituted		
362	Libertas	Bakersfield	10/ /1928		Name change granted by Grand Chapter		
362	Libertas	Bakersfield	6/29/1987	146	La Rosa		
				362	Libertas		
363	Lyman	Biggs	5/15/1920		Instituted		
			1/06/1992	35	Vernon	35	Vernon-Lyman
				363	Lyman		
364	Buena Vista	Fellows	7/09/1920		Instituted		
			2/20/1968	337	Taft	337	Taft
				364	Buena Vista		
366	Alethe	Berkeley	8/23/1920		Instituted		
			6/06/1967	178	Berkeley	178	Alethe-Berkeley
				366	Alethe		
367	Ramona Star	Monterey Park	9/15/1920		Instituted		
367	Ramona Star-Belvedere	Monterey Park	6/21/1985	367	Ramona Star		
				402	Belvedere		
367	Mission Star	San Gabriel	8/29/1988	367	Ramona Star-Belvedere		
				407	San Gabriel		
367	Rosemead	Rosemead	11/13/1993	367	Mission Star		
				430	Rosemead		
368	Arbuckle	Arbuckle	9/21/1920		Instituted		
368	Arbuckle-Loyal	Arbuckle	12/09/1975	233	Loyal		
				368	Arbuckle		
			11/10/1989	84	Veritas	84	Veritas
				368	Arbuckle-Loyal		
369	Maxwell	Maxwell	9/22/1920		Instituted		
			2/08/1965	326	Wild Rose	326	Wild Rose
				369	Maxwell		
370	Corcoran	Corcoran	11/30/1920		Instituted		
			6/25/1990	94	Tulare	94	Tulare-Corcoran
				370	Corcoran		
371	Live Oak	Galt	4/13/1921		Instituted		
			3/30/1994	118	Woodbridge	118	Woodbridge Oaks
				371	Live Oak		
374	Lebanon	San Francisco	5/21/1921		Instituted		
			11/07/1991	252	Casimir	252	Casimir
				374	Lebanon		

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375	Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	5/27/1921		Instituted		
			1/16/1984	178	Alethe-Berkeley	178	Thousand Oaks
				375	Thousand Oaks		
376	Sunbeam	Los Angeles	6/02/1921		Instituted		
			6/21/1976	376	Sunbeam	498	Composite
				498	Composite		
379	Grafton	Knights Landing	7/14/1921		Instituted		
			2/28/1987	218	Esparto-Winters	218	Esparto-Grafton
				379	Grafton		
380	Torrance	Torrance	7/30/1921		Instituted		
380	Torrance	Torrance	11/18/1989	380	Torrance		
				459	Wilmington		
381	McCloud	McCloud	9/03/1921		Instituted		
			3/25/1976	131	Fidelity	131	Fidelity
				381	McCloud		
382	Crocker	Daly City	9/09/1921		Instituted		
			11/18/1995	124	Harmony	124	Harmony
				382	Crocker		
383	Beacon	Richmond	9/09/1921		Instituted		
383	Beacon Point	Richmond	1/20/1990	383	Beacon		
				394	Point		
386	Alameda	Alameda	11/30/1921		Instituted		
			8/20/1982	297	Fruitvale	297	Alameda
				386	Alameda		
387	Silver Strand	San Diego	12/17/1921		Instituted		
			11/09/1989	358	Corinthian	358	North Park
				387	Silver Strand		
388	Victory	San Francisco	2/11/1922		Instituted		
			12/03/1968	280	Occidental	280	Victory
				388	Victory		
389	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	3/08/1922		Instituted		
			7/14/1986	163	Scepter	163	Scepter
				389	Santa Ana		
392	Effie Easton	Oakland	4/24/1922		Instituted		
			6/16/1975	8	Oak Leaf	8	Oak Leaf
				392	Effie Easton		

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393	Bell	Bell	5/02/1922		Instituted		
393	Bell	Bell	12/07/1976	393	Bell		
				573	San Antonio		
			6/16/1987	286	Rising Light	286	Bell
				393	Bell		
394	Point	Richmond	7/06/1922		Instituted		
			1/20/1990	383	Beacon	383	Beacon Point
				394	Point		
395	Culver City	Los Angeles	7/27/1922		Instituted		
			1/19/1984	245	Ocean Park	245	Ocean Park
				395	Culver City		
396	Seal Rock	San Francisco	8/11/1922		Instituted		
396	Seal Rock Brilliant Star	San Francisco	3/12/1982	396	Seal Rock		
				472	Brilliant Star		
			11/13/1994	280	George Washington Victory	280	Sunset
				396	Seal Rock Brilliant Star		
397	Bellflower	Bellflower	9/06/1922		Instituted		
397	Bellflower	Bellflower	11/26/1984	343	Majestic Star		
				297	Bellflower		
397	Bellflower	Bellflower	11/25/1996	286	Bell		
				397	Bellflower		
399	Bettina	Long Beach	10/11/1922		Instituted		
			8/14/1992	173	Long Beach	173	Long Beach Bettina
				399	Bettina		
400	Riverdale	Riverdale	11/29/1922		Instituted		
			6/21/1944	41	Lily of the Lake	41	Lily of the Lake
				400	Riverdale		
402	Belvedere	Los Angeles	12/23/1922		Instituted		
			6/21/1985	367	Ramona Star	367	Ramona Star-Belvedere
				402	Belvedere		
403	Lankershim	Lankershim	1/16/1923		Instituted		
403	North Hollywood	North Hollywood	11/29/1950		WGM approved name change		
403	North Hollywood-Noel	North Hollywood	11/19/1991	403	North Hollywood		
				611	Noel		
404	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	2/02/1923		Instituted		
			11/22/1986	247	Columbia	247	Columbia-Beverly Hills
				404	Beverly Hills		

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406	Siloam	Los Angeles	4/11/1923		Instituted		
406	Tri Star	Los Angeles	9/08/1972	406	Siloam		
				411	West Adams		
				543	Windsor		
			3/28/1979	405	Tri Star	516	Morning Vista
				516	Morning Vista		
407	San Gabriel	San Gabriel	4/27/1923		Instituted		
			8/29/1988	367	Ramona Star Belvedere	367	Mission Star
				407	San Gabriel		
408	America	Los Angeles	6/16/1923		Instituted		
			4/13/1978	408	America	430	Sereno America
				430	El Sereno		
409	George Washington	San Francisco	7/09/1923		Instituted		
			9/24/1979	280	Victory	280	George Washington Victory
				409	George Washington		
410	Lake Merritt	Oakland	7/10/1923		Instituted		
410	Lake Merritt	Oakland	9/19/1975	410	Lake Merritt		
				415	Loma Vista		
410	Lake Merritt	Oakland	8/06/1976	308	Mary E. Partridge		
				410	Lake Merritt		
			11/12/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland	140	Nova Dies-Oakland
				410	Lake Merritt		
411	West Adams	Los Angeles	7/27/1923		Instituted		
			9/08/1972	406	Tri Star	406	Tri Star
				411	West Adams		
				543	Windsor		
412	Estrella	East San Diego	8/04/1923		Instituted		
412	Estrella	San Diego	11/24/1992	412	Estrella		
				647	Lakeside		
413	Cahuenga	Hollywood	8/08/1923		Instituted		
			3/26/1982	354	Elysian	354	Elysian
				413	Cahuenga		
414	Service	Long Beach	8/13/1923		Instituted		
414	El Petro-Service	Long Beach	7/12/1983	414	Service		
				507	El Petrol		
414	Mar Vista	Long Beach	8/29/1989	414	El Petrol-Service		
				511	Mar Vista		

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414	Mar Vista	Long Beach	11/19/1991	414	Mar Vista		
				570	Catalina Island		
			11/09/1997	173	Long Beach Bettina	173	Long Beach
				414	Mar Vista		
415	Loma Vista	Oakland	8/17/1923		Instituted		
			9/19/1975	410	Lake Merritt	410	Lake Merritt
				415	Loma Vista		
416	Smyrna	Ceres	8/18/1923		Instituted		
			11/21/1993	296	Wisteria	296	Ceres
				416	Smyrna		
418	Arlington	Los Angeles	11/17/1923		Instituted		
			11/26/1973	329	Olivette-Wilshire	329	Olivette-Wilshire
				418	Arlington		
420	Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/30/1923		Instituted		
			11/26/1990	117	Columbus	117	Columbus-Fort Sutter
				420	Fort Sutter		
421	Radiant	Hollywood	1/19/1924		Instituted		
			5/28/1971	265	Daylight	265	Radiant-Daylight
				421	Radiant		
422	Glendale	Glendale	1/19/1924		Instituted		
			11/09/1994	237	Glen Eyrie	237	Glendale Glen Eyrie
				422	Glendale		
423	Plymouth	Oakland	1/31/1924		Instituted		
423	Plymouth	Oakland	8/13/1973	423	Plymouth		
				484	Prudence		
			4/25/1983	8	Oak Leaf	8	Oak Leaf
				423	Plymouth		
424	Nimshi	Los Angeles	2/09/1924		Instituted		
			3/27/1970	354	Elysian	354	Elysian
				424	Nimshi		
425	Playa Linda	Hermosa Beach	3/01/1924		Instituted		
425	Playa Linda-Ascot	Manhattan Beach	11/12/1990	425	Playa Linda		
				437	Ascot		
427	Seaport	San Francisco	3/29/1924		Instituted		
			7/14/1980	252	Casimir	252	Casimir
				427	Seaport		

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429	El Cajon	El Cajon	5/17/1924		Instituted			
			11/16/1991	300	La Mesa		300	Star of the East
				429	El Cajon			
430	El Sereno	Los Angeles	6/02/1924		Instituted			
430	Sereno America	Los Angeles	4/13/1978	408	America			
				430	El Sereno			
430	Rosemead	Rosemead	4/28/1988	430	Sereno America			
				567	Rosemead			
			11/13/1993	367	Mission Star		367	Rosemead
				430	Rosemead			
431	Smartville	Smartville	6/14/1924		Instituted			
			7/08/1986	56	Fidelia		56	Fidelia
				431	Smartville			
432	Forest	San Francisco	6/21/1924		Instituted			
			11/05/1965	252	Casimir		252	Casimir
				432	Forest			
433	Foothill	Oakland	7/29/1924		Instituted			
			6/10/1980	293	Elvesta		293	Foothill
				433	Foothill			
434	Trinity	San Francisco	8/02/1924		Instituted			
434	Trinity Fireside	San Francisco	9/27/1966	434	Trinity	(CANCELLED after Consolidation)		
				440	Fireside			
			6/23/1969	262	Amity		262	Amity
				434	Trinity			
435	Searchlight	Long Beach	8/12/1924		Instituted			
435	Searchlight	Long Beach	3/07/1982	435	Searchlight			
				542	Seal Beach			
			1/27/1990	310	Palos Verdes		310	Meridian
				435	Searchlight			
436	Sunnyside	Los Angeles	12/15/1924		Instituted			
436	Parkside	Hawthorne	11/21/1987	436	Sunnyside			
				443	South Park			
436	Parkside	Hawthorne	6/01/1989	436	Parkside			
				516	Morning Vista			
437	Ascot	Los Angeles	1/30/1925		Instituted			
			11/12/1990	425	Playa Linda		425	Playa Linda-Ascot
				437	Ascot			

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439	Guardian	South Gate	2/19/1925		Instituted			
439	Guardian	South Gate	4/29/1978	439	Guardian			
				500	Jordan			
			11/15/1988	160	Occident		160	Occident-Guardian
				439	Guardian			
440	Fireside	San Francisco	2/27/1925		Instituted			
		San Francisco	9/27/1966	434	Trinity		434	Trinity Fireside
				440	Fireside	(CANCELLED after Consolidation)		
			8/08/1967	124	Harmony		124	Harmony
				440	Fireside			
441	Utopia	Los Angeles	3/09/1925		Instituted			
			7/12/1971	168	Los Angeles		168	Los Angeles
				441	Utopia			
442	Granada	Alhambra	3/25/1925		Instituted			
			11/20/1990	193	Alhambra		193	Alhambra-Granada
				442	Granada			
443	South Park	Los Angeles	3/26/1925		Instituted			
			11/21/1987	436	Sunnyside		436	Parkside
				443	South Park			
444	Whittier	Whittier	4/18/1925		Instituted			
			11/17/1989	335	Montebello		335	Whittier
				444	Whittier			
446	Ionic	Los Angeles	4/27/1925		Instituted			
446	Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	3/20/1984	446	Ionic			
				498	Composite			
			11/21/1991	245	Ocean Park		245	Ocean Park
				446	Ionic-Menorah			
448	Workman	Temple	5/07/1925		Instituted			
448	Temple City	Temple City	11/22/1991	448	Temple City		471	Arcadia
				471	Arcadia			
450	North Star	Fall River Mills	5/29/1925		Instituted			
450	North Star	Fall River Mills	9/23/1987	450	North Star			
				539	Tulelake			
			3/22/1997	26	Northern Light		26	Northern Light
				450	North Star			
451	Liberty	San Francisco	6/24/1925		Instituted			
			8/20/1964	99	Beulah		99	Beulah-Liberty
				451	Liberty			

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453	Santa Maria	Ramona	7/18/1925		Instituted		
			4/14/1998	287	Poinsettia	287	Poinsettia
				453	Santa Maria		
454	Harding	Los Angeles	8/04/1925		Instituted		
454	Polaris	Los Angeles	11/10/1971	454	Harding		
				517	Holly Vista		
455	Elmhurst	Elmhurst	8/07/1925		Instituted		
455	Castro Valley	Castro Valley	2/17/1987	455	Elmhurst		
				572	Castro Valley		
455	Castro Valley-Hayward	Castro Valley	11/07/1992	331	Hayward		
				455	Castro Valley		
			11/15/1997	294	Pleasanton	294	Castro Valley
				455	Castro Valley-Hayward		
456	Triangle	Venice	8/10/1925		Instituted		
456	Triangle Palms	Santa Monica	8/26/1994	456	Triangle		
				491	Palms		
457	Caliz de Oro	Oakland	2/12/1926		Instituted		
			6/02/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8	Oak Leaf
				457	Caliz de Oro		
458	Chula Vista	Chula Vista	2/13/1926		Instituted		
			11/25/1996	345	South West	345	Chula Vista
				458	Chula Vista		
459	Wilmington	Wilmington	2/27/1926		Instituted		
			11/18/1989	380	Torrance	380	Torrance
				459	Wilmington		
460	Justice	San Francisco	4/05/1926		Instituted		
			11/30/1973	1	Golden Gate	1	Golden Gate
				27	Ivy		
				196	San Francisco		
				460	Justice		
463	Larchmont	Los Angeles	5/07/1926		Instituted		
			4/23/1974	453	Larchmont	522	Atwater-Larchmont
				522	Atwater		
464	The Gardens	Belvedere Gardens	5/08/1926		Instituted		
		Los Angeles	5/02/1972	248	Hollenbeck	248	Holly Gardens
				464	The Gardens		

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465	Roseland	Hollywood	6/28/1926		Instituted		
465	Heritage-Roseland	Los Angeles	3/21/1984	465	Roseland		
				612	Heritage		
			2/20/1991	352	Burbank	352	Burbank
				465	Heritage-Roseland		
467	Melita	Pasadena	7/30/1926		Instituted		
			11/16/1984	108	Pasadena	108	Pasadena-Melita
				467	Melita		
469	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	8/10/1926		Instituted		
			11/12/1988	319	Centinela Valley	319	Centinela Valley
				469	Hawthorne		
470	Roosevelt	San Francisco	8/18/1926		Instituted		
			3/13/1989	252	Casimir	252	Casimir
				470	Roosevelt		
471	Arcadia	Arcadia	8/18/1926		Instituted		
471	Arcadia	Arcadia	4/28/1984	227	Monrovia		
				471	Arcadia		
471	Arcadia	Arcadia	11/22/1991	448	Temple City		
				471	Arcadia		
472	Brilliant Star	San Francisco	10/12/1926		Instituted		
			3/12/1982	396	Seal Rock	396	Seal Rock Brilliant Star
				472	Brilliant Star		
473	East Pasadena	Lamada Park	11/20/1926		Instituted		
473	East Pas Alta	Sierra Madre	4/19/1988	473	East Pasadena		
				523	Vallecito		
474	Palisades	Santa Monica	1/15/1927		Instituted		
			11/18/1985	113	Santa Monica	113	Santa Monica
				474	Palisades		
				476	Westwood Hills		
475	Malta	Los Angeles	1/21/1927		Instituted		
			11/20/1973	209	Hollywood	209	Hollywood-Malta
				475	Malta		
476	Bethel	Los Angeles	2/09/1927		Instituted		
476	Westwood Hills	Westwood Hills	1/23/1973	476	Bethel		
				535	Westwood Hills		
			11/18/1985	113	Santa Monica	113	Santa Monica
				474	Palisades		
				476	Westwood Hills		

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477	Florence	Los Angeles	2/12/1927		Instituted		
			4/13/1977	343	Majestic Star	343	Majestic Star
				477	Florence		
478	Normal Heights	San Diego	2/18/1927		Instituted		
478	Harbor Lights	San Diego	11/23/1991	478	Normal Heights		
				600	Harbor Lights		
480	Majestic	Inglewood	4/12/1927		Instituted		
		Los Angeles	2/09/1972	343	York	343	Majestic Star
				480	Majestic		
				618	Parva Stella		
481	Presidio	San Francisco	4/14/1927		Instituted		
			11/12/1986	183	California	183	California-Presidio
				481	Presidio		
482	Sanger	Sanger	4/26/1927		Instituted		
			11/25/1996	89	Raisina Fresno	89	Raisino Fresno
				482	Sanger		
483	Garden Grove	Garden Grove	4/28/1927		Instituted		
			11/20/1993	105	Hermosa	105	Golden Harvest
				483	Garden Grove		
484	Prudence	Berkeley	5/26/1927		Instituted		
			8/13/1973	423	Plymouth	423	Plymouth
				484	Prudence		
486	Glassell Park	Los Angeles	7/13/1927		Instituted		
			11/09/1987	313	Eagle Rock	313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park
				486	Glassell Park		
487	White Pine	Weed	7/25/1927		Instituted		
			2/12/1983	175	Sisson	175	Sisson-White Pine
				487	White Pine		
489	Wasco	Wasco	10/01/1927		Instituted		
			5/22/1972	146	Delano	146	La Rosa
				489	Wasco		
490	Point Loma	Ocean Beach	11/14/1927		Instituted		
490	Point Loma	San Diego	8/28/1989	490	Point Loma		
				606	Pacific Beach		

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491	Palms	Los Angeles	12/05/1927		Instituted		
			8/26/1994	456	Triangle	456	Triangle Palms
				491	Palms		
492	Henry S. Orme	Los Angeles	5/14/1928		Instituted		
			10/08/1971	281	Pleiades	281	Pleiades-Orme
				492	Henry S. Orme		
493	Jarman	San Jose	5/25/1928		Instituted		
			11/26/1991	288	Fraternity	288	Bright Star
				493	Jarman		
494	Crescenta Valley	Montrose	6/04/1928		Instituted		
		La Crescenta	11/15/1996	237	Glendale Glen Eyrie	237	Glencrest
				494	Crescenta Valley		
495	Beacon Ray	Los Angeles	6/14/1928		Instituted		
495	Mendias Ray	Los Angeles	7/22/1971	495	Beacon Ray		
				582	Mendias		
			11/28/1972	210	Palestine	210	Mendias Ray
				495	Mendias Ray		
496	Nonpareil	San Francisco	6/16/1928		Instituted		
			11/02/1967	124	Harmony	124	Harmony
				496	Nonpariel		
497	Menorah	Los Angeles	6/16/1928		Instituted		
		Beverly Hills	11/20/1980	446	Ionic	446	Ionic-Menorah
				497	Menorah		
498	Composite	Los Angeles	6/21/1928		Instituted		
498	Composite	Los Angeles	6/21/1976	376	Sunbeam		
				498	Composite		
			3/20/1984	446	Ionic-Menorah	446	Ionic-Menorah
				498	Composite		
499	El Dorado	El Dorado	6/30/1928		Instituted		
499	El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	El Dorado	3/18/1989	499	El Dorado		
				610	Lake Tahoe		
			6/23/1996	62	Mountain Fern	62	El Dorado-Tahoe Fern
				499	El Dorado-Lake Tahoe		
500	Jordan	Hungtington Park	7/12/1928		Instituted		
		Los Angeles	4/29/1978	439	Guardian	439	Guardian
				500	Jordan		

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501	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	7/14/1928		Instituted		
			1/24/1988	78	Marguerite	78	Santa Barbara-Marguerite
				501	Santa Barbara		
502	All States	Long Beach	8/08/1928		Instituted		
			11/16/1992	310	Meridian	310	Meridian
				502	All States		
503	Olivette	Los Angeles	8/13/1928		Instituted		
			11/24/1969	329	Wilshire	329	Olivette-Wilshire
				503	Olivette		
504	Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	8/15/1928		Instituted		
			4/09/1969	65	Unity	65	Unity
				504	Rosa M. Shattuck		
506	Brea	Brea	4/12/1929		Instituted		
			2/12/1979	191	Fullerton	191	Brea
				506	Brea		
507	El Petrol	Signal Hill	4/22/1929		Instituted		
		Long Beach	7/12/1983	414	Service	414	El Petrol-Service
				507	El Petrol		
508	La Habra	La Habra	4/24/1929		Instituted		
			1/31/1991	335	Whittier	335	Whittier
				508	La Habra		
509	San Dimas	San Dimas	4/25/1929		Instituted		
			1/31/1990	357	Glen	357	Foothill
				509	San Dimas		
511	Mar Vista	North Long Beach	4/30/1929		Instituted		
511	Mar Vista	Long Beach	10/10/1982	511	Mar Vista		
				628	Paramount		
			8/29/1989	414	El Petrol-Service	414	Mar Vista
				511	Mar Vista		
512	Point Firmin	San Pedro	5/04/1929		Instituted		
512	Golden Chain	Lomita	7/29/1994	512	Point Firmin		
				591	Lomita		
514	Faith	Taft	7/19/1929		Instituted		
			11/22/1976	146	La Rosa	146	La Rosa
				514	Faith		

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					Instituted		
516	Angeles Vista	Los Angeles	8/03/1929				
516	Morning Vista	Playa del Rey	11/22/1972	516	Angeles Vista		
				601	Morningside		
516	Morning Vista	Playa del Rey	3/28/1979	406	Tri Star		
				516	Morning Vista		
516	Morning Vista	Playa del Rey	1/18/1984	516	Morning Vista		
				518	Betsy Ross		
			6/01/1989	436	Parkside	436	Parkside
				516	Morning Vista		
					Instituted		
517	Holly Vista	West Los Angeles	8/06/1929				
		Beverly Hills	11/10/1972	454	Harding	545	Polaris
				517	Holly Vista		
					Instituted		
518	Betsy Ross	Los Angeles	8/07/1929				
518	Betsy Ross	El Segundo	4/28/1978	518	Betsy Ross		
				621	The Valley		
			1/18/1984	516	Morning Vista	516	*Morning Vista*
				518	Betsy Ross		
					Instituted		
519	Encina	Oakland	3/19/1930				
			11/22/1974	140	Oakland	140	Oakland
				519	Encina		
					Instituted		
520	Wil-Brea	Los Angeles	5/03/1930				
			2/15/1977	192	Trinity	192	United
				520	Wil-Brea		
					Instituted		
521	Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	6/11/1930				
521	Harbor Star	Newport Beach	8/14/1984	521	Laguna Beach		
				568	Harbor Star		
					Instituted		
522	Atwater	Los Angeles	6/17/1930				
522	Atwater-Larchmont	Los Angeles	4/23/1974	453	Larchmont		
				522	Atwater		
			11/21/1987	21	Highland Park	21	Highland Park
				522	*Atwater-Larchmont*		
					Instituted		
525	Cambria Pines	Cambria	10/04/1930				
525	Estero Pines	Morro Bay	11/16/1995	525	Cambria Pines		
				587	Estero Bay		
					Instituted		
526	Altadena	Altadena	3/14/1931				
			4/19/1988	473	East Pasadena	473	East Pas Alta
				526	Altadena		

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527	Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	4/30/1931		Instituted		
527	West Covina	West Coviva	7/15/1988	527	Baldwin Park		
				607	West Covina		
			8/10/1991	325	La Puente	325	West Covina
				527	West Covina		
532	Modesto	Modesto	3/10/1934		Instituted		
			11/19/1996	72	Electa	72	Electa Modesto
				532	Modesto		
533	Sterling	Oakland	6/04/1934		Instituted		
			6/02/1965	140	Oakland	140	Oakland
				533	Sterling		
534	Venus	San Joaquin	6/08/1934		Instituted		
			4/01/1983	534	Venus	555	La Sierra Venus
				555	La Sierra		
535	Westwood Hills	Westwood Village	7/30/1934		Instituted		
			1/23/1973	476	Bethel	476	Westwood Hills
				535	Westwood Hills		
539	Tulelake	Tulelake	5/31/1937		Instituted		
			11/22/1987	450	North Star	450	North Star
				539	Tulelake		
540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler	Los Angeles	12/30/1937		Instituted		
			4/20/1981	216	Los Feliz	216	Los Feliz
				540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler		
542	Seal Beach	Seal Beach	9/27/1939		Instituted		
			3/07/1982	435	Searchlight	435	Searchlight
				542	Seal Beach		
543	Windsor	Los Angeles	1/27/1940		Instituted		
			9/08/1972	406	Siloam	406	Tri Star
				411	West Adams		
				543	Windsor		
544	Nova Dies	Oakland	7/17/1940		Instituted		
			4/04/1984	140	Oakland	140	Nova Dies-Oakland
				544	Nova Dies		
545	Dos Palos	Dos Palos	9/07/1940		Instituted		
			1/24/1990	136	Centinela	136	Centinela
				545	Dos Palos		

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546	Barstow	Barstow	10/04/1940		Instituted		
			12/29/1996	242	Needles	242	Barstow
				546	Barstow		
547	Searles Lake	Trona	3/08/1941		Instituted		
547	Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	2/22/1993	547	Searles Lake		
				558	Desert Holly		
548	Arrowhead	San Bernardino	4/29/1941		Instituted		
548	Arrowhead	San Bernardino	4/10/1984	548	Arrowhead		
				599	J. Clifford Lee		
			5/03/1991	75	Arrowhead	75	Arrowhead
				548	Silver Wave		
550	Albany	Albany	1/28/1942		Instituted		
550	Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	10/13/1983	550	Albany		
				586	Vista Cerrito		
			8/09/1990	178	Thousand Oaks	178	Vista Cerrito
				550	Vista Cerrito		
554	San Marino	San Marino	4/25/1945		Instituted		
			8/24/1993	193	Alhambra-Granada	193	Alhambra
				554	San Marino		
555	La Sierra	Fresno	6/12/1945		Instituted		
555	La Sierra Venus	Fresno	4/01/1983	534	Venus		
				555	La Sierra		
558	Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	3/22/1947		Instituted		
			2/22/1993	547	Searles Lake	547	Desert Holly
				558	Desert Holly		
561	Emera	Long Beach	7/17/1947		Instituted		
561	Emera	Long Beach	10/17/1982	561	Emera		
				589	Belmont Shores		
562	Menalto	Menlo Park	8/30/1947		Instituted		
			11/23/1988	141	Miramonte	141	Miramonte
				562	Menalto		
564	Redwood Empire	Garberville	8/18/1948		Instituted		
			3/16/1997	76	Rohnerville	76	Rohnerville-Redwood
				564	Redwood Empire		
567	Rosemead	South San Gabriel	7/08/1949		Instituted		
		Rosemead	4/28/1988	430	Sereno America	430	Rosemead
				567	Rosemead		

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568	Harbor Star	Newport Beach	7/09/1949		Instituted		
			8/14/1984	521	Laguna Beach	521	Harbor Star
				568	Harbor Star		
569	Westchester	Los Angeles	9/24/1949		Instituted		
			6/25/1985	319	Inglewood	319	Centinela Valley
				569	Westchester		
570	Catalina Island	Avalon	1/28/1949		Instituted		
			11/19/1991	414	Mar Vista	414	Mar Vista
				570	Catalina Island		
572	Castro Valley	Castro Valley	5/25/1950		Instituted		
			2/17/1987	455	Elmhurst	455	Castro Valley
				572	Castro Valley		
573	San Antonio	South Gate	6/28/1950		Instituted		
			12/07/1976	393	Bell	393	Bell
				573	San Antonio		
575	Santa Anita	Temple City	7/14/1950		Instituted		
			/1952		Charter Suspended at elections		
			4/13/1953		Charter Restored		
			8/29/1972	227	Monrovia	227	Monrovia
				575	Santa Anita		
580	Castroville	Castroville	9/17/1951		Instituted		
			11/26/1990	47	Reveille	47	Reveille
				580	Castroville		
582	Mendias	Hollywood	1/30/1952		Instituted		
			6/22/1971	495	Beacon Ray	495	Mendias Ray
				582	Mendias		
583	Crystal Springs	San Bruno	2/18/1952		Instituted		
			11/22/1992	305	Ruth	305	Unity
				583	Crystal Springs		
584	La Paz	Bell Gardens	5/01/1952		Instituted		
584	El Rancho de la Paz	Pico Rivera	11/18/1983	584	La Paz		
				624	El Rancho		
584	Tri Star	Whittier	9/30/1995	584	El Rancho de la Paz		
				614	Hacienda		
585	Mountain Star	Middletown	6/20/1952		Instituted		
			11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake	231	Lower Lake
				585	Mountain Star		

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586	Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/25/1952		Instituted		
			10/13/1983	550	Albany	550	Vista Cerrito
				586	Vista Cerrito		
587	Estero Bay	Cayucos	9/09/1952		Instituted		
			11/16/1995	525	Cambria Pines	525	Estero Pines
				587	Estero Bay		
589	Belmont Shores	Long Beach	2/14/1953		Instituted		
			10/17/1982	561	Emera	561	Emera
				589	Belmont Shores		
590	Silver Chalice	Walnut Creek	8/28/1953		Instituted		
590	Silver Valley	Concord	11/26/1994	590	Silver Chalice		
				644	Clayton Valley		
591	Lomita	Lomita	10/08/1953		Instituted		
			7/29/1994	512	Point Firmin	512	Golden Chain
				591	Lomita		
593	Eothen	Carmichael	8/16/1954		Instituted		
593	Rising Star	Carmichael	1955		Name changed		
			11/17/1995	36	Naomi	36	Rising Star
				593	Rising Star		
594	Fairfax	Larkspur	8/21/1954		Instituted		
			11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215	Marin Star
				594	Fairfax		
				609	Novato		
595	Mono	Bridgeport	8/23/1954		Instituted		
			6/19/1991	197	Mt. Whitney	197	Mt. Whitney
				595	Mono		
596	Rialto	Rialto	8/25/1954		Instituted		
			11/16/1991	211	Colton	211	Rialto
				596	Rialto		
598	Magnolia Park	Burbank	8/28/1954		Instituted		
			7/06/1983	352	Burbank	352	Burbank
				598	Magnolia Park		
599	J. Clifford Lee	Highland	9/20/1954		Instituted		
			4/10/1984	548	Arrowhead	548	Arrowhead
				599	J. Clifford Lee		

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600	Harbor Lights	San Diego	5/28/1955		Instituted		
			11/23/1991	478	Normal Heights	478	Harbor Lights
				600	Harbor Lights		
601	Morningside	Inglewood	6/23/1955		Instituted		
			11/22/1972	516	Angeles Vista	516	Morning Vista
				601	Morningside		
603	Arvin	Arvin	6/29/1955		Instituted		
			12/03/1969	188	Tehachapi	188	Tehachapi
				603	Arvin		
605	Mission Bell	San Pablo	8/29/1955		Instituted		
			11/22/1992	205	El Portal	205	Mission Bell
				605	Mission Bell		
606	Pacific Beach	La Jolla	9/21/1955		Instituted		
			8/28/1989	490	Point Loma	490	Point Loma
				606	Pacific Beach		
607	West Covina	West Covina	9/22/1955		Instituted		
			7/15/1988	527	Baldwin Park	527	West Covina
				607	West Covina		
609	Novato	Novato	10/04/1955		Instituted		
			11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215	Marin Star
				594	Fairfax		
				609	Novato		
610	Lake Tahoe	Al Tahoe	10/05/1955		Instituted		
			3/18/1989	499	El Dorado	499	El Dorado-Lake Tahoe
				610	Lake Tahoe		
611	Noel	Van Nuys	6/29/1956		Instituted		
			11/19/1991	403	North Hollywood	403	North Hollywood-Noel
				611	Noel		
612	Heritage	North Hollywood	6/30/1956		Instituted		
			3/21/1984	465	Roseland	465	Heritage-Roseland
				612	Heritage		
613	Century	Compton	8/07/1956		Instituted		
			11/22/1996	147	Pearl	147	Golden Crown
				613	Century		

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614	Hacienda	Whittier	8/08/1956		Instituted		
			9/30/1995	584	El Rancho de La Paz	584	Tri Star
				614	Hacienda		
615	Pelton	Camptonville	10/06/1956		Instituted		
			5/06/1980	9	Evangeline	9	Evangeline
				615	Pelton		
617	Star of Lakewood	Long Beach	3/22/1957		Instituted		
			3/13/1994	310	Meridian	310	Meridian
				617	Star of Lakewood		
618	Parva Stella	South Gate	8/04/1956		Instituted		
			2/07/1972	343	York	343	Majestic Star
				618	Parva Stella		
620	San Dieguito	Cardiff-by-the-Sea	3/11/1958		Instituted		
			11/28/1995	287	Poinsettia	287	Poinsettia
				620	San Diegito		
621	Centinella Valley	Los Angeles	4/26/1958		Instituted		
621	The Valley	Los Angeles	1/05/1959		WGP approved name change		
			4/28/1978	518	Betsy Ross	518	Betsy Ross
				621	The Valley		
623	La Mirada	La Mirada	5/14/1958		Instituted		
			11/25/1984	248	Holly Gardens	248	Holly Gardens
				623	La Mirada		
624	El Rancho	Pico Rivera	9/15/1958		Instituted		
			11/18/1983	584	La Paz	584	El Rancho de la Paz
				624	El Rancho		
625	Westminster	Westminster	8/13/1998	105	Golden Harvest	105	Golden Harvest
				625	Westminster		
626	In Shallah	Downey	8/04/1959		Instituted		
			2/11/1994	160	Occident Guardian	160	Downey
				626	In Shallah		
627	Chico	Chico	2/16/1960		Instituted		
			12/15/1988	104	Josephine Chico	104	Josephine Chico
				627	Chico		
628	Paramount	South Gate	3/26/1960		Instituted		
			10/10/1982	511	Mar Vista	511	Mar Vista
				628	Paramount		

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630	Joshua Tree	Boron	3/14/1961		Instituted		
630	Joshua Tree	Boron	6/20/1989	630	Joshua Tree		
				633	Desert Candle		
633	Desert Candle	Mojave	5/21/1962		Instituted		
			6/20/1989	630	Joshua Tree	630	Joshua Tree
				633	Desert Candle		
634	Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	6/06/1992		Instituted		
			1/20/1995	161	Gold Ridge Star	161	Gold Ridge Star
				634	Santa Rosa		
638	Valley of the Redwoods	Felton	8/23/1966		Instituted		
			11/23/1991	273	Santa Cruz	273	Santa Cruz Redwoods
				638	Valley of the Redwoods		
641	Sierra Vista	Oakhurst	10/12/1968		Instituted		
			11/17/1991	200	Las Mariposas	200	Las Mariposas
				641	Sierra Vista		
644	Clayton Valley	Concord	8/12/1972		Instituted		
			11/28/1994	590	Silver Chalice	590	Silver Valley
				644	Clayton Valley		
647	Lakeside	Lakeside	9/10/1975		Instituted		
			11/24/1992	412	Estrella	412	Estrella
				647	Lakeside		

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Golden Gate	1	05/10/1869	326	306	1731.90
Suisun	2	03/12/1870	227	220	1513.00
Silver Star	3	11/22/1870	310	298	1917.80
Oak Leaf	8	04/12/1872	236	229	1305.80
Evangeline	9	06/17/1873	205	185	1202.10
Evening Star	10	10/01/1872	101	101	657.00
Martha Washington	13	12/09/1874	207	197	1270.00
Northern Light	14	01/28/1875	413	366	2320.30
Welcome Redding	17	04/05/1875	299	295	1957.40
Wild Lily	18	05/11/1875	315	297	1814.70
Vesper	20	03/01/1876	184	170	1130.00
Highland Park	21	03/14/1876	463	431	2396.60
Ferndale	23	09/01/1876	74	72	508.90
Vacaville	28	03/03/1877	190	179	1164.70
Silver Gate	30	07/14/1877	120	118	727.70
San Jose	31	09/07/1877	222	210	1216.70
Rose Valley	33	02/21/1878	343	317	1927.60
Vernon-Lyman	35	06/01/1878	177	175	1122.60
Rising Star	36	05/03/1879	423	413	2905.80
Stella	39	05/24/1880	156	152	917.00
Aurora	40	02/13/1880	160	154	884.20
Lily of the Lake	41	03/23/1880	220	214	1345.40
Ariel	42	03/30/1880	263	256	1586.40
Magnolia	45	05/22/1880	135	131	874.20
Athena	46	07/07/1880	89	84	533.20
Reveille	47	07/09/1880	275	260	1614.40
Wheatland	48	03/23/1881	147	143	880.10
Placer	49	03/24/1881	154	154	1063.10
Valley Oaks	50	05/21/1881	319	300	1913.10
Alturas	51	06/03/1881	99	95	713.50
Sincerity	53	06/24/1881	55	53	339.10
Marysville-Friendship	55	06/25/1881	181	166	1049.80
Fidelia	56	06/28/1881	236	222	1454.90
Crystal	57	07/09/1881	169	169	1134.00
Kingsley	58	07/23/1881	200	190	1200.30
Silver Spray	59	08/12/1881	438	425	2829.10
Yolo	60	08/20/1881	155	150	935.40
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern	62	10/15/1881	243	230	1504.00
Camellia	63	10/08/1881	192	183	1136.00
Golden Star	66	04/11/1882	132	131	757.80
Monterey Peninsula	68	11/11/1882	187	182	1108.10
Queen Esther	71	06/21/1883	133	134	859.40

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Electa Modesto	72	06/29/1883	333	314	1800.60
Arrowhead	75	07/28/1883	333	313	2098.60
Rohnerville-Redwood	76	09/08/1883	169	162	1143.80
Azalia Angels	77	10/13/1883	137	133	798.90
Santa Barbara-Marguerite	78	05/12/1884	221	211	1236.90
Ventura-Fillmore	79	05/13/1884	344	318	1952.90
Augusta	80	07/31/1884	66	63	381.7
Sotoyome - Clover Leaf	82	09/03/1884	140	127	867.00
Molino	83	05/31/1884	144	143	962.60
Veritas	84	11/21/1884	135	127	928.40
Valley of the Moon	85	12/06/1884	109	99	666.00
Citrus	86	04/18/1885	118	117	656.80
Raisina Fresno	89	04/26/1886	554	505	2914.80
Fallen Leaf	90	07/14/1886	198	189	1319.10
Madera	92	04/30/1886	118	112	694.50
Heliotrope	93	05/02/1887	233	214	1223.70
Tulare-Corcoran	94	11/07/1887	209	210	1302.60
Bethlehem	95	03/22/1888	169	169	1150.00
San Diego Star	96	04/02/1888	288	273	1478.70
Ramona	97	06/19/1888	215	201	1168.50
San Francisco	99	08/16/1888	380	361	1776.50
Mizpah	100	09/13/1888	255	239	1578.50
Golden Wave	103	04/05/1889	373	353	2146.10
Josephine Chico	104	06/28/1889	453	427	2583.70
Golden Harvest	105	10/13/1888	294	361	1642.30
Ungava	106	04/11/1890	342	339	2326.40
Corona	107	06/14/1890	156	146	901.90
Pasadena	108	07/11/1890	221	212	1010.60
Elk Grove	109	09/24/1890	124	117	725.70
Pomona	110	08/31/1891	92	87	643.20
Ocean View	111	09/19/1891	157	155	1104.10
Hesperian	112	09/30/1891	109	103	661.70
Palm Leaf	114	02/18/1892	334	322	2091.50
Carita	115	03/09/1892	172	159	940.50
Columbus-Fort Sutter	117	08/08/1892	184	175	1222.70
Woodbridge Oaks	118	09/17/1892	195	182	1173.10
Amapola	119	07/05/1893	231	205	1636.10
Tuolumne Star	123	08/25/1893	198	190	1086.90
Harmony	124	11/10/1893	184	165	958.60
Bakersfield	125	12/18/1893	235	221	1113.80
Mercedes	126	02/23/1894	318	286	1769.30
Lucerne	127	02/15/1894	128	127	1010.50

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Los Gatos	128	03/19/1894	179	169	1099.30
Sierra Star	129	06/12/1894	75	72	410.60
Fidelity	131	08/31/1894	137	129	854.30
Hollywood	133	12/24/1894	517	485	3052.30
Semper Fidelis	135	06/03/1895	220	220	1547.90
Clear Lake	137	10/09/1895	173	169	1157.50
Summit	138	12/21/1895	105	94	668.70
Nova Dies - Oakland	140	01/02/1896	207	194	1072.80
Miramonte	141	01/08/1896	244	222	1416.30
Copa del Oro	142	01/23/1896	92	86	602.10
Emerald Star	143	02/12/1896	255	240	1636.00
Lyra	144	02/12/1896	300	282	1806.70
Foothill	145	02/13/1896	319	280	1842.80
Golden Crown	147	04/10/1896	245	232	1588.20
Del Norte	149	05/15/1896	139	136	927.90
Lodi	150	04/28/1896	204	199	1315.20
Chispa	151	06/06/1896	432	375	2590.30
Mt. Shasta	153	01/08/1896	133	133	882.00
Escondido	154	02/05/1896	237	219	1404.00
Penrhyn	159	03/20/1897	131	127	879.00
Downey	160	06/19/1897	567	545	3837.00
Gold Ridge Star	161	01/06/1898	470	438	2731.90
Crown	162	03/07/1898	216	218	1527.50
Scepter	163	03/11/1898	302	288	1910.10
Onisbo	164	04/29/1898	85	79	560.30
Crescent	165	06/15/1898	131	128	788.40
Carnation	171	05/12/1899	170	167	1099.00
Lexington	172	07/18/1899	152	157	1227.90
Long Beach	173	08/07/1899	788	707	3492.00
San Pedro Harbor	174	08/18/1899	224	213	1213.70
Sisson-White Pine	175	09/23/1899	116	109	583.00
Miguelito	176	12/26/1899	216	212	1519.00
Orient	177	03/21/1900	192	187	1249.70
Vista Cerrito	178	04/04/1900	384	352	1637.90
Sunrise	179	05/03/1900	165	169	1117.80
Heber	181	05/29/1900	286	270	1879.30
Santa Paula	185	09/22/1900	101	99	726.70
Peninsula	186	09/22/1900	322	316	1919.00
Tehachapi	188	01/16/1901	113	110	742.60
Calistoga Keystone	189	01/19/1901	195	181	988.90
Ada-Sacramento	190	03/07/1901	267	246	1490.20
Alhambra	193	03/25/1901	359	341	2233.70

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Santa Clara	195	06/15/1901	186	177	1116.90
Mt. Whitney	197	01/11/1902	154	149	972.30
Golden Valley	199	04/29/1902	188	175	1032.00
Las Mariposas	200	05/27/1902	199	194	1420.80
Beckwith Portola Star	201	06/25/1902	104	98	575.60
West Covina	202	08/05/1902	430	396	2609.80
Sequoia	203	09/01/1902	170	167	1014.80
Mission Bell	205	09/30/1902	440	414	2645.20
Arcata	207	12/08/1902	173	166	1085.20
Rialto	211	07/08/1903	254	243	1829.60
Gate City	212	08/13/1903	210	200	1274.90
Palo Alto	213	08/22/1903	252	242	1416.00
Almona	214	09/05/1903	146	130	712.80
Marin Star	215	09/11/1903	377	349	2044.10
Esparto-Grafton	218	02/13/1904	151	125	842.90
Mill Valley	219	02/16/1904	108	101	719.00
Rio Vista	222	04/05/1904	107	102	658.00
Oakdale	226	04/11/1905	108	105	708.70
Lower Lake	231	04/20/1905	175	159	1143.80
Natoma	233	07/03/1905	216	211	1477.90
Los Cerritos	234	07/22/1905	174	167	994.90
Glencrest	237	02/22/1906	351	324	1892.30
Tahquitz - Victoria	241	04/06/1906	427	392	2796.50
Barstow	242	04/11/1906	253	239	1510.60
Elsinore	243	04/16/1906	121	116	857.50
Milton	244	04/17/1906	81	77	465.60
Ocean Park	245	05/10/1906	794	739	4003.20
Plumas	246	06/11/1906	127	123	825.90
Sunnyvale	250	03/14/1907	203	190	1311.00
Pacific Star	252	04/13/1907	444	418	2324.10
Seaside	259	04/17/1907	212	211	1542.10
Gardena	260	09/30/1907	240	224	1380.20
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	04/04/1908	467	460	3048.10
Imperial Valley	276	06/08/1908	261	243	1636.30
Vallejo	278	09/26/1908	363	346	2061.60
Mystic Star	279	11/24/1908	94	89	622.80
Sunset	280	01/22/1909	226	211	1065.30
La Posa	282	03/30/1909	89	88	551.70
Ione	283	04/22/1909	73	72	455.20
Poinsettia	287	06/08/1909	404	383	2743.00
Bright Star	288	11/23/1909	298	280	1690.00
Rose	292	06/11/1910	184	180	1106.90

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Castro Valley	294	09/22/1910	554	519	3532.90
Ceres	296	10/01/1910	232	223	1438.00
Alameda	297	12/21/1910	176	169	996.60
Sierra Madre	299	01/23/1911	65	59	423.40
Star of the East	300	03/04/1911	491	463	3269.40
Miriam	302	04/28/1911	261	232	1668.20
Bethany	304	04/24/1911	80	76	508.00
Unity	305	05/12/1911	262	250	1556.30
Concordia	309	02/17/1912	297	260	1680.70
Meridian	310	02/26/1912	550	510	2501.00
Willits	314	03/13/1912	117	112	682.00
Centinela Valley	319	05/10/1913	341	313	2015.10
Oxnard	322	06/28/1913	193	184	1279.90
Taft	323	07/12/1913	146	121	559.20
Claremont	324	03/14/1914	106	101	806.60
Sunshine	327	05/12/1914	230	226	1621.30
Coronado	332	10/14/1914	115	112	715.90
El Rio	333	12/05/1914	100	95	616.80
Whittier	335	03/17/1915	422	387	2459.30
Van Nuys	338	09/10/1915	202	198	1229.20
Pentalpha	339	12/29/1915	162	154	991.50
Manzanita	342	05/09/1916	124	121	811.70
Atascadero	344	09/02/1916	78	71	436.40
Chula Vista	345	10/09/1916	509	469	3300.90
Upland	346	11/23/1916	130	117	764.20
Yorba Linda	347	02/09/1917	112	108	804.50
Joaquin	348	04/16/1917	140	134	748.50
Burbank	352	03/31/1919	359	342	2461.80
North Park	358	12/15/1919	175	163	900.00
Blythe	359	12/30/1919	96	91	649.20
Coachella Valley	360	02/07/1920	149	135	867.50
Libertas	362	05/12/1920	239	202	1383.60
Chowchilla	365	07/29/1920	145	144	1029.10
Rosemead	367	09/15/1920	365	352	2308.70
Linden	372	05/02/1921	71	68	486.20
Stockton	373	05/14/1921	125	117	879.70
Westwood	377	06/27/1921	104	102	609.30
Kearsarge	378	07/09/1921	83	83	512.50
Torrance	380	07/30/1921	333	316	1877.70
Beacon Point	383	09/09/1921	181	173	1294.00
Concord	384	09/28/1921	229	226	1419.50
Rainbow	385	10/13/1921	197	186	1111.30

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Fallbrook	390	03/09/1922	140	137	938.00
Caledonia	391	03/13/1922	243	231	1576.00
Bellflower	397	09/06/1922	539	519	3217.90
San Fernando	398	09/30/1922	222	215	1487.90
Starlight	401	12/09/1922	137	136	851.50
North Hollywood - Noel	403	01/16/1923	223	204	1356.80
Ami Tai	405	03/23/1923	151	140	938.60
Estrella	412	08/04/1923	317	287	1864.10
Patterson	417	10/12/1923	112	108	788.50
Playa Linda - Ascot	425	03/01/1924	163	150	785.40
Security	426	03/10/1924	132	125	772.20
El Camino	428	03/13/1924	228	215	1237.90
Parkside	436	12/15/1924	304	270	1534.70
Lynwood	438	02/19/1925	124	111	806.20
Tujunga	445	04/20/1925	108	109	892.20
Escallonia	447	05/06/1925	128	125	863.80
Manchester	449	05/18/1925	114	109	695.20
Canoga	452	07/07/1925	225	217	1447.00
Polaris	454	08/04/1925	48	47	370.00
Triangle Palms	456	08/10/1925	242	227	1410.80
Star of the West	468	07/31/1926	163	145	1052.90
Arcadia	471	08/18/1926	324	301	2087.20
East Pas Alta	473	11/20/1926	118	117	727.60
Harbor Lights	478	02/18/1927	249	237	1603.60
La Jolla	479	03/07/1927	121	114	769.10
Big Bear	485	06/18/1927	172	160	1147.20
Orange Blossom	488	08/16/1927	143	132	983.20
Point Loma	490	11/14/1927	319	310	1930.10
Reseda	505	04/01/1929	255	245	1669.10
Sierra Foothill	510	04/27/1929	58	58	374.70
Golden Chain	512	05/04/1929	263	243	1327.70
Temple	513	05/11/1929	135	129	838.30
San Gorgonio	515	07/31/1929	130	113	778.70
Harbor Star	521	06/11/1930	217	206	1391.40
Vallecito	523	07/19/1930	78	68	439.80
San Clemente	524	05/05/1930	86	78	521.60
Estero Pines	525	10/04/1930	193	177	1169.80
Ojai	528	04/16/1932	143	129	840.90
Lauralane	529	07/14/1933	126	118	711.80
Willow Glen	530	11/10/1933	232	209	1279.30
Livingston	531	12/29/1933	141	137	982.50
Victor Valley	537	10/06/1934	243	235	1721.70

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Estrellita	541	07/01/1938	60	59	321.90
Desert Holly	547	03/08/1941	220	203	1411.30
Paradise	549	06/13/1941	299	280	1875.30
San Carlos	551	01/29/1942	149	137	747.60
Mountain View	552	10/07/1944	92	87	633.80
Campbell	553	10/12/1944	176	164	1162.90
La Sierra Venus	555	06/12/1945	269	252	1730.80
Star of Vista	556	09/14/1945	189	182	1300.80
Fort Millerton	557	01/23/1946	180	183	1224.80
Oildale	559	05/20/1947	127	112	784.50
Yucaipa Valley	560	07/16/1947	204	187	1214.90
Emera	561	07/17/1947	163	168	1098.60
San Juan	563	04/27/1948	314	307	2161.60
Palomar	565	09/30/1948	169	167	1108.10
Santa Ynez Valley	566	04/27/1949	101	99	696.10
Lafayette	571	03/15/1950	74	72	483.70
El Gabilan	574	07/08/1950	114	110	741.50
Palm Springs	576	03/15/1951	145	137	1016.70
San Lorenzo	577	03/29/1951	201	193	1382.90
Rim of the World	578	04/16/1951	106	100	735.70
San Miguel	579	05/03/1951	178	166	1155.00
Carmel	581	09/18/1951	103	102	647.50
Tri-Star	584	05/01/1952	172	156	984.20
San Ramon Valley	588	01/31/1953	106	102	710.90
Silver Valley	590	08/28/1953	199	184	1280.90
Home	592	10/09/1953	243	221	1743.60
Fuchsia	597	08/26/1954	192	180	1174.00
Desert Star	602	06/27/1955	69	66	615.60
Del Mar	604	07/08/1955	109	100	782.00
Sojourner	608	09/26/1955	118	106	842.50
Granada Hills	616	03/21/1957	170	154	1160.20
Star of Palmdale	619	10/07/1957	141	131	889.30
Riverside	622	04/30/1958	251	251	1828.70
Yucca Valley	629	08/02/1960	131	120	934.80
Joshua Tree	630	03/14/1961	159	150	1015.60
Rio Linda	631	07/22/1961	128	122	906.20
Conejo Valley	632	09/11/1961	139	135	1107.90
Orinda	635	06/07/1962	108	103	698.80
Los Altos	636	04/07/1964	140	136	925.40
Simi Valley	637	06/11/1965	96	98	721.10
Delta Star	639	08/24/1967	115	110	835.40
Desert Hot Springs	640	09/18/1967	77	68	490.50

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Old West	642	03/06/1969	176	167	1171.50
Kern River Valley	643	06/12/1971	189	179	1141.40
Saddleback	645	08/08/1973	136	123	1006.80
Star of the Valley	648	03/01/1980	123	130	971.60
Camarillo	649	09/05/1981	116	111	670.10
	-- Grand Totals -->		62831	59456	383323.00

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To the Finance Committee
Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star
San Francisco, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1998 and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Grand Chapter's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star as of September 30, 1998 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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February 10, 1999

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2 and 13)	$ 1,385,743
Accounts receivable	199
Investment income receivable	162,771
Due from affiliated organization:	
Eastern Star Homes of California (Note 10)	8,786,838
Short-term investments (Note 2)	10,226,079
Prepaid expenses	119,280
Inventory	48,088
Antiques and collections	40,038
Life insurance policies	12,619
Property and equipment, net (Note 3)	51,354
Long-term investments (Note 2)	15,177,455
Total assets	$ 36,010,464

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 117,241
Unearned revenue	26,040
Due to affiliated organization:	
Eastern Star Foundation	12,210
Members dues payable to Eastern Star Homes	142,432
Investment income payable to Eastern Star Homes of California	161,247
Total liabilities	459,170
Net assets:	
Unrestricted (Note 8)	1,056,081
Temporarily restricted (Note 5)	19,317,758
Permanently restricted (Note 6)	15,177,455
Total net assets	35,551,294
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 36,010,464

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

	Unrestricted	*Temporarily Restricted*	*Permanently Restricted*	*Total*
venues, gains and other support:				
Contributions:				
Members' dues	$ 190,207	$ 39,871	-	$ 230,078
Bequests	1,096	-	$ 477,100	478,196
Chapter donations	23,258	-	35,249	58,507
Life sponsors	-	-	19,070	19,070
Residents' assets	135	-	169,842	169,977
Fundraising	263,347	-	-	263,347
Convention revenue	51,277	-	-	51,277
Interest and dividend income	7,313	700,363	-	707,676
Net investment income to Eastern Star Homes (Note 4)	-	(607,780)	-	(607,780)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments (Note 2)	48,804	1,343,449	-	1,392,253
Realized gains to Eastern Star Homes (Note 4)	-	(581,405)	-	(581,405)
Sales of supplies	112,121	-	-	112,121
Administration fees (Note 8)	163,340	-	-	163,340
Other	16,590	-	-	16,590
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	292,882	(292,882)	-	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	1,170,370	601,616	701,261	2,473,247
penses:				
Programs services:				
Cost of sales of supplies	56,444	-	-	56,444
Member assistance	6,282	-	-	6,282
Humanitarian assistance	32,830	-	-	32,830
Member services	96,157	-	-	96,157
Eastern Star Homes support	103,624	-	-	103,624
Total program services	295,337	-	-	295,337
Fundraising expenses	181,222	-	-	181,222
Management and general	609,652	-	-	609,652
Total expenses	1,086,211	-	-	1,086,211
Operating surplus	84,159	601,616	701,261	1,387,036
ansfer to Endowment Fund from Eastern Star Homes (Note 8)	-	8,786,863	-	8,786,863
ansfer to California Eastern Star Foundation (Note 9)	-	(5,732,154)	(735,274)	(6,467,428)
Change in net assets	84,159	3,656,325	(34,013)	3,706,471
t assets at beginning of year	971,922	15,661,433	15,211,468	31,844,823
t assets at end of year	$ 1,056,081	$ 19,317,758	$ 15,177,455	$ 35,551,294

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	$ 3,706,471
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows provided by operating activities:	
Non-cash transfer to California Eastern Star Foundation	6,223,075
Depreciation	15,343
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(1,392,253)
Decrease (increase) in:	
Accounts receivable	2,435
Investment income receivable	(27,531)
Prepaid expenses	(1,772)
Other assets	45,235
Inventory	(4,854)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	70,007
Unearned revenue	5,747
Cash flows provided by operating activities	8,641,903
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Acquisition of property and equipment	(9,927)
Proceeds from sale of investments	12,238,782
Purchase of investments	(12,700,048)
Cash flows used by investing activities	(471,193)
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Increase in due from affiliated organization - net	(8,742,668)
Cash flows used by financing activities	(8,742,668)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(571,958)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,957,701
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	$ 1,385,743

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

	Program Services					*Support Services*		
	Cost of Sales of Supplies	*Member Assistance*	*Humanitarian Assistance*	*Member Services*	*Eastern Star Homes Support*	*Fundraising*	*Management and General*	*Total*
Cost of sales	$ 56,444	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ 56,444
Allowances and jewels	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ 29,590	29,590
Committee	-	$ 6,282	-	-	-	-	-	6,282
DGM official visits and schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,619	14,619
Computer	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,532	7,532
Convention	-	-	-	$ 75,903	-	-	-	75,903
Fundraising (Vantage)	-	-	-	-	-	$ 181,222	-	181,222
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,343	15,343
Grants, awards and donations	-	-	$ 32,830	-	-	-	-	32,830
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	132,194	132,194
Investment	-	-	-	-	$ 93,623	-	-	93,623
Equipment maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,003	50,003
Office supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,025	57,025
Rent (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,900	50,900
Other contract services	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,925	31,925
Personal property taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,321	2,321
Salaries and wages	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,857	151,857
Payroll taxes and benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,867	18,867
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,391	33,391
Rosters	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,923	5,923
Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,293	1,293
Other	-	-	-	20,254	10,001	-	6,869	37,124
Expenses shown on Statement of Activities	56,444	6,282	32,830	96,157	103,624	181,222	609,652	1,086,211
Net investment income and realized gains to Eastern Star Homes	-	-	-	-	1,185,185	-	-	1,185,185
Total expenses	$ 56,444	$ 6,282	$ 32,830	$ 96,157	$ 1,288,809	$ 181,222	$ 609,652	$ 2,271,396

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization:

Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star (Grand Chapter) is a California nonprofit unincorporated association which promotes and practices charity and fraternalism.

California Eastern Star Foundation (the Foundation) is a California nonprofit corporation organized to receive gifts, bequests and contributions for the furtherance of educational, charitable and scientific purposes. The foundation was organized in September 1997 at the direction of the members of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star.

Eastern Star Homes of California is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of operating a home for the care of aged members of the Order of Eastern Star (the Home). Residents are affiliated members in good standing who are at least 65 years of age. Upon admission to the Home, residents contribute their assets to the restricted Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter finance committee approves the annual operating budget of the Foundation and Home. The Grand Chapter finance committee is made up of five members, with one new member each year who is appointed by the current Worthy Grand Matron. The Foundation's Board of Trustees consist of five members selected by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter for a term of office of five years. The Home's Board of Trustees are elected by delegates from the general membership.

Method of Accounting:

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation:

Grand Chapter reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Description of Net Assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets - the portion of net assets that is neither temporarily nor permanently restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - the portion of net assets which use by the Grand Chapter is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Grand Chapter.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - the portion of net assets which use by the Grand Chapter is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can otherwise be removed by actions of the Grand Chapter.

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions:

Contributions are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends and/or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Bequests:

Bequests are valued at fair value and are recognized as contributions as soon as they become determinable.

Donated Services:

No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services. However, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Organization in its program services. Grand Chapter receives more than 75,000 volunteer hours per year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash is defined as cash in demand deposit accounts as well as cash on hand. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and investments so near their maturity that the risk of changes in value due to changes in interest rates is negligible. These are generally investments with maturity dates within three months of the acquisition date.

Investment Valuation:

Investments are carried at market value and realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Activities. Grand Chapter considers investment income earned on donor-restricted support to be temporarily restricted.

Residents' Life Insurance Policies:

Resident life insurance policies for which the Home has been designated as beneficiary are included in the Endowment Fund and are carried at present value based on life expectancies of the residents.

Inventory:

Inventory is stated at cost as determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost and are depreciated based on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 and 10 years

Antiques and Collections:

Antiques and collections, contributed by residents of the Home, are included in the Endowment Fund and are valued at their estimated fair market value at the date of contribution.

Income Taxes:

There is no provision for Federal or California taxes on income since the Grand Chapter is an exempt nonprofit association under IRS Code Section 501(c)(8) and related California law. Management believes there is no unrelated taxable business income.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of money market funds, bonds and stocks, and are held in two separate portfolios. At September 30, 1998, the cost and fair market value were as follows:

	Cost	*Fair Market Value*
Grand Chapter Investment Pool:		
Cash equivalents:		
Money market funds	$ 31,140	$ 31,140
Bonds	102,135	108,076
Stocks	403,279	656,897
	$ 536,554	$ 796,113
Endowment:		
Cash equivalents:		
Money market funds	$ 644,837	$ 644,837
Bonds	8,705,943	9,368,087
Stocks	9,444,239	15,270,474
	$ 18,795,019	$ 25,283,398
Total cash equivalents	$ 675,977	$ 675,977
Total securities	18,655,596	25,403,534
Total investment portfolios	$ 19,331,573	$ 26,079,511

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Securities, for financial statement purposes, have been classified as follows:

Short-term investments	$ 10,226,079
Long-term investments (permanently restricted)	15,177,455
	$ 25,403,534

Realized gains and unrealized losses on investments totaled $1,434,531 in 1998.

Grand Chapter's investment policy conforms to Section 73(7), Constitution and Laws, Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at September 30, 1998:

Furniture and fixtures	$ 25,063
Equipment	103,913
Leasehold improvements	5,762
	134,738
Less: accumulated depreciation	(83,384)
	$ 51,354

NOTE 4 - SUPPORT OF EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Eastern Star Homes of California is the income beneficiary of an Endowment Fund maintained by the Grand Chapter. Net investment income is transferred to Eastern Star Homes.

The Endowment Fund investments generated $607,780 in interest and dividend income during the year ended September 30, 1998, net of certain expenses. In addition, to further subsidize operations, realized gains of $581,405 earned in 1998 were transferred to Eastern Star Homes.

NOTE 5 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

Member services:	
Convention and mileage - chairman	$ 102,812
Convention and mileage - headquarters	(2,254)
Membership	66,594
Stark fund	17,298
Eastern Star Homes support (Endowment)	19,133,308
Total	$ 19,317,758

NOTE 5 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (Continued)

Included in the $19,133,308 temporarily restricted net assets is approximately $5.8 million which has been budgeted for necessary improvements to the Eastern Star Home located in Yorba Linda.

NOTE 6 - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consist of endowments to be held in perpetuity for the following purpose:

Eastern Star Homes support	$ 15,177,455

NOTE 7 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors, as follows:

Purpose restrictions accomplished	$ 292,882

NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

Grand Chapter received $104,000 and $59,340 from Eastern Star Homes of California and the California Eastern Star Foundation, respectively, for administrative services rendered for the year ended September 30, 1998.

The Grand Chapter's unrestricted Endowment Fund is to receive a transfer of $8,786,863 from Eastern Star Homes, representing excess unappropriated funds.

NOTE 9 - TRANSFER TO CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

During the year ended September 30, 1998, certain charitable funds held by the Grand Chapter were transferred to the California Eastern Star Foundation, a newly-formed charitable organization.

The net assets transferred consisted of the following funds:

J.C. Lee	$ 3,641,809
Margueritte Rennic	1,641,794
Benevolent/Disaster	657,848
Scholarship	136,512
Cancer Dressing	189,787
G.P. Cashion	199,678
Net assets transferred	$ 6,467,428

NOTE 10 - LEASES

Grand Chapter leases office space under an operating lease expiring June 30, 1999. Rent expense for the year ended September 30, 1998 was $50,900.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

1999	$ 38,700

NOTE 11 - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Grand Chapter's cash balances, as reported by the bank, exceeded federally-insured limits by approximately $1,028,000 at September 30, 1998.

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To the Board of Trustees
Eastern Star Homes of California
San Francisco, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Eastern Star Homes of California (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1998 and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Eastern Star Homes' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eastern Star Homes of California as of September 30, 1998 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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December 17, 1998

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in banks (Note 9)	$ 5,249,834
Investments (Note 4)	6,342,749
Resident cash held in trust	13,614
Due from affiliated organization (Note 2):	
Grand Chapter General Fund	142,432
Investment income receivable from Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 3)	161,247
Contributions and bequests receivable	31,041
Other receivables	7,800
Prepaid expenses	84,458
Inventory of provisions and medical supplies, at cost	11,678
Property and equipment (Note 5)	6,611,731
Total assets	$ 18,656,584

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 230,270
Residents' accounts held in trust	10,505
Fee-based resident deposit	3,109
Deferred income	513
Due to affiliated organization (Note 2):	
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund	8,786,838
Obligation to provide future services and use of facilities in excess of amounts received or to be received for such services (Note 6)	2,440,901
Total liabilities	11,472,136
Net assets (Note 7)	7,184,448
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 18,656,584

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

Revenue, gains and other support:	
Contributions:	
Members dues	$ 142,407
Residents' contributions after admission	210,070
Unrestricted bequests	257,699
Other	24,057
Resident fees	32,000
Net investment income from Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 3)	607,780
Realized gains from Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 3)	581,405
Interest	479,369
Net unrealized gains on investments	181,348
Rental income – medical offices	19,414
Insurance refunds	11,801
Site lease and other miscellaneous revenue	35,304
Gain on sale of Los Angeles home (Note 5)	14,949,823
Total revenue, gains, and other support	17,532,477
Expenses and losses:	
Program service - Elderly care	1,280,084
Management and general	554,482
Total expenses	1,834,566
Operating surplus	15,697,911
Transfer to Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 7)	(8,786,863)
Decrease in obligation to provide future services (Note 6)	1,251,598
Change in net assets	8,162,646
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	(978,198)
Net assets at end of year	$ 7,184,448

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Contributions received	$ 772,533
Resident fees received	32,000
Net investment income received from endowment fund	581,051
Realized gains received from Grand Chapter	581,405
Rental income received from medical office building	12,128
Interest income received from Home Sale fund	479,369
Miscellaneous income received	49,761
Administrative and operating expenses paid	(1,788,764)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	719,483
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Proceeds from sale of Los Angeles home	14,550,000
Purchase of Yorba Linda home and other property	(4,732,863)
Purchase of investments	(6,161,401)
Cash flows provided by investing activities	3,655,736
NET INCREASE IN CASH	4,375,219
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	874,615
CASH AT END OF YEAR	$ 5,249,834

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Change in net assets	$ 8,162,646
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	26,049
Gain on sale of Los Angeles home	(14,949,823)
Increase in market value of investments	(181,348)
Decrease in obligation to provide future services	(1,251,596)
Changes in current assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in receivables	76,776
(Increase) in prepaid expenses	(45,214)
Decrease in inventory	1,813
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	93,342
Increase in due to affiliated organization	8,786,838
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	$ 719,483

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

	Program Service	*Supporting Services*	
	Elderly Care	*Management and General*	*Total*
Compensation and related expenses:			
Salaries and wages	$ 675,593	$ 116,918	$ 792,511
Employee benefits	37,405	2,291	39,696
Payroll taxes	59,327	7,976	67,303
Professional and consultant fees	12,302	74,910	87,212
Administration fee (Note 8)	-	104,000	104,000
Food	55,591	-	55,591
Insurance:			
Property and liability	-	51,496	51,496
Workers' compensation	31,821	4,389	36,210
Occupancy:			
Electricity	33,498	-	33,498
Gas	36,636	-	36,636
Security	41,418	628	42,046
Water and sewer	21,352	-	21,352
Minor equipment and other supplies	63,939	1,352	65,291
Repairs and maintenance	30,898	2,358	33,256
Telephone	-	12,289	12,289
Licenses and taxes	-	54,123	54,123
Depreciation	-	26,049	26,049
Resident allowances	16,435	-	16,435
Holiday gifts – residents	3,464	-	3,464
Contract labor	93,371	-	93,371
Board member expenses	-	60,626	60,626
Other purchased services	67,034	22,434	89,468
Rental expenses – medical offices	-	12,643	12,643
Total expenses	$ 1,280,084	$ 554,482	$ 1,834,566

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization:

Eastern Star Homes of California is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of operating a home for the care of aged members of the Order of Eastern Star (the Home). Residents are affiliated members in good standing who are at least 65 years of age. Upon admission to the Home, residents contribute their assets to the restricted Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star (Grand Chapter).

Eastern Star Homes accounts for all of its activities as unrestricted since donors impose no restrictions on use of contributions. The Grand Chapter finance committee approves the annual operating budget of the Home. The Home's Board of Trustees are elected by delegates from the general membership. The Grand Chapter finance committee is made up of five members, with one new member each year who is appointed by the current Worthy Grand Matron.

Method of Accounting:

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Inventory of Provisions and Medical Supplies:

The inventories of supplies used for the care of the residents are shown at their historical cost.

Property:

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation is recorded over the useful life of the assets, which range from five to forty years, using the straight-line method. Property is not depreciated until placed in service.

Donated Services:

No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services. However, many individuals volunteer their time relating to leadership of the Home and help with resident activities.

Income Taxes:

There is no provision for Federal or California taxes on income since Eastern Star Homes of California is an exempt nonprofit corporation under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) and related California law. Management believes there is no unrelated taxable business income.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Refund Policy:

Certain residents of the home are entitled to a refund of the unexpended portion of their contribution to the Endowment Fund should they elect to leave the home. No liability for any refund obligation under existing life care contracts is recorded herein since such refunds would be paid by the Endowment Fund.

Fee-Based Resident Deposit:

Fee-based residents' deposits received will revert back to the residents' estate upon death or to the resident upon departure from the Home. At September 30, 1998, the deposit held in trust is $3,109.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is defined as cash in demand deposit accounts as well as cash on hand. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and investments so near their maturity that the risk of changes in value due to changes in interest rates is negligible. These are generally investments with maturity dates within three months of the acquisition date. Not included as cash equivalents are funds restricted as to their use, regardless of liquidity or the maturity dates of investments.

Restricted Contributions:

The Organization reports contributions as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The Organization had no restricted net assets at September 30, 1998.

Bequests:

Bequests are valued at fair value and are recognized as contributions as soon as they become determinable.

Investments:

Investments are recorded at fair market value.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Estimates: (Continued)

Estimates which could have a significant affect on the financial statements include the obligation to provide future services and use of facilities in excess of amounts received or to be received for such services and the net realizable value of the Clovis property.

NOTE 2 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances represent amounts of a temporary nature which have not cleared as of the statement of financial position date. The liability to the Endowment Fund represents proceeds from the sale of the Los Angeles home that will be transferred to the unrestricted Endowment Fund following year end.

NOTE 3 - ENDOWMENT FUND

Eastern Star Homes of California is the income beneficiary of an Endowment Fund maintained by the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star. Net investment income is transferred to Eastern Star Homes.

The Endowment Fund investments generated $607,780 in interest and dividend income during the year ended September 30, 1998, net of certain expenses. In addition, to further subsidize operations, realized gains of $581,405 were transferred from the Endowment Fund.

NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

A summary of the investments held by the Organization at September 30, 1998 follows:

	Cost	*Fair Market Value*
Corporate and government bonds	$ 6,161,401	$ 6,342,749

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Organization sold the Los Angeles property in December 1997 for $15,000,000 plus a $250,000 non-refundable deposit which produced a gain of $14,949,823 on December 31, 1997. On June 17, 1998, the Yorba Linda property was purchased for $4,400,000.

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

At September 30, 1998, property and equipment consisted of the following:

Yorba Linda Property:	
Land	$ 2,307,129
Buildings	2,097,470
Building improvements – construction in process	290,589
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	67,548
Autos	100,039
Clovis Property:	
Land	1,801,820
Development costs	51,753
Total property and equipment	6,716,348
Less: accumulated depreciation	104,617
Net property and equipment	$ 6,611,731

The Clovis property is expected to be placed for sale. The Yorba Linda Property has been designated as the site of the new residence home. A budget of approximately $5.8 million has been established to construct necessary improvements.

The Yorba Linda property also contains medical offices which are rented on month-to-month leases. Residents of the Los Angeles home that required skilled nursing care have been relocated to an unaffiliated facility since the Yorba Linda home is not expected to provide skilled nursing.

NOTE 6 - OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FUTURE SERVICES

Applicants for admission to Eastern Star Homes are required to make a contribution (advance fee) to the Endowment Fund (see Note 1). In exchange for this contribution, the Organization agrees to care for the residents for the remainder of their lives.

Eastern Star Homes has recorded a liability for its obligation to provide care for the residents for the remainder of their lives. The obligation is calculated by estimating the cost of providing care and the use of the facilities over the remaining lives of the residents less estimated cash revenue before any realized gains from the Endowment Fund or proceeds on future property sales. The excess of projected expenses over revenues has been estimated to increase at five percent annually, representing inflation. The resulting liability has been discounted by five percent to reflect net present value. This liability amounted to $2,440,901 at September 30, 1998. The change in the obligation from year to year is shown on the statement of activities.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 7 – NET ASSETS

The Organization's net assets consist of the following funds:

Property and Equipment Fund	$ 6,611,731
Operating Fund	572,717
	$ 7,184,448

The Organization's constitution and by-laws require that the Operating Fund balance is to be limited to $250,000 plus appropriations. Excess amounts are to be transferred to the unrestricted Endowment Fund for the future use of the home, to be maintained by the Grand Chapter of California.

NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

Eastern Star Homes incurred a $104,000 administrative expense charge in 1998 for services provided by the Grand Chapter of California Order of Eastern Star.

NOTE 9 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Organization's cash balances exceeded federally-insured limits and SIPC-insured limits by approximately $5 million at September 30, 1998.

NOTE 10 – CONTINUING CARE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

The State of California Health and Safety Code requires continuing care retirement communities to report on the adequacy of certain reserve requirements. The Home met both the statutory and liquid reserve requirements at September 30, 1998.

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To the Board of Directors
California Eastern Star Foundation
San Francisco, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of California Eastern Star Foundation (a California nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1998 and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the California Eastern Star Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of California Eastern Star Foundation as of September 30, 1998 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(A California Nonprofit Organization)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2 and 8)	$ 203,655
Accounts receivable	392
Investment income receivable	14,433
Short-term investments (Note 2)	5,814,009
Due from affiliated organization:	
Eastern Star Grand Chapter (Note 6)	12,210
Long-term investments (Note 2)	901,274
Total assets	$ 6,945,973

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 5,244
Total liabilities	5,244
Net assets (deficit):	
Unrestricted	10,957
Temporarily restricted (Note 3)	6,028,498
Permanently restricted (Note 4)	901,274
Total net assets	6,940,729
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 6,945,973

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

	Unrestricted	*Temporarily Restricted*	*Permanently Restricted*	*Total*
evenues, gains and other support:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	$ -	$ 21,558	$ -	$ 21,558
Chapter donations	27	103,147	-	103,174
Other	-	189,817	-	189,817
Interest and dividend income	810	104,275	-	105,085
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments (Note 2)	-	337,083	-	337,083
Other	1,607	-	-	1,607
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 5)	293,536	(293,536)	-	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	295,980	462,344	-	758,324
xpenses:				
Program services:				
Member assistance	92,713	-	-	92,713
Humanitarian assistance	122,221	-	-	122,221
Total program services	214,934	-	-	214,934
Management and general	70,089	-	-	70,089
Total expenses	285,023	-	-	285,023
Operating surplus	10,957	462,344	-	473,301
ansfers from Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star (Note 8)	-	5,732,154	735,274	6,467,428
classification (Note 9)	-	(166,000)	166,000	-
Change in net assets	10,957	6,028,498	901,274	6,940,729
t assets at inception	-	-	-	-
t assets at end of year	$ 10,957	$ 6,028,498	$ 901,274	$ 6,940,729

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	$ 6,940,729
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows provided by operating activities:	
Non-cash transfer from Grand Chapter	(6,223,075)
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(337,083)
Decrease (increase) in:	
Accounts receivable	38
Investment income receivable	(2,987)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,379
Cash flows provided by operating activities	381,001
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Proceeds from sale of investments	803,004
Purchases of investments	(849,465)
Decrease in due from affiliated organization	(130,885)
Cash flows used by investing activities	(177,346)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	203,655
Cash and cash equivalents, at inception	-
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of year	$ 203,655

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

	Program Services		*Support Services*	
	Member Assistance	*Humanitarian Assistance*	*Management and General*	*Total*
Administration fees	$ -	$ -	$ 59,340	$ 59,340
Assistance to members	90,252	-	-	90,252
Committee	-	-	1,463	1,463
Cancer dressing materials	-	38,344	-	38,344
Grants, awards and donations	-	72,468	-	72,468
Investment	-	-	8,582	8,582
Office supplies	2,253	10,370	-	12,623
Other	208	1,039	704	1,951
Total expenses	$ 92,713	$ 122,221	$ 70,089	$ 285,023

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization:

California Eastern Star Foundation (the Foundation) is a California nonprofit corporation organized to receive gifts, bequests and contributions for the furtherance of educational, charitable and scientific purposes. The foundation was organized in September 1997 at the direction of the members of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star (Grand Chapter).

The Grand Chapter finance committees approve the annual budget of the foundation. The Board of Trustees consist of five members and are selected by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter for a term of office of five years.

Method of Accounting:

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation:

The Foundation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Description of Net Assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets - the portion of net assets that is neither temporarily nor permanently restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - the portion of net assets which use by the Foundation is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Foundation.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - the portion of net assets which use by the Foundation is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can otherwise be removed by actions of the Foundation.

Contributions:

Contributions are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends and/or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Bequests:

Bequests are valued at fair value and are recognized as contributions as soon as they become determinable.

Donated Services:

No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services. However, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Organization in its program services. California Eastern Star Foundation receives more than 7,500 volunteer hours per year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash is defined as cash in demand deposit accounts as well as cash on hand. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and investments so near their maturity that the risk of changes in value due to changes in interest rates is negligible. These are generally investments with maturity dates within three months of the acquisition date.

Investment Valuation:

Investments are carried at market value and realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Activities. The Foundation considers investment income earned on donor-restricted support to be temporarily restricted.

Income Taxes:

There is no provision for Federal or California taxes on income since the Foundation is an exempt nonprofit association under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) and related California law. Management believes there is no unrelated taxable business income.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of money market funds, bonds and stocks, and are held in three separate portfolios. At September 30, 1998, the cost and fair market value were as follows:

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	Cost	*Fair Market Value*
California Eastern Star Foundation Investment Pool:		
Cash equivalents:		
Money market funds	$ 87,107	$ 87,107
Bonds	1,026,730	1,088,110
Stocks	2,397,498	3,942,881
	$ 3,511,335	$ 5,118,098
Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund:		
Cash equivalents:		
Money market funds	$ 63,099	$ 63,099
Bonds	446,640	469,497
Stocks	813,846	1,214,795
	$ 1,323,585	$ 1,747,391
Total cash equivalents	$ 150,206	$ 150,206
Total securities	4,684,714	6,715,283
Total investment portfolios	$ 4,834,920	$ 6,865,489

Securities, for financial statement purposes, have been classified as follows:

Short-term investments	$ 5,814,009
Long-term investments:	
Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund	615,274
Scholarship Fund	120,000
Cashion Fund	166,000
Total securities	$ 6,715,283

Realized gains and unrealized losses on investments totaled $337,083 during the year.

California Eastern Star Foundation's investment policy conforms to Section 73(7), Constitution and Laws, California Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

NOTE 3 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

Member assistance:	
Benevolent Fund	$ 668,185
J.C. Lee Fund	3,837,732
Rennie Fund	1,125,543
Disaster Fund	(619)
Total member assistance	5,630,841
Humanitarian assistance:	
Scholarship Fund	190,172
Cancer Dressing Fund	195,660
Cashion Fund	11,825
Total humanitarian assistance	397,657
Total	$ 6,028,498

NOTE 4 - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consist of endowments to be held in perpetuity for the following purposes:

Member assistance (Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund)	$ 615,274
Humanitarian assistance:	
Scholarship Fund	120,000
Cashion Fund	166,000
Total	$ 901,274

NOTE 5 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors, as follows:

Purpose restrictions accomplished	$ 293,536

NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The Foundation paid $59,340 to the Grand Chapter for administrative services rendered for the year ended September 30, 1998 and has outstanding receivables from the Grand Chapter of $12,210.

NOTE 7 - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

California Eastern Star Foundation's cash balances, as reported by the bank, exceeded federally-insured limits by approximately $50,204 at September 30, 1998.

NOTE 8 - TRANSFER FROM EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER

During the year ended September 30, 1998, certain charitable funds previously held by the Grand Chapter were transferred to Eastern Star Foundation. The net assets held by those funds as of the beginning of the year were $6,467,428.

NOTE 9 - RECLASSIFICATION OF NET ASSETS

During the year ended September 30, 1998, it was determined that $166,000 in net assets held in the Cashion Fund was permanently restricted. These net assets had previously been classified as temporarily restricted. This reclassification has no effect on total net assets or the total change in net assets as previously reported.

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