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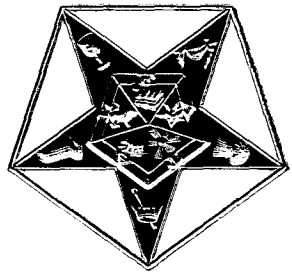

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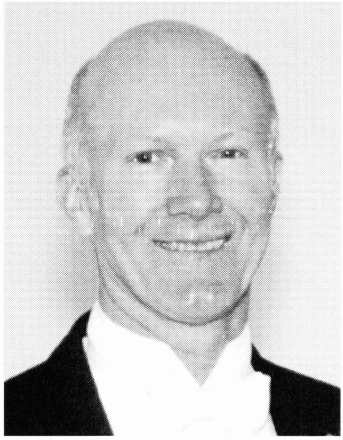

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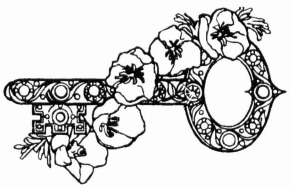


WORTHY GRAND MATRON EMBLEM

A Golden Key entwined with the California Poppy.

MOTTO

Cherish the Past
Treasure the Present
Envision the Future

WATCHWORDS

Tolerance
Respect
Dignity

BIBLICAL VERSE

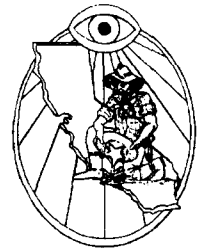
"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,
do ye even so to them:
For this is the law and the prophets."
St. Matthew 7:12

FLOWER

The California Poppy

COLORS

Shades of Blue, with a touch of Royal Purple and White



WORTHY GRAND PATRON EMBLEM

THE ALL SEEING EYE - A powerful Masonic symbol representing God tops our emblem to remind us of the importance of keeping God centered in our lives, thoughts, and deeds.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA - Our Order stretches from North to South with a multitude of settings: from the Redwoods to the ocean, from the mountain forests to the desert. We are all part of one great state and one magnificent order.

THE PROSPECTOR'S PAN OF GOLD - A close look at the prospector's pan reveals a shining gold star. This is to help us focus on our Eastern Star and keep on shining in our lives.

OUR NAME

We shall be known as PROSPECTORS. We are always to look for the gold and the good in every person, and every situation. If we look hard enough we will always find it.

BIBLICAL VERSE

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." *Psalms 23:6*

WATCHWORDS

Faith, Diligence, Optimism

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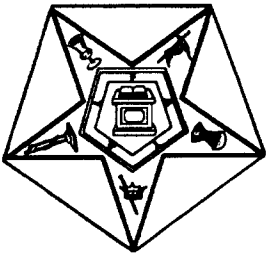


One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual

"KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

October 20 - 24, 1999

Fresno Convention Center
700 "M" Street
Fresno, California

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 20, 1999

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Fresno Convention Center was decorated with the Worthy Grand Matron's emblem; a large gold key with five poppies and the star point jewels, on a black background. The floor of the stage was decorated with 5,000 poppies made by the members around the state. A treasure chest of stuffed animals, the carrying pieces of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at their Official Visits, sat in the well between the ramps.

8:30 a.m. **Musical Prelude:** Karl Kapin, Past Patron (133)

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Escort: Hostess and Host

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Honorary Grand Marshal:	Yvonne Beckenhauer, Past Grand Matron
Adah:	Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron
Ruth:	Earlynn Albright, Past Grand Matron
Esther:	Kay Cosby, Past Grand Matron
Martha:	Paula Remington, Past Grand Matron
Electa:	Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron

NARRATION
(By Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron)

From our Treasure Chest we take the Sword and Veil which for thousands of years has been a symbol of fidelity. The blue of the veil encourages us to be faithful to all obligations. The sword encourages us to renew our vow for honor and justice.

Over a century ago our forefathers made a vow to be constant and true and placed a Sheaf of Barley in a Treasure Chest to keep and be treasured through the years. And now the reward of that vow keeps us steadfast, constant and true.

A priceless treasure in our Eastern Star Treasure Chest is a beautiful Crown and Scepter that through the ages has symbolized loyalty to our beliefs, to our Sisters and Brothers, to our God and to our Country. Time has not dimmed that quality.

Faith keeps us strong and united. Our Treasure Chest holds a Broken Column that always reminds us that we should have faith in our God, in our Order and in our tomorrows. Our heritage is priceless.

Our Treasure Chest holds yet another symbol - this one of love, hospitality and the caring we have for our Sisters and Brothers. We have offered the Cup to those who would like to join in our "love for one another." Let us not see the past better than it was; let us not see the present as bad as it seems. Our heritage is to see the future finer than our dreams.

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron
Bible Escorts: Hildegard Smith, Past Grand Matron
Zoe Harris, Past Grand Matron

NARRATION

(By Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron)

From our great Eastern Star Treasure Chest comes the greatest treasure of our times, our Holy Bible, the center of our universe. We place it with reverence on our Altar. May the rays that emanate from this Holy Book enter into our hearts. May it teach us the great lessons that come from that radiant Star and which Eastern Star endeavors to follow. The Bible is our heritage. Let us keep it in our hearts and souls forever.

Entrance: Grand Officers of California

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

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Sue McKinney, Junior Past Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sheri, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you your gavel, which has served as the key to the heart of the members of California this year. I know this will be an exciting week for you and for all of those in attendance as you preside with tolerance, respect and dignity.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sue, for presenting my gavel to me for the Formal Opening of 126th Session of the Grand Chapter of California.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Sue McKinney, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Ernie Lewis, Junior Past Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sue, our Junior Past Grand Matron, we would be pleased to have your remarks at this time.

WELCOME

(By Sue McKinney, Junior Past Grand Matron)

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

Sister Sheri, thank you for allowing my Worthy Grand Patron, Ernie Lewis, and I the opportunity to be your Host and Hostess for this, the 126th Grand Session of Eastern Star in our Golden State of California.

This is the day that thousands of our members have been planning all year long. From the moment you and Brother Ron came out of your treasure chest just one year ago, there has been much activity and excitement. Up and down the state, members have worked to make your dreams come true. Both of you have had long days and very short nights, but soon, a well-deserved rest will be yours.

Sister Florence, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Golden Gates of California Heartland have opened to you. We are so happy to have you and some of the Committee Members join us this week.

Sister Pat, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, how pleased we are to have you and your Committee friends from Minnesota once again. Please know you are always welcome and we appreciate all of your visits to California.

Brother Loyal, California's own Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, your enthusiasm abounds and spreads joy to all you meet.

We know our members are excited to have each of our visitors here with us and will strive to show you the "Key to California's Gold."

We are proud to have members this week who have never attended Grand Chapter before. And then again, those who have attended for year, after year, after year. This is the week of making new friends, renewing old friendships, and building visions for the future. We come from every walk of life and from the very small town to the big city. All joined together to share our ideas, opinions, and opportunities. Enjoy everything from the pageantry, to the legislation, to the fun events. Every part of this week makes for a successful experience. You, the members, are California's Gold. You are our greatest asset.

Sister Sheri, I present to you this darling skunk for your project of stuffed animals. God made these little guys special, just as he made you and the members of California special. Have a wonderful week and God will give you "The Key to California's Gold."

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Ernie, our Junior Past Grand Patron, may we have your remarks at this time.

WELCOME

(By Ernie Lewis, Junior Past Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers and Delegates to this "The Key to California Gold" Session:

What an honor it is this morning to be your Host for this Session and to be able to once again escort Sister Sue McKinney, our Hostess for today. Thank you, Sister Sheri, for this privilege.

Sisters and Brothers, please accept my sincere welcome to this 126th Annual Session. I know that you will have a most pleasurable and productive experience in making this a meaningful and successful Session.

Now that you are here, please be sure to derive the very most that you can from the legislation, the Committee reports, and the FUN functions. Take this back to your Chapters and inform them of the knowledge you have gained. Use this knowledge to strengthen our Chapters and our Order and encourage the members to attend next year.

Sister Sheri, how proud our Order is in the way you have led them this past year; the innovations that you have made and the way that you have shown that you do not have to follow, "But that is the way we have always done it before." The way you have tried and brought into use at certain meetings the street-length dress, and you have continued to promote FUN at the meetings. You have challenged the Worthy Matrons to be different; to accept the changing of times and to meet them head on, and show that you can cure them with this great Order that we have of Eastern Star.

Brother Ron, what a complement you have been to Sheri. Your knowledge, your enthusiasm and sincere love of our Order have been evident all year. You and your Prospectors have been an invaluable assistance to all the Worthy Matrons and to our Chapters. This is a year that you can be proud of and have wonderful memories for the rest of your life.

Sisters and Brothers, during this entire session remember to be Faithful, Understanding and Noble to your commitments. Have FUN. Continue to have fun and our Order will grow and grow beyond your beliefs.

Brother Ron, since Sister Sheri has made the animals part of this year's fun, Sir Blade has looked all around. He's searched all the animals that you have in the well. He searched all the animals that you have in the auditorium, and he could find no other skunk. He is a little perturbed. The only thing he has is Violet, and he raised his tail like this and everybody ran and he had no idea why they were doing this. Seriously, though, I would like to present you with this animal to extend your year and add to your collection. Ron, thank you. It's been a great year. It's been a wonderful pleasure.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, thank you for serving as Hostess and Host of this Formal Opening of the "Key to California Gold" Session.

Sue, I traveled behind you as your "little sister," and Ernie, you and I belong to East Bay Chapters. Your friendships are dear to me and it was only appropriate that you welcome our members at this Opening Session. Thank you. We will add our animals to those that we take into hospitals following the Session and thank you for thinking of a small child.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sue and Brother Ernie, I would also like to add my thank you for being Host and Hostess for this Opening Session. It is most appropriate that you did. Last year, we traveled all over the State of California with you and your Grand Family and got to be very close. Both of you mean a great deal to Cathy and me. It is most appropriate that you gave the opening welcome for this session of Grand Chapter.

Sheri Weisser, 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,
Grace Wallis, Chairman

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain: Our dear Father in Heaven, we come to you this morning with the humility before Thy grace and glory and joy for the opportunity to be here and fraternal fellowship for the duties of the Grand Session of this Grand Chapter. We ask for wisdom, guidance and grace to make wise decisions and the love to accept the will of the majority. We hold up to You for Your special consideration Sister Sheri, our Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron, our Worthy Grand Patron. Give them guidance, power and the wisdom to lead us well and the love to truly guide us. All of this Father, we ask for Thy name's sake. Amen.

OPENING ODE
"Bless this House"

Bless this house oh Lord we pray
Make it safe by night and day
Bless this door that it may prove
Ever open to joy and love.

Sheri Weisser, 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 Eastern Star, to be duly opened.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Grand Marshal, you will assist the Flag Bearer for the presentation of the Flag of our Country.

Flag Bearer:	Kent Armstrong, Past Patron (348)
Flag Escort:	Janet McClanahan, Grand Marshal (348)

FLAG TRIBUTE
(By Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron)

I am the symbol of the living America, the badge of its greatness, and the emblem of its destiny. I am the Flag of the United States...The last... the best hope for peace on earth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. We are so pleased that each of you is present with us as we proceed with the business of our Grand Chapter.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our Past Grand Matrons who participated in this morning's ceremony: Sisters Yvonne Beckenhauer, Honorary Marshal; Betty Stubblefield, Narrator; Mary Meixner, Adah; Earlynn Albright, Ruth; Kay Cosby, Esther; Paula Remington, Martha; Sherie Gustafson, Electa; Kathleen McDonald, Bible Bearer; Hildegard Smith and Zoe Harris, Bible Escorts. Thank you, it was beautifully done.

Karl Kapin, thank you very much for your music this morning before we started our Session.

Before we begin, I would like to bring a few things to your attention. We fully realize that there are times when you must leave the Session. We request that, except in an emergency, no one leaves the room during the time when a report is being given.

When you received your credentials you received a program listing the week's activities. Please read it carefully, so you don't miss a scheduled event. After the close of each Session, please remain seated until the Retiring March of the Grand Officers and the Grand Pages is completed. We will appreciate this courtesy.

Please wear your credentials so the Grand Outer Guards may see them when you enter the auditorium. The Grand Inner Guards will be seated in each section and will ask to see your dues receipts when you enter that section.

If you need to send a note to the East, there will be Grand Pages seated on the stage to assist you. Only emergency announcements will be made by the Worthy Grand Patron. Other messages should be left at the Information Booth. We will appreciate your attention to these matters. Thank you.

At this time, it is my pleasure to present Edith Murphy, who will be serving as Parliamentarian during this Annual Session. Sister Edith will be pleased to meet with you informally if you have any questions regarding the parliamentary proceedings of this Grand Chapter Session. Sister Edith, you will please present the Proposed Standing Rules for this Session.

PRESENTATION OF STANDING RULES FOR SESSION

(By Edith Murphy, Past Matron (565), Parliamentarian)

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

We are about to begin the deliberations of the last Grand Session of this century. Every delegate has an important obligation to fulfill and is expected to attend all business Sessions and to exercise the right to vote. To expedite business in a courteous and orderly manner, I submit for your approval the Standing Rules of this Session. These rules generally do not change from year to year. They are a consistent set of rules that govern the procedures of Session.

No. 1. Addressing Grand Chapter: Members addressing Grand Chapter shall go to the nearest microphone. When recognized by the Presiding Officer, the member shall announce their name and the name, number and location of their Chapter. If speaking to a pending question, members should state whether they are for or against the motion.

No. 2. Debate and Decorum: Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes in debate and may speak only once on the same subject, unless given permission from the Presiding Officer or the Grand Chapter. Members of Committees may speak more than once in relation to the report of that Committee.

The proponent of a proposed amendment or the maker of a motion will be allowed to speak first in support of their amendment or motion, and also be allowed to speak last. Debate will be limited to three speakers for each side of the question. All remarks are addressed to or through the Chair. Members are not to address other members in debate. Remarks must be germane to the pending question; personal remarks are not in order.

No. 3. Voting Sign: The Voting Sign of Grand Chapter shall be by raising the ballot or ballots in the form of a colored card or cards provided to each delegate at the time of registration.

No. 4. Moving the Previous Question: The object of this motion is to close debate and bring the pending question to a vote. A two-thirds vote is required. If the vote taken is in the affirmative, another vote is then taken on the pending question or amendment. This motion is not in order unless three members have been heard on each side of the question. The presiding officer is under no obligation to recognize the motion when a member does not obtain the floor and merely calls out, "Question."

No. 5. Requesting a Ballot Vote: A ballot vote may be ordered upon any question at the discretion of the presiding officer 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 by the Grand Chapter up to the time the vote is taken.

No. 6. Vote Required: A majority vote shall determine all questions except Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Laws, which require a two-thirds for adoption.

No. 7. 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 form before the member proceeds to the microphone. The member desiring to amend the Proposed Amendment shall obtain a form 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.

No. 8. Substitute Amendments: If a substitute to a Proposed Amendment is offered prior to the adoption of the Proposed Amendment, then the substitute shall be considered and acted upon first and, if adopted, the Proposed Amendment as originally filed shall be considered rejected. If a substitute to a Proposed Amendment is rejected, then the original amendment shall be acted upon; unless it is withdrawn by the proponents to said action.

No. 9. Elections: When three or more candidates are standing for election for one office, and after a 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 is declared elected.

No. 10: The current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order," Newly Revised, 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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Edith, thank you for agreeing to serve as our Parliamentarian.

Worthy Grand Patron, it is my desire that you preside.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates to this Grand Chapter Session, Sisters and Brothers:

I now ask that you give attention to the address of Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser. Sister Sheri, would you please give your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(By Sheri Weisser)

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates of the 126th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Sisters and Brothers:

Our Constitution states that I am to present a written report to you reviewing the work of the term, setting forth the general condition of the Order in our Jurisdiction and recommending such legislation as I may deem necessary. Therefore, the proceedings will include the traditional report of the itinerary, dispensation, appointments, et cetera, and I will be brief with my comments this morning.

One year ago at the "Key to California Gold" installation I spoke to you about goals we asked the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to set and about the goals the Worthy Grand Patron and I hoped to achieve. We asked the leaders of 1999 to serve with Dignity, Respect and Tolerance. We encouraged them to try new programs, to bring new members into our Order and to contact those members who weren't coming to Chapter. We asked each of the presiding officers to commit to at least one action to make their Chapter better.

They were committed to contacting "absent" members, developing a better relationship with the Masonic Lodge (or developing a relationship with the Masonic Lodge), starting a newsletter, becoming more involved with community projects, increasing social activities, making their members more aware of our charities, and having a good time!

One of *our* goals was to increase the attendance at the Official Visits. By scheduling most of the Official Visits on the weekends we hoped more members would participate. We were pleased with the attendance and truly enjoyed meeting and visiting with our members.

In lieu of carrying pieces we asked the District to provide a stuffed animal that we would later deliver to a hospital or senior center to be enjoyed by someone less fortunate. These animals are part of the decorations this week and will be sent to hospitals at the end of this Session. Many of the Districts brought additional animals to the Official Visits and, prior to coming to Fresno, we had distributed 3,668 stuffed animals. If you use $20 as the average cost of each animal, that's nearly $74,000 of stuffed animals. Thank you for your support of this special project. You have brightened the days of many children and seniors.

Our second goal was to decrease the number of contacts made with our Appeals and Grievances Committee. We asked our members to live by the Golden Rule. While it was not necessary to hold a trial or place a Chapter on probation or suspension, we still have members who forget the Obligation they took at the Altar. In her report to Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron Barbara Campbell said, "If we could rip out all the phones we could eliminate 90 percent of our grievances." I am inclined to agree with her. However, I am pleased to say that the vast majority of our members are kind and loving towards one another, and the Appeals and Grievances Committee had very little to do this year. On January 28th, I visited Rialto Chapter and was pleased to set aside their probation.

We have tried a few 'new things' this year and have been pleased with your acceptance and willingness to try something new. The beauty of our Initiation Ceremony was enhanced with the Star Points in dresses appropriate to the color of their station; street-length dress meetings were well received in most of the Chapters, especially by officers in the work force.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

GRAND OFFICERS: Each Worthy Grand Matron is privileged to select ten appointive Grand Officers. Many of our members are deserving of this honor. It was my desire to have our appointive Grand Officers come from different Associations throughout our state; to select those who were friendly and concerned about our members and the Order. How exciting it was to visit these special members and extend an invitation to be part of this Grand Family.

Together with the elected Grand Officers, they have traveled all over this great state. In addition to the Official Visits and social events, each

of them has visited Chapters in their area on regular meeting nights. I know they have reaped many benefits from these visits and made long-lasting friendships.

Thank you, dear ones, for your loyalty and support, for all you have done for me this year and, more importantly, for all that you've done for our Order. I am very proud of each of you. You have my never-ending gratitude.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS: This year the state was divided into 57 Districts. The Worthy Matrons and the Worthy Patrons were encouraged to make recommendations, as were our Distinguished Members. After careful consideration, 57 Past Matrons were selected to serve as Deputy Grand Matrons. Prior to confirmation of the appointment, they were asked to complete an "open-book quiz" in order to ensure they had a working knowledge of our Ritual and Instruction Book.

The Associate Grand Matron and I agreed to try something new – that of renewing the appointment of a Deputy. We selected two candidates to try this experiment. Our thanks to Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen and Pam Potter for agreeing to try this program.

Because of her husband's ill health, Ileane Douglas of District 46 resigned her position as Deputy Grand Matron and I appointed Becky Neuwirth of Seaside Chapter to replace her.

My thanks to each of you for accepting this challenging position. It is my hope that you found it to be a most rewarding year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: I had the privilege of recommending the names of 26 Sisters and Brothers to Worthy Grand Matrons of other jurisdictions for appointment as Grand Representative of that jurisdiction in California. It has been exciting for me to share in these appointments and I wish the new Grand Representatives safe travels as they visit our sister jurisdictions.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: My grateful thanks to those members who accepted the responsibilities of their appointments to our Standing and Special Committees. The Grand Chapter and I are indebted to each of you for your service.

EVENTS: To plan and coordinate the official itinerary for 1999 was a challenge. The itinerary included 15 All Officer Instructionals, two Brush Up Schools, 57 Official Visits, eight Chapter anniversary celebrations, four visits to the Eastern Star and Masonic Homes, 14 Grand Officer honor events, honor events for the Deputy Grand Matron Presidents, 13 Association special events, three fund-raising breakfasts or teas, four Youth Order Annual Session visits, and annual sessions of four Concordant Bodies.

We helped decorate the Masonic float and attended the Rose Parade; participated in the pageantry at the East-West Shine Game held in Stanford Stadium; enjoyed an "All Masonic Day" in Eureka; and just ten days ago we attended the Public Opening of the Grand Lodge of California, where I was especially honored to have the privilege of raising the Grand Lodge. Each event and Official Visit reflected the personality of the District or the Association, and what treasured memories I have of those special times.

I attended the Grand Chapter of Idaho and was pleased to give a tribute to the California flag at Oregon Grand Chapter. I was extended the courtesy of giving the Response to the Welcome of Distinguished Guests at the Grand Chapter of Nevada and the Grand Chapter of Montana - my home state.

FIESTA: The annual Fiesta was held in Yorba Linda at our new Senior Living Community. Although construction was still in progress, everyone had a great weekend and the "Mardi Gras" was a great success. That weekend we dedicated the cornerstone of our new Senior Living Community. The Grand Lodge Officers performed the impressive ceremony. We participated in another first - the Worthy Grand Patron and I were privileged to be escorted with the Grand Lodge Officers.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: One of the special projects this year was to complete the publication of our History Book - a dream of our Junior Past Grand Matron. I am pleased to report that it is now being proofread and edited and that we are taking advance orders this week.

The label project approved by the delegates was completed this week and your package should be waiting for you when you arrive home. The proceeds of this project will benefit the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, our Masonic Youth Orders and the Masonic float. At the request of many of our members, you will not receive a reminder notice,

so please send your donation promptly - don't file it away! However, the labels are yours to keep and use, even if you choose not donate.

MOVE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE: This may be considered a special project! It certainly was a challenge. Imagine moving after 100 years in the same house! But, thanks to the old office staff in San Francisco and the new office staff in Yorba Linda, we did it. My congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped make this a smooth transition. We are now settled into our new home and we hope you will stop by for a visit.

DECISIONS: During this year, I rendered four decisions based upon opinions prepared by the Jurisprudence Committee. I will be asking the delegates to incorporate these decisions into Part VII of our Constitution and Laws entitled "Decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron." This will take place later in our Session.

APPRECIATION: I thank the members of California for electing Brother Ron Behnke to be at my side. Brother Ron, I thank you for your sincere appreciation of all of our members, your love of our Order and its principles, and especially for your support. You have been a wonderful friend. Al and I thank you and Cathy for agreeing to "take this trip" with us.

Thank you, members of California, for the opportunity to take this journey. It has been most gratifying and rewarding. Each of you has a special place in my heart and I will cherish the memories of this year.

Worthy Grand Patron, this is the condensed version of my report and I would like to encourage the members to order the Proceedings and read all the details of this memorable year.

ENTIRE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

At the installation last year this arena was transformed into a huge field of brilliant California poppies. As the Worthy Grand Patron and I entered this poppy field in a Treasure Chest, the Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who formed our emblematic star surrounded us. We pledged to do our very best as we led our Order into the new century. We set goals, not only for ourselves, but also for our Order. Today I am pleased to make this report of our accomplishments this year. These

are not only the accomplishments of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, but they are the accomplishments of you, the members, as well.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Grand Officers: Each Worthy Grand Matron has the privilege of selecting ten appointive Grand Officers. This is quite a challenge as there are many qualified and deserving members. It was my desire to have our appointive Grand Officers come from different Associations throughout our state; to select those who had served our Order without seeking this honor and those who were friendly and would interact with our members. It was important to select those with positive attitudes that would reflect the virtues of our Order and our members.

As the Worthy Grand Patron and I invited these members to become a part of the 1999 Grand Family we observed many emotions - surprise, elation, humbleness, disbelief and excitement, to name a few! I thank the Grand Officers and their escorts for their wonderful service this year. I hope that it has been all that you hoped it would be. May you recall many happy memories when you reflect on this past year. I am so proud of each of you - thank you for your special service this year.

LeRoy Newsom (566/133)	Grand Chaplain
Janet McClanahan (348)	Grand Marshal
Betty Schmieter (347)	Grand Organist
Kay Akers (479/412)	Grand Adah
Ann Elger (445)	Grand Ruth
Karen Fletcher (553/342)	Grand Esther
Deanna Carr (241)	Grand Martha
Geri Terry (384)	Grand Electa
Jane Cooper (129)	Grand Warder
Richard McClelland (41)	Grand Sentinel

It was my desire that the Grand Officers visit our subordinate Chapters throughout the year - at times other than the Official Visits. While we were not able to visit every Chapter, the Elective and Appointive Grand Officers attended stated meetings and party nights of many of our Chapters. They have expressed the personal pleasure received from this effort; I know you enjoyed their visits as well.

Deputy Grand Matrons: Because of the many consolidations, it was necessary to re-assess the composition of our Districts. Consideration

was given to requests that had been received and some smaller Districts were adjusted.

The position of Deputy Grand Matron is an important responsibility. Since it is impossible for the Worthy Grand Matron to visit and instruct each Chapter in our large jurisdiction, the Deputy is assigned the responsibility to see that the floor work is uniform and properly performed. She is the representative of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Because of the responsibility of this appointment, I felt it should be given to that special Sister who could instruct with kindness and one who had a working knowledge of our Ritual and Instruction Book. Consideration was given to the traditional "Chapter rotation," and recommendations were reviewed. Prior to the appointment each Sister was asked to complete an "open book quiz." While I did not expect them to know all the answers, I did expect them to know where to find the answer. The following accepted the invitation to serve as our "Nuggets of Gold."

1998 - 1999 DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Diana Plant (76)	1	Elaine Parres (31)	22
Deborah Howell (10)	2	Susan Huff (273)	23
Wilma Roberts (552)	3	Gayle Togersen (47/68)	24
Betty Bowden (53/246)	4	Cathy Sudderth (244/373)	25
Janet Pillow (153)	5	Jeanne Reynolds (123/226)	26
Betty Tindle (104)	6	Denise Armstrong (348)	27
Martha Foster (48/56)	7	Geraldean Minor (372/273)	28
Edna Boltman (49/99)	8	Debby Hoban (126)	29
Cynthia Dawson (90)	9	Dona Mincy (89)	30
Margie Rheaume (428)	10	Joyce Keeney (94/127)	31
Kay Hankins (117)	11	Thelma Brixey (559/577)	32
Marilyn Atkins (164)	12	Carol Tucker (344/95)	33
Brenda Jones (137)	13	Betty Rosenthal (100)	34
Barbara Kimberling (215)	14	Bernadine McCracken (185)	35
Barbara Shaw (189/297)	15	Dorothy Lewis (649/79)	36
Darleen Cook (571/177)	16	Linda Bray (403)	37
Puffy Moring (294)	17	Linda Taylor (619)	38
Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen (115)	18	Joanne Brookfield (445)	39
Pat Shute (1/252)	19	Pam Potter (133)	40
Char Radtke (551)	20	Mercedese Winn (471)	41
Lora Corner (250)	21	Aida Heidke (397)	42
		Nancy Clancy (597)	43

Vera Ulrich (380)	44	Linda Stevens (622)	52
Susan Stokes (584)	45	Arlene Williams (578)	53
Becky Neuwirth (259)	46	Carol Zayas (202/145)	54
Sharon Woodman (521)	47	Beverly Youngblood (287)	55
Bonnie Buck (197)	48	Alyson Grant (565)	56
Jeanette Bearden (630)	49	Betty Howard (300)	57
Angelina Ramos (360)	50		
Millie Glover (515)	51		

Because of her husband's ill health, in January Ileane Douglas of District 46 resigned her position as Deputy Grand Matron and I appointed Becky Neuwirth of Seaside Chapter to replace her.

My thanks to each of you for your dedicated service. As this year ends I hope each of you agree that this is a challenging, but also rewarding, position.

As Past Matrons return to serve as Worthy Matrons and Chapters consolidate, the "pool" for Deputy Grand Matrons diminishes. Therefore, the Associate Grand Matron and I agreed to try something new – that of renewing the appointment of a Deputy. We selected two candidates to try this experiment. A Deputy Grand Matron from the North and a Deputy Grand Matron from the South would be asked to serve for two years. As we observed the Deputies at School, two were agreed upon and Sisters Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen and Pam Potter agreed to be a part of this program.

Each year the Deputy Grand Matron submits a report to the Worthy Grand Matron regarding each of the Chapters in her District. This report includes not only the ritual and administrative abilities of the officers, but also gives the general condition of the Chapter. As I reviewed the reports of the Deputy Grand Matrons I was disappointed to read that some of our officers were unwilling to learn their ritual work – not unable, but unwilling. It is my hope that these officers will realize how beautiful our ritualistic ceremonies are when the work is done well and will take pride in their exemplification of our Ritual.

Grand Representatives: Our Grand Representatives are the liaisons between California and other jurisdictions. We rely upon them to take friendship of California to their jurisdictions and to bring back to California the news of our neighbors. While we use the same Ritual, each Jurisdiction has unique "traditions" and what fun it is to experience and share those differences! Sharing success and failure makes all of us

better. It was my pleasure to recommend the following Sisters and Brothers to Worthy Grand Matrons of other jurisdictions to represent that jurisdiction in California:

Jurisdiction	Representative	Expires
Alabama	Carl Chormicle (78)	July 1, 2001
Arizona	John Van Winkle (205)	August 31, 2001
Arkansas	Clara Ansley (55)	March 10, 2001
Australia	Orine Carroll (171)	December 31, 2001
Colorado	Jean Culbertson (214)	April 1, 2001
Georgia	Cecil Mahurin (639/385)	September 1, 2001
Idaho	Hazel Wade (103)	December 31, 2000
Indiana	Aldene Felton (378)	January 21, 2001
Iowa	Guy Sherod (377)	April 1, 2001
Manitoba	Jack Tomlinson (135/294)	October 15, 2002
Michigan	Virginia Vandenakker (90/199)	January 1, 2001
Minnesota	Fred Schulenburg (530)	December 31, 2000
Nebraska	Ron Schemm (645/524)	October 1, 2001
New Hampshire	Maryetta Berti (18)	January 1, 2001
New Mexico	Lynda Lockhart (324)	January 1, 2001
North Carolina	Helen Welch (118/150)	January 1, 2001
Ohio	Sandy Winters (77/177)	February 1, 2001
Oklahoma	Maxine Walker (62/297)	October 1, 2001
Ontario	Leon Nelson (576)	December 31, 2001
Puerto Rico	James Yates (33)	March 1, 2002
Texas	Joe Gomez (104/86)	October 9, 2000
Vermont	Gloria Grey (200)	January 15, 2001
Washington	Verna Williams (9)	September 1, 2001
West Virginia	Shirley Crawford (551)	July 31, 2001
Wisconsin	Margaret Setzer (108)	November 30, 2000
Wyoming	Robert Pearce (201)	December 31, 2000

The following were commissioned by me to represent California in other jurisdictions. Their commissions will expire on December 31, 2001.

Australia	Heather Medcalf
Connecticut	Robert Berlepsch
Idaho	Robert McMasters
Louisiana	Pat Lindsey
Nevada	Patricia McAvoy
New Jersey	Margaret Algeier

New Mexico	Jan Ross
North Dakota	Ruth Overton
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island	Robert Munday
Oregon	Geraldine "Gerry" Hanson
Puerto Rico	Nestor Martinez
Quebec	Donna Mitchell
Scotland	Doris Brown
Tennessee	Frances McCalla
Texas	Sarah Valkus Coursey
Washington	Josephine Slager
West Virginia	Nancy Hough
Wyoming	Carol Black

The commission of Anna Mae Welcher of Maryland was not scheduled to expire until December 31, 1999. She was appointed a Grand Officer at the Annual Session in April. I commissioned Leslie Gilliam and her commission will expire December 31, 2001.

The commissions of Anita Tritton of Georgia and Brenda Hansel of Utah were not scheduled to expire until December 31, 2000; however, at their respective Grand Chapter sessions they were appointed Grand Officers. I commissioned Harry Dycus to complete the term in Georgia and Patricia Huntsman to complete the term in Utah.

I commissioned Diana Broggi of Pennsylvania through December 31, 2001; however, she was appointed a Grand Officer in June at their Annual Session. Elaine Feuchtenberger was then commissioned to complete the term.

I commissioned Joanne Cameron of New Brunswick through December 31, 2001. At their Annual Session in July she was elected Grand Treasurer. At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick I commissioned her husband, Robert Cameron, with the commission expiring December 31, 2003.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: I am grateful to those members who accepted the responsibilities of their appointments to our Standing and Special Committees. Your service to our Grand Chapter is deeply appreciated. It is because of your dedication that the business of our Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters runs smoothly and our charities are able to assist so many people. We are indebted to each of your for your service. The following members served on these

Committees for 1999:

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION

Bill Dean (133) - Chairman

Laurella Kerr (384/123) — Fran Groat (213)
Max Rush, Jr. (347) (562) — Ron Behnke, WGP (144)
Donald Kittleman (297) — Doris Parrish, AGM (521)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Constitution and Bylaws

June L. Barnum, PGM (129/280), Chairman
Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195) — Diane Silva (252)

Jurisprudence

Collette Gole (133), Chairman
Phyllis Hix (643) — Sarahann Shapiro (250)

Finance

Larry Coffin (89) - Chairman
Callie Miller (352) — Gil Bates (390/287)
Frank Young, PGP (18) — David Von Bima, PGP (33)

Aims and Objectives

Heidi Wills (33/215), Chairman
Pamela Johnson (561) — Barbara Wildman (115/294)
Gayle Marta (639) — Sue McKinney, PGM (643)
Gloria Kimrey (561) — Ernie Lewis, PGP (384)

Annual Session Site

Ronald Aubery (577), Chairman
Glen Worrell (362) — Connie Snow (287/390)

Appeals and Grievances

Bill Betts, PGP (108), Chairman
Gerna Grohl (138) — Georgia Lauchland (118)
Theaola Lynn (97) — Leon Moynier (362)
Jim Whitener (241) — Norma Stilwell (380)
Bonnie Dale (161/82) — Danna Willoughby, AGC (105)
Donald Nielsen (259)

Benevolent Fund

Marilyn Wellman (115), Chairman

Patti Cady (23)
Connie Biaggi (201)
Elizabeth Girton (39/175)
Marie Worthy (104)
June Killmer (181)
Marsha Price (219)
Jean Fike (205)
Lorraine Bode (99)
Beryl Spalding (401)
Karen Puccinelli (72)
Jeanne Eskeim (309)
Diane Shell (100/97)
Virginia Stout (79)
Dorothy Neal (398)
Ethel Morlan (171/512)
Joie Phillips (259)
Barbara Chinn (197)
Lida DeTomaso (488)
Susan Baldwin (468/179)
Sylvia Bailey (490)

Consolidations

Debbie Maiman (245), Chairman

Erla Hildebrand (13)
Arthur Laing (537)
Sheila Reid (525)
Denise Robertson (581/46)
Dorothy Walton (556)
Velma Bostic (124/1)
Beth Ferris (380)
Marian Klusmann (367)
Lu Trullinger (14)
Wally Campbell (513)
Donna German (352)
Claire Glenn (234)
Mary Green (447/333)
Edna Petersen (144)
Claudia Unger (128/195)

Courtesies to Dignitaries

Pat Neu (531), Chairman

Jeraldine Creager, GGCCM (478)
Ardath Garst, PGM (260)
Sherie Gustafson, PGM (310)
Velma Bates (642)
June Deatherage (547)
Cathy DuVal (296/531)
Evelyn Jones (398)
Ruby LaMoureaux (531/296)
Audrey Marston (642)
Sigrid Simonds (447)
Norma Thompson (339)
Mary Jane Woodruff (72/138)

Credentials

Grace Wallis (530), Chairman

Linda Kephart (456), Co-Chairman
Betty Ahrens (31)
Glenda Malan (521)
Eleanor Moore (177)
Kathy Nagel (288)
Betty Rae Smith (165)
Norma Stilwell (380)
Marilyn Wellman (115)

Dispensations and Charters

Clinton Dillon, PGP (172/193), Chairman

Yvonne Beckenhauer, PGM (18)

Bernard Seamans, PGP (195)

Distribution

Barbara Pierce, PGM (197/397), Chairman

Jeanne Champney, PGM (287)

Gene Stiles, PGP (105)

Endowment Fund

Lorita Giles (512), Chairman

Janet Hurlbut (58)
Carol LaFlame (201/552)
Dee Johnson (20)
Pat Sebring (57/171)
Janice Nielsen (36)
Kate MacKinnon (30/205)
Marjorie Sandusky (42)
Connie Hastings (8)
Beverly Lovaasen (1/124)
Patricia Mastalir (203)
Patsy Benfield (273)
Lenore Stork (296/557)
Karol Irwin (339)

Lee Ann Shults (89)
Marjorie Nelson (125/97)
Joetta Lyons (176)
Thelma Leland (649/79)
Lelia Read (505)
Laura Perkins-Otec (160/561)
Louise Taylor (456)
Elizabeth Kahrs (405)
Bonnie Buck (197)
Janet Rose (106)
Arlene Williams (578)
Beverly Youngblood (287)
Liz Moffat (479/490)

Fraternal Correspondence

Pat Caceres (189/59), Chairman

Cecile Munslow (635)

Diane West (141)

General Chairman, Grand Chapter Week

Hank Schierenberg (36)

Activities

Stephen Wallace (171)
John Herring (555)

Roger Nieder (174)
Charlotte Hoffman (273)

Housing

Martha & Jack Holder (557/45)

Susan Morris (309)

J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund

Patricia Robinson (348), Chairman

Jim Widdoes (76)
Annabel Haskins (129)

Grace Winship (643)
Sue Premo (632)

Irene Davis (10)
Lynda Languasco (36)
Jean Hopton (59/189)
Denise Matthews (205)
Anela Eisert (195)
Jean Bramman (47)
Zelma Ladendorff (72)
Ruth Myers (200/649)
Doris Price (133)
Mary Jane Wade (561)
Mona Peterson (584/160)
Robert Bohanon (537)
Dorothy Moriarity (243/390)
Edwina Kellner (346/578)
Sue Haverkamp (478)

Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund

Mary K. Grindle (2/222), Chairman

Mary Dunning (162)
Patricia Tucker (528)

Membership Committee

Kathie Runcie (530), Chairman

Judy Bradley (226)
Diana Davison (436)
Gerald Flagg (547)
Shirley Harris (215/219)
Dazel Mull (565)
Michael Hawley (452)
Susan Smith (177/135)
Diane Spark (552)
Sharanne Wick (584/335)

Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations

Suzy Anderson (97), Chairman

Goldie Stottrup (149)
Edie Weiss (119)
Peggy Salm (28/199)
Barbara Anne Logan (250)
Gerri Minor (372/273)
Trish Kendall (41)
Diane Cottone (403/352)
Myra Folsom (193/367)
Jackie Doughty (405)
Betty Halbe (537/547)
Winona McNitt (96)

Necrology/Divine Service

Callie Miller (352, Chairman
Bonnie & Bill Martin (10), Co-Chairmen

Publicity

Kay Coffin (89)

Scholarship

Diane Jones (195), Chairman

Dolores Cashion (21)
Linda Whitworth (181)
May Laing (537)
Marcia Fox (352)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cal Star News
Diane Lotspeich (79/185), Managing Editor
Barbara Weiss (632), Circulation Manager

Cal Star News Contributing Editors

Debbie Bernsdorf (384)
Dorothy Campini (639/36)
David Dearing (189)
Gloria Grenfell (68)
Phyllis Holcomb (172/193)
Nancy Miller (176/100)
Edna Mittman (151)
Peggy Nahhas (197)
Martha Rutherford (14)

Community Service Program
Stephanie Herzog (577)

Eastern Star Home Fiesta – "Mardi Gras"
Brian & Laura Whitaker (528), Co-Chairmen

Heart Research
Jeanette Livingston (478)

History Book
Claudia Unger (128/195), Chairman
Dennis Jordan, PGP (126)
Nancy Jordan (126)
Frances Smythe

Liaison Officer to General Grand Chapter
Loyal Stark, RWGS (294)

Liaison with Minnesota - 2006 Triennium
Jeraldine Southward Creager, PGM (478), Chairman
Kay Cosby, PGM (143), Co-Chairman

Liaison to Grand Lodge
Harold Hand (21)

Liaison to Youth Groups
Katherine Dameron (135), Chairman

International Order of Rainbow for Girls: John Homlotis, Jr. (66)
International Order of Job's Daughters: Loret White (616)

International Order of De Molay: Richard Mullard (405)

Roster Advertisements
Kimberly Hegg (577), Chairman
Carolyn Taylor (17/153), Co-Chairman Pamela Taylor (17)

"Key Member" Program
Carl Wallis (530), Chairman

Web Site
Todd Williams (273)
Bill Wine (384), Consultant

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEES

Advisor
Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195)

Arts and Crafts
Olivia Silas (362)

Auditor
Fred Schulenburg (530)

Banquets
Susan Lorenzen (8/35)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap
Pearl White (531)

Committee Rooms
June Rankin (103)

Decorations
Bill & Linda Malmstrom (250)

Drayage
Joe Juelch (36/428), Chairman
Dan Rowland (555/490)

Election Board
Bert Alexander (66/563)

Entertainment
Melissa Cronin (260)

Escort/Grand March
Marcia McBrayer (103), Chairman
Gene Miller (13/294)

Fun Night
Anna Cole (193/94), Chairman
Loretta Miller (13/294), Co-Chairman

Grand Inner Guards
Marlene Larsen (553), Captain
Janice Mullard (405), Co-Captain

Grand Guards/Guardettes
Bob Foerster (141), Captain
Glenn Grigsby (561), Co-Captain, Guards
Marguerite Gilbert (449), Co-Captain, Guardettes

Grand Pages
Mary Kay Bowser (577), Chairman
Jan Aubrey (577), Co-Chairman
Edna Thirkettle (144), Co-Chairman

Health and Personal Service
Linda Bernhard (106)

Installation of 2000 Grand Officers
Hildegard Smith, PGM (619/524)

Kick - Off Dinner
Martha Peters (59)

Lost and Found/Information
Mary Jane Meikle (181/159)

Masonic Family Honor Session
Sara Lee (347/104) & Glenn Martin (347)

Music
Harold Hand (21)

Pictures
Pat Mastalir (203)

Programs
Ruth Smith (138)

Ribbons
Edna Eisert (107)

Safety Coordinators
Joe and Joy Morrow (445)

Seating
Patty Stark (294)

Secretary to General Chairman
Gloria Kimrey (561)

Joint Committees' Secretarial Staff
Susie Thornton (133/485) Della Seith (178)

Set-up Grand Chapter Floor/Auditorium
Charlotte & Ray Hoffman (273), Chairmen
Gerald & Peggy Flagg (547), Co-Chairmen

Signs
Robert L. Moore (557/89)

Sound and Lighting
Harry & Sharon Hardwick (161/103)

Special Duties
Robert Wright (390)

Transportation
John Unger (128/195), Chairman
Katie Nielsen (478/104), Co-Chairman

Vendor Coordinator
Loyal Taylor (17/153), Chairman
Jerry Sherrill (510/13), Co-Chairman

Committee Replacements: The following appointments have been made to fill vacancies on the Credentials Committee. Barbara Logan has moved from California, Marsha Nichols is a Grand Page this week and Sandi Beneke is unable to attend Grand Chapter because of family illnesses. Marilyn Wellman, Norma Stilwell and Kathy Nagel have replaced these committee members.

Schools of Instruction: Pre-school for the Grand Officers was held at the Acacia Masonic Temple in Hayward August 27 – 29, 1998.

The School of Instruction for the Deputy Grand Matrons was held September 25 – 27, 1998 at the Castro Valley Masonic Temple. After exemplification of the Ritualistic work by the Grand Officers, the Deputy Grand Matrons were given "hands on" experience. For two and a half days they filled the stations in an effort to perfect the floor work of each of the stations.

The members of San Lorenzo Chapter prepared and served the luncheons and refreshments for both of these schools and the Northern Deputy Grand Matrons' Brush-Up School held on January 10, 1999 at the Castro Valley Masonic Temple.

On January 2, 1999 Southern Deputy Grand Matrons' Brush-Up School was held at the Whittier Masonic Temple. The members of Lyra Chapter prepared a delicious luncheon and snacks.

All Officer Instructionals: In December and January the Grand Officers exemplified the Ritual and floor work at the All Officer Instructionals, which were held throughout the state. The Grand Officers enjoyed meeting with their subordinate Chapter officers after each instructional.

1998-1999 All Officer Instructionals

December 4 — Central Coastal Association
Estero Masonic Temple -- 1338 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay

December 5 — Peninsula Association
Palo Alto Masonic Temple -- 461 Florence

December 6 — East Bay Association
Martinez Masonic Temple -- 700 Masonic Street

December 6 — Silverado/Redwood Empire Associations
Napa Memorial Masonic Temple -- 4125 Solano Avenue

December 11 San Diego Association
Silver Gate Masonic Temple -- 3795 Utah Street, San Diego
December 12 Orange County Association
Greenleaf Masonic Center -- 12001 E. Beverly Blvd., Whittier
December 13 Greater Los Angeles Association
Hawthorne Masonic Center -- 4467 W. Broadway
December 13 Kern County Association
Caledonia Masonic Temple -- 718 Oregon Street, Bakersfield
January 3 Orange Belt Association
San Bernardino Masonic Temple -- 310 W. 4th Street
January 3 San Fernando Association
North Hollywood Masonic Temple -- 5122 Tujunga Avenue
January 8 Monterey Bay Association
Gilroy Masonic Temple -- 8387 Wren Avenue
January 9 Central San Joaquin Association
Las Palmas Masonic Temple -- 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno
January 9 Northern San Joaquin Association
Patterson Masonic Temple -- 650 N. 6th Street
January 17 Superior Association
Vacaville Masonic Temple -- 897 Cotting Lane
January 17 Siskiyou/Shasta Cascade/Hi Sierra Associations
Molino Masonic Temple -- 25020 Tehama-Vina Road, Los Molinos

Installations: While it was impossible to attend every installation, I was able to attend several and I was privileged to install some of the Worthy Matrons. It was a special honor for me to install my daughter, Kim Hegg, as Worthy Matron of San Lorenzo Chapter. I was also pleased to install Edna Thirkettle, the mother-in-law of our Worthy Grand Patron, as Worthy Matron of Lyra Chapter.

Our Grand Officers also attended many installations and in several instances installed their subordinate Chapter officers.

Each installation was unique and we were pleased to attend and participate in these special occasions.

Official Visits: In an effort to increase the attendance at the Official Visits most of the Official Visits were scheduled on the weekends. We were pleased with the attendance. We appreciate the efforts of the Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to make each Official Visit a memorable visit to their area. We enjoyed meeting and visiting with the members all over this beautiful state. We were

pleased to have all of the Grand Officers at nearly every Official Visit. We appreciated the support of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at the Official Visits.

The Official Visit to District 48 in Bishop was a "Hands Across the Border" with our Nevada friends. On Saturday afternoon families and friends gathered at the home of Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, to enjoy an ice cream social. The Official Visit on Saturday evening was well attended by the Grand Officers and members of both California and Nevada.

The last Official Visit was scheduled in my District. My grateful thanks to Puffy Moring, DGM, the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers and members of my District for planning and executing an outstanding Homecoming.

In lieu of corsages for the Distinguished and Honored Members and a carrying piece for the Worthy Grand Matron we asked that the District provide a stuffed animal that would be given to a hospital, shelter or senior center. The response was over-whelming and we were pleased to deliver 3,668 animals to these facilities. Each was tagged with a card indicating they were a gift from the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We have received many letters thanking Eastern Star for our generosity. It is very rewarding to know that our gift made a difference in the life of a lonely or frightened child or senior citizen.

1998-1999 Official Visits

January 22	District 21	Los Gatos Masonic Temple 131 E. Main Street, Los Gatos
January 23	District 18	Oakland Masonic Center 3903 Broadway, Oakland
January 24	District 19	Brotherhood Masonic Temple 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco
January 29	District 40	San Marino Masonic Temple 3130 Huntington Drive, San Marino
January 30	District 43	Gardena Masonic Center 1250 West 155th Street, Gardena
February 5	District 15	Springbrook Masonic Temple 101 Temple Way, Vallejo
February 6	District 13	Clearlake-Callayomi Masonic Center 15845 Dam Road Extension, Clearlake

February 7	District 14	Marin Masonic Temple Lootens Place & 4th Street, San Rafael
February 11	District 12	Fairfield Masonic Temple 412 Travis Blvd., Fairfield
February 12	District 9	Placerville Masonic Center 2820 Cold Springs Road, Placerville
February 13	District 11	Elk Grove Masonic Temple 9829 Waterman Road, Elk Grove
February 14	District 10	Charles Anderson Masonic Temple 1000 Duchow Way, Folsom
February 16	District 47	Orange Masonic Temple 71 Plaza Square, Orange
February 17	District 46	DeMolay Center 303 West Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim
February 18	District 44	Torrance Masonic Center 2326 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance
February 19	District 38	San Fernando Masonic Temple 1112 No. Maclay Avenue, San Fernando
February 20	District 37	North Hollywood Masonic Temple 5122 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood
February 21	District 41	Monrovia Masonic Center 204 West Foothill Blvd., Monrovia
February 26	District 29	Madera Masonic Temple 123 South B Street, Madera
February 27	District 27	Mt. Oso Masonic Temple 1601 Tracy Blvd., Tracy
February 28	District 26	Oakdale Masonic Temple 357 No. 8th Street, Oakdale
March 5	District 7	Enterprise Masonic Center 501 Second Street, Yuba City
March 6	District 6	Table Mountain Masonic Temple 5934 Clark Road, Paradise
March 12	District 55	Escondido Masonic Center 1331 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido
March 14	District 57	Lemon Grove Masonic Temple 2590 Main Street, Lemon Grove
March 19	District 45	Whittier Masonic Temple 7604 S. Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier
March 20	Eastern Star Home	Yorba Linda Masonic Temple 4847 Main Street, Yorba Linda
March 20	District 35	Ventura Masonic Temple 482 East Santa Clara Street, Ventura

March 26	District 30	Las Palmas Masonic Temple 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno
April 11	District 56	East San Diego Masonic Temple 7849 Tommy Drive, San Diego
April 12	District 49	Boron Masonic Temple 26977 Nudgent Street, Boron
April 13	District 50	Coachella Valley Masonic Hall 51100 S. Jackson Street, Coachella
April 14	District 51	Perris Masonic Temple 27221 McCall Blvd., Sun City
April 15	District 52	Evergreen Masonic Center 5801 Chicago Avenue, Riverside
April 16	District 53	San Bernardino Masonic Temple 310 W. 4th Street, San Bernardino
April 23	District 31	Lemoore Masonic Temple 647 W. Bush Street, Lemoore
April 24	District 32	Bakersfield Masonic Temple 1920 18th Street, Bakersfield
April 30	District 54	Ontario Masonic Temple 1025 North Vine Avenue, Ontario
May 2	District 36	Canoga Masonic Center 7242 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park
May 7	District 34	Santa Maria Masonic Temple 700 East Lakeview Avenue, Santa Maria
May 8	District 33	Estero Masonic Temple 1338 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay
May 14	District 42	International City Masonic Temple 5155 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach
May 16	District 39	Crescenta Valley Masonic Temple 2801 Montrose Avenue, La Crescenta
May 21	District 23	Gilroy Masonic Temple 8387 Wren Avenue, Gilroy
May 22	District 24	Salinas Masonic Temple 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas
May 28	District 22	San Jose Masonic Center 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose
May 29	District 20	Burlingame Masonic Center 145 Park Road, Burlingame
June 10	District 16	Martinez Masonic Temple 700 Masonic Street, Martinez
June 11	District 28	Woodbridge Masonic Temple 1040 East Augusta Street, Woodbridge

June 13	District 25	Senior Citizen Hall 229 New York Ranch Road, Jackson
June 27	District 1	Arcata Masonic Temple 251 Bayside Road, Arcata
June 28	District 5	Molino Masonic Temple 25020 Tehama-Vina Road, Los Molinos
June 29	District 2	North Star Masonic Temple 11931 East Street, Fort Jones
June 30	District 3	Susanville Masonic Hall 84 North Lassen, Susanville
July 1	District 4	Beckwourth Masonic Temple 214 Main Street, Beckwourth
July 2	District 8	Grass Valley Masonic Temple S. Auburn/Bank Streets, Grass Valley
July 10	District 48	HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER Winnedumah Masonic Temple -- 156 East Line Street, Bishop
September 26	District 17	WGM HOMECOMING Scottish Rite Center -- 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES: The Grand Officers were pleased to share special anniversaries with some of our Chapters this year.

100th Anniversaries: Four Chapters celebrated their centennial anniversaries this year. The Grand Officers were pleased to share in these special events with Carnation Chapter No. 171 of Redondo Beach on May 15, Lexington Chapter No. 172 in El Monte on July17; Long Beach Chapter No. 173 on July 18; and San Pedro Harbor Chapter No. 174 on September 19. Each reflected the style and personality of the Chapter and we enjoyed the presentation of the history of these Chapters. Our congratulations to each Chapter on attaining this milestone – may you grow and prosper for another one hundred years!

75th Anniversaries: On March 7we journeyed to Sacramento to share this special event with El Camino Chapter No. 428 and March 11 found us in Bakersfield to celebrate with Security Chapter No. 426.

I was unable to attend the 75th anniversary of Playa Linda Ascot Chapter No. 425 in Manhattan Beach on March 20th. My thanks to Don Hull, PGM, for representing Grand Chapter at this special birthday.

50th Anniversaries: We were pleased to join Santa Ynez Valley Chapter No. 566 in Solvang as they celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 6.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Various associations planned many special events for the enjoyment of our members.

On March 6 we attended the Far North Event at the Masonic Hall in Millville. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner followed by entertainment by our members. The weather was rainy, but the historical Hall was filled with the warmth of our wonderful Far North friends!

The following weekend we traveled south to enjoy the San Diego County Dinner held on March 13 at the Marina Village. The evening had a nautical theme and we enjoyed a delicious dinner with our members in the San Diego and Imperial counties. The next morning we enjoyed a delicious breakfast. This annual County Breakfast benefits our Memorial Cancer Dressings Fund.

The members of Santa Ynez Chapter in Solvang prepared the annual Aebleskiver Breakfast on March 21. Following breakfast several of us enjoyed shopping and walking in the quaint town of Solvang.

That afternoon we drove to Santa Maria where we enjoyed the traditional Central Coastal Barbecue with the officers and members of the Central Coastal Association.

On March 27 we enjoyed a wonderful "Western Roundup" at the Senior Citizens' Village in Fresno. The Central San Joaquin Association prepared a delicious barbecue and a young, wonderful violinist entertained us. A wonderful band entertained us before dinner and some took advantage of the wonderful dance music!

That morning the Grand Officers joined the Central San Joaquin Past Matrons and Past Patrons in their annual brunch at Pardini's in Fresno. A local dance studio provided the entertainment. What a great way to start the day!

The Orange Belt Luncheon was held on April 17 at the Edward-Dean Museum of Decorative Arts in Cherry Valley. The Museum is a hidden treasure in a peaceful, restful setting. Many of us toured the Museum following lunch.

The traditional Kern County Dinner was held on April 24 following the Official Visit of the District. Traditionally, the "Junior Pasts" serve the dinner before going to a local restaurant for a "mini" reunion. What fun

it was to visit with the 1998 Grand Officers again. We look forward to carrying on this tradition next year!

Unfortunately, the Southern Event scheduled for May 1 was canceled because of lack of interest.

On May 23 we dressed in clothing of a decade of our choice and attended the Peninsula Event at the Mountain View Masonic Temple. What fun it was to witness the change of dress over the last century and the various "fads" of times gone by. Another great afternoon with friends.

On May 30 we donned our Hawaiian attire and attended the San Francisco Event. What a great time we had. Authentic Hawaiian dancers, who even persuaded some of members to join in the dancing, entertained us! A delicious lunch completed our day in San Francisco.

A '99ers Gold Rush Luncheon was held in Columbia State Park on June 12. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Northern San Joaquin planned a very nice picnic lunch under the trees. The weather was gorgeous that day and we enjoyed wandering through the stores in this old fashioned town.

While I was setting up the calendar for 1999 Ed Margherio, who is the Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division 1 of the Grand Lodge of California, suggested that we have a Masonic Family event in the Eureka area. We communicated with the local Inspector, Fred Tomlin, and a date of June 26 was set for this event. Fred, Diana Plant, DGM and Susan Bonnet, Worthy Matron of Camellia Chapter coordinated the Event. A special thanks you to Brother Fred for all his efforts in this new endeavor. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with our Masonic Family in this coastal area

On August 15 we attended the East Bay Event held at the magnificent Scottish Rite Center in Oakland. I had asked the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the East Bay to consider an afternoon of entertainment at little or no cost to our members. My compliments to them on providing a lovely afternoon that our members thoroughly enjoyed. Barbara Acosta entertained during the event and we enjoyed the music of the East Bay Banjo Club during dinner.

On May 16 we attended the annual J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund Breakfast sponsored by District 44.

For many years Lulu Jane Donovan has opened her home in San Francisco for a Silver Tea to benefit the Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations. On August 22 the Grand Family attended this traditional tea where we enjoyed homemade cookies and tea served in lovely cups and saucers.

Each event and Official Visit reflected the personality of the District or the Association, and what treasured memories I have of those special times.

OUR MASONIC FAMILY: As part of the Masonic Family we helped decorate the Masonic Float and then attended the Rose Parade. What a special thrill to watch that award-winning float travel down Colorado Street and know that we had a part in its construction!

The Grand Officers also participated in the pageantry at the East-West Shrine Game held at Stanford Stadium on January 16.

Grand Lodge Annual Communication: Once again we had an information booth at the Annual Communication. My thanks to Judy Ard and her crew for staffing this booth.

Many of our Grand Officers attended the Public Opening of the Annual Communication held on Sunday, October 10. I was extremely honored to have been asked by the Grand Master to "raise" the audience upon the entrance of the Grand Lodge Officers. What an awesome experience!

Concordant and Appendant Bodies: I was pleased to represent our Order at Masonic Unity Night at the Oakland Valley, Scottish Rite. I also attended the "open" annual sessions of Amaranth, York Rite and Grand Guardian Council, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Youth Groups: I attended the annual sessions of all of our youth groups: the Northern California DeMolay Conclave in Sacramento, the Southern California DeMolay Conclave in City of Industry, Grand Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters in Long Beach and Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Fresno. What enthusiasm and energy these young adults have! To have the initiation class at Grand Assembly named after the Worthy Grand

Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was indeed an honor.

Visitations to Masonic and Eastern Star Homes: Because of the construction we were unable to hold the annual Christmas Party at the Eastern Star. However, with the assistance of Sara Lee Martin, we were able to move the party to Rose Drive Elementary School. The morning event was a perfect example of our Masonic Family working together. Members of our Grand Family and Yorba Linda Fullerton Rainbow Assembly entertained. We enjoyed the beautiful voices of Heidi Martin and Neva Schmieter. The Rainbow Girls helped Santa distribute gifts, the DeMolay boys helped set up the room and decorations and Yorba Linda Chapter members brought delicious refreshments. My grateful thanks to Sara Lee Martin for organizing and planning this special day with the residents of our Home.

The Official Visit to the Home was held on March 20. Once again we prevailed upon Sara Lee Martin to help with the arrangements. Our Eastern Star Home was still under construction so the Official Visit was held at the Yorba Linda Masonic Temple. Two of our residents served as Honorary Marshals and the Grand Officers exemplified the ritualistic work. A delicious lunch with the residents was enjoyed following the Official Visit.

The third Saturday in August is the traditional date for Jam and Jelly Day at the Masonic Home in Union City. This year was no different. This event, sponsored by the Past Matrons' Association of the East Bay, started 85 years ago. At that time the members of Chapters in the East Bay met at the Masonic Home in Union City to make jam and jelly for the residents, followed by a picnic on the lawn. Today a short program is held in the auditorium followed by a "giant pot luck" in the parking structure! It was a wonderful day of fellowship with our Masonic Sisters and Brothers.

FIESTA: The first Fiesta at our new Senior Living Community was held June 5 and 6 with "Mardi Gras" theme. Construction was still in progress, but our chairmen, Brian and Laura Whitaker, did an outstanding job. Tours were conducted, architects' renderings were on display and the Home Board of Trustees was present to answer questions.

Devotional Services, led by our Grand Chaplain, were held Sunday morning on the patio at the front entrance.

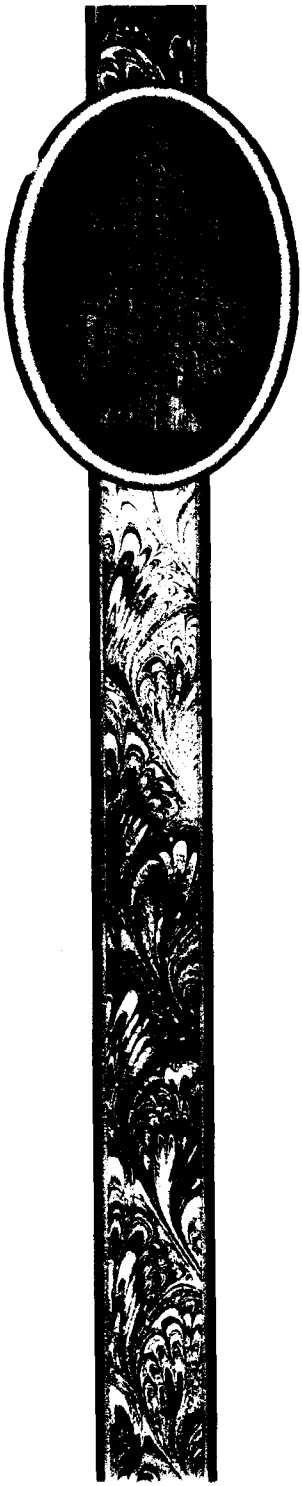
Most Worshipful Melville Nahin, Grand Master of Masons in California, and the Grand Lodge officers performed an impressive ceremony dedicating the cornerstone of our new facility Sunday afternoon. What an honor it was to be escorted to the dedication site with the Grand Lodge officers.

VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS: I was able to attend the Grand Chapter Session of four of our sister jurisdictions: Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Montana - my home state. I was pleased to give a tribute to our California flag at the Grand Chapter of Oregon and it was my honor to give the Response to the Welcome of Distinguished Guests at the Nevada and Montana Sessions.

GRAND OFFICER HONOR EVENTS: An Honor Event was held for each of the Appointive Grand Officers, the Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Conductress. Each was beautifully done and we were pleased to share their special day with them.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRON HONOR EVENTS: We attended honor events for Gerri Minor, President of the Northern Deputy Grand Matrons, and Arlene Williams, President of the Southern Deputy Grand Matrons. In an effort to keep costs down, I encouraged the Deputy Grand Matrons to "try something new" for an honor event. Several Chapters did try something new and honored their member with a tea or a picnic in the park.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS:



November 1998

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we enter this holiday season we wish for you and yours a most wonderful holiday celebration. May this be a time of joy and thanksgiving for all mankind.

As we pause to consider our many blessings, let us share those blessings with others less fortunate. Let us, by example, acquaint our communities with our good deeds and charitable purposes. Our Star in the East will continue to shine brightly if we exemplify the virtues illustrated in the lives of the heroines of our Order.

May the New Year bring you wonderful memories of the cherished past, treasured times with family and friends, and the optimism of a bright future for our Order. As we enter upon a New Year let us remember to live by the Golden Rule - "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even to them".

The Grand Family joins us in wishing for you and your families a joyous holiday season.

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January 20, 1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We have just completed the last All Officer Instructional and are preparing for our Official Visits. How pleased we have been with the attendance at the Instructionals. We have enjoyed meeting with you, our members. It has been fun renewing old friendships and making new friends. Thank you for sharing your time with us.

The Christmas party for the residents at our new Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda was held on December 12th. Because all of the remodeling has not been completed, the party was held at an elementary school just down the street. Miniature decorated Christmas trees were presented to each resident for their room from the Grand Officers. Yorba Linda-Fullerton Rainbow Assembly and their pledge group assisted Santa Claus with the distribution of gifts. Our thanks to all of you for making those gifts possible. David Ashman, Worthy Patron of Tujunga Chapter, was a great Santa! Yorba Linda Chapter provided home made cookies and punch for refreshment and the entertainment was provided by the Grand Officers, the Rainbow girls, Heidi Martin and Neva Schmieter. A special thank you goes to Yorba Linda Chapter for helping with all the arrangements for this very special day.

Many of our members, including several Grand Officers and their escorts, assisted with the decorating of the Masonic Float and the California Sesquicentennial Float. This year the Family of Freemasonry Float won a trophy! The Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy is presented to the "Most beautiful entry from a non-commercial sponsor." How proud we were - not only to be a part of a winning entry, but especially to be a part of the Family of Freemasonry.

Last weekend some of the Grand Officers and their escorts participated in the pageantry at the East West Shrine Bowl. It was a warm and sunny day as we marched around the field at Stanford Stadium with other members of our Masonic Family.

This month many of you have participated in a "Re-Obligation Night." These promises are important to our Order. They are what set us apart from other organizations. We are a family. We have promised to always treat one another kindly and with respect. If all of us keep this in mind, our Order will continue to grow and prosper.

We look forward to seeing you at the Official Visits. We plan to have the Official Visits over in 2 hours, so join us and meet the Grand Officers, visit with old friends, and participate in some social enjoyment!

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January 20, 1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

At the last Grand Chapter session, legislation was presented to correct our violation of the Ritual and the rules of General Grand Chapter. Unfortunately, this proposed amendment was not adopted. Therefore, our Instruction Book remains in violation of the Ritual and the laws of General Grand Chapter. Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, has written to advise the Grand Chapter of California that "the Ritual must be adhered to...and no changes permitted unless changed by a vote of the delegate body at a Triennial meeting." Therefore, the Deputy Grand Matrons will not receive Grand Honors at their Official Visit to your Chapter.

Fraternally,

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RON BEHNKE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON

February 23, 1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

How pleased we have been with the Official Visits. We have witnessed some fine ritual work, enjoyed the musical talents of our members and been entertained with original skits! We are delighted to see so many of you on the sidelines. The Districts have done an outstanding job in concluding the Official Visits in two hours or less and we have enjoyed our time in the dining room visiting with the members. We have delivered nearly 400 stuffed animals to local hospitals, shelters and police departments. Each animal has been trimmed with a gift tag indicating that it is from the Order of the Eastern Star and the recipients have been most appreciative of your generosity.

We will make our Official Visit to the Eastern Star Home on March 20th at 11:00 AM. Because our renovations at the Home have not been completed, we will hold the Official Visit at the Yorba Linda Masonic Temple. The Grand Officers will exemplify the ritual work and residents of our Home will serve as Marshals. We will have a pot luck lunch following the Official Visit, so bring your favorite dish and join us as we share an afternoon with our Residents!

On January 28th the Finance Committee, outfitted with tape measures and floor plans, visited the proposed site for the Grand Chapter office. After a tour of the facility conducted by the Home Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee reviewed the plans and their notes to determine the best and most efficient use of the office space. At their February meeting they decided upon the best plan and they are now negotiating the lease agreement and building improvements. The Home Board of Trustees is obtaining bids for the remodeling and repair work and they hope that work will be underway in a few weeks. Our lease in San Francisco expires at the end of June. If the improvements can be completed by that time, it is our goal to be able to move into the new offices in Yorba Linda by June 30th.

It will be a busy time for all of us - our Mardi Gras Fiesta and Grand Opening of our Senior Living Community in early June, moving the Grand Chapter offices to Yorba Linda at the end of June, and Phase II of the renovation of our Senior Living Community should be completed in early July. Exciting times!

We hope your Chapters are flourishing, your sidelines are filled with members, and your community is becoming more aware of Eastern Star.

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April 28,1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Finance Committee, after careful consideration, has decided to change the role of the Grand Treasurer as it pertains to maintaining the accounting records.

In the past twenty-five years, the Financial Accounting Standards Board has issued in excess of 120+ pronouncements. We as an organization must follow these pronouncements in preparing our financial statements. Also at this time, our organization is an organization that is worth approximately $50 million dollars.

These two facts alone, as well as a recommendation from our independent auditors, leads us to the conclusion that we need to have someone on staff that has at least a Bachelor's degree in accounting to maintain our accounting records.

During the past 10+ years, Grand Chapter has relied on outside assistance from people with these qualifications to perform this service. Obviously, we should be able to get this same service at a lesser cost by hiring an in-house controller.

The hiring of an in-house controller would result in the fact that we would no longer be hiring the Grand Treasurer to perform this function. Therefore, in the future the position of Grand Treasurer will be a non-compensated elected position.

Attached is a job description for the new in-house controller and if any member desires to apply for the position of Controller, please feel free to file a resume pursuant to that job description.

Fraternally,

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May 27, 1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We are preparing for our move to Yorba Linda. Employment applications are being received and we are arranging for interviews. At the site walls are being moved, telephone and computer lines are being installed, and the contractors are busy working to meet our deadlines. Our move is still scheduled for the end of June. We hope to have the office open in Yorba Linda on July 6th. **DO NOT SEND MAIL TO YORBA LINDA UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.** At the present time we do not have mail delivery at the Yorba Linda address.

REMINDER: All proposed amendments and resumes for elective offices must be in the SAN FRANCISCO office no later than June 21, 1999. Please keep this deadline in mind if you desire to submit legislation or if you seek one of the elective offices or a seat on the Board of Trustees. Please refer to Sec. 10 of our Constitution and Laws regarding the eligibility for these positions. Since the Controller will be handling the day to day financial operations, the position of Grand Treasurer will not be a compensated position.

It has been brought to my attention that many of our members are unaware of the benefits of our charities, specifically the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund and the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. These funds were established to assist our members and their immediate families with their cancer-related bills. Application for assistance should be made as soon as the diagnosis of cancer is known, even though the member may never require the financial assistance. While assistance may not be received simultaneously from the Funds, a member may apply for assistance from one and, if additional funds are required, apply to the other Fund. We encourage our members to seek assistance from these cancer funds. Please contact a committee member if you need additional information.

We hope many of you will attend the "Mardi Gras" Fiesta to be held on June 5th and 6th at the new Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda. We will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the new facility, including the dedication of the cornerstone.

Fraternally,

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August 4, 1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Our thanks for your support of our Mardi Gras Fiesta. What a wonderful weekend it was! Because of your participation we raised over $22,500. These funds will be used for a special project at our new Senior Living Community. Everyone enjoyed the wares at the various booths and tours were conducted through the new facility by the members of the Home Board of Trustees. We enjoyed seeing so many of you participate in costume. On Sunday afternoon the Grand Master and his Grand Officers dedicated the cornerstone.

There is still much work to be done before we can move into the "new" section, but each day brings more progress. Our residents are eagerly awaiting that day and our "sidewalk superintendents" watch as the work nears completion.

On July 1 the moving vans were unloaded at our new office building. What a sight - packing boxes were wall to wall, ceiling to floor! But the moving crew soon had everything put away, desks set up, and we were back in business on July 6th. The staff (old and new) is to be commended for their efforts. When you are in the Yorba Linda area, stop by and see our new office.

We hope to see many of you at the Honor Events for our Grand Officers. They have enjoyed visiting with you throughout the year and look forward to seeing you at their special event.

Fraternally,

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RON BEHNKE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON

September 23, 1999

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It's hard to believe that Grand Chapter is just around the corner! Our committees are working to make this a special week for all of us. Florence Adair, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, will be making her Official Visit to California and we are expecting several visitors from other Jurisdictions. We are looking forward to the legislation, reports from committees and, of course, the social times with our members. We hope many of you are planning to attend.

Don't forget to bring a NEW stuffed animal. Our Publicity Chairman, Kay Coffin, is arranging a special presentation to Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno on Saturday afternoon. Our Masonic Family will also be with us on Saturday afternoon. Sara Lee and Glenn Martin are planning an afternoon of enthusiasm as we greet our Masonic Family.

This year has been a wonderful experience. We thank you, our members, for your loyalty and support. Thank you for the animals, your community service, and for being kind to one another. We have enjoyed the Official Visits, anniversaries, and social events. Each reflected the personalities of the Chapters, Districts and Associations. We never tired of meeting and talking with you. YOU are the reason we enjoyed the experience, YOU are the reason we traveled so many miles, YOU are the reason we serve! We thank YOU for YOUR service to our Order. God Bless all of you.

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SEVENTY-FIVE AND FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS: Belonging to our Order for fifty and seventy five years is an important achievement by our members. The Worthy Grand Patron and I were honored to have a small part in presenting pins and certificates to some of our members, recognizing this achievement. I was particularly honored to present a 50-year pin and certificate to Brother Jim Craven, PGP, and a member of my District. As Inspector my husband, Al, presented Brother Jim with his Golden Veteran Award last year.

It was also my pleasure to send special certificates and letters to some of our members who celebrated their 100th birthday this year.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Approved:

Permission to Initiate
(Chapter on Probation)

1998	November	24	Rialto No. 211

To Ballot and Initiate at the Same Meeting

1998	December	19	Palm Leaf No. 114
1999	March	11	Silverado No. 189
		16	Summit No. 138
	May	17	Stella No. 39 (2)
	June	8	Miguelito No. 176 (not used)
		10	Blythe No. 359
		10	Lucerne No. 127
		10	Willits No. 314
		10	Josephine Chico No. 104 (2)
		10	Sunrise No. 179
	September	9	San Clemente No. 524
	October	1	Orinda No. 635
		15	Heliotrope No. 93

To Reballot Within Six Months

1999	June	10	Livingston No. 531

Installations

1998	November	4	Willits No. 314
		24	Polaris No. 454
1999	August	16	Summit No. 138

Election of Officers

1999	September	25	Alturas No. 51

Contributions to Fraternal Organizations or Fraternal Hall Associations

1998	November	24	Yucaipa No. 560
1999	January	12	Aurora No 40
	February	23	Los Cerritos No. 234
	March	16	Ceres No. 296
		24	Desert Hot Springs No. 640
	April	9	Fidelity No. 131
	May	17	Silver Gate No. 30
	June	10	Fidelia No. 56
		10	Kern River Valley No. 643
		23	Sierra Star No. 129
	July	22	Vista Cerrito No. 178
		30	Point Loma No. 490

Not Approved:

Contributions to Fraternal Organizations or Fraternal Hall Associations

Sisson-White Pine No. 175 (Consolidation Procedures Started)

Installations

Alturas No. 51
Emerald Star No. 143
Ocean View No. 111

To Ballot and Initiate at the Same Meeting

Mizpah No. 100 (2)
Riverside No. 622
Carmel No. 581
Los Cerritos No. 234
Evangeline No. 9
Del Mar No. 604

Election of Officers

Home No. 592

CHAPTER BYLAW CHANGES

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS APPROVED
October 26, 1998 to October 24, 1999

Evangeline No. 9	10-07-99	Change Meeting Time and Exceptions
Highland Park No. 21	3-19-99	Change Exceptions
Vacaville No. 28	7-08-99	Change Exceptions; Fee Increases
San Jose No. 31	7-08-99	Change Tenure; Dues Increase
Rose Valley No. 33	6-07-99	Change Meeting Time and Exceptions; Change Relief Amount
Rose Valley No. 33	10-18-99	Add Trustees
Amapola Vernon Lyman No. 35	2-05-99	Consolidation
Lily of the Lake No. 41	3-25-99	Increase Salaries
Alturas No. 51	5-13-99	Change Meeting Time
Sincerity No. 53	7-08-99	Fee Increases
Fidelia No. 56	12-03-98	Consolidation
Crystal No. 57	11-12-98	Dues Increase
Golden Star No. 66	11-11-98	Change Meeting Time
Sotoyome Clover Leaf No. 82	12-03-98	Change Meeting Time and Exceptions
Fallen Leaf No. 90	12-21-98	One Meeting Per Month; Change Meeting Time and Exceptions
Fallen Leaf No. 90	3-19-99	Anteroom Meeting
Bethlehem No. 95	10-18-99	Change Exceptions
Corona No. 107	7-08-99	Fee Increases
Star of Pomona No. 110	7-08-99	Consolidation
Ocean View No. 111	12-21-98	Dues Increase
Harmony No. 124	5-13-99	Change Meeting Date and Exceptions
Harmony No. 124	10-07-99	Anteroom Meeting
Mercedes No. 126	7-09-99	Consolidation
Los Gatos No. 128	9-09-99	Change Meeting Time
Fidelity No. 131	4-27-99	Consolidation
Emerald Star No. 143	7-30-99	Change Exceptions
Foothill No. 145	10-18-99	Adding Paid Life Membership
Heber No. 181	12-03-98	Increase Paid Life Member Payment
Tehachapi No. 188	12-21-98	Dues Increase
Silverado No. 189	12-03-98	Consolidation
Golden Valley No. 199	11-24-98	Change Meeting Time; Exceptions; Relief Amount
Las Mariposas No. 200	9-04-99	Change Exceptions
Mission Bell No. 205	9-17-99	Change Exceptions; Paid Life Membership
Gate City No. 212	7-17-99	Consolidation
Elsinore No. 243	9-09-99	Dues Increase
Valley Star No. 250	9-16-99	Consolidation
Pacific Star No. 252	7-08-99	Consolidation
Rose No. 292	12-28-98	Change Meeting Time
Sierra Madre No. 299	9-04-99	Change Meeting Date; Dues Increase
Willits No. 314	4-22-99	Dues Increase
Whittier No. 335	9-04-99	Trustee Changes
Van Nuys No. 338	3-19-99	Change Tenure
North Park No. 358	5-13-99	Change Meeting Place; Dues Increase

Rosemead No. 367	3-19-99	Change Exceptions
Rosemead No. 367	9-04-99	Change Meeting Time
Stockton No. 373	2-05-99	Change Meeting Day: Exceptions
Stockton No. 373	3-25-99	Change Meeting Day
Playa Linda-Ascot No. 425	10-18-99	Change Exceptions; 50-Year Life Memberships
El Camino No. 428	9-09-99	Tenure of Officers
Harbor Lights No. 478	9-09-99	Trustee Changes
Golden Chain No. 512	10-18-99	Meeting Time: Anteroom Meeting Time
Mountain View No. 552	3-25-99	Change of Location
La Sierra Venus No. 555	2-01-99	Change Exceptions
Oildale No. 559	1-20-99	Dues Increase
Palomar No. 565	12-30-98	Duties of Officers; Tenure of Officers
Home No. 592	11-17-98	Change Meeting Date and Exceptions
Riverside No. 622	10-18-99	Change Meeting Time and Exceptions; Dues and Fees
Old West No. 642	9-09-99	Change Meeting Time; Dues Increase

COURTESIES TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS: It was our pleasure this year to accommodate other jurisdictions by performing the following acts on their behalf:

Courtesy Investigations:

December 1998
Canoga Chapter No. 452 for Tyrone Chapter No. 41, Bayard, New Mexico

May 1999
Valley Oaks Chapter No. 50 for Areme Chapter No. 503, Auburn, Michigan

September 1999
Clearlake Chapter No. 137 for Rosary Chapter No. 55 of Tipton, Indiana

Waivers of Jurisdiction Issued:

November 11, 1998 Tyrone Chapter No. 41 of New Mexico from Grand Chapter of California

August 12, 1999 Rosary Chapter No. 66 of Indiana from Grand Chapter of California

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

History Book: One of the special projects this year was to complete the publication of the History Book. This book was the dream of our Junior Past Grand Matron and adds the last 25 years to our Centennial Book. It is now ready to be proofread, edited and sent to the printer.

Label Project: The label project approved by the delegates has been completed and the membership should be receiving their labels within the week. The proceeds of this project will benefit the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, our Masonic Youth Orders and the Masonic Float. At the request of many of our members, reminder notices will not be sent

Move of the Grand Chapter Office: In accordance with the legislation passed at the Annual Session in 1998, the Grand Secretary and her staff began preparing for the move to Yorba Linda immediately upon their return to the office after the Installation. Files were purged, boxes packed, moving companies contacted and staff hired. My grateful thanks to the staff in San Francisco and the staff in Yorba Linda. Because of your efforts the move to Yorba Linda was an easy transition.

Key Member Program: This program encouraged members to become more active in their Chapter. Points were earned for contacting shut ins, attending meetings, Official Visits and receptions, serving as an officer or on a committee, to name a few. Upon reaching 99 points a golden key entwined with California poppies was awarded. My thanks to Carl Wallis for administering this program and to the Grand Representatives for their assistance.

Community Service Award: This program, administered by Stephanie Herzog, rewarded our members for their community service. Upon achieving 50 hours of community service members received a special pin. Stephanie was asked to be chairman of this program because of the many hours of community service she renders.

Animals: The collection of stuffed animals exceeded my expectations. Following the Official Visits the Grand Officers would gather together to "tag and bag" the animals for distribution. Each animal was tied with a tag indicating it was a gift from the members of the Eastern Star in California.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: For several years I have been concerned about the lack of continuity of this committee. It seemed as though we started at "square one" each year. Therefore, I asked the Committee this year to develop a 5-year plan. Under the leadership of Heidi Wills this Committee made great progress. All of the accomplishment will be contained in their report; however, I am very pleased that a "Goal Setting" Seminar was held and a plan for the future was outlined. The Grand Line and members of the Finance Committee were invited to this Seminar. It is my hope that this Seminar will become an annual event in an effort to keep us moving forward and cognizant of our members' needs.

DECISIONS: During this year I rendered four decisions based upon opinions prepared by the Jurisprudence Committee. I will be asking the delegates to incorporate these decisions into Part VII of our Constitution and Laws entitled "Decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron."

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES: One of our goals was to decrease the number of contacts made with our Appeals and Grievances Committee. If each of us would live by the Obligation we took at the Altar when we were initiated, this Committee would be idle. Unfortunately, petty jealously is a problem in some of our Chapters and it disturbs the peace and harmony. I am pleased to report that the majority of our members are kind, considerate and loving towards one another.

At the recommendation of the Appeals and Grievances Committee I set aside the probation of Rialto Chapter No. 211. On January 28, 1999 I visited them and delivered the letter advising them of my decision. I was greeted most warmly and enjoyed my visit with the members. It is my hope that these difficulties are behind them and they will move forward to a bright and happy future.

APPRECIATION: This year would not have been possible were it not for the help and cooperation of many people. To the members of California, thank you for electing me to this honored position. It is has been the journey of a lifetime. I hope you are pleased and satisfied with the service I have given. My thanks for the Honorary Memberships for me and Al. I look forward to visiting with you again. I thank you, too, for electing Brother Ron Behnke to serve at my side.

Brother Ron, your sincere appreciation of our members and your love of our Order and its principles is evident. Thank you for agreeing to take

this journey with me. The four of us have become such great friends - more than friends - we have become family. May it always be so. I thank you and Cathy for your support.

I am so proud of the members of San Lorenzo Chapter. We are not a large Chapter and like most Chapters, our "work force" has diminished. It's not always easy to be the "home" of the Worthy Grand Matron. Extra duties and expectations fall upon you. I appreciate all that you have done, not only for me, but also for our Order this year. You are terrific!

My family has been very supportive. Because of our weekend scheduling Al has been able to attend most of the events. To our daughter, Kim, my grateful thanks for your computer expertise. Your talents are appreciated. We also appreciate the companionship of Mary Kay Bowser, a Past Matron of San Lorenzo Chapter. She was a very faithful traveler this year.

CONCLUSION: We are near the end of another Fraternal year. This has been a most rewarding journey and I thank the members for making this a very special year. Sister Kathleen, I will be eternally grateful to you for making this experience possible. Sisters and Brothers, one year ago we started this journey filled with hopes, dreams and great expectations. Thank you, the members of California, for the opportunity to take this journey. It has been most gratifying and rewarding. Each of you has a special place in my heart and I will cherish the memories of this year.

Doodlin Song . . . California Singing Stars

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Choir. That sounded wonderful. I now ask that you give attention to the address of the Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Ron, we will be pleased to hear your Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By Ron Behnke)

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

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

My dear Sisters and Brothers, this has been a most unbelievably wonderful year that just passed unbelievably quickly. Every minute I have spent in service to our Order has been wonderful. The love and support that both Sheri and I have experienced is exactly the strength of Eastern Star, and what makes everyone else's efforts and ours worthwhile.

ALL OFFICER INSTRUCTIONALS: It was my extreme pleasure to preside at all fifteen All Officer Instructionals with my wife, Cathy, serving as Worthy Matron. The Ritual exemplified by her and the Grand Officers was, to say the least, exemplary. The Chapter officers who attended these schools were most attentive and most enthusiastic about their attendance.

INSTALLATIONS: It was my extreme honor to install both Rocco Minichiello as Worthy Patron of my own Lyra Chapter, and Al Weisser as Worthy Patron of San Lorenzo Chapter. It was also my honor to install several other Worthy Patrons and give the Obligation at numerous other installations. I am only sorry that the circumstances did not allow me to participate in more such installations.

COMMITTEES: It has been my honor to serve both on the Home Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee. While my busy schedule did not allow my regular attendance, I am most impressed by the efforts put forth by the members of both of these Committees. Our Order is indebted to the members of both of these Committees for their hard work. This has been a landmark year for our Eastern Star with the movement south to Yorba Linda of both our Home and our Grand Chapter Office. An exemplary effort was needed and given by both Committees.

OFFICIAL VISITS: By the grace of God and the most wonderful scheduling of our Worthy Grand Matron, it was both my honor and pleasure to attend all 57 Official Visits. Each one was a very special event. The themes and enthusiasm were, at every single one, wonderful. I am very impressed both by the originality and by the talent of our members. The Worthy Grand Matron and myself are both very grateful for the most generous presentations.

It was also my extreme honor to sign the *John L. Sullivan Masonic Bible.* To be able to add my signature to such a distinguished list was a humbling experience.

My wife, Cathy, and I received numerous Honorary Memberships. We are both grateful for the distinct honor, as a 100 percent vote of the Chapter was required, and this level of support and gratitude is most appreciated. It is both of our desires to attend each of these Chapters during the coming years.

LYRA CHAPTER: How could I possibly put into words how grateful I am to my own Lyra Chapter? I am absolutely sure that no Worthy Grand Patron has ever had greater support. This job would be impossible without such support and was made all the more wonderful because of it.

GRAND OFFICERS: There has been a genuine feeling of Family from our very first meeting in Twain Harte, to our last Official Visit. This most wonderful group of people has given their best efforts towards serving our Star from day one. The focus of the 1999 Grand Officers, both elected and appointed, has been without exception, "What is good for Eastern Star is good for us." Our Order is better for their efforts and the place they have in my heart will be forever.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS: These most wonderful *"Nuggets of Gold"* have served our Order so faithfully this last year. The Worthy Grand Matron and myself are so pleased and proud of their efforts. They are the teachers of our Order, and from the Schools of Instruction, to the All Officer Instructionals, to the needs at the Chapter level; they were always there for the needs of our members. Thank you very much for your efforts.

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS: I have been so impressed by the level of dedication to Eastern Star by this fine group of ladies and gentlemen. As I have said all year, no other organization in the world has a greater feeling of warmth and friendship. These leaders are greatly responsible for this feeling. Without exception, when something was needed, one of these leaders always stepped forward to do whatever it was. It is my hope that the friendships we have formed will last forever.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brother Loyal Stark, the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter, you are an inspiration to us all. Your enthusiasm for Eastern Star is unsurpassed and your support of California Grand Chapter has been a pillar of strength and a driving force in my own two years.

To Sisters June Lucretia Barnum, Jeraldine Southward Creager and Brother Judge Thomas Sagar, thank you for your work for General Grand Chapter and for your outstanding efforts for California's Grand Chapter. Our Eastern Star world has benefited from both your knowledge and your efforts.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS: As a group, you have given so much to our Star. You all continue to give and give. Several of you still serve at the Chapter level. Your help and support will be, without a doubt, some of my most pleasant remembrances. Keep up the good work. I am looking forward to joining such a distinguished group.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Travel Pin and Community Service Pin programs were initiated and well received by our membership. It was our goal to encourage travel between Chapters and Districts, and also to get the name of Eastern Star out into the community through community service. Both of these goals were met and surpassed, and our Order is much better off for these efforts.

SPECIAL EVENTS: I was extremely honored to attend all of our Youth Group Grand Sessions. The Youth Groups of Masonry are our very future, and to be able to address them at their Grand Sessions was both a tremendous honor and a great opportunity. We all need to be focused on our youth.

There were so many other special events this year; it would be impossible for me to list them all. What I do want our Grand Chapter to know is that I considered it my extreme honor to have attended each one, and that our Order is so lucky to have so many talented and hard working members. We will enter the new millennium in good hands.

I must, however, at least mention how superb was the first ever Fiesta at our new Yorba Linda Home. The love of our Order and the sense of commitment to our members have never been more represented than it

was in the hard work of every member to see this event a success.

FAMILY: No one could do this tremendous job without support of their spouse, and my experience has been no different. At every moment and at every need my wife, Cathy, was by my side. She managed to drive me home when I had absolutely no more energy. May God bless her for her efforts for Eastern Star and I will never be able to tell her how grateful I am. Please know that the honors extended to me are honors extended to both of us.

My mother-in-law, Edna Thirkettle, traveled with us up and down the State and we always enjoyed her company; although, I think at times I may have put a strain on the son-in-law relationship. But I still call her Mom. She has served this year as Worthy Matron of our own Lyra Chapter and did it with grace and style.

CONCLUSION: This, without a doubt, has been a most wonderful year for Eastern Star, and it has been my extreme pleasure to be part of this year in California. We have been able to sustain and continue the enthusiasm. Optimism is one of my watchwords and never in the history of our Order has this enthusiasm been more evident.

Please, my dear Sisters and Brothers, remember your Obligations and the reason that you joined our Order in the first place, and keep those Obligations in your heart. With these most wonderful and important Obligations we will continue to be a force in the lives of our communities. The warmth and friendship will continue to grow and thrive and the world will be a better place because of it.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for your report. The Secretary is an important part of our Order, and we are grateful to our Grand Secretary for her knowledge and assistance. Sister Shirley, we would be pleased to have you report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

(By Shirley Orth)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: As you are all aware, the Grand Chapter office moved from the San Francisco area to Yorba Linda after 125 years of being in the same area. The move took place the last few days of June and the office was ready

for business and for three Committee meetings one week later.

The move was a challenge, however, as Murphy's law seemed to prevail the entire time. The moving company was to begin loading in the morning and they came at 6:00 p.m.; knocked on the wrong door and luckily were heard doing so. They came into the office and said, "Wow, a lot of stuff." We told them about 40,000 pounds. The truck driver put his hand on a file cabinet and said, "Well, these aren't going, are they? We only have a small truck and it has no ramp." The next half-hour they had two large semis and more men. They needed to be loaded before midnight so we could catch BART back to the other side of the bay. They made it.

Two days later, we waited two hours in Yorba Linda for the trucks to arrive. They had been given the wrong address by the dispatcher and the trucks were not equipped with phones!

All ended well and the Grand Chapter office is wonderful. We are located on the lovely grounds of our new Senior Living Community. We have our own office building in a four-office complex. Parking is right outside the door and in a beautiful, quiet neighborhood.

In the move we found so many special items that belonged to our history. They are on display throughout the building and we hope you will all have a chance to visit the office. Judy Ard has done a terrific job of displaying these items and we really appreciate it.

At this time I would like to acknowledge and thank those who worked in your San Francisco office: Jerri Jean Golden, our Grand Treasurer; Nell Marie Forsey, membership; Marilyn Wellman, Judy Ard, Gerry Warner and Marcia McBrayer, support services; Linda Hahn and Judy Wyatt were unable to attend Grand Chapter this year. These ladies worked so hard, especially the last few months packing up the office.

The two Judy's and Gerry Warner came down to Yorba Linda to help unpack and to train the new staff. I thank you all for everything, especially your friendship. Nell Marie Forsey chose to move to Yorba Linda and to continue maintaining your membership records. With her we have Russell Kleber, Past Patron of Camarillo Chapter, our Controller; Roseanne Hooker, Past Matron of Bellflower Chapter, our bookkeeper; and my Assistant during this transition has been Fran Groat. This year we are keeping the office open during Grand Chapter

Week with Traci Allen, our Receptionist, and Ann Wadhwani, filling orders. Thank you, to each of you.

The 286 Secretaries in this Grand Jurisdiction have been a pleasure to work with again this year. In the 1937 Proceedings, the Grand Secretary referred to them as "our efficient secretaries." Still true today. The three workshops, held in Santa Maria, Sierra Madre and Yorba Linda, were well attended by many of these Secretaries, together with Chapter Treasurers and interested members. The most asked questions were concerning the Chapters reporting their taxes. This is still being addressed, and next year the Chapters will have a clearer guideline to follow.

We have continued the process of notifying Chapter Secretaries, the Chapter Worthy Matron and the Worthy Grand Matron when the monthly report has not been received in the office. Last year showed a remarkable improvement, and this year was even better. Plus, there were only a couple of Chapters that had to be called on at credential time as to officer changes that had not been reported to the office.

Our third annual Secretary-Treasurer Social was held yesterday afternoon. The attendance was wonderful, and I would like to thank Eleanor Pfeil for preparing all the food again this year, and to those that helped set up.

Those secretaries who did not pick up your remittance envelopes may do so at the Grand Secretary's desk in the Exhibit Hall. The envelopes are now called Remittance envelopes and not Endowment envelopes, as both the Foundation and the Endowment are now listed on that envelope.

The following were published and distributed on time to the Chapters in accordance with our Constitution and Laws: Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and the Instruction Book; the Roster, which was mailed by January 1st; the Proceedings of the 1998 Grand Chapter Session; the Tentative Program for this Grand Chapter Session; the proposed legislation for 1999-2000, and the Itinerary for 1999-2000 which will be available after elections on Thursday. Mailings were sent to each Chapter once a month during the third week of the month, to be read the following month. I would like to thank Pennie Clouser who worked a total of 270 hours on the Proceedings.

A Resume of this Grand Chapter Session will be available for $3.00 the week following Grand Chapter. Orders may be placed at the Grand Secretary's desk in the Exhibit Hall.

The office processed 58 Bylaw changes; commissions for the various Grand Representatives in California, and those for other jurisdictions; 32 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 June Barnum, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, this year, and I thank her for her guidance.

We issued 796 Fifty-year pins, 24 seventy-five year guards, 61 Rob Morris Awards and 143 Service Awards.

From the Annual Report of the 287 Chapters in California, I report the following information:

Membership as of June 30, 1998 (This will be two less from what was reported at last year's Grand Chapter, as two duplicate records were found.)			59,454
Gained by Initiation	714		
Gained by Affiliation	379		
Gained by Affiliation Out of State	39		
Gained by Reinstatement	97		
For a Total Gain of		1,229	
Lost by Demit	868		
Lost by Resignation	43		
Lost by Consolidation	64		
Lost by Suspension for Nonpayment of Dues	716		
Lost by Suspension from Expulsion	8		
Lost by Death	2,655		
Total Lost		4,354	
Total Membership as of June 30, 1999			56,329

Of this figure, 6,717 are 50-year Life Members; 195 are residents of charitable homes; and 1,101 had their dues remitted. This brings the total of dues paying Members to 48,316. There are 20,575 Life Sponsors of the Eastern Star home. There are 2,257 members who belong to two

Chapters in California. All Chapters have paid their per capita.

On our new computer system we can now access our membership records and none of us have used the WANG system since the move, except Nell Marie, who is running parallel to make sure all the data came across correctly.

I have acted as Secretary to the Finance Committee this year, and have reported information regarding the Grand Chapter office. I have attended the Home Board meetings as their Secretary. It is so convenient now that both groups meet in Yorba Linda. I am especially glad not to have to fly into Ontario airport with the Santa Anas blowing.

We are now developing a list of volunteers to help during mailing time. Please call the office if you are interested and get your name and availability on the list.

We have a new look to our credentials this year as they have been generated on the computer.

To Fran Groat, my Page again this year and my wonderful friend, thank you for all your assistance and for doing all the credentials. You are so special.

Our Court Reporter this year is Tamra Keen, who is from Semper Fidelis Chapter in Livermore.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to Semper Fidelis Chapter for the wonderful reception they gave in my honor and the secretaries of California. I will never forget it.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with Sheri and Ron this year. I have looked forward to serving with Sheri for such a long time after working with her for so many years in San Francisco. She was so beneficial in the move to Yorba Linda, and she spent many an hour putting all the books on the shelves, not to mention vacuuming and carrying out the trash.

I wish the very best to Sister Doris and Brother Glenn for a most successful year in the year 2000.

I thank you, the Members, for the privilege of serving as your Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for your report Shirley, but we are not going to tell people I know how to vacuum because my husband doesn't know that.

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Excuse me, Worthy Grand Matron. I think we missed something just a few minutes ago. I wonder if the members of California might join me in some applause recognizing your Annual Report and your service.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Loyal and delegates.

Shirley, it has been fun working with you. We have had some pretty stressful times during the move trying to locate things and determine what box something was packed in, but the office looks wonderful and I thank both your staffs for all that they did to accomplish this. It's a beautiful office, and I know it's a lot more convenient for you. Thank you.

Our Grand Treasurer also holds a highly respected position in our Grand Chapter. Sister Jerri Jean, we would like to hear your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(By Jerri Jean Golden)

Dear Sisters and Brothers, what an exciting year this has been for everyone involved in Eastern Star.

The Eastern Star Foundation has established its footing and is spreading the word about our tax deductible charities, and you, the members, have responded this year with just under $150,000 in donations and in support of fund-raising events.

Over $171,000 has been granted to those who were in need of assistance, whether it be cancer related, emergency needs, or scholarships. When each chairman gives their report, they will be more specific as to the amount of donations and assistance relevant to their fund.

The Home Board of Trustees is justifiably proud of the new Senior Living Center in Yorba Linda that our residents have moved into. They are continually striving to make it a beautiful and comfortable environment for each resident, and one that all Eastern Star members will gladly support.

Doing things right does not come cheap; and, obviously, their greatest expenditure has been the purchase, construction and upgrading of the new Home, of which the total at the end of September 30th, 1999, is 11.3 million dollars.

Even though the bulk of the funds have come from the sale of the Brentwood Home and investment gains, again, you, the members, continue to be generous in your support of the Home by contributing over $382,000 this year.

Our investments continue to work for us with just under five million dollars in realized gains and investment income. A financial statement for each fund is on the Grand Secretary's desk for you to look over. We also encourage you to purchase the Proceedings, where the Audited Financial Statements will be printed.

I have been so fortunate to work with one of the most dedicated, conscientious and hardworking Committees involved in Eastern Star – and that is the Finance Committee. They are picked for their expertise and we all rely on their experience and wisdom. They may demand the best from each of us, but they are considerate, supportive, and always very helpful. This job would have been impossible without their assistance and knowledge. Each and every member who has served on the Finance Committee in the last five years has my admiration for the difficult task they willingly and lovingly took on. Especially this final year, thank you for your understanding and compassion.

The office under the direction of your Grand Secretary worked many, many extra hours on top of their "normal" extra hours to facilitate the move from San Francisco to Yorba Linda. Plus, the Grand Secretary had to take on even more duties relating to my job when I was unable to fulfill some of my obligations due to health reasons.

Once the move was completed to Yorba Linda, most of the staff, including myself, chose to terminate our employment and remain in the Bay Area. This created, shall we say, an "opportunity" for the Finance

Committee. This turned out to be the best time to upgrade the Treasurer's job. Grand Chapter is big business. The needs and requirements had reached a level where we all felt that a degreed accountant was necessary. Special consideration was the desire to do several accounting functions in-house that for many years have been contracted to outside professionals. So, I wish the very best to our new controller, Russ, as he takes on a very demanding job.

Two faces have remained the same in the new office. Shirley Orth and Nell Marie Forsey chose to continue to work Eastern Star and have moved down to the Yorba Linda area to take up permanent residency.

Again, even more duties fell on Shirley's shoulders, as she was involved in interviewing, hiring, training, and getting the office up and running quickly and efficiently. We are just as proud of the new staff and their dedication and hard work, as we were of the old staff.

Sister Sheri, Brother Ron, on one hand I am so sorry to see this year end. It is has been such a pleasure to have served with the both of you. Your enthusiasm and love of the Order are contagious. Sheri, for all the hundreds of questions relating to the Treasurer's job as to why, when, and how - thank you, thank you, thank you. And yet, it is time to move on - to allow a new corps of Officers the experience of a lifetime. We wish you the best in all that you do.

Dear Sisters and Brothers, these last five years have taught me so much about the inner workings of the Eastern Star. But an even greater treasure has been the privilege of meeting and working with so many wonderful people who share a love for this beautiful Order. Especially to all the Treasurers, thank you for your kindness and love. Keep up the good work. And to everyone, keep up the good work. The strength of Eastern Star is in the outpouring of your love, in your willingness to assist others in need, in your compassion and in your gentleness. These are the ties that bind us all. I sincerely thank you for opening your hearts and giving to me the greatest gift of all, your friendship. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Jerri for your report. I have sat in that chair. I know how difficult that job is. We have shared some of those subordinate Treasurers. Now and then, we argue who really lays claim to them. It has been great having you as a friend, and I appreciate all your service to our Order in the past five

years. Thank you.

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Singing Stars. You are in fine form. Brother Tom McKinney, President of the Home Board of Trustees, may we have your report at this time.

REPORT OF THE HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(By Thomas McKinney, Past Patron (643), President)

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

I begin the presentation of the Annual Report of the Eastern Star Home by presenting the dedicated members now serving on the Board of Trustees: Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron; Sisters Nancy Grondin; Linda Patton, Brothers Earl Eckert and Terry Holts, Past Grand Patrons; Mike Sanders and Brian Whitaker. Sisters Shirley Orth and Jerri Jean Golden of the Grand Chapter served as our Secretary and Treasurer.

I will be giving a summary of the report, and the full report, which you received in your packet, will be in the proceedings.

Sister Linda Patton and Brother Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron, are completing their terms in office and we thank you both for all you have done.

MOVE TO YORBA LINDA: With the sale of our Sunset Boulevard facility completed on December 31, 1997, our move to Yorba Linda took place on December 10, 1998. What an experience that was for each of the Trustees, the staff and the residents. I believe we had ten moving vans come to move the items from the Brentwood facility, with most of them going into storage, and in the next couple of weeks they will be coming out. The residents had box after box to pack, and they will have box after box to unpack. I think the total for one was 42. I am not sure how they got it all in their room, but they did.

Members of the Booster Club were there to assist our residents, and we thank them. The move also gave us an opportunity to look at our program. To look at giving our program a different approach to what

we have to offer our members.

The Board spent many hours to make sure we have a program to offer that would be interesting to the members, and that they would be excited about changing their lifestyle and come to a facility such as we have. We wanted a change that would be exciting, and we really looked at should we continue to call it the "Home." We decided we wanted a fresh approach to the facility that would mean the same, but exciting. Hence, the change to call our Home the Senior Living Community for the Eastern Star in California.

CONSTRUCTION: I can't tell you the number of hours this Board has spent working on the construction planning for this facility. Our hat is off to Trustee Brian Whitaker for the countless hours he has spent as the liaison for the Board with the construction company this past year, and he is not completed, as we meet today. We are shooting for a completed project by October 29, 1999, by our contractor PCL Services. This cannot go without thanking our Administrator Pam Daut, who has also spent more time with the construction forces than we would have liked to have her to spend.

We have had are several opportunities come along that were not planned for, that has caused a lot of change in our plans, and our Administrator and the residents have rolled with the punches so many times. She and the residents and entire staff have been more than understanding during this period of construction.

The Yorba Linda facility was purchased for a price of 4.4 million dollars. At the time of this Grand Chapter, we have spent over 4.8 million dollars in construction costs. We estimate our total expenditures to be 5.5 million dollars before the facility is completely done and we have our final inspection from the City of Yorba Linda.

We worked closely with the Grand Chapter on the move from Yorba Linda and Gil Bates who was the representative on site to oversee the changes required at the Grand Chapter office. We are proud of our tenant and work hard to make their office enjoyable to them and to you, the members.

The Medical Office buildings at our site are being upgraded. We are working closely with the Management Company to complete the restoring of the buildings so that we will realize a rental income from

these buildings.

BUDGET: I am happy to report that the facility came in under budget this past year. As of the last financial statement, we are approximately $413,000 under spent. A lot of credit has to go to our staff to monitor the spending while we were in such a time of disarray.

LEGISLATION: The Board has submitted three items of legislation for your consideration. We felt we wanted to expand the opportunity for members to be able to come to the Senior Living Community, so we have suggested a change for you to consider. We have also done some housekeeping.

STAFF: We have been very fortunate to have a wonderful staff at our facility. We had only one employee come with us from Brentwood and that was Johnny Cruz, our cook. He has been a super friend to our residents and has met their every need as far as possible in our very small kitchen.

Pam Daut was chosen to be the new Administrator of the facility in July. She is doing a wonderful job and has been well received by the residents and staff at the facility. She is here with us this morning. Pam, would you please stand, it is our pleasure to introduce to you Pamela Daut, our Administrator. We currently have 21 employees that are employed at the Senior Living Community.

OUTREACH: The members of this Grand Chapter approved in 1996 the Outreach Program and it has really made a wonderful addition to the services the Senior Living Community has to offer to the members. We have received hundreds of calls for assistance for our members, not just financial, but all kinds of concerns that our Director has been able to assist. Again, we invite you to call our Director, Susan Parker, for any concern with regards to senior services available in your community. We are excited how she has stepped in and is meeting the needs of many of our members on a daily basis.

In September, we approved the first financial outreach assistance to one of our members, a very impressive moment by your Board to what a wonderful program you, the members, have approved for us to administer. You will be receiving more information in your Chapters about this program in the near future.

ADMISSIONS: We have been on hold taking applications while we have been under construction, knowing that we would not be able to take in any new residents until the facility was licensed by the Department of Social Services. In September we received permission from the State to go ahead and accept applications and have them ready as the facility was ready for new residents. We have sent out 23 applications this past month, and at our Board meeting yesterday, we approved three new residents and in November, we will be approving many more of those applications for admission.

This month we have received our full license to operate a Residential Care Facility for the elderly, so we are ready to roll.

LABEL PROGRAM: The Board of Trustees has approved and will be presenting a label program to you the members of this Grand Chapter at this Session, which will come later in the year maybe next summer, and hopefully it will be an annual program with the proceeds going to our Endowment Fund.

We have discussed the program with the incoming Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Line and they have given us their support for the program. This will be a tax deduction for the members, as the funds from this program will go to the Home Endowment Program.

The labels will have the logo of the Senior Living Community and we are asking for your support with this program and hope that you will enjoy the use of the labels and will pledge your financial support of the program.

CLOVIS PROPERTY: The Board of Trustees has placed the property in Clovis up for sell with Century 21. The market in the area of the Clovis Property has gained in value this past year due to mainly the fact that the new section of the freeway will have an off-ramp within a block of the property.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONY: On June 6, 1999, our Grand Master, Melville H. Nahin, and his officers presented a beautiful ceremony and placed a cornerstone to dedicate our new facility. The program was well attended by our members and that of the Masonic Family as well.

A list of items contained in the Cask in the Cornerstone will be contained in the Annual Report.

It was exiting to me to watch our Worthy Grand Matron raise Grand Lodge this past Sunday at the afternoon program with the gavel presented to the Grand Master at the cornerstone ceremony.

BOOSTER CLUB: The Booster's Club has continued their support for our residents, and organized monthly events to entertain our residents. Sister Lorita Giles has served as President this past year. We thank each and every Booster for their service and love for our residents. Yours is truly a labor of love.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we invite each of you to come and visit your new Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Tom, for your report. This has indeed been a challenging year for the Home Board of Trustees. It has been a pleasure to serve with each of you on the Home Board of Trustees. I know how dedicated each of you is, and how you put in more than the day required for the monthly meeting. I know it's a month-long job, every single month, and we appreciate your service to our Order, to our Home, and to the residents who live in the new Senior Living Community. It has been a long time waiting for the completion day. It has been fun going over and watching the progress that the contractors made, and I encourage each of you to stop by. The residents will be more than happy to give you a tour. Thank you very much

(Entire report as distributed to the members.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

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of the Grand Chapter serve as our Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. I want to thank Shirley Orth for the many things she has done for the Board this past year.

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

To Sister Linda Patton and Brother Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron, who are completing their terms on the board, we thank you. Brother Earl has served for six years and has given the Trustees much guidance as Chairman of our Board Development Committee this past year and Home Site Committee in past years. Brother Earl 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

Sister Linda has completed two years on the board and has had a big responsibility in setting up and implementing the Budget program, and has also been instrumental in the orchestrating our recent move from Brentwood to Yorba Linda. She did a good job of hitting the floor and running. Sister Linda has continued her service to the Trustees by developing a sound financial picture and overseeing the budgeting for remodeling of the Yorba Linda campus.

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CAL STAR NEWS: Sister Diane Lotspeich, Editor of the *Cal Star News,* has been very generous in providing coverage about the Home in each issue. We thank her and her staff, for all she has done to keep the members informed. If you do not receive this paper, I urge you to do so now and ask your members to also subscribe; we need your subscriptions to make this a great tool to spread the good news of the Order. Our residents have enjoyed being a part of this paper as well. Please consider your subscription today.

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STAFF: We have been very fortunate to have a wonderful staff at our facility. We had only one employee come with us from Brentwood and that was Johnny Cruz, our cook. He has been a super friend to our residents and has met their every need as far as possible in our temporary, very small kitchen.

Our administrator, Pam Daut is a member of Yorba Linda Chapter and serves as Esther this year for her Chapter. She came to us last November and volunteered to assist us in gaining a license to work in Yorba Linda. She had two RCFE facilities in the area, and because she had a license and had the knowledge of the County of Orange and the Department of Social Services, her services were welcomed by the Board. We did hire an administrator in November, and after 90 days, it was our belief that we needed a change. Pam Daut became our Pro Tem Administrator and in July, she was chosen to be the new administrator of the facility. She is doing a wonderful job and has been well received by the residents and staff at the facility. We currently have twenty employees that are employed at the Senior Living Community.

Our Office Manager is Karleen Wood and is there to assist in any way possible and she too has been well received and has done an outstanding job in reorganizing our administration offices. She also has an administrator's license to her credit.

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ADMISSIONS: While we have been under construction, our application process has been on hold. During this phase, new applicants have waited for admission until the facility was licensed by the Department of Social Services Continuing Care Division. In September we received the go-head from the State of California. Twenty-three applications were sent out this past month. We hope that at the Board Meeting in November many of those applications for admission will be approved and that by December 10th, the list of residents for the Senior Living Community will include many new names.

Our facility is a Continuing Care facility comprised of two elements, Life Care Residents and Private Pay Residents. A Life Care Resident turns over all their assets upon coming into the Facility while a Private Pay Resident pays a monthly fee for residency.

A Contract for Life Care requires us to provide for all the present and future needs of a resident. This Contract mandates that if we do not provide certain services at our facility, the resident will be placed in a facility with whom we contract who provides the appropriate services for their need. (i.e. a skilled nursing facility). This will alleviate the duties required by the highly regulated nursing home industry and still provide for the best care for our residents. It would also enable us to care for our residents for a longer period of time.

The Senior Living Community is licensed to accommodate 76 residents. There are a total of 58 rooms, 41 of which are designed for Independent Living and 17 for Assisted Living.

We are accepting applications from both Private Pay and Life Care residents at this time. We invite all the members to call out Outreach Director for more information concerning admission requirements and further information.

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The Medical Office buildings at our site are being upgraded. We are working closely with the Management Company to complete the restoring of the buildings so that we will realize a rental income from these buildings. At this time we are less that 50% occupied, however we are working hard to bring this figure up to a more reasonable income for the Senior Living Community.

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A list of items contained in the Cask in the Cornerstone is as follows:

- Copy of the Deed and Title to the property in Yorba Linda
- Copy of the roster of the Grand Chapter of California containing Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons, Committees and elected officers of the various Chapters of California
- List of residents in the Senior Living Community
- Pictures of the Staff of the Senior Living Community
- List of the Board of Trustees for the last three years
- Picture of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California
- Mission Statement, Values, and assumptions of the Eastern Star Homes of California
- List of City Councilmen of the City of Yorba Linda
- List of the officers of the City of Yorba Linda
- Copy of the building layout of the new facility in Yorba Linda, including rooms, activities and staff rooms
- Copy of Part V of the Constitution and Laws pertaining to the Eastern Star Homes of California
- Copy of the Spring 1999 letter to the Members of California from the Board of Trustees
- Copy of the new brochure for the Eastern Star of California
- June issue of the Scottish Rite Magazine
- May issue of the York Rite Magazine
- Spring issue of the California Freemason

- June issue of the Al Malaikahan paper
- Sunday issue of the Daily paper front page

BOARD RETREAT: The Board of Trustees attended a two-day retreat to take the time to set some Goals for the Board and develop a new Mission Statement, a set of values and assumptions. Mr. Jerry Burk of the Burk Group was retained to help direct the program and a great deal was learned by your Trustees. The Mission Statement, Values and Assumptions are as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT: Provide members a desirable quality of life in their senior years by assisting in housing, health care and/or related services in a secure, loving and respectful atmosphere.

VALUES:

- Secure Quality of Life
- Fraternal Love and Respect
- High Quality of Service at all levels

ASSUMPTIONS:

- Increased governmental regulations and member needs will require Constitution and Laws, By-Laws, Policy (operation) to change.
- Outreach will become a larger part of home operation.
- Facility will be full (85% occupancy) with members and qualified relatives.
- Continued education will be required for Trustees, Staff and Grand Chapter.
- There will be more public involvement and visibility.
- Increased cooperation/communications between Board of Trustees and Members of Grand Chapter.
- More Eastern Star members will volunteer time and money.

The Trustees feel we do have a great deal to look towards as we head into the future and are looking forward to revisiting our Goals and to establish a strong five-year plan in 2000.

I have tried to just hit the hi-lights of the Board involvement for this past year. It certainly has not been a dull moment all year long. We are indeed indebted to our Administrator and her wonderful staff and to the residents who have been so understanding this entire year with our move

and construction. Each member and staff at the Senior Living Community have been wonderful.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Although the Administration Committee has played an active part in the move to Yorba Linda and in decisions related to the remodeling of the new facility, our primary activity has been that of finding a new administrator. Early in the year, an administrator was hired and subsequently released after a few months. The vacancy was temporarily filled by Pam Daut who had been serving as a consultant. The vacant position was advertised in major newspapers in Southern California. Applications were received and interviews were held. The person selected decided not to accept the position. Mrs. Daut decided to apply for the position and was hired on a permanent basis.

The committee continues to work on several additional projects. We are currently working on a revision of the instrument to be used for evaluation of our administrator. We are presently using evaluation materials from the Cain group and will be considering some revision to these materials where appropriate.

Other projects that are in progress include the following: Review and update of the employee benefits program, investigate and recommend an appropriate computer network system, and revise the Trustee's Policy Manual.

It has been a pleasure to serve as members of the Administration Committee during the past year.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: At the beginning of the year, the Board approved a program developed by "The Cain Consulting Group, Inc." based in Hawarden, Iowa, designed for the development and training of Non-Profit Boards.

Dan Cain, President of the Consulting Group, has been a frequent guest and presenter at the Masonic and Eastern Star Homes Administrators Conferences over the past 5 years and his program is well received and respected. We have used parts of it in the past, but this years Board of Trustees has undertaken the utilization of his entire training and development program. The program consists of the "FOCUS" training program which is divided into 12 sections, each consisting of a 15 to 20 minute Audio Tape followed by 10 to 15 minute guided group

discussion. This program was designed to be utilized during 30 minutes of each Monthly Board Meeting, but our Board went through a crash course completing all twelve sessions in a day and a half (Two sessions), as the initial introduction of this training program for all Board Members, Administrator, Grand Line Officers, Board Officers and Liaisons, and designated Staff.

The program also consists of a Long Range Planning Program and Manual. To better present this segment, a professional consultant, Jerry Burk was invited to facilitate a two-day planning session which proved to be invaluable and produced a number of immediate Board Goals and the foundation for our Long Range Plan.

The remainder of the Board Training Program consists of 3 training and development kits, "The Policy Builder," "The Executive Evaluation Kit," and "The Board Evaluation Kit."

The Policy Builder covers the following Board responsibilities:

1. Developing Board Policy.
2. Corporate structure/Board organization.
3. Executive Director.
4. Meetings.
5. Organizational Finance.
6. Employment Policies.
7. Board Officers.
8. Committees of the Board.
9. Facilities.
10. Model Job Description and Bylaws.

The Executive Evaluation Kit:

1. Preparing for the evaluation.
2. Step by step to a good performance evaluation.
3. The Evaluation Instrument.
4. Analyzing the results.
5. Setting goals for change.

The Board Evaluation Kit:

Contain the same sections pertaining to the Board evaluation of itself and its performance.

The continuation of this program into the year 2,000 and beyond can only improve the work of the Board of Trustees.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Budget and Finance Committee, in conjunction with our Administrator, has made every effort to stay within the limits of the approved budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. In fact, due to a decrease in census at the home, we have come in under budget. Our thanks and appreciation go to our Administrator, Pam Daut, and her staff for everything they did to keep expenditures under control.

The 1999-2000 Revised Budget has been approved by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee. It is presented at this Grand Chapter Session for your approval.

This year's budget has been a difficult one to prepare. As there is no history regarding the expenses in the building. There will be new admissions, but without an accurate count as to when they will be entering, the cost directly related to the "Residents" has been a true task of "CRYSTAL BALL-ing."

We appreciate the assistance of many of the Chapters who have supported the various events with their time and generous monetary gifts.

Please review the budget for 1999-2000 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.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Construction activity dominated the work of the Building and Grounds committee and related ad hoc groups responsible for the Yorba Linda Senior Living Community project. It is hard to believe we began the year with our residents in Brentwood and now have been able to move them, and several new residents, into a state-of-the-art facility. It is been a road that has been both challenging and rewarding.

Focus at the beginning of the year was on completing an appropriate interim facility in a section of the Yorba Linda site that would allow the move out of the Brentwood Home by the closing of escrow. This, at the same time we were deep in the design phase of the ultimate facility, and with the sudden and unexpected loss of our Superintendent, who was

acting as our primary resource on licensing issues. An outstanding effort by our design/build team at Carde-Ten/PCL, with help from Pam Daut (then acting as our consultant) pulled it off, and by early December we were moving in. This phase gave us many clues of what was to come as it became clear the City of Yorba Linda staff were going to be both particular and inexperienced at this type of construction project. This resulted in many last minute changes such addition of electrical outlets and walkways. Equally particular were the County of Orange Fire Authority, who required significant construction to insure fire separation from the portion of the building with continuing construction and around the clock security staffing. The net result, however, was a facility that I think our residents have learned to love, but one that left our staff significantly cramped.

Following the initial move-in, all efforts shifted to the longer-term project. Shortly after the beginning of the year, construction plans were finalized, submitted for City approval, and after significant negotiations, incorporated into a second phase contract with PCL for just over $5 million. Later design features included the addition of the central raised atrium section of the building, addition of a sensory garden, and a front entry area incorporating a fountain, cornerstone and the bell relocated from the central courtyard of the Brentwood facility. Challenges in this phase included getting City planning approval for the raised atrium section in compliance with City earthquake retrofit requirements and an elongated plan review by the City Building staff (and later their consultants). Soon after major site demolition began, two additional challenges became apparent. Construction of the existing facility, which had previously met hospital-level inspection standards, was found to be substandard both in many structural connections and in fireproofing. All these challenges were met with creative solutions by the design and construction team, and outstanding support of the Board of Trustees. This avoided significant additional cost to Homes, but could not avoid associated delays. Soon our original hopes to have a significantly completed facility by the June Fiesta date slipped away.

Resetting our sights, PCL stepped up construction activity in late May resulting in an impressive, if not complete, display for Open House activities at the June 5th and 6th Fiesta. This included a completed "model" unit with paint almost dry to the touch by Saturday morning's first tour. The kind support of the members and the stirring cornerstone ceremony by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers over the Fiesta weekend gave us new momentum for the balance of the project.

We sized up the extent of cumulative delays and began working hard to achieve a project completion by Grand Chapter Session in late October.

By August it became clear just how ambitious this new schedule was. At the urging of the Trustees, PCL assumed responsibility to use extensive overtime to speed completion. Many times during August and September as many as 100 tradesmen could be found at the site during a weekday, and almost half that number on most Saturdays. Quickly the designs the Trustees and architects had formed in their heads, were becoming reality before their eyes. A beautifully reconditioned kitchen was completed, historic stained glass windows assumed their new places, and hardwood shelving decorated the walls of the new library.

As the year concludes, challenges continue, probably causing our coveted completion to still elude us for a few additional weeks. Many of the decisions made early in the project, however, have continued to serve us well.

The use of a design/build construction relationship has been very effective in allowing us to control costs and minimize delays.

The selection of PCL Construction and Carde-Ten Architects has provided us with the fine quality and well-designed facility for the future.

Staff and consultants we hardly knew a year ago have represented us well at the Yorba Linda site and have often gone the extra mile (or two).

Most importantly, the decisions of the Board to commit to the construction of a facility members would want to choose as their home, rather than settle for lacking alternatives, has yielded success that will be an asset to the Order for many years to come.

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: The Medical Care Advisory Committee was very active this year in visiting and recommending a skilled nursing facility closer to the Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda. There were five residents at the Culver West facility. Four residents were moved to Gordon Lane in Fullerton. The remaining resident was transferred to Gordon Lane in late August.

After careful evaluation a decision was made in April to move these residents from Gordon Lane to the Senior Living Community. At the

present time we have only one resident in a third party provider facility.

After our relocation, the HMO coverage was reviewed. At this time, the residents are still under the same HMO as they were previously, but with new physicians who have been providing quality medical care.

In the old Brentwood home site, we were not permitted to have non-ambulatory persons in the residential care, only in skilled nursing area. That requires us to limit admission to full ambulatory status.

In the Senior Living Community, the Board elected to have our license upgraded to non-ambulatory status and admit to minimal assistance, blood pressure and medication assistance and canes and walkers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: The Public Relations Committee worked diligently this year in creating a "new Image." This new image included, but was not limited to, conceiving and designing a new logo, along with new printed items including stationery, envelopes and business cards.

Our new logo incorporated the motto "Continuing a Way of Life" and this is portrayed by the shape of the star shedding its five familiar colors upon a representation of our new facility. The pentagon within the star features the overlaid cameos of a sister and a brother which reinforces your Board's desire to consider applications for residency from both Sisters and Brothers. The entire logo is centered within a representation of a window which signifies one's observance of our passage from the past into the future. The committee wishes to thank Sister Sally Sanders, Past Matron for her tireless hours spent in conceiving and refining this beautiful design.

The committee also designed and produced a beautiful four-color process presentation folder with informational inserts, copies of which will be available this Grand Chapter Session. The committee also recommended to the board, who concurred, that two newsletters from the home per year were probably sufficient instead of three. One was sent our earlier this year and another will be available in late November.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: I was installed as Esther on November 17, 1998 at the Yorba Linda Chapter. While I was eating my cake at the reception which followed, a member of the Order said to me, "Aren't you involved in elder care facilities?"

This was the moment that I became involved with the Senior Living Community for the Eastern Star. You might call it fate. You might call it destiny. I call it my good fortune.

I volunteered my time to assist the Trustees with the Licensing process to open the first phase. In record time, we were able to complete this process with the assistance of the Department of Social Services. It took teamwork to accomplish our goal and I have not seen anything but teamwork since.

The move to our Yorba Linda facility on December 10, 1998 was wonderful. The residents were so excited about their new home. This was a new chapter in their lives. They were so understanding and cooperative even with all the commotion going on around them. Actually, they thrived! They did everything they could to help. Their years of experience, as well as their patience and understanding, have allowed them to take life as it comes and roll with the punches.

Frances Malee, Onie Fisher and Ethel Hansen took on the responsibility of Arm-Chair Construction Supervisors. They have been in charge of the photo-journal showing the various phases of construction.

Vicki St. John, President of the resident's Harmony Council and Dorothy Terry have kept the Council alive and well during this transitional year. Their conscientious, hard work has been appreciated by all.

Ginelle Winchester's flare for writing was put to excellent use when she continued as our "Writer in Residence." She strives for excellence in her writing as she keeps the Chapters informed of the activities and outings of the facility.

Howard Cole is our Music Man. He so enjoys music. In a heartbeat, he is ready to select one of his recordings of his singing and guitar playing days.

Eleanor Austin is very gracious and always has a kind word. She is very loyal to the Order and loves living in our community.

Inez Hardin is the keeper of the history about the Brentwood Eastern Star Home. She vividly recalls events and names of both former residents and staff.

Minnie Mahlock is our avid reader. We can't keep enough books on the shelves for her. When she can't find a new book to read, she listens to books-on-tape.

Evelyn Pyle is a woman of the world and has even worked in French Morocco as a secretary. The staff love to talk to her and listen to her stories.

Agnes Scott is the walker of our group and is constantly on the go. She regularly walks the grounds and is known as our In-house Sentinel.

Filomena Glaudo is our expert on Alaskan history. She was a resident of Alaska before it became a State. She is a wealth of knowledge on the pioneering of Alaska and spins wonderful yarns for the enjoyment of all.

Elsie Stracner and Agnes Speede joined us from Culver West Convalescent Hospital. It is so great to have them back home! When our residents play Trivia, Speede is always the big winner while Elsie is our Bingo champ.

June Jeffries is our newest resident. While she anticipated moving to the home, we worked diligently with the Department of Social Services Continuing Care Division to obtain approval of our applications and contracts. She joined us on August 28, 1999 and is an outstanding and kind addition to our family.

Beulah Smith also made a move this year. She moved from Culver West Convalescent in Los Angeles to Gordon Lane in Fullerton. She weathered the move like a real trooper, especially for a 103-year-old woman. Her Chapter was instrumental in assisting with her relocation to Orange County. Their personal attention, by visiting with her daily, helped her acclimate to her new surroundings. Now Beulah is thriving in her new home and she is participates in numerous activities there and delights in our visits. She has been adopted by the Gordon Lane staff who truly enjoy her. We anticipate a large celebration on her next

birthday. Can you imagine having your life-span touch three separate centuries?

Three of our residents will be cherished and long remembered for their personal contributions to the home. Edith Cole will be remembered as a true loving friend with a positive outlook and Opal Robertson will be remembered for her tenacity and love of the sunshine and the great out doors. Artie O'Laughlin was able to see the vision of our new facility when she came to visit us while living at Gordon Lane. She celebrated her last birthday with us in grand style. Edith passed away June 21st, Opal passed on September 4th and Artie passed away on March 17th. They are missed by all.

Our residents were so proud to be a part of the 1999 Fiesta and Dedication Ceremony. Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron, and all our members made them feel so important and such a part of the festivities. Furthermore, they adored showing off their rooms and all of the wide-open space they cherish. Our residents love the country feeling of living in Yorba Linda. They feel safe to walk in the evening and have made wonderful friends in the surrounding neighborhood. Many of the local neighbors come to visit and have invited residents to visit their homes and join them on outings.

The Senior Living Community has developed a strong Activities Program. Outings have included the Ringling Brothers Circus, Miss Saigon, Oklahoma, Fashion shows, and High Teas. There are regularly scheduled luncheons out and planned social activities. It is truly a pleasure to hear from our residents how busy they are now. They enjoy having the opportunity to be more active in Eastern Star. The local chapters have adopted them and include them in everything and some of our residents attend Chapter regularly. Our local youth groups, Rainbow, DeMolay and Jobs Daughters frequently visit the home and participate in activities. The residents feel alive, reborn as some of them have told me. I like to believe this means we are doing things right.

Our Outreach program is in full swing. The Outreach Director, Susan Parker, is busy processing new applications, as well as helping our members who will remain in their own community. Susan is a strong advocate for the elderly and is developing a well-rounded program to meet the needs of our membership.

The staff of the Senior Living Community are very devoted to our residents. They go out of their way to assure every resident's needs are met. They go above and beyond the call of duty. Additionally, our residents have expressed their deepening feelings of friendship towards our loving staff.

Our membership and the overwhelming support we receive make all of this possible. Our Current Board of Trustees led by President, Thomas McKinney, has donated countless hours in planning and overseeing every detail. Without this teamwork approach, our home would not be where it is today. I personally want to thank each and every member of the Board for their undying support and perseverance during this year of monumental change. It hasn't been since the early 1930's that a Board of Trustees has been called upon to do so much.

As the construction progresses you can see the facility turning into a fine showcase of rich history embracing the changing traditions of our Order. Now that the building is almost complete, we are admitting new residents. Our house is now a home and we look forward to the changes the new millennium will bring. I encourage all members of the Order to take an active roll in becoming a part of the Senior Living Community. We are able to do what we do because of your support.

Thank you for your confidence and allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Administrator for our new home.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Tom, we will listen to your proposed budget.

Tom McKinney, President, Home Board of Trustees: In your booklet that you received there was a page that indicated the 1999-2000 proposed Eastern Star Home budget. That program was revised, and in your packet you received a single sheet with the revised budget on it.

1999 – 2000 PROPOSED EASTERN STAR HOME BUDGET

Income:	
Per Capita and Home Assessment	$140,000
Investment Income	2,203,210
Investment Gains	567,020
Gifts and Bequests	150,000
Social Security and Pensions	214,338

Fee-based Residents	60,000
Sundry Income	96,258
Total Operating Income:	**$3,530,826**
MOB Anticipated Income	$141,987
(MOB stands for Medical Office Buildings)	
Total Income:	**$3,672,813**
Operating Expenses:	
Employee Salary and Expenses	$942,644
Outreach Program	35,000
Contract Labor	133,900
Professional Fees	46,500
Office Supplies	60,100
Insurance	48,100
Utilities	194,000
Housekeeping	11,500
Dietary	100,100
Activities	31,100
Maintenance	41,400
Medical Care	165,600
Residential Personal Care	50,600
Total Direct Expense:	**$1,860,544**
Total Board Expense	72,400
Total Taxes	52,200
Moving Expense	14,000
Total Overhead Expenses	135,500
Total Indirect Expense:	**$274,100**
Total Operating Budget Expense:	**$2,134,644**
Capital Expenditures:	**$1,385,400**

In that one million capital expenditures, is the cost to complete the construction at our Yorba Linda facility.

Medical Office Anticipated Income Expense:	
Operating Expense	$70,978
Anticipated Landlord Expenses	2,160
Anticipated Medical Office Capital Expenditures	79,631
Total Medical Office Anticipated Expense:	**$152,769**

Total Expense: **$3,672,813**

MOTION: I move approval of the Proposed Budget. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

MOTION: I moved the adoption of the continuation of the $3.00 Home Assessment for the Eastern Star Home of California. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fund-raising label program during the summer months of the year 2000 with, the funds received to go to the Home Endowment Fund. *(The motion is seconded.)*

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Before we vote on this, I do need, as Worthy Grand Matron, to inform you about a letter I received from the United States Postal Inspection Service. The letter is dated July 1, 1999.

The United States Postal Service and the United States Attorney's office are investigating Vantage Group for possible abuse of the special bulk mailing privileges.

Settlement negotiations have been unsuccessful, and the U.S. Attorney's office has filed a civil action against Vantage. This action has been filed in Federal Court.

The Order of Eastern Star is not a target of the investigation. The Order of Eastern Star is cooperating with the United States Postal Service in their request for information pertaining to our contract with Vantage.

It is important for our members to understand that the filing of a civil action does not amount to an admission of liability on the part of Vantage, nor does it confirm the validity or accuracy of any of the allegations of the civil action.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: You are about to vote on the motion for the Grand Chapter of California to participate in a fund-

raising label program during the summer months of the year 2000, with the funds to go into the Home Endowment Fund. All those in favor please signify by raising their voting cards.

ADOPTED

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: The following appointments have been made during the year to fill vacancies on the Credentials Committee. Barbara Logan has moved out of State, Marsha Nichols is a Page this week and Sandi Beneke is unable to attend Grand Chapter because of family illnesses. Marilyn Wellman, Norma Stilwell and Kathy Nagel have replaced these committee members. Glenda Malan is not arriving in Fresno until Saturday, and has not been replaced.

Brother Gene Stiles, a member of the Distribution Committee is unable to be with us this week; however, he has not been replaced.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for inviting me to be a part of the "Key to California Gold." The key has opened the door to this Grand Chapter of fraternal friendship of the California Grand Chapter.

Those appointed to serve with me on the Election Board this year are Brother John Van Winkle and Sister Shirley Alexander, co-chairmen. The Brothers Pat De Tomaso, Howard Hill, Wes Jopson, Lloyd Lawrence, Clint Lee, Dave Long, Leon Moynier, Ray Murphy, Don Terry and Francis You are appointed as Captains.

The faithful and deserving members of the Committee are seated in the West and are listed in the program. My grateful thanks to each one of you for serving on this important Committee.

If it should become necessary, this committee is prepared to take back-to-back ballots in order to avoid long delays in handling the legislation presented. To you, the voting Delegates, you must remain seated in the designated voting areas and remain there throughout the balloting and during business sessions. Your ballot will be collected only if you are in

these sections. The only exceptions will be the Inner and Outer Guards who are working areas set aside for members. The Guards will move to the nearest teller and deposit their ballot.

When you registered you received the correct number of ballots you were entitled to in accordance with Part II of the Constitution and Laws, Section 111, Rule 14. Please remember to have your ballots with you at all times. If you lose or misplace your ballot, it cannot be replaced and your vote will be lost.

The election of Grand Officers and the Trustees of the Eastern Star Home Board is scheduled for Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Instructions will be given just prior to the election.

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been my pleasure to serve you and the Grand Chapter on this Committee and I sincerely thank you.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Bert. We will attempt to make your job easier by being where we are supposed to be, when we are supposed to be there. You have selected a fine crew to assist you, and we are grateful to you and to them for agreeing to serve.

Sister Shirley Orth, our Grand Secretary, would you please 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 is seconded.)*

ADOPTED

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(By Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, Chairman)

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

It would have been my pleasure to introduce my fine Committee members that have worked with me these last couple of months in going over our proposed legislation but unfortunately, neither one could be with us this morning. But I do thank Sister Jeanne Champney and

Brother Gene Stiles for their wisdom in handling of the proposed legislation.

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 required by the Constitution. The distribution was as follows:

> All Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and the Instruction Book were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.
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> Referred jointly to the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, and Jurisprudence were Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 39.
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> Referred jointly to Constitution and Bylaws and Finance Committees were Amendments 8 and 13.
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> Referred jointly to the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence were Amendments 7, 26, 27, 28, 30, 36, 37 and 38.

No further action has been required of this Committee as of this morning's Session.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Barbara, and we thank your Committee for the work they have done these past two months.

Sister Betty, thank you for your music this morning. We enjoyed it, as usual. I thank each of you for your attention during this Formal Opening of our Grand Chapter. Please remain seated until the Grand Officers and the Grand Pages have retired. I would like to remind you that we will discuss legislative matters this afternoon.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Closing: Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and 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 11:23 a.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 20, 1999

1:30 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Margaret Bradt, Past Matron (133)

Entrance: Grand Officers

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: This afternoon we are very pleased to have a representative from our investment firm with us, and Brother Larry Coffin will introduce him to you.

Larry Coffin, Past Patron (89), Chairman, Finance Committee: Our Grand Chapter is very fortunate to have a firm in San Francisco that has been our investment advisors for eleven years. This firm has been making us a lot of money, and every so often, we have different people come by and tell us what we are making and what we are getting. We are lucky enough to have today their vice-president, Bill Vaughn.

Bill Vaughn, Vice President, Harris Bretall, Sullivan and Smith: Thank you all for having me here today. My name is Bill Vaughn. I am the portfolio manager and Vice-President with Harris Bretall, and we have been very proud to be the investment counselor for the Endowment, the Foundation, all portfolios that we do work with for now over eleven years. I would like to take a few minutes to speak with you all today about what has been happening and, more importantly, what do we see happening moving forward.

Larry mentioned that the last few years have been very good to the portfolios. Over this period, we have added an average annual return of almost 15 percent; 14.8 percent to be exact. Break that out and we have had high quality first portfolios, high quality stocks, high quality bonds, and some cash. Of that 14.8 percent, the stocks have given us 20 percent per year on an annualized basis, while the bonds have given us about an eight percent return a year per basis. The reason I want to bring that out is really to explore the importance of assets allocation.

The Committee has done a good job, in hindsight, of making asset allocation. Looking back eleven years ago, if, instead of making a commitment to stocks, we had only been in bonds, in the portfolios the current sum of the accounts, which is about 48 million dollars, would

have been about half that, 24 million dollars. That one decision to make a commitment, a long-term investment commitment, in high quality stocks, has netted a positive result of over 24 million dollars.

That has been the very positive result, with hindsight, as a long-term investor with long-term views. It has been patience and discipline that has been well-rewarded.

The most important question we get: "That's all great, but where are things going from here?" I just want to spend a couple of minutes telling you about our outlook, particularly on the equity markets. The stock market has been hitting a lot of headlines the last couple of days. We just felt, if you are indeed someone with a long-term view, long-term vision, that we need to continue to keep focus on long-term factors that are going on in the market and in the economy. There are three that I really want to emphasize to you: technology, demographics, and globalization.

Briefly, I will go over what I mean by those. Technology, we all know, impacts our life and is changing every day. The computer is a very powerful machine. Now we have computers that are able to communicate with each other through networks and through the ultimate network, the internet. What the internet is doing to the economy, financial markets, it's only just begun, but it is really mind-boggling the efficiencies and productivities that businesses around the world, especially in America, have been able to adopt this technology have been tremendous.

We have been able to grow, make each worker more productive, producing more output. We have been able to grow this economy in a longer, more steady fashion, without bringing back the old inflation we used to incur at this point in the cycle. And it is really important to see the powerful trends that are happening with, say, the internet and computer technology. We are only at the beginning of this cusp and, who knows exactly where it will take us?

But we do know the powerful trends to grow the technology and grow as an economy the way we have never really done before, through productivity, enhancements and efficiencies is really something we always need to keep in mind. Not only are there computers involved, one other example is health care; pharmaceuticals and drugs, the advancements that have happened in the last few years is amazing. Again, we think it is nothing compared to what we see in the pipeline.

There are big companies who have amazing medical breakthroughs. I think the next decade will have results that are really mind-boggling for us. So, I think that is a very positive development that will happen in that part of the economy.

My second point about demographics. We have heard a lot about the graying of America and how, on the average, America is getting a little older every year. We were doing a little bit of work in looking at demographics. Look back at the century we are at just about the end of it. We were puzzled to find what year the birth rate was the lowest in this country; it probably wouldn't surprise you. The answer was 1932. Depths of the depression. That's the lowest birth rate we have experienced in this century, in this country. What we felt was pretty interesting is that group of babies just turned 65 last year, and that was the low point. We haven't seen anything yet. The wave of the baby booms in the late '40s and '50s, that's still out there. Called the Baby Boomers, now they will be passing that 65 threshold, and you will see more seniors over the next couple of decades.

What that means is a very powerful force. If you look at the average person who is 65 or older, at the very least carries two to three times more prescriptions than someone in the 25 to 44 range. But if you multiply two-and-a-half times this gigantic wave of baby-boom generation that will be turning 60 and 70 within the next couple of years, it's a phenomenal demand and drive for medical and health care innovation. It is going to be an incredibly exciting time what that demand is going to do for our lives and the economy and the market in being able to understand which companies are going to be able to deliver these breakthroughs.

I think another important part to understand about demographics, as the life cycle of someone when you are younger, you tend to be a spender. You are buying a new house, a new car, furniture to go in the house, that sort of thing. As you grow older, you get to be a net saver. You are saving for retirement, have something for your children, some other important thing that's coming on in your life.

Well, as this demographic boom is occurring right now, especially the goal of this baby-boom goal is becoming less of a spending generation and more of a saving generation. There will be a tremendous demand for investments that we are invested in right now, stocks, bonds, CDs, savings accounts, that sort of thing. We will see more and more money flow into the financial markets. Again, we think we are only at the tip of the iceberg.

Finally, my last point is globalization. By globalization, what we really mean is the global triumph of capitalism. Ten years ago the Berlin Wall was torn down, and we knew it would be a long row to hoe in terms of bringing a lot of these countries who we kind of left behind, especially in the Cold War, to kind of western views of business. It's been a difficult road; not one without a lot of volatility. As we know, last year a lot of volatility that came out of Asia, and dislocations and crises, and I think that's a growing pain. But, it is, in fact, a symptom of growth.

There are hundreds of millions of families, countries all over this world that don't have the washing machines and the consumer luxuries of life that we all take for granted, but they want it. They want to be able to work hard to build it for them and their families. That's a tremendous untapped resource many times the population of the United States or western Europe. Will really be a propelling factor for the next century. So, while there will also be crises and dislocations and things going on internationally, the trend is, the barriers are coming down and markets are opening. We think that that is going to be a tremendous driver, again, for more global growth. For companies who are able to take advantage of that, we think it will be a very good time for them as well.

So, I wanted to keep my comments very short today, and just kind of reiterate the importance of asset allocation, what we have seen in the portfolio, is one that makes a tremendous amount of difference. We think that the results we have seen as being a long-term investor in high quality investments have paid off for us, and we think looking forward, we have no reason to believe that we will have anything else but again, a very positive financial market. Especially, equity markets. We think the outlook is very good for the future, to think positive, large factors in place. We feel very confident that the portfolio will continue to do very good.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for making the trip down here to be with us and share some of the things that are happening in the financial world. We appreciate all that your firm has done for us. It has made us a stronger organization financially. Thank you very much.

Before we get started, I want to thank Margaret Bradt for the music she played while we were all running around here just talking and chatting.

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: This morning in the Grand Secretary's report you heard that as they packed and unpacked our offices, they found some interesting, and some old, paraphernalia. The sash that I have on today belonged to Yerba Buena Chapter, which is now part of San Francisco Chapter. Sister Traci Allen, who is our receptionist, went back and researched the history of this beautiful sash. This sash and explanation of its history will be on display at our Grand Chapter Office.

At the Grand Representatives' luncheon today Sarah Valkus Coursey, the Grand Representative of Texas in California, presented me with a gavel. They were going through an attorney's office and found this beautiful gavel. They cleaned it up and as they read the inscription they found it belonged to Mary Chapman, Worthy Matron of Pasadena Chapter, No. 108, and it was presented to her on December 1, 1922. We will be using this gavel this afternoon, and then at the close of Session we will send it home to Pasadena Chapter. Thank you Sarah for bringing this to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I now declare this Wednesday Afternoon Session of Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Larry Coffin, Chairman of our Finance Committee, will you please introduce the members of your Committee and present your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTE ON FINANCE

(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron (89), Chairman)

Before I start my report, I would like to make a clarification of something that was said this morning in the Grand Treasurer's report that the investment of the new Home at this point is somewhere around eleven million dollars. The Home Board reported that it spent somewhere around, I believe, nine million, nine-and-a-half million. The difference between these two figures is what Grand Chapter as a corporation is required to keep on an accrual basis. Right now, we are in the process of preparing our books for an audit by our independent auditors. So, the figures that Jerri Jean had, included some accruals that I believe Home Board is not aware of at this point because the figures that they had are some actual checks that had been issued as of this time.

We are constantly issuing checks on a daily basis for this construction. It is a very massive construction, and it is a very beautiful home. When it is totally completed, I do encourage everybody to go down, like the Home Board encourages you to. I think you are going to be very proud of it, and I thank you for that.

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

It is with great pleasure I present to you members of the Finance Committee: Sister Callie Miller, Past Matron; and Brothers Frank Young, Past Grand Patron; Gil Bates, Past Patron; and David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron. Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, Jerri Jean Golden, Grand Treasurer, and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron, have served as ex officio members of the Finance Committee.

At this time, I wish to thank Sister Jerri Jean Golden for her love, commitment and dedication for our Order. You have always diligently performed your duties, and it has been my pleasure to have worked with you. Again, thank you, and the best wishes for the future.

I would like to acknowledge the Grand Line Officers who took time out of their already busy schedule to attend our monthly meetings on a regular basis. This year these future leaders of our Order were permitted to participate in all of our deliberations. Although these Sisters and Brothers do not have a vote, their input was taken into consideration by the Committee members in making their decision.

I would also like to thank Sister Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary, for serving this year as Secretary of the Finance Committee. While having the pleasure of working closely this year with Sister Shirley and the Grand Chapter office staff in San Francisco and Yorba Linda, I have come to realize that our Order is very fortunate to have such dedicated employees that work countless hours performing the duties they have been assigned.

In addition to the Committee's regular meetings, the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California have met jointly on three different occasions (January, June and October) during the year. A joint meeting of the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance and the Grand Line Officers was held in July. We also had the pleasure of participating in a "Goal Planning Retreat" held this month in Tracy.

Section 73, ***Finance*** of our *Constitution and Laws* states in part that "to the end that the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter shall be efficiently, prudently, uniformly and expeditiously administered, it is hereby declared to be the policy of Grand Chapter that this Committee shall have and exercise full authority and control over all financial matters of the Grand Chapter."

Section 73 goes on to enumerate 31 duties of the Committee on Finance. These awesome and sometime overwhelming duties, which include the positive duties as seeing that the funds of the Grand Chapter are prudently invested, as well as the negative duties of identifying and attempting to mitigate liabilities from being imposed against the Grand Chapter and/or it's supportive Chapters, have been taken seriously by each member of the Committee on Finance.

At this time, I wish to cover some of the actions taken by the Committee on Finance this year.

RELOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE TO YORBA LINDA: The delegates of the 1998 Grand Chapter Session overwhelmingly decided to relocate the Grand Chapter office from San Francisco to Yorba Linda. The Finance Committee, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron worked together to accomplish this office relocation in a smooth and orderly manner. The Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California also worked with these members to enable having the Grand Chapter office relocated within a reasonable period of time (60 to 120 days), after expiration of the Flood Building office lease.

I am proud to report that this relocation took place on June 30, 1999, the day on which our lease at the Flood Building in San Francisco expired. Since then, we have continued to work on the Lease between the Eastern Star Homes of California and Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, which was officially signed by the parties involved this week. The Lease is for a term of 15 years at the initial monthly rent of $3,533.75, plus cost of utilities and janitorial.

The Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California have waived the monthly rent for the first year, as required by the amendment adopted at the 1998 Grand Chapter Session. However, if you look at the proposed Grand Chapter Budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2000, which you will be voting upon next, you will find an estimated expense for rent in the amount of $39,578. A like amount is included in the 1999-2000 Revised Proposed Eastern Star Homes Budget as a portion of the "Medical Office Building (MOB) Anticipated Income." This is

because generally accepted accounting principles and the *Internal Revenue Code* requires that this year free rent be amortized over the term of the lease.

This move was made possible by the hard work of many of our members. I would like to acknowledge them at this time. First, I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee and especially Brother Gil Bates. Secondly, Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, who spent endless hours with the old and new office staff in making arrangements that permitted the move to occur in a smooth and orderly manner. Thirdly, I firmly believe that the move would not have occurred without all the hard work that Sister Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary, performed. She was the lead person for the move and made most of the moving arrangements. It seems that she was at the office at all hours of the day and night. Next, I must acknowledge the old office staff for their commitment knowing that they would soon be unemployed, and the new office staff for quickly assuming their duties and responsibilities. Finally, but not least, the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California and especially Brother Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron, for the assistance and cooperation they afforded us. Brothers Eckert and Bates worked together in having the approximate $100,000 of repair and improvements to the office space completed in a short period of time and prior to our move.

CONTROLLER: As previously mentioned the Finance Committee has full authority and control over all financial matters of the Grand Chapter, in order that its financial affairs are efficiently, prudently, uniformly, and expeditiously administered. Including, but not limited to, assuring that the financial statements of the Grand Chapter of California, California Eastern Star Foundation and Eastern Star Homes of California are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This can only be accomplished if our accounting records are properly maintained. Further, the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron, is authorized and empowered to obtain any assistance it may deem necessary and advisable to carry out the provisions of *Section 73*.

The aggregate value of the assets of all three of our entities currently exceed $70,000,000, and the accounting pronouncements and standards that we must meet in preparing our financial statements to account for these assets are numerous and cumbersome. The Finance Committee realized that it was time for us to make some changes, in order for the financial records of the Grand Chapter to be efficiently, prudently, uniformly and expeditiously maintained in accordance with the accounting pronouncements and standards that are constantly changing.

For at least the past ten years, the Finance Committee has engaged the assistance of outside accountants to perform the more difficult accounting work (i.e., spreading the investment income, year end adjusting journal entries, etc.). The cost for these outside accountants has averaged $15,000 to $20,000 per year during this ten-year period.

In an effort to eliminate the future need of engaging assistance of outside accountants, we sought applications of both members and non-members to be employed by Grand Chapter as a Controller. All applications were reviewed by Mr. Scott Seamands, a partner in the accounting firm of Lindquist, Von Husen & Joyce. Mr. Seamands then interviewed those applicants that he felt were qualified to fill the position. In July, after a second interview of the three finalists held by Sisters Sheri Weisser, Shirley Orth, Callie Miller and myself, Brother Russ Kleber, Past Patron, was hired to fill the position.

COMPUTER SYSTEM: In her report at the 1998 Grand Chapter Session, Sister June Lucretia Barnum, Past Worthy Matron and then Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that one of the Committee's achievements in 1998 was the installation of an entirely new computer system. Subsequently, we were informed the company from whom we had purchased the accounting software was going out of business and would no longer support their software after February 1999. About this same time we started experiencing problems with the new accounting software that no one could correct. These problems not only provided us with erroneous information, but prevented us from printing financial statements. We were forced to search for a replacement for our new accounting software. Our problem was resolved when we purchased and converted to our current accounting software from Blackbaud.

This software is providing the Finance Committee with the financial information that it needs to perform its duties, as well as providing the various Committee Chairmen the financial information they needed in performing their duties.

The need to continuously update our computer system, both hardware and software, will be an endless process. We have already found that computers acquired only two years ago need to be upgraded in order to handle not only today's expanding software, but our own internal growth. However, I'm happy to report that we are totally using our new computers. The Wang is no more!

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AND LOCAL LAWS: Earlier this year, it came to our attention that many of our subordinate Chapters are creative, especially in the area of

compensating their officers. Much of this creativity results from an attempt by some of our Chapters to minimize the amount of employment taxes on wages paid to our Chapter Officers for services they perform. For example, some of our Chapters are paying their officers an honorarium or rent, instead of a wage. On April 22, 1999, I addressed a letter to our members regarding this matter. Our Grand Secretary has also covered this problem in the Secretary Workshops. As a result of my letter, some of our Chapters have even questioned whether or not they are in compliance with other tax matters. Although many of our Chapters have taken steps to make sure that they are complying with all Federal, State and local tax laws, we find some that still desire not to comply.

Sisters and Brothers, this is a serious problem, since noncompliance by a subordinate Chapter can jeopardize the assets, as well as the tax exempt status, of the Grand Chapter. *Section 73, Paragraphs 12 and 13* of our *Constitution and Laws* provide for the Finance Committee to examine all financial matters related to and financial records of any subordinate Chapter. In order to assure that our subordinate Chapters are complying with the various tax laws, we recently began requesting subordinate Chapters (selected on a random basis) to submit copies of their financial records to the Committee on Finance.

We see our job in this area being a "helping hand" to our Sisters and Brothers. We are not the enforcers of the tax law. I can assure you that the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities do not need any help in this area.

INSURANCE REBATE: Each year the Finance Committee is required by our *Constitution and Laws* to establish a premium amount which shall be assessed against every member of good standing and subject to per capita assessment. This premium is used to pay for the insurance coverage required by *Section 73(8)* of the *Constitution and Laws*. The funds collected from this assessment are deposited into the Insurance Fund.

As a result of the great performance of our investment counselors, Harris Bretall, Sullivan and Smith, we are happy to report that the earnings of the Insurance Fund have far exceeded the Finance Committee's expectations. As a result, the Finance Committee decided at its August 1999 meeting to issue a one time rebate of these unexpected earnings to the subordinate Chapters in the aggregate amount of $250,000. As I speak, the Grand Chapter office staff is mailing to each Chapter a check for their share of this rebate, which is

calculated at the rate of $5.17 per member in good standing and subject to the per capita assessment as of June 30, 1999.

On a personal level, I wish to thank Sister Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron, for appointing me to the Finance Committee and the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter these past three and one-half years. It has been an interesting, gratifying and rewarding experience. I wish to also thank all the members of the Finance Committee, including the *ex officio* members, the Grand Line Officers and the Grand Secretary for the time and effort they have spent this year in working on this Committee. Their help and support have made my year as Chairman most rewarding.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Larry. On behalf of the members of the Grand Chapter of California, we extend our thanks and appreciation to every member of the Committee. We know how hard you work. How little thanks you get for it, but we appreciate everything you do. Thank you.

Sister Callie Miller, will you please present the 1999-2000 Proposed Grand Chapter budget.

Callie Miller, Past Matron (352): Good afternoon. I am going to ask the Delegates to please turn in your book to the Proposed Grand Chapter Budget on page 74. The Finance Committee presents to you its Proposed Grand Chapter Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

ESTIMATED INCOME	
Per Capita	
44,000 members @ 1.50	66,000
Investment	
Interest & Dividends	7,500
Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments	159,238
Sales of Proceedings	600
Sales of Roster Advertisements	8,000
Sales of Supplies (Net of Costs)	9,000
Consolidation Fees	1,500
Fees for Dispensations	300
Fines	1,250
Miscellaneous	3,500
Administrative Fee	
California Eastern Star Foundation	80,000
Eastern Star Homes of California	104,000

Allocation from Specific Funds @ $43.00/Hour			
Endowment Fund	650 Hours		27,950
Heart Fund	75 Hours		3,225
Convention	250 Hours		10,750
General Grand Chapter Fund	18 Hours		774
Membership Fund	50 Hours		2,150
Insurance Fund	60 Hours		2,580
			488,317
ESTIMATED EXPENSES			
Personnel			
Grand Secretary and Staff		257,040	
Payroll Taxes		20,889	
Medical Benefits		2,000	
			279,929
Rent		39,578	
Utilities		8,400	
Telephone		3,500	
Janitorial		4,800	
Alarm System		240	
Equipment Rental		1,200	
Supplies		10,000	
Printing and Stationery		7,500	
Personal Property Taxes		500	
Computer			
Hardware and Maintenance		7,500	
Software Maintenance		2,000	
Consultants		4,000	
Audit		20,000	
Legal Expenses		2,500	
Secretary's & Treasurer's Workshops		1,000	
Holiday		500	
Funerals and Flowers		200	
Miscellaneous		1,500	
			114,918
Total Office Related Expenses			**394,847**
Non-Office Related Expenses			
Allowances (WGM, WGP, AGM & AGP)		31,800	
Jewels (WGM & WGP)		1,550	
Community Service Award Program		400	
Travel Program		920	
Deputy Grand Matron School		32,800	
Proceedings (Complimentary)		7,250	
Rosters (Complimentary)		2,250	
Standing Committees		10,000	
GGC Mileage Reserve		500	
			87,470
			482,317

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Office Equipment		
Hewlett Packard 4000 Color Printer	1,000	
Office Furniture & Equipment	5,000	
		6,000
		488,317

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this Proposed Budget for our fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, be approved. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister June Barnum, Chairman of our Constitution and Bylaws Committee, may we have your report at this time?

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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

On this Committee, Constitution and Bylaws, this year I was so pleased to have Sister Diane Silva, our Grand Secretary Emeritus, who has been a great friend and a great worker, and Sister Kathleen MacDonald, who is probably out doing something wonderful for the pageantry tonight. Maybe blowing up balloons, for all I know. But she also has been very diligent worker.

The most visible activity of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws occurs during the Grand Chapter Session. The Delegates see us actively working throughout the week, but may not fully realize that our role here is to coordinate the presentation of the proposed amendments to our Grand Chapter Constitution and Instruction Book for consideration and to report if such amendments would be consistent with the general purposes and policies of the Grand Chapter.

In fact, this work begins when proposed amendments are received in the Grand Chapter office. Under our laws, the proposals are immediately forwarded to this Committee and it is our duty then to work with the proponents to be certain that their intent is clearly set forth and in proper form. This must be completed sufficiently in advance of the date when the proposed legislation must be mailed from the Grand Chapter office, so that it can be printed in booklet form and packaged for mailing. Those who send in their proposals early, get great applause from members of this Committee, as it gives us all a

better opportunity to review, make suggestions, discuss, and reach agreement as to the wording. Conversely, those who wait until the last (or almost last) day are doing a great disservice to themselves, as well as to the Grand Chapter, inasmuch as there simply is not sufficient time in which to give adequate attention and consideration to "getting it right."

Before the proposed amendments are finally printed, our Committee has historically met with the Committees on Jurisprudence and Finance for a final review before the die is cast. This year our meeting on July 14 was in the new location of the Grand Chapter office. The Worthy Grand Matron, as an ex officio member of the Committees was present and, we were delighted to have the Grand Line present as guests so that they can become familiar with the process.

Our work does not, however, simply commence when some Sister or Brother has an idea for legislation. Indeed not! This is a working Committee throughout the year, as we are also charged with the review of all proposed bylaws amendments from Subordinate Chapters, to make certain that they are in proper form and in compliance with our laws, and then to recommend action to the Worthy Grand Matron. When there is some specific reason why a Proposed Amendment cannot be approved, we have returned it to the Chapter and, whenever possible, included suggestions as to how the desired result could be achieved. Although we have divided the work of primary review among three of us, we all have actually consulted before the approval or disapproval has been sent.

This year there have been 74 proposed subordinate Chapter bylaws amendments: 62 have been approved; three have been disapproved and the Chapters have determined not to pursue them further; and nine are still pending for one reason or another. The latter will be passed along to the members of the next year's Committee for completion. Unfortunately our work is made more difficult because of the very large percentage of those submitted which do not conform to the rules. Patience and persistence have been our watchwords as we have attempted to have these brought into conformity. We urge the delegates to take back with them to their Chapters the need to refer to the Constitution and to utilize the Uniform Code when they seek to secure approval of amendments to their bylaws.

It is a gratifying experience to work on this Committee with the dedicated members who are attempting to improve the laws by which we are governed, both in our Subordinate Chapters and in our Grand Chapter. We have appreciated this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter;

and I, personally, have been especially blessed by having Sisters Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, and Diane Silva, Grand Secretary Emeritus, as my "teammates."

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister June. We thank you and your Committee for all the work you have done this year. I don't think any of our members realize how time consuming it is to inspect the proposed amendments that have been coming to you all year, and the work the committee does preparing for this week. We thank you for your service.

Sister Collette Gole, Chairman of our Jurisprudence Committee, we would be pleased to have your report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF JURISPRUDENCE

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

I am Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron of Hollywood Chapter, and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Our Committee Members are Phyllis Hix, Past Matron, Kern River Valley Chapter and Sarahann Shapiro, Past Matron of Valley Star Chapter. Both are practicing attorneys and I am a Judge sitting in the Pasadena Unified Courts.

In past years, the Jurisprudence Committee has received many requests for opinions on various questions. This year, inquiries were few and far between. This left our Committee with a lot of free time.

Since we had excessive time on our hands we decided to solve some Y2K problems. Phyllis went to the telephone company to make sure our cell phones would work, Sarahann went to the airlines to see if we could fly on December 31st at midnight, and I went to Nordstroms to make sure my credit card would work.

After three long months we held a special meeting. We recommend one solution to the Y2K problem would be to change all Ys to Ks. As of January 1, 2000, the days of the weed should be Sundak, Mondak, Tuesdak. Get the picture? In addition, we rendered the opinion that Y2K is hype. This is what happens when you give the members of this Committee too much free time.

In May, we received requests for opinions that required our immediate attention. The opinions we rendered were all important. They included

whether a tape recorder could be used at a Chapter meeting when the Secretary is hearing impaired - to what happens when legislation is presented when it is in conflict with the Ritual. We also approved numerous contracts, including the Lease of the Grand Chapter office.

So, if you have any questions regarding fraternal law or usage, remember the following rules:

1. Put your question in writing.

2. Mail your question to the Committee in care of the Chairman.

3. Give the Committee as many facts as possible.

4. Allow one month for a response, so that all members of the Committee can consider the question; and

5. Remember, opinions are advisory only, until the Worthy Grand Matron approves them.

We thank Sister Sheri for appointing us to this Committee. We would also like to thank our wonderful secretarial staff for their assistance this week.

And just in case the Y2K problem is real, reconsider the pony express.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: My thanks, Sister Collette, to you and your Committee. This Committee is kind of a security blanket, and I appreciate knowing that you are there to help not only our members, but me, in interpreting our laws.

Sister June, are we ready to start on some legislation?

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Earlier in the year I received a bag of Beanie Babies to be disposed of as we saw fit. We decided to have a silent auction this week and the proceeds of the auction will go to the Masonic Home at Covina. Please visit the silent auction in the Exhibit Hall.

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy Grand Matron declared the Wednesday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter called from Labor to Refreshment to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. for the Informal Opening of Grand Chapter.

(At 4:02 p.m., the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

WEDNESDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 20, 1999

INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

7:00 p.m. **NARRATION**

(By William Martin, (10) Worthy Patron)

Throughout 1999, the gold of California has steadily flowed from the mountains, the cities, the beaches, and the farmlands. Our Chapters have drawn upon the strength of the gold at each Chapter meeting. It has been transformed into the energy of doing, improving, and having fun. The fantastic year of "The Key to California Gold" closes with the arrival of a new century.

Tonight, the golden sun tips its hat to another great year, and as the shadows of a quiet dusk pass over the lands of California, the colorful rays of our Order collect around the Star in the East.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their Escorts are honored to ride in this Treasure Chest filled with the gold of hard work and determination. "The Key to California Gold" has been a fantastic year for Eastern Star.

ENTRANCE OF THE FLOAT

While "Sentimental Journey" is played, the Treasure Chest enters from the North carrying the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their Escorts, it circles the room, stopping in the center of the floor.

"Everything is Beautiful"

The Worthy Patrons, Grand Guards, Grand Guardettes, and Inner Guards entered and formed lines in the East facing West.

The golden results of 1999 gather around our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to form the Star of our Order.

The Blue of Adah is represented by the Grand Officers of 1999 and their Escorts. They are the highly polished gold of California.

"Blue Skies"
Grand Officers and Escorts entered carrying blue balloons.

The Yellow of Ruth is represented by the Deputy Grand Matrons of California. They are the durable and shiny nuggets in California.

"Love Walked In"
Deputy Grand Matrons entered carrying yellow balloons.

The White of Esther is represented by the Grand Representatives. They are the International and American Gold in California.

"Ain't She Sweet"
Grand Representatives entered carrying white balloons.

The Green of Martha is represented by the Worthy Matrons. They are the New Gold of new ideas and new passions.

"Till the Clouds Roll By"
Worthy Matrons enter carrying green balloons.

The Red of Electa is represented by the Grand Pages. These members are the Recycled Gold gathered together from many parts and remolded into members willing to serve.

"Red Roses for a Blue Lady"
Grand Pages entered carrying red balloons.

The shadows of the setting sun stream down and around the Star. Dark balloons, adding contrast to the colorful points of the Star, are carried by the Worthy Patrons, Grand Guards, Grand Guardettes, and Grand Inner Guards. They form the Pentagon that gives our Star the strength of Unity.

"Wishing"
Worthy Patrons, Grand Guards, Grand Guardettes and Grand Inner Guards carrying black balloons formed a pentagon around the formation.

At the center of the Star in the East is our Treasure Chest holding our finest Gold - our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser and her Escort, Brother Al, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke and his Escort, Sister Cathy. "The Key to California Gold"

With the golden sun setting in the West, our Star of 1999 dissolves to make way for the next year in the on-going life of California Eastern Star.

"It Had to be You"

As the formation dissolved.

Honorary Marshals: June Lucretia Barnum, General Grand Chapter Committee Member - Parliamentarian
Jeraldine Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member - Registration

Entrance: General Chairman, 1999 Grand Chapter Week

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

(By Hank Schierenberg, (36) Past Patron, General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week. Escorted by Barbara Schierenberg, (36) Past Matron)

Wasn't that a beautiful ceremony? I had a few anxious moments because here in the arena they pay a man to keep it clean: they pay 25 cents a sparrow, 50 cents a pigeon, and a dollar for each balloon.

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

On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, it is my privilege to welcome our Delegates, members and visiting Sisters and Brothers to this, our 126th Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

It has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter and this Worthy Grand Matron as General Chairman for our "Key to California's Gold" Session. I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, for this appointment and opportunity for working with such an outstanding group of members.

We, your "Argonauts," thank you most sincerely for the confidence you placed in us; for the experience we have gained in this service; and the fun we have had in planning your "golden moment." May the spirit of this "Key to California's Gold" reach out and touch each and every member. It is my honor to call this 126th Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star, to order.

Escort: Hostess and Host

Hank Schierenberg, Past Patron (36) General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Bernard Seamans, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, it is my great pleasure to present Brother Hank Schierenberg, General Chairman of our Grand Chapter Week, and his wife Barbara, Past Patron and Past Matron of Rising Star Chapter, Sacramento.

All of us realize the long hours both of these fine members have devoted to planning this wonderful Session. They have been working on this project for four years, and the responsibility and worry that are a part of this particular assignment cannot be measured.

Brother Hank and Sister Barbara, we thank you for your dedication and expertise to complete this task. I am certain that everything will be very pleasing to our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and our members.

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, Hostess: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

It is indeed a pleasure for me to present to you Sister Cathy Behnke, a Past Matron of Lyra Chapter, Whittier, and the wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, and Brother Al Weisser, Past Patron and Worthy Patron of San Lorenzo Chapter and the Inspector of his Masonic District, and the husband of our Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Sheri, words do not express my feelings tonight as I present to you your gavel. This has been a wonderful year for you, as you served as our Worthy Grand Matron, and I have been so proud of you. The 1995 team has worked hard to make this a Session you will long remember. I hope you are pleased. I am honored to hand to you the emblem of your authority to preside over this beautiful Informal Opening Session.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kathleen, my own Worthy Grand Matron of 1995, and our Hostess for this Informal Opening Session of our Grand Chapter. It is very special to me to have you present me with my gavel for this Session.

Escort: 1999 Grand Officers and their Escorts

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the honor to present the 1999 Grand Officers and their Escorts:

Sisters, Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron, Harbor Star Chapter, Newport Beach, and her husband Richard,

Brothers, Glenn Jones, Associate Grand Patron, Rising Star Chapter, Sacramento, and his wife Jerry,

Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary, Semper Fidelis Chapter, Livermore, and her mother Helen Crouse,

Jerri Jean Golden, Grand Treasurer, Beacon Point Chapter, Richmond, and her husband Rick,

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress, Athena Chapter, Hollister and Pacific Star Chapter, San Francisco, and her husband Junior,

Danna Willoughby, Associate Grand Conductress, Golden Harvest Chapter, Garden Grove, and her husband Darrell,

LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain, Santa Ynez Valley Chapter, Solvang, and Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena, and his wife Sally,

Janet McClanahan, Grand Marshal, Joaquin Chapter, Tracy, and her mother Pat Robinson,

Betty Schmieter, Grand Organist, Yorba Linda Chapter, and Don Farris, Worthy Patron, Yorba Linda Chapter,

Kay Akers, Grand Adah, La Jolla Chapter and Estrella Chapter, San Diego. Her escort is Edward Geviss, Associate Patron, Estrella Chapter,

Ann Elger, Grand Ruth, Tujunga Chapter, and her husband Bob,

Karen Fletcher, Grand Esther, Campbell Chapter and Manzanita Chapter, Morgan Hill, and her husband John,

Deanna Carr, Grand Martha, Tahquitz-Victoria Chapter, Hemet, and her husband Jerry,

Geri Terry, Grand Electa, Concord Chapter, and her husband Don,

Jane Cooper, Grand Warder, Sierra Star Chapter, Sierraville, and Dan Cummings, Worthy Patron, Sierra Star Chapter,

Richard McClelland, Grand Sentinel, Lily of the Lake Chapter, Lemoore, and Shirley,

And our escort who has been with us all year, a Past Matron of San Lorenzo Chapter, and my good friend, Mary Kay Bowser.

The Grand Officers and their Escorts.

Escort: 1999 Deputy Grand Matrons

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present the 1999 Deputy Grand Matrons:

District 28	Geraldean Minor, Linden Chapter and President of the Northern Deputy Grand Matrons,
District 53	Arlene Williams, Rim of the World Chapter, Twin Peaks, and President of the Southern Deputy Grand Matrons,
District 1	Diana Plant, Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter, Fortuna,
District 2	Debbie Howell, Evening Star Chapter, Etna,
District 3	Wilma Roberts, Mountain View Chapter, Susanville,
District 5	Janet Pillow, Mt. Shasta Chapter, Anderson,
District 6	Betty Tindle, Josephine Chico Chapter, Chico,
District 7	Martha Foster, Wheatland Chapter and Fidelia Chapter, Yuba City,
District 8	Edna Boltman, Placer Chapter, Dutch Flat,
District 9	Cynthia Dawson, Fallen Leaf Chapter, Placerville,
District 10	Margie Rheaume, El Camino Chapter, Sacramento,
District 11	Kay Hankins, Columbus-Fort Sutter Chapter, Sacramento,
District 12	Marilyn Atkins, Onisbo Chapter, Courtland,
District 13	Brenda Jones, Clear Lake Chapter, Lakeport,
District 14	Barbara Kimberling, Marin Star Chapter, San Rafael,

District 15	Barbara Shaw, Silverado Chapter, St. Helena,
District 16	Darleen Cook, Lafayette Chapter,
District 17	Puffy Moring, Castro Valley Chapter, *my* Deputy Grand Matron,
District 18	Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen, Carita Chapter Alameda,
District 19	Pat Shute, Golden Gate Chapter, San Francisco, and Pacific Star Chapter of San Francisco,
District 20	Char Radtke, San Carlos Chapter,
District 21	Lora Corner, Valley Star Chapter, Los Altos Chapter,
District 22	Elaine Parres, San Jose Chapter,
District 23	Susan Huff, Santa Cruz Redwood Chapter, Santa Cruz,
District 24	Gayle Togersen, Reveille Chapter, Salinas, and Monterey Peninsula Chapter, Pacific Grove,
District 25	Cathy Sudderth, Milton Chapter,
District 26	Jean Reynolds, Tuolumne Star Chapter, Sonora,
District 27	Denise Armstrong, Joaquin Chapter, Tracy,
District 29	Debby Hoban, Mercedes Chapter, Merced,
District 30	Dona Mincy, Raisina-Fresno Chapter, Fresno,
District 31	Joyce Keeney, Tulare-Corcoran Chapter, Tulare,
District 32	Thelma Brixey, Oildale Chapter, Bakersfield, and a Past Matron of San Lorenzo Chapter,
District 34	Betty Rosenthal, Mizpah Chapter, Santa Maria,
District 35	Bernadine McCracken, Santa Paula Chapter,
District 36	Dorothy Lewis, Camarillo Chapter,
District 37	Linda Bray, North Hollywood-Noel Chapter, North Hollywood,
District 38	Linda Taylor, Star of Palmdale Chapter, Palmdale,
District 39	Joanne Brookfield, Tujunga Chapter,
District 40	Pam Potter, Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena,
District 41	Mercedese Winn, Arcadia Chapter,
District 42	Aida Heidke, Bellflower Chapter,
District 43	Nancy Clancy, Fuchsia Chapter, El Segundo,
District 44	Vera Ulrich, Torrance Chapter,
District 45	Susan Stokes, Tri-Star Chapter, Whittier,
District 46	Becky Neuwirth, Seaside Chapter, Huntington Beach,
District 47	Sharon Woodman, Harbor Star Chapter, Newport Beach,
District 49	Jeanette Bearden, Joshua Tree Chapter, Boron,
District 51	Millie Glover, San Gorgonio Chapter, Banning,
District 52	Linda Stevens, Riverside Chapter,
District 55	Beverly Youngblood, Poinsettia Chapter, Oceanside,
District 56	Alyson Grant, Palomar Chapter, San Diego,

District 57 Betty Howard, Star of the East Chapter, El Cajon

The Deputy Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Escort: Member of the Fresno City Council

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is my pleasure to present Chris Mathys, Fresno City Council Member, who is representing the Mayor this evening. We are delighted to be in your town one more time, and we would be pleased to hear your remarks at this time.

REMARKS

(By Chris Mathys, Member of the Fresno City Council)

Welcome to our wonderful city. We are glad you are here. It's not every evening that I get to be escorted by two fine ladies like tonight. I really appreciate that. I just want to give you a warm welcome to our city.

Many times, politicians like myself talk about quality of life and helping others, and here at the Eastern Star you are clearly showing us what it is all about to work for others, to care. What you have done in your communities for the children is truly remarkable, and I am very grateful and thankful and honored that I could be here to present you a key.

It is not every time that you come that the symbol that you are behind is also what you are going to present this evening, and so I am honored to be able to present the key of our City of Fresno. I would like to do this Mrs. Weisser, if you would come forward. I want to congratulate you for everything you have done. I know you have worked five years very hard for this. You deserve it, and I am very proud to present you this key of the City of Fresno. It's beautiful, it's gold and we want to welcome you to Fresno and give you this.

I notice a couple of you might be over 62 here. We do have something special for seniors. Fresno is a very senior-friendly city. We have a couple of great parks, Woodward Park and Roeding Park, and if you are 62 and older, we let you in free. I hope you take advantage of that and tour our wonderful city.

Mrs. Weisser, have a great time, and congratulations. I am truly honored and thank you very much. Welcome again to Fresno.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Chris, I thank you for this beautiful key to the City of Fresno. As you can tell, I am a little partial to keys, and this one is indeed beautiful. We have been to Fresno many times and we feel at home here, and we appreciate the hospitality that you have shown all the members of California. If you are in town Saturday, we are going to have a lot of animals to present to your Valley Children's Hospital. We have been collecting these throughout the state and delivering them to hospitals. We have already left some at Valley Children's, but I think we are going to have a whole lot more on Saturday. We thank you. Thank you for your hospitality and thank you, again, for the beautiful key.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: I would like to add my personal thanks and the thanks of all the members of the Eastern Star. Fresno always shows us a wonderful time. There is a lot of work involved in putting together something like this, and the cooperation of the city is wonderful. I assure you, that Sister Sheri is very appreciative of the key.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kathleen McDonald, Past Grand Matron, and Hostess for this Informal Opening Session, we would be pleased to have your address of welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I am deeply grateful for the privilege to extend fraternal greetings and welcome everyone to the Informal Opening of our 126th Annual Session of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Sheri, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Hostess of this evening's session. We all miss our 1995 Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Betts, who is at home in Sierra Madre recovering from a stay in the hospital last weekend.

Thank you Brother Bernard Seamans, our 1988 Worthy Grand Patron, for saying "yes" on Sunday when I called and asked you to substitute for Brother Bill. Brother Bernie, you and Sister Jeanne have been my friends for over forty years, and I appreciate all of your support.

Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, California is honored to have you make your official visit to our state during this "Key to California Gold" Session. Our members are anxious to meet you and look forward to visiting with you during your stay with us. We welcome you and offer you our friendship and hospitality.

Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, California is excited to be involved with your State of Minnesota as you prepare for the years of 2003 to 2006. You have by your side our most enthusiastic and outgoing Past Grand Patron, and we know that your team of Loyal and Joan, along with your Gary, will be busy in the years to come. Please know that California is here to help you in any way we can.

We are delighted to have so many Distinguished Guests and Visitors from other jurisdictions. We hope that your stay with us will be a most happy one, and the warmth of our hospitality will cause you to return again and again.

We speak of gold and it's value to us in our "Key to California Gold" Session. The richness of this gold comes to us in many ways. There is richness of new and old friends. We gather together during this Session the richness of mind and spirit; the richness of hard labor and seeing new results of this Session brought about by all of our efforts; the richness of that special feeling when a job is well done and we have done our best; the richness of sharing the goal such as keeping a good tradition alive and letting a bad one go. When we go home from this Session we will all be able to say we put forth our best efforts, and we are a lot richer because of it.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Bernie, we are pleased to hear your remarks at this time.

GREETINGS

(By Bernard Seamans, Past Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Sister Sheri, for giving me the privilege of bringing greetings to all in attendance at this "Key to California Gold" Session, the 126th Annual Session of California Grand Chapter and as the history of our Grand Chapter unfolds, this will be remembered as the year of dare to make changes.

It is always a pleasure to be escorted with Sister Kathleen MacDonald, a member of my own Santa Clara Chapter and one of the signators on my petition to join the Order of the Eastern Star.

I extend a special greeting to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair. We hope that your triennium is being a success and a joy to you, as each year is to our Worthy Grand Matrons.

I also extend a welcome to our Distinguished Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other jurisdictions and hope that you will all enjoy this Session as much as we enjoy having you with us.

To all the Members of other Grand jurisdictions, come back and enjoy our area in future years.

To our Sisters and Brothers, I extend a greeting as bright and shining as the gold of the California poppy, and hope that the deliberations of this week will fill you with fraternal love to further the work of our Order. Above all, remember to keep smiling.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kathleen, we thank you for the warm and sincere welcome you extended to our members and guests. It was you who appointed me as your Grand Marshal in 1995 and started me on my journey to be the 1999 Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for making these five years possible for me. Brother Bernie, you too are very special to us. We thank you for serving as Host this evening. Our Brother Bill is feeling ill, and I thank you for supporting our Kathleen. Thank you for reminding us to "keep smiling."

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Kathleen, I also would like to thank you for appointing Sheri five years ago. It has made my experience with Eastern Star, to say the least, wonderful. Your hard work on this Opening Ceremony is greatly appreciated not only by those of us who participated in it, but I am sure by those of us who witnessed it.

Brother Bernie, for stepping in at the last moment, your words of encouragement are most rewarding. We are very grateful for them. We are very grateful for both of you giving our opening remarks.

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Lura Rae Dales, Past Grand Matron

Bible Escorts: Presidents of Worthy Matrons' Associations

"The Holy Bible" . . . California Singing Stars

INVOCATION

(By Vernon Gordon, Past Grand Patron)

Go break to the needy sweet charities bread for "giving us loving," the angel said. "And must I be giving again and again," my feverish and pitiless answer ran. "Oh no," said the angel, piercing me through, "just keep on giving until the Master stops giving to you."

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, Master of us all, teach us to render all that we have and all that we are that we may praise You through our giving to our fellow creatures. Grant also that the loving and charitable purposes of this great Order may turn our duties, our sorrows and our joys of all our days into a living sacrifice of loving through giving.

As we gather here to contemplate the business before us, enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share the thoughts and ideas that You have put at our individual disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us Your spirit to lead us to full unity with Your sons and daughters in the promotion of faith, hope and charity.

And now, we ask that You lay Your gentle hand upon our leaders, give them the strength to govern, the wisdom to judge, and the compassion of understanding, that they may guide us along the pathway You have laid out for this beautiful Order long before the mountains and valleys were formed. These things we pray to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

American Flag:	David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron
Canadian Flag:	Don Hull, Past Grand Patron
California Flag:	Terry Holts, Past Grand Patron
Michigan Flag:	Bernie Seamans, Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag:	Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star Flag:	Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron

Escorts: Presidents of Worthy Patrons' Associations

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Escort: Most Worthy Grand Matron

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is my honor to present Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Michigan. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Elective Officers

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is my honor to present Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present these General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Brothers Vern Bandel, Credentials, and Past Grand Patron of Minnesota; Sisters Beverlee Sveinson, Credentials, and Past Grand Matron of Montana, and Past Matron of Moss Agate Chapter, my Chapter; Betty MacAdam, Eastern Star Journal, and Past Grand Matron of Pennsylvania; Jeanne Castle, Membership Committee and Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Hazelmae Tipton, Membership, and Past Grand Matron of Nevada; Jeraldine Southward Creager, Registration and Past Grand Matron of California; June Lucretia Barnum, General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian and Past Grand Matron of California; Russell Cummings, Shrine Hospitals, and Past Grand Patron of Colorado; Thomas Sagar, Chairman of Appeals and Grievances, Past Grand Patron of California; and Betty O'Belmito, Ambassador to the Philippines and Past Grand Matron of Colorado. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: It is indeed my honor to present this Worthy Grand Matron and these Worthy Grand Patrons: Sister Nancy Evans, Nevada, and Brothers Keith Kennedy, Minnesota, and Walt Galvin, Nevada. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of other Jurisdictions

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron. Sisters Jeanne Champney, Past Grand Matron of Colorado and a member of our very own Poinsettia Chapter; Brother Joe Warburton, Junior Past Grand Patron of Nevada; Mary Felton, Minnesota; Charlotte Acton, Missouri; Marilyn Bowman, Junior Past Grand Matron of Montana; Audrey Pavlik, Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Wisconsin; Sandy Sorani, Nevada; Sallie Seaman, Oregon; and Imogene Hartsell, Junior Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary Emeritus of Nevada and a member of our Starlight Chapter in California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is my honor to present our very own Distinguished Guests, our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sisters:
Lura Rae Dales (259)
Florence Dunn (47)
Barbara Poole (241/245)
Zoe Harris (173)
Patricia Quibell (17)
Hildegard Smith (619/524)
Boyana Brown-Redmond (159)
Earlynn Albright (521/123)

Katherine Hill (372)
Jean Powers (110/324)
Yvonne Beckenhauer (18)
Kay Cosby (143)
Paula Remington (276)
Mary Meixner (59)
Barbara Pierce (197/397)
Sherie Gustafson (310)
Denny Rae Grist (48)
Sue McKinney (643)

Brothers:
Robert Armbrust (241)
James Craven (273/103)
Earl Eckert (165/556)
Delroy Aldershof (133)
Dennis Jordan (126)
Clinton Dillon (172/193)
Donald Hull (380)
Vernon Gordon (555),
Brother Vernon is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California
Frank Young (18)
David Von Bima (33)
Terry Holts (79)
Ernie Lewis (384)

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Loyal Stark, our Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, will you please extend the California Welcome to our Distinguished Guests?

WELCOME TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

(By Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel)

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

Do you hear it? *(Loyal Stark starts snapping his fingers.)*

It is a rhythm...It's a beat that...
Well...Sister Florence...
Welcome to California, the Golden State.
That you are here, why that is first rate.
We know you have traveled from near and far,
A beautiful example of our Eastern Star.
You perform a job, a big, big job,
Superbly done, with that great guy, Bob.
A warm, warm welcome to our visitors here.
To you we give our love and cheer...
I won't be long for Sister Sheri
Is not one to let me tarry.
So together we describe our feelings so merry...
To the Most Worthy we say...

California Singing Stars: She's such a groovy lady. Oh yeah!!

Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel: Would you like to all participate in that? The words are: She's such a groovy lady. Oh yeah! Are you ready? One, two, three.

Auditorium: She's such a groovy lady. Oh yeah!

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Loyal. We belong to the same district, and it is always exciting to see what he's going to come up with for our Official Visits for Host and Hostess. Thank you, Brother Loyal, for greeting our Distinguished Guests this evening. Sister Imogene Hartsell, Junior Past Grand Matron from Nevada, we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

RESPONSE

(By Imogene Hartsell, Junior Past Grand Matron of Nevada)

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

I don't do rap. I have got the beat though. On behalf of the Distinguished Visiting Members, we want to thank California Grand Chapter for the many courtesies that have been extended to us. It's always a pleasure to visit in California, and I think the other Distinguished Visiting Members, as well as I, appreciate all of your friendships and your smiles and your kindnesses.

Brother Loyal, your mug sits on my breakfast table every morning. I believe it was 1990 when you were Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Kay Cosby, that the gift to the Distinguished Members was the coffee cup. It is just the right size, just the right thickness and it keeps the coffee warm until I finish the last drop. And so, you have been on the table for at least ten years. I think one nice thing about Eastern Star is that no matter where you go, there you are. But most of all we have friendships that we have made and developed over the years. We find new friends, make new acquaintances, and it's a wonderful experience for us all.

Sister Sheri and I have been traveling the circuit for several years, she as Grand Treasurer and I as Grand Secretary, and then we decided to do the East together, and it has been a lovely experience. Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, on behalf of the visiting Distinguished Members we would like to present you with this little gift.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Imogene, I want to thank you for presenting the response to our Distinguished Guests' Welcome this evening and for this Love Gift. Thank you for being here. We have had a long friendship, and enjoyed a lot of fun times. As you said, it's a great experience to travel to other jurisdictions, to renew the old friendships that you have made and to make some new friends. We appreciate all of you being here this evening. We hope you have a wonderful time and share in as many Sessions as you can and come back and visit again and again.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you also for the gifts but, more importantly, thank you for the support you have shown us over these past two years, and thank you so much for the love that is exhibited by all of these Distinguished Members, and especially the

love which is felt in this entire room. It's the very nature of Eastern Star to travel and love each other.

Escort: Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I am very pleased to present these Grand Officers of other jurisdictions to you. Sisters BJ Roberts, Associate Grand Matron, Nevada; Barbara Redmond, Grand Secretary, Nevada, a transplanted Californian; Dorothy Smith, Grand Treasurer, Nevada; Marie McNerney, Grand Electa, Nevada, related to a Californian; and Brother Alvin Winchester, Grand Warder, Nevada; Vera Ella Hudson, Grand Ruth, Arizona; Sandy Driscoll, Grand Electa, Minnesota; Donna Patterson, Grand Electa, Oregon; and Virginia Gates, Grand Chaplain, Oregon. All Grand Officers of other jurisdictions.

Escort: Grand Secretary Emeritus

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is my honor to present Sister Diane Silva, Grand Secretary Emeritus of California, and Sister Idella Cummings, Grand Secretary Emeritus of Colorado.

Escort: Past Grand Treasurers

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present these Past Grand Treasurers of California, Sisters Dale Ellsworth, Grace Gould and Lois Johnson.

Worthy Grand Patron, we would be pleased if you would bring a welcome to the new Members of Grand Chapter.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

(By Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron)

It is my privilege to welcome to this 126th Session of California's Grand Chapter those who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time. As you experience this new chapter in your lives, it is our most sincere hope that you will leave these proceedings with an understanding of why it is that so very much effort is put forth to bring these events to fruition.

To be a voting delegate to Grand Chapter is at the same time an honor, a privilege and a responsibility. As representatives of your Chapter it becomes your responsibility to make yourself familiar with the

legislation and other issues that are come before this Grand Chapter Session. By so doing you will be better able to serve the members of your Chapter who have entrusted you with this important duty.

Grand Chapter is also much more than business and legislation. It is a most glorious opportunity to expand the warmth and friendship beyond the borders of our individual Chapters. Attendance at the special events is the "Key to California Gold."

If, when everything is said and done, we can leave this place with the knowledge that both ourselves and our Order are better for our having attended, then we will have done our jobs and fulfilled our responsibilities.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I add my welcome to all our members and Guests. This has been a beautiful Informal Opening Session. Sister Kathleen MacDonald, a special thanks to your 1995 TEAM. Once again they have orchestrated a spectacular evening. We would like to thank the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who participated in the Bible and Flag Ceremony, and to the Presidents of the Worthy Matrons' and Worthy Patrons' Associations who served as Bible and Flag Escorts. Thank you, Brother Harold Hand, for your music all evening. It was like being home again.

We thank each of our Distinguished and Honored Guests for attending this evening. Sister Florence, we are looking forward to your remarks tomorrow night. Sisters and Brothers, you don't want to miss that time. She is a delightful lady and I can't wait until you hear her remarks.

Brother Hank, our sincere and loving thanks for the many months and years you have worked in preparation for this Grand Chapter Session. It is a monumental task to attend to every detail, but we know you have it all under control! Thanks, too, to your "Secretary." We know she made your job a lot easier.

CLOSING ODE
"Beyond the Sunset"

Beyond the Sunset, O blissful morning,
When with our Savior, Heav'n is begun
Earth's toiling ended, Oh glorious dawning
Beyond the Sunset, When day is done.

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

(At 9:17 p.m., the Grand Marshal, made the proper proclamation.)

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 21, 1999

8:30 a.m. **Musical Prelude:** Virginia Landuyt, Past Matron (42)

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Escort: Hostess and Host

Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron: Good morning. We call to Order this Thursday morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star.

Entrance: Grand Officers

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron: I have the honor of presenting Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present Sister Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron, and Brother James Craven, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron: Sister Sheri, you have given me a rare privilege today. How well I remember you in 1984 as the capable, energetic and loveable Deputy Grand Matron that you were. I present you with your very unique gavel as you proceed with the business of our Grand Chapter. With this gavel, you hold the key to memories of a beautiful Session.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ardath, we would be pleased to have your address of welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

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

Today is a very important day for our Grand Chapter. We have the honor and privilege of welcoming our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair, and all of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, including our own Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and Pat Rassmussen, who is our Right Worthy Grand Conductress, as well as our California General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Today is also an important day for our Grand Chapter in that shortly we will be electing Grand Officers and Trustees of our Senior Living Community. We will also be considering legislation which may, or may not, truly benefit our Order. It is necessary that we open our minds to the thoughts, reasonings and persuasions of others, and yet hold fast the sacred right of private decision-making; to receive impulses from our fellow beings and yet to act from our own hearts.

Helen Keller said, "I have four things to learn in life: To think clearly without hurry or confusion; to love everybody sincerely; to act in everything with the highest motives; and to trust in God unhesitatingly."

Let us face our responsibilities squarely, always keeping in mind what will be best for Eastern Star. It's been said that even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he started. Brother Jim, we would be very pleased to hear from you at this time.

GREETINGS

(By James Craven, Past Grand Patron, Host)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair, all the Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers who are our voting Delegates:

Good Morning. What a beautiful morning to be opening this Grand Chapter Session. I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to fill in for our good Brother Warren Wildman. Brother Warren

and I have substituted for each other many times over the years, and this is certainly a pleasure to fill his shoes this morning, if I can.

Thank you, Sister Ardath, our Past Grand Matron. This fine Sister and I have been working together ever since 1974, when Sister Zoe Harris appointed her as the Warder for our year of 1974. Thank you, Sister Ardath, for letting me fill in for Warren.

The legislation which is talked about is most important to our Grand Chapter and to our Chapters. So, vote for the good of the Order. Now, I will close by telling you about Somebody Else.

There is a clever young fellow named Somebody Else. There's nothing that this fellow can't do. He's busy from morning till night and way late in the night, just substituting for you. 'Tis time that this faithful old Somebody Else gets a much-needed vacation. Suppose you start substituting for him and build your own reputation? Next time you are asked to do something worthwhile, just give him this reply: If Somebody Else can give time and support, my goodness, then so can I.

Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, may the gold of California glitter as bright at the end of your Session as it is today. Congratulations on a wonderful year.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ardath, we thank you for serving as our Hostess this morning. I was proud to serve as your Deputy Grand Matron in 1984. What an exciting experience. So many friendships were formed that year. We are so sorry that Brother Warren is not able to be with us this week. Our friendship was strengthened when Brother Warren married my very good friend Barbara, and you are a special friend.

Brother Jim, I am not sure whether you are aware of the influence you have had on my life. As a line officer in my Chapter and attending receptions and events all over the state, I was so impressed that a Past Grand Patron from my area would know my name and greet me with a friendly smile! You reinforced, by your actions, how important it is to be kind. You truly are "Gentleman Jim." Thank you for serving as Host this morning.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: When one takes this job, one enters in with much trepidation, wanting to do a good job. Sister Ardath and Brother Jim at every occasion use good words; words of encouragement that have meant a great deal to me, and I appreciate

them. I also appreciate greatly you opening this Session of our Grand Chapter. Thank you very much.

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

Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain: Our Dear Heavenly Father, we recognize You are truly awesome and all powerful and that we are but the frail creatures of Your providence who must daily seek Your assistance and guidance. We do that now and ask that You be with us throughout this day. May we also pray that You may continue to make this Session very happy and fruitful for our leaders. All of this we ask in Thy name's sake. Amen.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Before we get started this morning, we want to thank Sister Virginia for playing this morning. Wasn't it beautiful? We are most pleased to have Sister Florence Adair with us today, and other Distinguished Guests, and I hope you enjoy the events that happen this morning and all day.

Escort: Distinguished Member who has not previously been escorted.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present Brother Gerald Garrett, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Minutes: The minutes of the Wednesday Morning, Afternoon and Evening Sessions were approved as read by the Grand Secretary.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grace Wallis from our Credentials Committee, may we have a report at this time.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(By Grace Wallis, Past Matron (530), 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 1999 Credentials Committee. This year the Credentials area will be known as "The Poppy Field." Thank you, Sister Sheri, for giving me the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in this manner. I appreciate your show of confidence by appointing me Chairman of this important Committee.

It is with great pride that I present the members of the Credentials Committee: Sisters Linda Kephart, Co-Chairman, and the Standing Committee Members, Betty Ahrens, Eleanor Moore, Kathy Nagel, Betty Rae Smith, Norma Stilwell and Marilyn Wellman.

Worthy Grand Matron, we each thank you for the appointment to serve our Grand Chapter on this Committee, assisted by the other 58 members of our Committee, the "Golden Poppies." They have worked very hard to register our members in a friendly and efficient manner, with extra special welcome for 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.

Worthy Grand Matron, the preliminary registration report shows as of 9:00 this morning, Thursday, October 21, 1999, there are a total of 1,862 California Members registered for the 126th Session, including 1,739 qualified voting Delegates, with a total of 2,062 ballots being issued to those entitled to vote. There are 66 Members registered from other Grand jurisdictions. This gives us a total of 1,930 currently registered for this 1999 Session.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grace, thank you to your Committee for all your hard work. They were one of the earliest ones here. They had to be here Sunday. So, we truly appreciate all the work you have done and maybe you will get a chance to relax the rest of the week.

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, the hour of 10:00 o'clock is near and we will now prepare for the election of Officers and Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California. Brother Bert Alexander, Chairman of the Election Board, is there anything you wish to say to us before proceeding to our election?

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

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 it's four top officers, as well as a vote for each Conductress and Associate Conductress, providing they have been duly installed and are in attendance.

In addition, the Past Matrons and Past Patrons in attendance have a vote. If a Past Matron or a Past Patron who is entitled to a 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 being currently held. Voting rights are found in the Constitution and Laws, Part I, section 29.

All Delegates must be seated in the properly designated sections to vote. The ballot boxes will be passed to those Delegates seated in the Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, 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 Committees in section 14 waiting to give 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 or more candidates listed for the same office, then you will vote your preference by writing their name on the ballot provided for that purpose. You will find the correct spelling of the candidate's name on a display board in the East when the candidates are introduced. The names are also found in the legislative booklet.

The Constitution requires a two-thirds majority to pass legislation to amend our Constitution and Laws. A simple majority is required to amend the Instruction Book and to elect candidates for the office of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Trustee of the Eastern Star Home, one north and one south.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

There being but one nominee for each office, the following were declared elected unanimously, with the proper motions, seconds and carried, for the ensuing Grand Chapter year:

Doris May Parrish (521)	Worthy Grand Matron
Glenn Jones (36)	Worthy Grand Patron
Sue Bishop (46/280)	Associate Grand Matron
William "Bill" Bray III (403)	Associate Grand Patron
Donna Tucker (360)	Grand Treasurer
Danna Willoughby (105)	Grand Conductress
Janet McClanahan (348)	Associate Grand Conductress

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY 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; Associate Grand Matron 1999

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 WORTHY 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 4 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; Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies1999; Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Robert D. Bruce Association, Golden Claymore Clan; Member Ben Ali Shrine; 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: Associate Grand Patron 1999; 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 ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Sue L. Bishop
1260 Lone Tree Road
Hollister, CA 95023-9375

FRATERNAL:
Initiated – Athena Chapter No. 46, Hollister, CA - 1967

Affiliated – Pacific Star No. 252, 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
Grand Conductress - 1999
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 – 42 years
Husband Francis M. Bishop, Jr.
Worthy Patron – 12 times
Lodge Treasurer – 19 years
Lodge Secretary – 18 years
Daughters – Debbie Bishop & Linda Davidson
Son – Mark Bishop
Grandchildren – Megan Koester, Landon, Raymond & Monique Bishop, Dylan, Ian and Cole Davidson

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

William J. Bray, III
10721 Brookfield Road
Chatsworth, CA 91311-1506

BORN: Phoenix, Arizona

EDUCATION: Phoenix and Tucson Arizona, U.S. Navy

MILITARY: U.S. Navy Retired

FAMILY: Wife: Linda, Worthy Matron 1982 North Hollywood-Noel Chapter, Grand Representative 1986-1987, Deputy Grand Matron 1999. Son: Bill, Daughter-in-law: Roxanne and Grandsons: Billy and Petey.

PROFESSION: Vice President and General manager of Sky Controls, Inc. a FAA Repair Station and a family owned business.

FRATERNAL: Raised a Master Mason 1973, Master North Hollywood Lodge 1979, Inspector 1990 to present. Served Grand Lodge of California in 1992 as Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Marshal in 1995. Worthy Patron 1982 and 1999 North Hollywood - Noel Chapter. Served Grand Chapter as Grand Sentinel 1997, Co-Chairman with Linda on Decorations 1986 and the Masonic Family Honor Session 1998. Chairman Inspectors Orientation Committee 1995 to 1999. Member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, Scottish Rite, York Rite Bodies, Tri-Counties Legion of Honor Shrine Club, Royal Order of Scotland, Robert The Bruce Association, Southern California Research Lodge, Southern California Past Masters Association, National Sojourners, Member of Honor, IOJD, Bethel 110.

CIVIC RECOGNITION: Received the Man of the Year Award in Chatsworth in 1981. Was Scoutmaster of troop 226 BSA., Chatsworth and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER

Donna Tucker
83-200 Rosa Avenue
Thermal, CA 92274
(760) 398-6500

Joined Coachella Valley Chapter No. 360, October 1979. Served as star point Martha 1980; Associate Conductress 1981 through the line to Worthy Matron 1984; Secretary 1985 - 1992; Conductress 1997; Worthy Matron 1998 and 1999; Deputy Grand Matron 1987; Grand Ruth 1992. Grand Chapter Committees include: Inner Guard 1985 and 1989 as Lieutenant; Consolidations 1994-1995; Special Secretary to Courtesies to Dignitaries 1996; Membership 1997, 1998; Escort 1998, 1999.

PERSONAL:
Widowed 1995. Two children: Carrie Barros, age 39, a 6th grade teacher and member of Coachella Valley Chapter; Brad Crawford, age 32, a landscaper and Past Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay; and five wonderful grandchildren.

EMPLOYMENT:
City of Indio, 22 years. Five years as Building Department Secretary; five years as Planning Commission secretary; five years as secretary to the Redevelopment Agency; last seven years to present as Planning Commission and department secretary. Experience includes, but not limited to, extensive

knowledge of Government and City building and planning codes, rules and regulations; maintenance of department budget parliamentary procedures; Brown Act requirements.

OFFICE OF GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Danna Willoughby
27431 Lost Trail Drive
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

PERSONAL:
Born-Long Beach California-9/3/44
Married-Darrell-33 Years; 3 Sons; 5 Grandchildren
Masters Degree (Foreign Languages) 1966
Darrell-Worthy Patron 1980-83-99; Acacia Grove Lodge No. 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 No. 105 1974; Marshal 1976; Electa 1986, 1990, 1993; Associate Conductress 1977; Conductress 1978; Associate Matron 1979; Worthy Matron 1980; DGM 1988; President So. Deputies; Grand Ruth 1994; Grand Marshal 1998; Associate Grand Conductress 1999

GRAND CHAPTER: 1981, 1983, 1984 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) and Bethel Guardian (1980-88) Bethel No. 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

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Janet Robinson McClanahan
959 Cooper
Ripon, California 95366-2925

PERSONAL:
Born and raised in Tracy, California

FAMILY:
Husband, David - Police Officer, City of Tracy
Mother, Patricia Robinson, P.M. Joaquin No. 348, Tracy, 1983 Deputy Grand Matron and 1986 Grand Adah
Father, Joseph Robinson (deceased), P.P. Joaquin No. 348, Tracy

PROFESSIONAL:
Licensed Paramedic, State of California - employed full-time by Alliance Imaging (mobile unit)

FRATERNAL:
International Order of Rainbow for Girls: Worthy Advisor, Past Grand Representative of New York, Grand Cross of Color, Pledge Mother, Advisory Board, Past Mother Advisor

EASTERN STAR:
Initiated Joaquin Chapter No. 348, Tracy, California, 1974. Worthy Matron 1990, 1998; Deputy Grand Matron 1993 (President, Central Deputy Grand Matrons); Grand Esther 1996; Grand Marshal 1999.

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES:
Health Services several years, Liaison International Order of Rainbow for Girls 1992, Chairman Health Services 1994, Chairman Masonic Family Honor Session 1995 and 1997, Appeals and Grievances 1997-1998

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: The following nominations properly recommended are on my podium for the office of Grand Secretary. Would you please approach the East line as your names are called: Shirley Orth, Edythe Stahnke, and Norma Stilwell.

The Constitution states the members shall vote at one time for all offices not previously provided by unanimous election. So, we are going to have everyone stand up here before we proceed to ballot.

So, we will have the members from the Home Board from the North approach the East line as I read your name, please: Sister Denny Rae Grist, Brothers Walt Patterson, and Henry Schierenberg; for election for the Home Board from the South, Sister Pat Allen and Brother George Geanoulis. We are going to put the name tags up here in alphabetical order by office, so you can match the names to the bodies down there. Grand Secretary: Shirley Orth, Edythe Stahnke, Norma Stilwell. Home Board from the North: Denny Rae Grist, Walt Patterson, Hank Schierenberg, Home Board from the South: Pat Allen and George Geanoulis.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, we will proceed to mark your ballot for the Grand Secretary and the Home Board North and South. You have the names posted here in the East. Separate that portion of your ballot and write the name of your selections for each of these offices, Grand Secretary, Home Board North, Home Board South. Take your card with the four names for it, but since we have only one candidate for Treasurer, you leave that one blank. You will vote for your choice for Grand Secretary, Home Board from the North and Home Board from the South.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We will proceed to ballot for the office of Grand Secretary, Home Board from the North and Home Board from the South. I now declare the ballot open.

"The Golden Key" . . . California Singing Stars

(When all had voted)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Choir. I now declare the ballot closed.

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

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, 57-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 – 1999 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 SECRETARY

Edythe Elliott Stahnke
1236 Glenwood Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92831

FRATERNAL:

Majority member International Order of Rainbow for Girls
(Grand Cross of Colors); Mother Advisor 1976
Initiated 1957 Bell Chapter #393 OES (Consolidated with Bellflower #379, 1996)
Affiliated 1991 Arcadia Chapter #471 OES
(now a member of Arcadia 471 and Bellflower 379)
Member Mokattam Temple #12 Daughters of the Nile

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Worthy Matron 1975
Associate Matron 1974
Conductress 1973
Associate Conductress 1972
Secretary Bell Chapter 1985 through 1994, and 1996
Secretary Arcadia Chapter 1998 and 1999
Adah 1970
Esther 1961
Marshal 1958
Fourth generation Eastern Star

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Deputy Grand Matron 1995
Grand Page 1990, 1993, Chairman of Grand Pages 1994

PROFESSIONAL:

Certified Professional Secretary

40 years' experience as Administrative Assistant/Executive Secretary, Office and Personnel Management and Supervision, Accounting, Payroll, Budgets, Purchasing, Contract and Property Management, and General Secretarial
18 years' computer experience – knowledge of hardware and software
Past President Professional Secretaries Association
Former Notary Public

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY

Norma Stilwell
914 Fonthill Avenue
Torrance, CA 90503

PERSONAL:
Born – Whitinsville, MA 10/30/38
Married 35 years, Husband, David Stilwell, Worthy Patron, 1988, 1992, 1995; Past Master, Torrance-University Lodge 394, 1978, 1985; Member, Long Beach Scottish Rite;
Retired – U.S. Postal Service, 1983
Daughter, Mary Drexler, Member Torrance Chapter No. 380
Granddaughters, Susan and Nancy

FRATERNAL:
Initiated with Husband, Dave, Torrance Chapter No. 380, 1976
Yucaipa White Shrine

CHAPTER SERVICE:
Treasurer, 1983; Associate Conductress, 1985; Conductress, 1986; Associate Matron, 1987; Worthy Matron, 1988; Secretary, 1990 - 1993, 1995 - 1999; Service Award, 1997

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:
Deputy Grand Matron, 1994; Grand Martha, 1998; Credentials Committee, 5 years; Endowment Fund, 2 years; Appeals & Grievances, 1999

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:
Past Bethel Guardian, IOJD, Bethel No. 50 Torrance, 1979 - 1982; Guardian Council 1976 - 1979

EDUCATION:
High School Graduate; American Institute of Banking, Standard/Pre-Standard Certificates. Computer classes in Microsoft Word and Excel

CAREER:
Retired 1994 after 38 years as Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Manager/Senior Vice Presidents/Regional Manager, First Interstate Bank. Various positions including proof machine, new accounts, customer service, employee records, Business Banking, commercial loan support, special projects, moving and consolidation of several units into Regional Commercial Center. Currently working part time, Long Beach Scottish Rite and Rolling Hills Community Association.

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - NORTH

Denny Rae Grist
8687 Chili Hill Road
New Castle, CA 95658

EDUCATION:
B.S. Accounting - California State University, Sacramento
M. S. Taxes - Golden Gate University
Enrolled Agent - licenses by the IRS

WORK EXPERIENCE:
1998 - Present - Willis & Walsh, CPA's - full service account office - perform all phases of account work and preparation of all forms of taxes
1981 - 1993 - Denny Rae Grist, Inc. Owned and operated full-service accounting and tax business.
1963 - 1980 IBM Corporation - Administrative Assistant to Branch Manager, Sacramento

FRATERNAL HISTORY:
Wheatland Chapter No. 48 - Initiated 1967
Worthy Matron - 1972
Chapter Treasurer - 2 years
Appointive Officer - 6 years
Associate Conductress 1990
Conductress - 1991
Chaired many activities of the Chapter

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:
Worthy Grand Matron 1997: Board of Trustees OES Home
Deputy Grand Matron 1989
Grand Page at Large 1976
Aims & Objectives Committee - 1998
Special Duties Committee - 1992
Fraternal Correspondence Committee - 1991
Grand Choir - 1987-1992

Joy Assembly No. 201 International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Mother Advisor: 1975-1977; Member, Advisory Board - 8 years;
Holder, Grand Cross of Color

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - NORTH

Walter E. Patterson
P.O. Box 4368
Dorrington, CA 95223-4368

PERSONAL:
Born: February 1935, Stockton. Wife: Joan, P.M., DGM 1996, PWA
Daughter Pam, PWA, Sons Chris & David, 2 grandchildren

MASONIC/FRATERNAL:
Ophir Bear Mt. #33, Murphys, 1989
Stockton Temple Board: 2 years
Murphys Temple Board: Treasurer 1991, Board 1998-1999
Columbia State Park Masonic Hall Board: Secretary 1998-1999
Hiram Award: 1998
Stockton Scottish Rite Language Board Secretary 1995 - 1997
Ben Ali Shrine Potentate's Representative
Mark Twain Shrine: President 1993, Sec/Newsletter Ed. 4 yrs,
Board 2 yrs
Associate Bethel Guardian #201: 1 year

EASTERN STAR:
Valley Oaks No. 50, Stockton 1983, Crescent No. 165, Murphys 1986
Worthy Patron: 1988, 1989, 1991, 1997
Chaplain: 6 years, Warder: 3 years
Service Award: 1995
Grand Chapter: Auditor 1998
Drayage Chairman 1993, 1997, Committee 1990, 1991, 1996, 1998
Auditorium Set Up Chairman 1994, Installation & Decoration Comm: 1988

EDUCATION:
University of the Pacific

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY:
Operations Mgr: Ready Mix & Bldg. Material Co. 30 years. Extensive knowledge in Building Trades.
President Homeowners Assoc. 2 years, Board 9 years
Past Commodore: Stockton Sailing Club
Cub Scout Leader

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - NORTH

Henry G. Schierenberg
7101 Flintwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95831-3005
PERSONAL: Born: Marysville, CA April 5, 1925. Wife Barbara (P.M. and Secretary, Rising Star No. 36); Sons, Paul and Allan; Daughter Karen (Member Rising Star No. 36 and PGO IORG).

EDUCATION: Chico State College, Chico CA. BA Biological Science. 1950; Certificate in Public Administration, Adult Extension UC Davis; Special Secondary in Adult Education (Conservation and Outdoor Education)

EMPLOYMENT: 1950-1987 California Department of Food and Agriculture Sacramento, CA Agricultural Services Biologist IV. Program Manager

FRATERNAL: Blue Lodge: Three Pillars Lodge #613, Sacramento, Past Master 1977, currently Secretary; Inspector, 219th Masonic District 5 years

Rising Star No. 36, Past Patron, 1987, 1993, 1996, Grand Chapter Week Committee Vendor Coordinator 1955; General Chairman 1999

Prelate, Lodge of Perfection, Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies; York Rite Bodies, Roseville; Ben Ali Shrine, Royal Order of Scotland Life Member; Elks Lodge, Chico, CA Life member; PTA, Life member

COMMUNITY SERVICE: 40 year member, Boy Scouts of America, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, District Commissioner, Training Chairman, Camp Director, Council Conservation Advisor.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Eagle Scout, Scoutmasters Key, Woodbadge, Silver Beaver, Order of the Arrow; Grand Cross of Color IORG

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SOUTH

Patricia E. Allen
618 Wake Forest Street
Brea, CA 92821-3644

PERSONAL: Born - Anderson, IN 1/13/46; Married Russell - 34 years;
1 Son; 1 Daughter; 2 Granddaughters
High School Diploma - 1964;
Certificate - Cerritos College Accounting Program
Russell - Worthy Patron - 1991, 1997, 1998; Gateway Lodge 339
Rainbow Dad: DeMolay Parents Club-Chapter Dad - Cross of Honor
Operating Engineer - Heavy Equipment
Owner - Chimney Cleaning Company

OCCUPATION: Downey Savings 1974-1999
Insurance Department 1974-1976, Monthly Billing; Balancing Accounts
Various positions within the Bank 1976-1980, Corporate Headquarters 1980-1999; Supervisor Check Processing Center, In charge of customer check processing, Balancing of General Ledger Accounts, Supervise-Transit Dept.-Return Items, Process Work to Fed. Res. Bank - Clearing House, Budget preparation, Involved in systems disaster planning,
Owner Small Bookkeeping Service; Accounts payable-Receivable, General Ledger-Journal Entries, Reconcile Bank Statements, Process Month-End and Year-End Closing

EASTERN STAR HISTORY: Initiated Golden Harvest Chapter #105 - 1982 Esther - 1983; Marshal - 1985; Ruth - 1987; Associate Conductress - 1988; Conductress - 1989; Associate Matron - 1990; Worthy Matron - 1991; 1998, Deputy Grand Matron - 1997, President - So. DGM's

GRAND CHAPTER: 1994 - Chairman Ribbons; 1995 - 1997 J.C. Lee Cancer Fund; 1998 - Chairman Fun Night; 1994, 1999 Grand Page

YOUTH SERVICE: Majority Member Jobs Daughters & Rainbow for Girls 1985-1988 Guardian Treasurer Bethel 212

1985-1986 President DeMolay Mothers Club
1981-1984 Treasurer DeMolay Mothers Club

COMMUNITY: YMCA - Indians Maidens; PTA - local; Teachers Aide - K-3

HOBBIES: Ceramics, Reading, Needlepoint, Sewing

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SOUTH

George Geanoulis
6575 Caminito Scioto
La Jolla, CA 92037

EXPERIENCE:
1993 - Present Prothos Corp. d.b.a. AAA Mortgage Market, San Diego; President, CEO
Multi-state Mortgage Banking Corporation.
Founded as a Mortgage Brokerage in 1993. Presently the corporation closes approximately 80 million dollars of mortgage loans per year. Prothos Corporation employs approximately 22 people dedicated to Performance, Teamwork and Accountability.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Consultant and sitting advisor for several colleges in San Diego for Finance, Mortgage Origination, Banking and Real Estate.
Chairman of the San Diego Association of Mortgage Brokers Ethic Committee
Member of San Diego Association of Mortgage Brokers, Home Improvement Lenders Association,
National Mortgage Bankers Association of America, California Association of Realtors,
Active member of local charitable organizations

1992 American Mortgage Bank , San Diego, CA
Loan Officer, Left to start Prothos Corporation
1992 San Diego Trust & Savings Bank, San Diego, CA
Management Consultant, Completed assignment of identifying strategic shifts necessary to maintain a competitive stature.
1990-1992 Retired from Pacific Bell
Took time out to travel and develop strategy for second career.
1960-1990 Pacific Telesis Company (Pacific Bell) Statewide in CA. Human Resources - Duties included: Director and Executive Producer of Video production, Supervising Manager of Change Agent Group, Manager of Statewide team to implement changes in Labor/Management Competitive philosophy; Managed performance review teams statewide; Marketing Sales Manager, Technical Staff Manager and Division Staff Manager.

June Barnum, Past Grand Matron: MOTION: I move the Worthy Grand Matron of 1999-2000 appoint a Committee to prepare legislation to be brought to the next Grand Chapter Session clarifying the

procedure of the election when there are multiple elections. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

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

"Memories" . . . Barbara Streit, Conductress (241)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Barbara. That was beautiful. We appreciate your sharing your talents with us. Barbara was accompanied by Shirley Hicks, our Choir Director.

Sister Heidi Wills, we will have the report of our Aims and Objectives Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
(By Heidi Wills, Past Matron, (33/215) Chairman)

My name is Heidi Wills, and I would like to introduce the fantastic Committee who worked extremely hard this year: Sue McKinney, Past Grand Matron, Ernie Lewis, Past Grand Patron, Pam Johnson, Gayle Marta, Gloria Kimrey and Barbara Wildman.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sheri, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Ron, for their vision and their foresight and their belief in this Committee.

How many have heard the title of the song, "The Way We Were?" Let's see a show of hands. So, about 50 percent of you. That's good. Your Aims and Objectives Committee and 34 percent of you, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in California, would like to hear of the song titled "The Way We Are" but, more importantly, the song titled "The Way We Can Be." How? You might ask?

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers, Members and visitors of this Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. Your Aims and Objectives Committee went to work quickly this year. Upon the guidance and direction of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it was to find some simple solutions to the following requests:

- Educate the members on how to submit proper legislation.

- Study the membership and arrive at a five-year plan for the Order's future.

- Share its findings with the Elective Grand Line Officers to assist and incite action with a five year plan.

WOW! This was no small feat. In fact, it was to be greater than this Committee ever anticipated.

An educational legislative worksheet saw fruition in April. The worksheet was not only mailed to each Chapter Secretary in the State, but was also mentioned an article in the *Cal Star News* with subsequent articles to follow.

To tackle a 'Five-Year Plan', the Committee felt it needed the California membership's input on what it felt was important. Consequently, at the end of May 47,438 questionnaires were mailed to every dues paying California Eastern Star member living both in and out of the State of California. An overwhelming 16,344 completed questionnaires were returned! Can you believe a 34% return value? THIS IS UNHEARD OF in the survey industry! The Aims and Objectives Committee THANKS YOU for your time and energy in recognizing the value of your Eastern Star membership.

The questionnaire results are enclosed in your registration packets. This Committee will not use this time to review the results; however, request your taking the time to review them on your own. Because of the overwhelming return, this Committee wants you to know it is listening.

One of the tasks of next year's Aims and Objectives Committee will be to sort and dispatch your concerns to the appropriate Committee Members. As a committee, it is one of the most important for you, the members, to be aware of. It is your sounding board and does represent the pulse of our beautiful Order.

It is interesting to note that many of the California members' concerns were addressed in a 1973 Report of Special Committee on Relevance. Many of the concerns then, have been addressed and progressive change was implemented in these last 26 years. This Committee has been given HOPE! The creation of a 'Five-year Initiative' is exciting and will give direction - Planning won't solve problems, but it will minimize surprises and assist us in preparing for future possible contingencies. It is the desire of this and future Aims and Objectives Committees, the incoming Elective Grand Line Officers and Members of this California Grand Chapter to effectively use, implement and

improve this new 'Five-year Initiative' which you, the Members, have indirectly written. Closely listen to this progressive Initiative as it takes this Grand Chapter body into the new Millennium.

FIVE-YEAR INITIATIVE

Focus or mission statement: ***Envision, communicate and reinforce the value of the Order of the Eastern Star.***

Objective #1: COMMUNICATION OF PLAN: The Grand Line Officers, Aims and Objectives and Finance Committees will annually communicate the vision, plan and survey results to all members using the Winter issue of the *Cal Star News* to ensure that the membership understands that this group is concerned and listening and prepared to take action with the members' acceptance to enhance the value of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Objective #2: REASON TO BELONG: Each Chapter needs to plan and hold a special 'Stars' Night Out' meeting to honor ten (10) members or more annually, who have not attended in the last twelve months or more. These members shall be assigned two (2) 'shadow' members who will introduce them to other Chapter members, pick them up and take them home if needed, and maintain a relationship over the course of three (3) consecutive months. This is to encourage a relationship with these non-attending members so they may have a comfortable atmosphere in returning to Chapter meetings and activities.

Objective #3: MEMBERSHIP: The Grand Line Officers, Committee Members, Chapter Line Officers and the California Members of the Order of the Eastern Star will annually increase their Chapter's membership roll by 2.5% and minimize or decrease the net of demits and suspensions to 1% so that the net result shall be an increase of 1.5% from the previous year of each Chapter's membership roster excluding death of members. This can be achieved by consistently and effectively being proactive with the following plan:

1. COMPLETE commitment of the entire California membership.

2. Each Chapter needs to hold at least one (1) prospective/recruitment event per year - any additional are

welcomed – which the Chapter's appointed Membership Committee shall be responsible for. Ideas and guidance for these events shall be available from the State's Membership Committee.

3. Each Chapter or District needs to hold a timely membership orientation/training workshop or meeting to fully engage and educate new member(s) in the value of their Eastern Star membership. Ideally, this should be done within one (1) to two (2) months of new members' initiation.

4. Each Chapter needs to investigate any request for demit or issues of suspension of its member(s) by having three (3) appointed Chapter members make an effective one-to-one contact with member(s) in question. This one-on-one contact could be handled either in person, by phone or by other means of communication. No demit or suspension should be granted until such investigation is completed by these three (3) appointed members.

In closing, your Aims and Objectives Committee has not taken upon itself to issue guaranteed solutions. It has only acted as a clearinghouse and a spokesman for your ideas. To pave the way for the future of our Order, let's do something. Those future trends out in the world have and will give us hope. The future knows the old song title can have a new title. It is up to all of us to take its tune into the very exciting new Millenium.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE
QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS
1999

32% =31-50 Years
26%= 16-20 Years
17% = 50+ Years

1.) How long have you been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?
a.) Less than a year b.) 1 – 5 yrs. c.) 5 – 25 yrs. d.) 25 - 50 yrs. e.) over 50 yrs.

40% = W/in mo.
20% = Over yr.
14% = W/in 6 mos

2.) When was the last time you attended Chapter?
a.) Within the last month? b.) Within the last 6 mos.? c.) Within the last yr.? d.) Over 1 yr.? e.) I don't remember!

3.) What is your age group?
a.) 18 – 30 b.) 31 – 40 c.) 41 – 50 d.) 51 – 60 e.) 61 – 70 f.) 71 or older

59% = 70 +
18% = 61 – 70
12% = 51 - 60

4.) My Chapter is located within this radius distance from my home: a.) 0 - 10 miles b.) 11 - 30 miles c.) 31 - 50 miles d.) 51 – 75 miles e.) greater than 75 miles f.) I currently live out of the State of California

66% = 1 – 10 miles
21% = 11 – 30 miles
8 % = 31 – 50 miles

5.) I am a member of the Order of the Eastern Star because a.) other relatives are members b.) I like the people c.) we do good charitable work d.) my friends are members e.) I have something in common with others f.) Other

47% = Other relatives
27% = Like the people
12% = I have in common

6.) My favorite part of a Chapter meeting: (please rate these 1 through 6, with 1 being your most favorite, 6 being you least favorite)
___a.) the social time ___b.) the escort and the speeches ___c.) the business ___d.) ritual and/or floor work ___e.) reading of the minutes and correspondence ___f.) Other

1 = Ritual and/or floor work
2 = The social time
3 = Other – seeing friends

7.) I would attend a Chapter meeting if a.) I had a ride b.) the meeting started earlier c.) the meeting got out earlier d.) ladies could wear slacks e.) my Chapter was in a better part of town f.) I could bring my kids with me g.) had more social activities/family events outside of the Chapter Room h.) it had more male participation i.) it became a day time Chapter j.) lady officers could wear street length dress k.) had less escort l.) Other

14% = Other - meetings out earlier
14% = Could wear pants/short dress
13% = Became a daytime Chapter
12% = Better health
4% = No pants/No short dress!

8.) What would allow you to become more active and attend Chapter meetings frequently?

36% = Better health
18% = More time
10% = Shorter meetings

9.) Do you attend Grand Chapter? 15% YES 85% NO

If no, I don't attend because a.) it's too long b.) it's too expensive c.) I don't like the legislation d.) I am not a Line Officer e.) I am not on a Committee f. not all members in good standing have a vote g.) the reports of Committees are too long and should be put in proceedings h.) Other

37% = Other – better health (partial)
20% = It's too expensive
11% = It's too long
11% = Not a Line Officer

If yes, I attend because a.) I like the legislation b.) I'm working on a Committee c.) I am a Line Officer d.) I like to see all my friends e.) I like the dresses and all the glitz f.) Other

1 = To see friends
2 = On Committee
3 = Enjoy legislation
4 = Going up the Line

Due to space, this results page only lists the top vote getters of each question!

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Sister Heidi and your committee. I know how very hard you have worked this year and I know that you never anticipated that many responses to the questionnaire. We thank each of the members for caring enough to tell us your opinion.

Sister Pat Robinson, do you have all your other Page duties done? Could we have your J. Clifford Lee Committee report, please.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON J. CLIFFORD LEE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND

(By Patricia Robinson, Past Matron (348), Chairman)

I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve as Chairman of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund during 1999. My thanks to the Area Chairmen for following through when applications were received. My grateful appreciation to the Grand Chapter office for all of their assistance during the past three years.

As my service on this Committee draws to a close, I have mixed feelings. Yes, it will be nice not to have to do the paperwork connected with this duty, but I will miss the pleasure of approving a grant for assistance and the phone calls saying yes, we can assist with a particular expense. The expressions of thank you, both written and spoken, were worth every minute spent as I served our Order.

I want to stress to the membership how important it is that all our members know just what Eastern Star in California can do for them. We have the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and the Marguerite Rennie Fund to assist members or immediate family members, such as husbands or wives or children still dependent on their parents with expenses incurred because of cancer. The treatment for cancer is extremely expensive and even with good insurance the co-payments and other expenses incurred use up savings very quickly.

There are some members who are reluctant to apply for assistance. Let me assure you that any information you provide is confidential.

Please continue to support the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Fund with your love gifts. Tomorrow it could be you, a member of your family or a close friend who needs assistance. There are times when a grant is approved, but no funds needed and others where the full grant is used with the first bill sent for payment.

There were 38 new grants made in 1999. The J. Clifford Lee Fund received $19,487.17 from bequests, memorials were $2,734, Chapter donations, $24,278.52 and other contributions were $5,537.69, for a total of $52,037.38. On the other side, assistance was given to a number of members for a total pay out of $92,309.64.

A few years ago, I had a day when I felt the weight of the world was on my shoulders and I didn't know what I was going to do. The weather was nice that day. As I stood at my kitchen window looking out, the most beautiful rainbow I have ever seen appeared. It was if it were saying to me, "You can handle this. Everything will be okay." As each of you face any problems you might have, my wish for you is that you too will have a rainbow to help you to meet the challenges in your life.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pat, we thank you for all your hard work these past several years. We know how rewarding this Committee can be, but also how much work it is. There is a lot of paperwork involved with this. Her mailman is going to think she has lost all her friends now. Thank you very much for your service to this Committee. We appreciate it.

Sister Mary K. Grindle may we have your report on the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund Committee, please.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND

(By Mary K. Grindle, Past Matron (2/222), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

My thanks to Sisters Mary Dunning, Past Matron of Crown Chapter, and Patricia Tucker, Past Matron of Ojai Chapter, for their assistance this year. Unfortunately, they could not be present today.

We have had many calls for assistance this year, several from members who have used the total allowed from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and continue to need help. We have provided $16,881 in assistance to three members and have over $9,000 committed pending receipt of the detailed billings. All recipients are most grateful for the assistance.

It has been my privilege to work with Sister Patricia Robinson, Chairman of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, in assisting our

Sisters and Brothers. Also, my thanks to the Grand Chapter office for their guidance.

It is amazing to discover how many of our members are unaware of this fund. I do hope that the brochure being prepared by the Eastern Star Foundation will help solve this problem.

I thank our Past Grand Matron, Sister Denny Rae Grist for appointing me to this Committee, and to our Worthy Grand Matron for this, my last year of service on this Committee. It has been most rewarding.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Mary. We appreciate all your hard work. As Mary reported, not as many of our members seem to be aware of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund. You are able to receive assistance from either of these funds. You do not have to go to one first and then the other one. You just cannot be receiving from both at the same time. We hope that if you know of a member who is in need of assistance, you will direct them towards these very fine charities.

"Play a Simple Melody" . . . California Singing Stars

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Grand Choir. Marilyn Wellman, could we please have your report at this time.

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:

This year the Benevolent Fund has assisted twelve of our members with lump sums and we have nine members who receive monthly assistance. It was necessary for various reasons to decline one this year, but possibly our Outreach Program will be able to help.

Several of our members, without our assistance, would not have enough food to eat, and some could not pay for their medications that are really needed. Our members are always so appreciative of any help we can give them.

In addition to the Grand Chapter assessment of ten cents per member each year, our members donated $2,308 to our fund. The amount disbursed this year was $42,094.

With the changing of Districts for this coming year, I hope it will lighten the load for some Chairmen. There are large areas for some Chairmen to cover and it takes a lot of traveling for them at times.

I have asked our Area Chairmen to contact the Worthy Matrons of the Chapters in their areas. Some have spoken at Chapters and our members are learning more about our Benevolent Fund.

The Relief Committee of each Chapter when requested by a member for assistance should contact their Area Chairman. Please work with her to acquire the information needed to process the application. They are there to help you to assist our Sisters and Brothers.

My grateful thanks to our Grand Secretary, Shirley Orth, and to Sue Parker of our Outreach Program for their help. We might in the future be able to help in other ways and for a longer period of time.

My thanks to all who have served on this Committee the past two years. I have some of them here on the stage, and I would like to introduce them: Lida DeTomaso, Area 18; Marie Worthy, Area 4; Beryl Spalding, Area 9; and Sylvia Bailey, Area 20, who will be our Chairman next year. Sometimes, it can be very stressful. But it is always rewarding to know that we are able to help someone in their time of need.

Good luck to our new General Chairman. I know that all the Committee members will help her immensely. Thank you, Sister Sheri, for allowing me to give this report.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Marilyn for your report, and we thank all the members of your Committee for their hard work this year in assisting our members.

Suzy Anderson of the Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations, may we have your report at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL CANCER DRESSING STATIONS

(By Suzy Anderson, Past Matron (97), Chairman)

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

With me this morning in the East are Sisters Geri Minor, Peggy Salm, Winona McNitt, and Trish Kendall.

As we meet in this beautifully decorated auditorium the thought of illness, for the moment, is probably far from our thoughts. However, I will wager that cancer has in one way or another touched each of our lives.

Cancer research is an ongoing project, but research is time consuming and the mystery still eludes those involved in the day-to-day search for the answer. The mystery is being unraveled bit by bit and one happy day we shall arrive at the answer. But there are things that we can do in the meantime.

Due to changes in medical insurance the focus of Cancer Dressing Stations is gradually shifting from surgical dressings to include comfort items, such as mastectomy and neck bone pillows, lab robes, Kathy caps, and various colorful items for children, to name but a few. Cancer Dressing Stations is not about money; it is about caring and sharing. Giving a couple of hours at a station is not only worthwhile, it can be fun. And it doesn't necessarily take a lot of talent, for there are many different jobs to do. You can cut fabric, tear sheets into different sizes, man the ironing detail, sew seams, stuff pillows, fold gauze, or help keep records. None of these awfully difficult jobs in themselves, but altogether they get a very large effort done.

Each item is carefully made and completed with a label that reads, "Made with loving hands by the Order of the Eastern Star." Our items are distributed through the American Cancer Society, hospitals, visiting nurses, hospice, and to cancer victims that become known to us.

Let me tell you about some of our workers. Martha, who is 98 years old, for many years has faithfully turned out two dozen bed pads at each meeting. Her job is done by machine sewing a seam around the edges of a four-sided bed pad that is several layers thick, a process which takes a little practice. Martha finally retired just this year. Station Chairman Polly, who is 95 years old, finally relinquished her duties after serving for somewhere around thirty years. Trish, one of our new Area Chairmen is a cancer survivor herself and seeks, through her duties, to be able to help others. But our dedicated workers are not all ladies, for we have two stations that are capably chaired by Brothers Jess and Walter. Out of the approximate 75 stations, two new stations were started just this year. And yes, a couple of stations also closed.

The good work of our stations gets a positive image of Eastern Star into our communities and while the stations are primarily manned by our members, many are also assisted by friends, family and church members. For instance, a young worker at one station brings her daughter to help while she is out of high school in the summer months. The Chairman of a station in the Bishop area went on her local television station with an informational presentation about our Cancer Dressing Program. At least two stations participated in Prostate Cancer Awareness Month by making ribbons to distribute at events. I received several copies of local newspaper articles describing the work of our stations.

This year Cancer Dressing crossed the state line, for I received requests for information from interested parties in Nevada and Wisconsin. This we were more than happy to share.

Approximately 43,000 hours by loving hands were donated since our last Session. The cost of materials is $28,079. Thank you for the opportunity for to serve on this Committee.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Suzy and the Members of your Committee for your assistance in helping not only our Members, but everyone in California. I know you were apprehensive about accepting this assignment and your apprehension probably proved to be correct. It is a large job and I appreciate all that you have done in coordinating all the dressing stations and getting the word out.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

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

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

(At 11:42 a.m. the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 21, 1999

1:45 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Helen Wood, Past Matron (292)

Entrance: Grand Officers.

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal, made the proper proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Before we start this afternoon, we want to thank Sister Helen Wood for playing our prelude this afternoon. Brother Bert Alexander, Chairman of our Election Committee, do we have results from the balloting this morning?

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to apologize for the confusion caused by the ballot on this previous vote. But I want to assure you and the body that we made every effort to interpret the intention of the Member voting, so that we were able to count them as valid ballots.

The results of the election for the office of Grand Secretary, total votes cast 1924: Shirley Orth, 1214; Edythe Stahnke, 392; Norma Stilwell, 318. A majority of the votes required to elect, 963. Shirley Orth has been elected to serve as Grand Secretary.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: The majority of the ballots cast having been for Shirley Orth for the office of Grand Secretary, I declare that Shirley Orth is Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter of California for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

The results of the office of Trustee of the Eastern Star Home are as follows. For Trustee of the Eastern Star Home for the North, 1752 votes: Denny Rae Grist, 601; Walter Patterson 589; Henry Schierenberg, 562. The majority of the votes required to elect, 877; there is no majority.

For the Trustee of the Eastern Star Home for the South, 1578 votes: George Geanoulis, 420; Patricia Allen, 1158. The majority of the votes required to elect, 790. Patricia Allen is elected to serve as Trustee from the South.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Patricia Allen having received the majority of the ballots cast for the position of the Trustee of Eastern Star Home Board from the South, I declare Pat Allen elected.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to take a ballot vote. I ask your attention to the procedure to follow. You will be balloting for candidates for Trustee from the North. The names will be posted in the East. On your strip of ballots, this will be Election W on the bottom of your ballot, for the Home Board from the North. Please separate this portion from your strip of ballots and write in your choice for your Trustee from the North. A majority of the ballots cast must be received before a candidate to be declared elected to the office.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Do you understand the instructions? You are about to ballot on the position of Trustee for the Eastern Star Homes Board from the North. I now declare the ballot open.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Have all voted who desired to ballot? I now declare the ballot closed. Brother Bill, do you want to report on the Foundation?

REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(By Bill Dean, Past Patron (133), President Board of Trustees)

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

Since this is just our second year as a Foundation, many members are not familiar with us. Our purpose is to receive gifts, bequests and contributions for the furtherance of the educational, charitable and scientific purposes. Namely, the Benevolent Fund, Disaster Fund, J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund, the Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations, the Scholarship Fund, and the Gerald P. Cashion Fund.

The important work and accomplishments of each of these charitable undertakings have been, or will be, reported to you by the various separate Committees. They are responsible for the fine, charitable work of our Grand Chapter. Without these hard working Committees, the Foundation would be meaningless. These Committees and the members are the true workhorses of our charitable activities. They deserve yours, and our, thanks for a job well done. The second unsung heroes of your Foundation Trustees are the staff of the Grand Chapter office, the Finance Committee, and subordinate Chapter Secretaries. They deserve our thanks as well.

The Foundation Trustees endeavored for several months to assemble a user friendly brochure for the enjoyment and enlightenment of all members and friends of the Order. As soon as approval is received from the Worthy Grand Matron and the Finance Committee, we plan to publish and distribute the brochure to each Chapter in California. The brochure will also serve as the basis for the Foundation portion of the Eastern Star Web Site. Many thanks to Todd Williams and Bill Wine who have worked with us in this regard.

For the new millennium, I encourage the Grand Line Officers to get the message out about the Foundation. For you incoming Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, you are encouraged to call upon any of the Trustees to visit your Chapter and explain to your members the purpose of the Eastern Star Foundation and the many wonderful charities of our Order. In 1999, two Chapters prevailed upon the Trustees for presentations, which were warmly received by the members. One of these was a fundraiser solely for the Foundation and was greatly appreciated.

The Foundation had an inquiry from an individual desiring to turn over burial plots located in Fresno to the Order of the Eastern Star. Since the Grand Chapter has burial plots on their records, the information was referred to the Home Board. Another potential gift came from an individual desiring to make a cash donation, but with strings attached. The Foundation cannot accept such donations.

The financial reports of your Foundation are included in the statements provided by the Finance Committee and the Grand Treasurer.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you, to serve as your Trustees this year, and I would like to introduce them this afternoon. Our Worthy Grand Patron, Ron Behnke; Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron; Laurella Kerr; Max Rush; Don Kittleman; and Fran Groat.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Bill we want to thank you and your Committee for all your endeavors this year. I know you tried very hard to get that brochure finished so it would be ready for this Grand Chapter. Members, I don't think you fully realize how much time this involves. This is a new venture that we are trying and you have done an admirable job of getting it off the ground.

Bill Dean, Past Patron, President Eastern Star Foundation: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to present our budget at this time. If the Delegates would refer to page 76 in your legislative book, I will present the California Eastern Star Foundation 1999-2000 budget.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this budget be accepted as printed in the legislative book. *(Motion is seconded.)*

ADOPTED

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
1999-2000 Budget

	Total	Operating Fund	Benevolent Fund	J. Clifford Lee Mem. Fund	Scholarship Fund	Memorial Cancer Dressing	M. Rennie Mem. Fund	G. P. Cashion Mem. Fund	Disaster Fund
Estimated Income:									
Member Dues	10,000		5,000		5,000				
Bequests	22,000			13,000	9,000				
Chapter Donations	108,100		22,000	35,000	18,000	31,000	1,000		1,100
Other Donations	47,500		2,000	20,000	3,500	20,000			2,000
Investments:									
Interest & Dividends	85,600		5,800	32,600	2,900	1,800	40,000	2,500	
Investments Gains & Loss	171,570		28,360	58,925	49,240	2,730	7,865	24,450	
Total Estimated Income	444,770	0	63,160	159,525	87,640	55,530	48,865	26,950	3,100
Estimated Expenses:									
Committee Expenses	2,000	800		600	600				
Grants, Awards & Donations									
Assistance to Members	255,870		40,000	93,000	60,000		35,000	25,000	2,870
	257,870	800	40,000	93,600	60,600	0	35,000	25,000	2,870
Management & General									
Audit & Tax Service	7,500	7,500							
Investment Expenses	26,000		2,500	13,000	1,000	700	8,000	800	
Office Supplies	11,900	2,000	4,400	1,500	3,900		100		
Cost of Dressing Materials	35,000					35,000			
Promotion	25,000	25,000							
Miscellaneous	1,500					1,500			
Administrative Fee	80,000	-35,300	16,260	51,425	22,140	18,330	5,765	1,150	230
	186,900	-800	23,160	65,925	27,040	55,530	13,865	1,950	230
Total Estimated Expenses	444,770	0	63,160	159,525	87,640	55,530	48,865	26,950	3,100

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Todd Williams, are you prepared to give a report at this time?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WEB SITE

(By Todd Williams, Past Patron (273), Chairman)

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

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you this year as the Chairman of the Web Site Committee. Unfortunately, our consultant and Web Master, Brother Bill Wine, was not able to be present at this time. He has been an excellent asset this past year as our webmaster. I would like to introduce the one other unofficial member of our Committee who has provided immeasurable assistance by proofing much of our work this year, Sister Virginia Williams, Past Matron of Santa Cruz Redwood Chapter No. 273. Virginia became an important member of our team after the Worthy Grand Matron pointed out several errors in our pages at the beginning of the year.

This is the second year this committee has existed. This year we have continued our primary mission of providing scholarship applications to student candidates across our state. While the total number of applications to the Scholarship Committee were down this year, we are pleased to report that over 50 percent of the applications received by the committee were supplied by the Grand Chapter Web Site.

We have continued with the Grand Chapter itinerary and information about the Eastern Star Home in Yorba Linda. We have continued with basic information about the Eastern Star and some of the works of our founder Dr. Rob Morris. This year we have also added a list of Grand Officers and their e-mail addresses. We have continued to support our annual meeting by making available forms for Housing at Grand Chapter, and, new this year, the Meal Event Reservation Form. The guest book continues to be hit with over 250 new entries this year, many of which have lead to inquiries and new members. This year we have over a dozen inquiries, which have lead to no fewer than two new members. We are looking to continue and expand these areas of the Web Site next year.

Total visitations to the site were up this year. Last year we had 11,000 visitors. This year the number of visitors is up to over 12,000. That is an increase of over nine percent.

The members of this year's Committee have been invited to continue on next year's Committee with an addition of a new member, Alan Johnson, Past Patron of Emera Chapter No. 561 in Long Beach. We are working on a new look for next year's Web site as well as new ways to continue with the things that have worked well this past year. Consistent delivery of forms in the proper format continues to plague us. We are exploring alternate delivery systems on the Internet.

We are also looking to expanding our coverage of the Home by putting up pictures of the Home and the new rooms. We are adding a list of Deputy Grand Matrons to our list of State Officers.

We are also discussing opportunities for a closer association with the *"Cal Star News"* possibly reprinting their quarterly lead article. Making available the Past Matron and Past Patron interest survey on line has also been proposed.

We hope that you, the members of the Chapters of California, have been pleased with the Web Site of the Grand Chapter. We hope that you will continue to offer your suggestions and voice your concerns. As your local chapters continue to develop web sites, please keep us informed of their status and we will add links when you are ready so that the world may find a path to your doors. Again, thank you for the opportunity to be of service to the Grand Chapter of California.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Brother Todd. We appreciate all the work you do on the web site. I haven't been able to visit quite as frequently this year as I have in the past, but it is exciting going into the guest book and to view the pages, and we thank you for your efforts. I'm sorry about my red pen. Thank you very much for your service.

Sister Diane, Editor of the Cal Star News, we would like your report at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON *"CAL STAR NEWS"*
(By Diane Lotspeich, Past Matron (79/185), Managing Editor)

In the immortal words of our beloved members Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, we wish "Happy Trails" to our 1999 Grand Family as they conclude their year of office.

Another year has come and gone and the *Cal Star News* staff hopes that you have enjoyed our efforts. The archives will reflect that 127 Chapters, Districts and Associations submitted articles and 33 Chapters

sent newsletters to *Cal Star News* this year. Please encourage a representative from your Chapter to stop by the *Cal Star News* booth to pick up your Honor Roll Certificate and those pictures submitted for publication this year.

We would like to extend a challenge to California Eastern Star members for the year 2000 to renew their subscription to *Cal Star News* and to purchase at least one additional subscription for your newly elected Chapter officers, a new initiate, shut-in, or out-of-state member. Our circulation has been steadily declining from approximately 3400 in 1996 to just under 2800 as of the last issue. We are holding our own financially and a Balance Sheet will be included in the proceedings. But an increase in the number of subscribers would insure that subscription rates will remain at the current $3 per year or four years for $10—the lowest price for the most news in the country!

Sister Barbara and I would like to thank our husbands and eagle-eyed proofreaders for their efforts on our behalf. It takes close to 200 hours from deadline to mailbox to produce each issue. The support of the members of California Eastern Star is essential to our continued success.

We extend a special thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment.

Cal Star News
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 1999

Beginning Balance as of 1 Oct 98		$15,007.33
Income		
Subscriptions	7,598.25	
Interest on checking	22.36	
Interest on Savings	42.40	
Interest on CD	466.92	
Returned checks	(4.00)	
Donations	278.45	
Total Income	8,404.38	
		$23,411.71
CSN Publication Expenses		
Grand Chapter Photographs	255.00	
Prepress/printing	3,456.99	
Toner cartridge	268.09	
Transportation	100.00	

Bulk Mail Permit	85.00	
Bulk Mail Postage	2,538.48	
First Class Postage	63.68	
Return Postage	200.00	
Mailing labels	95.18	
Bank service charges	52.00	
Returned check charge	5.00	
Check printing/deposit stamps	35.50	
Misc office supplies	424.67	
Gift cards	59.07	
Clip Art software upgrade	92.70	
OmniPage Pro OCR software	129.95	
Zip+4 Software Update	24.45	
Total CSN Publication Expenses	7,885.76	
		$15,525.95
Clip Art donations		
Clip art disks	2,518.05	
Product rebates		
Total clip art donations	2,518.05	
		$18,044.00
Clip art expenditures		
Computer disks	53.60	
CD Blanks	149.99	
Postage	170.00	
Disk labels	91.52	
Envelopes	54.75	
Equipment: Scanner	154.04	
Equipment : CD-Recorder	439.99	
Equipment: G3 processor	401.79	
Total clip art expenditures	1,515.68	
		$16,528.32
Balance as of 30 September 1999		$16,528.32
Cash on hand:		
Checking account	2,244.72	
Savings account	2,866.28	
Certificate of Deposit	11,412.07	
Petty cash	5.25	
Total cash on hand:		$16,528.32

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Total issues mailed	2,865

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Diane and Barbara, we thank you for your work on our state newspaper. This is sponsored by the Grand Line Officers, and we would really like to see more of our members subscribing to this newsletter. It is a valuable tool and has some great ideas that you might try for your meetings. Thank you very much for the honor roll certificates. I have to admit that it was kind of a joint effort, thanks to our Worthy Grand Patron.

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We have some election results.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

The election results for the office of Trustee of the Eastern Star Home for the North are as follows. Total votes cast 1,790: Denny Rae Grist, 594; Walter Patterson, 711; and Hank Schierenberg, 485. The majority of the votes required to elect, 896. The majority was not reached.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my Brother. We will proceed to ballot again. Would you like to give us those instructions?

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to take a ballot vote on candidates for the Trustees of the Eastern Star Home. The two candidates are posted there in the East on the display. Denny Rae Grist and Walter Paterson. We will be using Election X ballot. Remove that ballot and write in your choice for the Trustee of the Eastern Star Home for the North. A majority of the ballots cast must be received for a candidate to be declared elected for the office.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Do you understand the instructions? I declare the ballot open.

(After all have voted.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Ballot Closed.

(The Delegates Considered and voted upon the proposed amendments.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We have a report from our Election Committee.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron (66/563), Chairman)

The results of the ballot on the office of Trustee for the Eastern Star Home from the North are as follows. Votes cast, 1808: Denny Rae Grist, 631; and Walter Patterson, 1177. The majority votes required to elect, 905. Walter Patterson has received the majority of the vote.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: The majority votes having been received by Brother Walt Patterson, I declare him elected as the Trustee of the Home Board of Trustees from the North.

Grand Choir, could we have another song? I think we need a little break.

"They Call it America" and "You're Grand Old Flag"
California Singing Stars

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Worthy Grand Matron declared the Thursday Afternoon Session called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. to Honor our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our General Grand Chapter Members, and our Grand Representatives.

(At 3:56 p.m. the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

THURSDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 21, 1999

7:00 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Betty Schmieter, Grand Organist

Entrance: Host

Escort: Hostess

Entrance: Grand Officers

Escort: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Jeraldine Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present to you your gavel, the symbol of your office. May peace and harmony be yours as you continue the deliberations of this 126th Session of our Grand Chapter.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Jeraldine Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration, and Past Grand Matron of California. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

(Grand Representatives enter with their respective flags and formed an honor guard.)

Escort: Most Worthy Grand Matron

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Florence, we are so delighted to have you with us. On behalf of the members of California, we welcome you to our Golden State.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Evening Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor, to honor our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our General Grand Chapter Members, and our Grand Representatives.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Loyal, we would be pleased to have your greeting at this time.

GREETING

(By Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Before I start my remarks, let me tell you how proud I am of California and the greeting you just gave our Most Worthy Grand Matron. You are fabulous.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Florence Adair, our very delightful Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Not too many miles from here, up Highway 41, in the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountains, you will find groves of Aspen trees. The reason they grow together is that the Aspen sends up new shoots from the roots. In a small grove all the trees may actually be connected by their roots.

Along our northern coast the eternal Giant California redwood trees tower 300 feet into the sky. They have no deep roots, but shallow root systems to capture as much surface water as possible. These roots span in all directions, intertwining with other redwoods. Locked together in this way, all of the trees support each other in wind and storms. Like the aspen, they never stand alone, they need one another to survive.

Our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star is connected by a unique system of roots, our enduring Fraternal Family. Like the redwoods, we hold one another up. When pounded by the sometimes hazardous storms of life, we have our Sisters and Brothers to support and sustain us.

Dear Sister Florence Adair, our remarkable Most Worthy Grand Matron, and our wonderful General Grand Chapter Sisters and Brothers; you manifest and exhibit this spirit of worldwide Fraternal Love and Support through your outstanding dedication, enthusiasm and service.

Sisters and Brothers, reach out to those near you to symbolize this truly remarkable, unbreakable bond, the "Key to California Gold."

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Loyal. Sister Jerry, may we have your remarks at this time.

GREETINGS

(By Jeraldine Southward Creager,
General Grand Chapter Committee Member - Registration.)

Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron; our Sister Florence Adair, our Most Worthy Grand Matron; Distinguished and Honored Members; Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honor for me to be a part of this evening's program. I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, for allowing me to serve as Hostess, along with my fraternal son, Brother Loyal. He became my fraternal son-in-law when Sister Kay Cosby selected him to stand by her side in 1990.

The members of the California are proud of the service that he is giving to our General Grand Chapter. We are indeed indebted to Sister Pat Rassmussen for looking in his direction and seeing that electric spark that he brings to the Order. Sister Pat we are proud that you are now part of our family.

Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, your term of office has been a successful one. As you complete the 126th year of Eastern Star in California, and look back on the days gone by, may you remember not only your accomplishments, but the special time that you spent with our members.

Tonight we are honoring Sister Florence Adair, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, along with some of her General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Ambassadors, and Grand Representatives of this and other jurisdictions. I am sure that Sister Florence will agree that the path she is traveling is not traveled alone.

Sister Thelma Bailey, our late Past Most Worthy Grand Matron often stated: "When you climb the ladder of success to your dreams and your hopes and your goals, never forget the people holding the ladder." Sister Florence, even though you are serving in a high position of our Order, you have not lost the ability to relate to and touch the lives of our members in a very special way. Recently I read some words from an American Indian Orator which describe you best. He said, "Our contribution to our nation and the world is not to be measured in the material realm. Our greatest contribution has been spiritual and philosophical. Silently, by example only, we live and will live, not only in the splendor of our past, but in the living heart of the future."

Sister Florence, thank you for allowing your appointments from California to travel the pathway of service with you. We look forward to traveling to Michigan to carry out the duties assigned to us.

Sister Florence, would you step forward? I would like for you to open this little gift. Now Sister Florence, I am sure you may be a little confused. You may think that this box is empty. But it contains something more precious than silver and gold. It contains the friendship of the members of California. Carry it with you in your travels and their love will keep you warm and safe.

To the members that are present this evening, I would encourage you to come to the Radisson Hotel after this Session to personally greet Sister Florence and feel the warmth of her personality.

Sister Florence, I would like to close with a personal note. I'm thankful everyday I live for the warmth and kindness that you give. I am thankful that in God's design, he planned it so your path crossed mine.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Loyal and Sister Jerry. Loyal, we in the East Bay have known about your enthusiasm for a long time, but we are very proud to share it, not only with California but now, with the world. We are very proud of you and the fact that you represent California in this big wide world. Thank you for bringing our greetings tonight. Thank you for your enthusiasm.

Sister Jerry, one of our watchwords this year is dignity, and you are indeed the epitome of dignity. Thank you for bringing your greetings tonight. We enjoyed your message. Thank you for being our Hostess.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Loyal, a little over two years ago you and I shook hands and said you would be here for Sheri and me and for the State of California. You have been at every

moment, at every need, you have been there. You are one of our pillars of strength and we love you for it. Thank you for your opening remarks.

Sister Jerry, you too are one of our pillars of strength in California. We are so proud of the job that you do for California in representing California, and for the job that both of you do for our wonderful Order of the Eastern Star, that words can't express it properly. Thank you so much to both of you for your greetings this evening on this most important event for Grand Chapter.

Escort: General Grand Chapter Elective Officer

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pat, we welcome you to California. As was said before, you are now a part of California and we welcome you any time you care to visit. Thank you for being here.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Pat Rassmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: What a fine sight you make out there. We thank you for visiting our Grand Chapter. You are welcome any time. Thank you very much for coming to this "Key to California Gold" Session.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Brothers Tom Sagar, Chairman, Appeals and Grievances; and Sisters Beverlee Sveinson, Credentials; Vern Bandel, Credentials; Betty MacAdam, Eastern Star Journal; Jeanne Castle, Membership; Hazelmae Tipton, Membership; Russell Cummings, Shrine Hospitals; June Lucretia Barnum, Parliamentarian; Betty O'Belmito, Ambassador to the Philippines. *(Grand Honors* extended.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Now, we will enjoy the musical moment with our Grand Choir.

"This Land Is Your Land" and "Building Eastern Star Together"
California Singing Stars

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Grand Choir. That was wonderful. Sister Florence Adair, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, we would be pleased to have your remarks at this time.

REMARKS

(By Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron)

Thank you for this nice stand that I can stand on and see all of you. This has been so wonderful to be here in this beautiful State of California. I must say to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, that the reception is actually gorgeous. The poppies are so vibrant, and they also let me know that you are vibrant, Sisters and Brothers. I have seen it demonstrated today. I love your enthusiasm. Don't ever lose it. You are great, believe me.

I bring you greetings of the General Grand Chapter, of course. That's what our duty is here. But most of all, I'm just here to chat with you for a minute to tell you how pleased we are that you are such wonderful members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Len sends his greeting. I know he was with you last year, but we don't always go together. So, I think right now he is in New Mexico, but he told me what a wonderful time he had and how welcome you made him.

I thank you for all the courtesies that have been extended to me from the very moment that Katie Nielsen picked us up at the airport. I don't know what Katie is, but she is wonderful. She's picked us up two or three times, and she is a good driver, too.

We have beautiful flowers in our room and I appreciate very much the presentation of our Michigan flag. I appreciate very much having this beautiful page who has been so wonderful to us, Sister Patty Stark. You know, she's young, and I like them young like that. There goes the future of our Order.

Brother Loyal, I am going to speak to you first because this is your home jurisdiction, although I know Pat is here. Come with me, my son. Loyal is such a dear and has so much enthusiasm for the Order. If I had been able to pick him myself, I would have loved to do so. But I want you to know that you are just as dear, a part of our family as if I had actually born you myself.

Here's another dear and I know you know that, too. Bob and I first met Pat and Gary when she was Worthy Grand Matron of that other state that begins with M, Minnesota. She was Worthy Grand Matron there, and I thought, "My, what a delightful woman." I have watched you,

Pat, as you have carried out service to our Order. Please know, that as long as I shall live, and I'm finished in one year and six days, Sisters and Brothers. Len and I will say good-bye, and Sister Dorothy and Brother Harles will take over. That doesn't hurt me one little bit, but Pat, know that we stand behind you and Loyal every step of the way and may the Lord let me live so I can be of service to you at your Session.

Now, there's some other very special people in this Grand Chapter, and their names happen to be Jerry and June and Tom. So, would you guys come up here. I'm from Pennsylvania. They aren't guys. Aren't they beautiful girls, though?

We want you to know that we are proud of these very fine Eastern Star members that belong to your Grand Jurisdiction. We thank them for the dedicated service that they are giving to the General Grand Chapter for three years. That's a big chunk out of your life, but we appreciate that and we thank you, and we will try to send you back in better condition than the condition that we found you.

You know and I know that our membership is smaller than it was, but I have been greatly encouraged as we have traveled around the world the past two years to see that there is a small gain, Sisters and Brothers, and that the loss is a little less. In fact, there have been several of the Grand Chapters who would have had a gain in membership if it had not been for the demits and the suspensions. So this is where we are really need to work. Find out if those who don't pay their dues need to have the dues remitted because they are perhaps in temporary straights and just too embarrassed to ask for help.

Should there be those who feel that sometimes feelings get a little bit hurt, and so they think, "I don't want to belong anymore," if we can communicate with each of these people, perhaps we can keep them in our folds and have them still be part of us. So, we hope that you will work in that direction. Even though we have a smaller membership, our charities are greater than they have ever been. During the last triennium, you, the members of the Order of Eastern Star, contributed seven million dollars to various charities. This is a tremendous outpouring of love and concern, and we appreciate that. I know that this state has done much. I have heard, as I have listened, and I thank you all. So, you should pat yourself on the back for your efforts. Be enthusiastic. I have seen it here.

All the Grand Chapters are wonderful. Each has their own flavor, but I shall never forget this one because of your joy in living. Don't lose

that, Sisters and Brothers. You do your work beautifully. I have seen that demonstrated. And, you have fun, and that's what's important. When you go home in the evening you might forget about the work, but you will remember that you laughed with a Sister or Brother. So, keep that in your heart.

Remember, dare to be different. There are those who will say to you, "We didn't do that that way. I never did that, that way." You know, these are dear members, and I don't know what you call them. In Michigan, we called them old biddies. Just keep in mind that they are really like mother hens. They have the good of the Order at the bottom of their heart. What you have to do, you have to make them think that your idea was really their idea, and they will work their hearts out for you.

Accept our youth. They are so important to us. They are our future, whether we like the thought of it or not. So, accept the bright ideas that they do. They are going to work for the Order, just as we have done, those of us who have the opportunity of more service. So, take care of them. Love them and hug them and make them welcome.

Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and don't ever mess with Mr. In-between. Remember in all parts of our lives, personal, church, and the Order of the Eastern Star, if it's to be, it is up to me. I must lead the way and encourage the others to follow. I must be willing to do the work that we want them to do. We can't leave it up to George or Mary and all those others. We must lead, Sisters and Brothers. I know that there are many wonderful leaders in this state that will carry you forward.

We have had many new Chapters. Brother Lennart has been wonderful during this triennium. In January or February we were in Italy, and we instituted two Chapters there, and then we went to Alaska and I am pleased to report there's a possibility of a new Chapter being started in Sitka, which wouldn't be right here. So, another place for you to visit.

Then we went to the Philippines and we instituted two Chapters there. Then, just as a side trip, Bob and I went over to Australia to see how they were doing in the United Grand Chapter. We have been in Peru. We have been in Bolivia. Pat has been with us. And you know, I have to tell you something, Sisters and Brothers, about Pat and Gary. You listen to this, too. She is very good. She does her work beautifully, but she shops till she drops, and then she charges. We love you anyway, Pat.

We have instituted, not we, because we were not permitted to go, but our deputies instituted two new Chapters in Columbia. One in Bogota, and one in Bucaramanga. They are very interested. The Grand Master in that country also wishes to have more Chapters started.

Then, in September we went back to Brazil to Sao Paulo. We went to instituted four Chapters and initiate 250 members. We wound up instituting 7 Chapters and 462 members. I owe the mechanics of how that was done to Sister Pat, because she was in charge, along with Sister Dorothy Dewing of lining up and getting ready for the 462 members. She was in another room, so all I know is that she was gorgeous. Be grateful, Sisters and Brothers, be so very grateful that you are American or Canadian that you can look out, see your neighbors' beautiful gardens. You are not in a compound with brick walls six foot high with glass embedded in the top. Be grateful, as you go to your Lodge or Chapter meeting that there is not an armed guard there to make sure that all is well. Be very grateful that you can go to the tap in your home and drink the water without worry. We have so much to be grateful for in this wonderful world of America. And never forget, we are American.

I want to say a word to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have led this beautiful Grand Jurisdiction to its present point. The General Grand Chapter appreciates all that you have done through the years, but especially we also say thank you to the subordinate Chapter members who filled all the hopes and dreams that each Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron had for their term of office.

Our subordinate Chapter members are the salt of the earth. They are the spice that gives our Order all the things that we need, that we can carry through the projects. We appreciate your special efforts on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, and I know that you are going to be working even harder through these next several years, and Loyal and Sister Pat will go forward to be the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

We thank you so much for all that you have done. We do ask for your continued help in the sale of our youth pins, for the sale of these pins allows extra money for scholarships for our Rainbow, Job's and DeMolay, and we feel that's very important.

And then, what do you know? I just happen to have some blanks for the "Journal," in case you haven't got a subscription yet. Come and see me afterwards. You will enjoy the "Journal" because it's going to tell

you everything that Pat and Loyal do when they are not at home. Or, if the "Journal" doesn't, come see me, and I'll tell it.

To this wonderful Choir, your music is fantastic. I have enjoyed and wished that I might get to hear you even more. We personally invite you to come to the 2000 Triennial and sing in our General Grand Chapter Choir. And let me tell you, Sisters and Brothers, that's the only place that you will have a guaranteed seat for the whole Session. Even Sisters and Brothers have said, "I can't sing, but can I be in the Choir?"

A word to these lovely Conductresses, and we wish you well as you go forward. I know you heard me say this before, but perhaps all your members haven't. When your feet get tired and hot, stick them in the toilet. The cold water in wonderful. Be sure you flush it first, though.

To Doris and Glenn in the West. We wish you so much of all that's the very best for you and your state. We know you are going to have a wonderful term and we are happy to claim you as our special children, too. You probably have butterflies in your tummy right now, and that's as it should be. I wish I could be here for your installation, but my best wishes will go with you as you are installed and throughout the coming year.

To this Worthy Mother and Worthy Father in the East, aren't they delightful? I have heard such fine things from your members about your year, and that you have been so kind and that you have cooperated. You have served the members as you have asked them to serve with you. So, we thank you for that and we thank you for all the courtesies, all the nice things that you have done. You are my kids, too. You are our kids, because loving is a part of us.

In a few years you will be hearing from Pat and Loyal, the State of the Minnesota, the State of California. Well, right now, the State of Michigan and the State of Illinois are making big plans for you for the 43rd Triennial Session. We hope that many of you will be able to join us. We are going to have lots of fun. We are going to make wonderful plans. I am going to tell you right up front, it's not going to be cheap. Bring your money with you, but you are going to receive a lot for your money, and we know that you will enjoy being with us. So, do try to come.

I want to demonstrate the sixth sign. Many of you have seen this, but it's a very important sign, and part of the duties of a Most Worthy Grand Matron is to instruct something. And you are all so good, this is the only thing left that I can instruct in. *(Hugs Worthy Grand Matron.)*

Remember, it's a pat on the back that makes it holy. Now, Sisters and Brothers, some of you today at the luncheon heard Sister Jerry give you my favorite prayer, but it is my favorite prayer, so I'm going repeat it.

Dear Lord, make me thin, and if you can't, make my good friends fat.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: As you can tell, we are very pleased to have you in California. Thank you for making your Official Visit this year. We will welcome you back any time you care to come. Didn't I tell you, you would love her? We are looking forward to being with you in just a little over a year in Detroit, and we wish you a wonderful session

Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron: One year and seven days.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Florence, we in the State of California, our Grand Chapter, are so honored to have you come and do your Official Visit to our Grand Chapter. You and your officers, Sister Pat, Brother Loyal, all your Officers and Committeemen, we are so honored to have you here.

Two years is a long time. If you ever remember that balloon you got as a child that you pump up, and my balloon keeps pumping up and pumping up, and I think it's going to explode and it pumped up further today, my gosh, we are so honored to have you here today. Thank you very much.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: The gavel that we have been using this evening is Sister Florence's gavel, and I am very pleased and proud that you allowed us to use it this evening. It has been my honor. Sister Florence, on behalf of the members of California, we have this love gift for you because we love you.

Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Sheri, is this a monetary gift? She said, "Yes." Sisters and Brothers, with your permission, I would like to place this in our ESTARL Fund, and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Escort: Grand Representatives

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Stanley Hawkes (327)	Alberta
Orine Carroll (171)	Australia
Jean Culbertson (214)	Colorado
Wayne Bode (99)	District Columbia
Jean Hodge (89)	Florida
Juanita Kennedy (588)	Georgia
Hazel Wade (103)	Idaho
Yolanda Williams (553)	Illinois
Aldene Felton (378)	Indiana
Guy E. Sherod (377)	Iowa
Betty Tusant (243/390)	Kansas
Ed Winship (643)	Maine
Bessie Watson (181)	Maryland
Joyce Stout (151)	Massachusetts
Virginia Vandenakker (90/199)	Michigan
Rachael Fanslow (241)	Mississippi
Virginia Wiest (485)	Missouri
Ron Shemm 645)	Nebraska
Fred Schulenburg (530)	Minnesota
Doris Townsend (362)	New Jersey
Rose Lee Prater (447)	Nevada
Maryetta Berti (18)	New Hampshire
Lida DeTomaso (488)	North Dakota
Irene Clark Anderson (131)	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.
Maxine Walker (297)	Oklahoma
Nina Murray (456)	Oregon
Helen Welch (150/118)	North Carolina
Mona Peterson (160/584)	Pennsylvania
Fran Aguilar (300)	Quebec
Maebelle Shipley (405)	Rhode Island
Jim Yates (33)	Puerto Rico
Bob de Camp (114)	Saskatchewan
Catherine Burt (403)	Scotland
Elsa Templin (649/322)	South Carolina
Tillie Roel (574/282)	South Dakota
Duane DeBruce (172/193)	Tennessee
Bruce Link (332/478	Virginia
Gloria Grey (200)	Vermont

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Cecilia Watt	Alberta
Fran North	Colorado
Helen Oliver	Delaware
Pat Lindsay	Louisiana
Marge Allgeier	New Jersey
Patricia McAvoy	Nevada
Doris Brown	Scotland
Sarah V. Coursey	Texas
Opal Day	Virginia

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Eddie Michael	Kansas in Nevada
Kathryn Hoey	Maryland in Delaware
Darleen Crawshaw	North Carolina in British Columbia and the Yukon
Carl Acton	Oregon in Missouri

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting the Grand Representatives of this and other jurisdictions. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Doris Parrish, our Associate Grand Matron, would you please give the welcome to our Grand Representatives.

WELCOME TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(By Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother Loyal Stark, Distinguished Members of our General Grand Chapter, Distinguished and Honored Members, Grand Representatives, Sisters and Brothers:

Through the graciousness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, it is my privilege to welcome the Grand Representatives of this and other Jurisdictions to our "Key to California Gold" Session. It is our hope that you will voice our pleasure in having you with us, as we pay homage this evening honoring our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Distinguished Members of the General Grand Chapter.

The "Golden Key" has been our Worthy Grand Matron's emblem for this 1999 year. I am confident that each of you have used your "Key" to unlock many doors by "Fanning the Flame of Friendship and Fraternalism" with dignity and love as you have traveled to the various Jurisdictions throughout the World of Eastern Star.

The Grand Representatives have my respect and admiration as you have carried forward the banner of Eastern Star and you live the ideals of our Order, spreading "Goodwill" in your daily lives. Again, you are heartily welcomed, and may this Session be a treasured memory to remain with you always.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Yolanda Williams, President of the Northern Grand Representatives Association, would you please give the response.

RESPONSE TO WELCOME

(By Yolanda Williams, (553) Grand Representative of Illinois)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, the Grand Representatives of this and other Jurisdictions, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege to speak on behalf of the Grand Representatives of this and other jurisdictions.

The Grand Representatives wish to extend to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, our undivided appreciation for your many successful endeavors this year. It is your efforts that have added strength to the fabric of our Order and stand to remind us that we are Sisters and Brothers in a fraternal family.

Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for your continued support of the Grand Representatives.

Sister Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron, thank you for your warm and heartfelt welcome. Grand Representatives, as goodwill ambassadors, do cherish the past efforts of all those who have preceded us in this office. From our predecessors we are gifted with a treasure chest which we continue to fill with the gold of new found friendships.

Our travels provide us the ability to view our Order with new vision and the resolve to convey the enduring values of our Beautiful Order.

Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron, and Glenn Jones, Associate Grand Patron, we are so pleased that you and your Grand Officers will usher in the New Millenium for our Order. We look forward to traveling on your Royal Highways, and I thank you on behalf of the Grand Representatives of this and other Jurisdictions.

Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, California is fortunate to have two Associations. It is my honor to present this Honorary Membership from the Northern Association, with love and affection.

Virginia Wiest, President of the Southern Grand Representatives: Sister Florence, on behalf of the Southern California Association, it is my honor and pleasure to present to you our honorary membership and our love gift.

Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my Sisters.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Pat Caceres, may we have the report from Fraternal Correspondence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

(By Pat Caceres, Past Matron (189/59), Chairman)

Thank you, Sister Sheri Weisser. Protocol established, I would like to introduce the Committee for this year: Sisters Diane West, Cecile Munslow and Pat Caceres.

Each of the members was excited and enthusiastic about our task. We read several Proceedings with some double years of the same Jurisdiction. The most difficult to read were New Jersey and Australia because of their distinct differences from our Grand Chapter. I was lucky to find someone more familiar with these jurisdictions so I could ask questions.

All year I tried to think of some clever way to capture your attention. Would it be humor, a skit, just what? As we began the task, and after reading a few proceedings, I realized that it would be difficult to be humorous when one of the Worthy Grand Matrons was not even able to attend her Grand Chapter due to illness and one of the Associate Grand Matrons passed from this life before her installation and her fraternal Grandmother completed her year.

Usually, my leisure reading is some juicy Danielle Steele book, and I began to read the Proceedings just as I do that leisure reading. In many ways, each of Danielle's books are alike; it is the heroine and the hero that makes each book different. I began to look at those similarities and differences. As a reader the reality of our hard work became much more clear. I was in awe of all of the Brothers and Sisters that participate throughout the world to make each Grand Chapter a success.

As you leave at the end of this Session, pat yourself on the back for all the work you do to contribute to the message of our Order. I encourage all of you to go home and read the Proceedings, and you, too, will be enlightened and appreciate the work of our Order.

One interesting theme that seems to be moving into many jurisdictions is to move our charity work into a community charity, like "Make A Wish." I am sure that such a move will move the name of Eastern Star into the public eye.

I would suggest that the Grand Line set up a standard form that would reflect the information that they would like this Committee to glean from the proceedings. As it was, the Committee had to select the items that they thought were appropriate.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Pat. Your report will be printed in the proceedings. We appreciate all the reading that your Committee did. I know it was tedious and you spent many hours. I am sure you enjoyed reading about all the different traditions, events and projects of our various Sister jurisdictions. Thank you for all the time that you spent on this Committee. We appreciate it.

Stephanie Herzog, may we have the report on the Community Service Program, please.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

(By Stephanie Herzog, Past Matron (577), Chairman)

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

As the chairperson of the Community Service Award Program, I had the pleasure to send 383 pins out to members.

The members did between 50 to 600 hours volunteering for Cancer Dressing Stations, hospitals, schools, and Girls and Boys Scouts. These people do a lot for our Order and for their community. I want to

thank every one of them for their time to their community and to our Order. Thank you to the Grand Representatives for their help. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, for this appointment to serve on this Committee.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Stephanie. Stephanie is a Past Matron of my Chapter, and she herself performs many hours of community service, so I could not think of anyone better suited to chair this Committee. Thank you, Stephanie. I know you enjoyed counting and calculating hours and sending those pins out. My thanks, also, to the Grand Representatives for assisting in the presentation and the gathering of those hours.

Sister Kathie Runcie, may we have a report of the Membership Committee?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

(By Kathie Runcie, Past Matron (530), Chairman)

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

I have the pleasure to introduce the members of our Committee who are here with us this evening: Sisters Shirley Harris, Diane Spark, Dazel Mull and Brother Gerald Flagg. We thank you very much for being with us.

Regretfully, my Sisters and Brothers this membership report will be somewhat negative in nature. We have heard the report of our Grand Secretary and the number of members we have lost in this year, over 3,100. Of course, we have no control over when the links of our Golden Chain are severed, but we can take remedial action in other ways.

Membership is not only the acquisition of new Sisters and Brothers, it includes **involvement** and **retention** of those who are already on our rolls. How often we hear it said that he or she has not been back to Chapter since they were initiated. Whose fault is that? First, it is the responsibility of the sponsor of the candidate. If the sponsor pays little or no attention to the new member after their initiation, they, like a potted plant that is not watered and fertilized soon will be lost from neglect.

Second, the Worthy Matron may fail to implement the methods she should utilize for activating the interest of the new member. An

example: issuing a welcoming letter to them; publishing an article about them in the newsletter; encouraging them by a phone call or appointing them to a Committee. Make them feel that they are important to their new Chapter.

Yes, active membership in addition to involvement requires **retention**. Retention tends not to be a problem if there is involvement. However, when it is a concern, do we take the easy way and simply issue a demit? We know that every request for a demit is to be investigated. But, how thorough is that investigation? Possibly there is a serious problem prevailing that might be alleviated by establishing rapport with that member. Remember, assistance may not only result in retention of the member, but reinforce and strengthen what we already know, that we as a fraternity do care about the welfare of our members.

California is supporting the program of this triennium of the Rob Morris Membership Jewel for the attainment of 300 points as a top signer. This year, 31 jewels have been awarded. We are proud of those who sought this new member. However, we can do better not only because we will be on the rolls of the number of jewels awarded, but more importantly, because we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we personally are committed to reversing the trend and changing the negative to positive by increasing growth at the onset of this new millennium. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege of serving on this Committee.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kathie, and to your Committee. This is a small Committee when you compare the number of members we have in California. We thank you for making yourselves available to the local Membership Committees, and we thank you, too, for bringing more attention to the Rob Morris Jewel so that more of our members are aware of it.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Before we close this evening, we want to thank our Grand Organist for her beautiful music. For those of you who are in the room earlier before we started the Session, you were privileged to hear the real talent of our Grand Organist. Thank you, Betty.

Following close of this Session, we invite all of you to greet our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our General Grand Chapter Committee Members in the foyer outside the banquet room areas at the Radisson.

I now declare this Thursday evening Session called from Labor to Refreshment to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 8:54 p.m.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

FRIDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 22, 1999

8:30 a.m. **Musical Prelude:** Betty Schmieter, Grand Organist

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Escort: Hostess and Host

Entrance: Grand Officers of California

Patricia Quibell, Past Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the extreme honor to present Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Patricia Quibell, Past Grand Matron and Brother Clinton Dillon, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, our Hostess and Host this morning. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Patricia Quibell, Past Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, it is with great love and deep pride that I have the honor of presenting to you your gavel, symbol of your authority, which you have wielded so well.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pat, could we would be pleased to have your address of welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Patricia Quibell, Past Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Host Brother Clint Dillon, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

Good morning! Now I know from that response that some of you got up and said, "Good morning, Lord," and some of you greeted the day with, "Good Lord, it's morning." Either way I welcome you to this Friday Morning Session. I am going to digress from my formal remarks because I have a very special presentation that I would like to give to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

I come from the far end of California, up in Redding. I am sure all of you have read and heard about the tragic fires and it has just been a total disaster. Governor Gray Davis has declared Shasta County a total disaster area three times in two months. We have lost hundreds of thousands of acres of forestry and trees. We have lost over a thousand homes. It has been just almost too cataclysmic to possibly imagine. I know that we are feeding the little critters here and they are just bounding around, I hope, in some wonderful plush forest as our little critters will be when our Worthy Grand Matron will distribute them.

In light of this, Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, we are planting a tree for Sister Sheri and one for Brother Ron. We have a very active group called the "Paul Bunyan Plant A Tree Project." They are working with the Division of Forestry, and they will give us space for the trees that will grow to eternity in honor of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

You know, Sister Sheri and Brother Ron, little did I dream that twenty-two years later when you served as one of my Worthy Matrons in 1977, and you, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, as one of my Worthy Patrons of 1977, that I would be addressing you with your prestigious titles fills my heart with happiness.

We are coming to the end of another Grand Chapter year. The history of the activities accomplished and some hoped for will forever be recorded for future years. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, you are fulfilling your duties with grace, honor and compassion. May the balance of your Session be productive and for the good of our beautiful Order.

I heard a little proverb the other day and I would like to share it with each one of you. "Lord, when I am wrong please give me the courage to say so, and Lord, when I am right, make me easy to live with."

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Pat. Brother Clint, we would be pleased to have your welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(By Clinton Dillon, Past Grand Patron)

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

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for inviting me to be the welcoming Host for this Friday Morning Session of your Grand Chapter Week. It is indeed a pleasure to share this duty with Sister Patricia Quibell, our welcoming Hostess. I am proud to be a part of the presentation made to you and to Brother Ron Behnke. The "Paul Bunyan Plant A Tree Project" is certainly a worthwhile endeavor to replenish our forest.

Worthy Grand Matron, in keeping with our Worthy Grand Patron's reception this year, "Eureka, Eureka, I found it, I found it." What did I find? I found "The Key to California Gold."

After studying the history of the Gold Rush of California let me take you back to the wagon trains as they made their way along the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails. Upon reaching California the people made their way to the gold fields and ultimately settled in the hills and valleys of California.

A few of the miners became wealthy with their find of that shiny metal. However, most came to realize that God gave them a greater gift than gold. That gift was a rich soil, hard work that brought about self - satisfaction of a job well done and most of all love for one another.

I look at our members this morning, many of whom I know personally, and I know that, like the settlers, God has touched you in a special way. You see, the Worthy Grand Matron can name any project, show our members a need and then call on a group – any group of Eastern Star members - and they will accomplish the task. Why will they be successful? They will pool their ideas and resources, then they will work harder for their Order than they would work to make a living

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I present to you the "Key to California Eastern Star Gold," our Eastern Star Members.

Sisters and Brothers, you have been diligent in your deliberation during this Grand Chapter Session and you have worked very hard. Give yourself a round of applause for a job well done.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pat, as you mentioned, in 1977 I was one of your "Angels from Heaven." The instructions we

received from you as we made our way to the East formed a strong foundation, and life-long friendships were established. A special bond was formed with you and Doctor Ray and our Jerry and Dee. What great times we had! I thank you for the special tree that you are having planted to replenish the forest in the Redding area. I truly do appreciate it.

Thank you for bringing our greetings this morning. Brother Clint, I served as a page to our Grand Secretary in 1987. However, I always felt as though your Grand Family had "adopted" me. How great it was to be part of that "Red Wave!"

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Pat, as Sister Sheri said, we served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in 1977, and I think your words match my words. You never thought that you would be able to be here addressing us, and I never thought I would be up here having you address us. '77 was a wonderful year, and the start of a wonderful time for both Cathy and me in Eastern Star. We appreciate that wonderful start that you helped us gain.

Brother Clint, your words of wisdom, your words of encouragement are always most welcome, and both Sheri and I are very honored to have both of you start our Session this morning. Thank you very much.

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

Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain: Our Heavenly Father, we are gathered this morning for our Friday Session of our Grand Chapter. We thank You for the love and harmony we have experienced. We pray that You will continue it throughout our Session and consecrate our efforts to your glory. Father, we hold up to You this morning our Sisters and Brothers in the North who may have encountered dilemma in your natural disaster. We pray that You will bless and comfort them until they may be made whole again. And Lord, all of this we ask for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal, made the proper proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We want to thank our Sister Betty for playing again this morning before our meeting. We appreciate it.

Escort: Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sisters Debbie Michael, Grand Conductress of Nevada, and Judi Duffield, Grand Chaplain of Minnesota. Please give them a hearty welcome.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Thursday Morning, Afternoon and Evening Sessions were approved as read.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Ron Aubery, You will give the report of the Annual Session site.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL SESSION SITE

(By Ron Aubery, Past Patron (577), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the members of the 1999 Annual Grand Session Site Committee. They are Sister Connie Snow, Poinsettia No. 287 Oceanside and Fallbrook No. 390, Fallbrook, and Brother Glen Worrell, Libertas No. 362 Bakersfield.

This Committee has the responsibility of investigating potential Grand Chapter Session sites for the year 2004. We have used the tools developed by previous Committees listing over 25 criteria to be used in qualifying potential sites. Sites that meet these criteria are then asked to present a proposal, and then to make a presentation at Grand Chapter for your consideration. These criteria and the desires of the membership in what they are looking for in a potential site, serve as guide to this Committee in making its recommendation.

This year we sent invitations to eight convention bureaus: Anaheim, Bakersfield, Fresno, Ontario, Palm Springs (at the request of a member), Redding, Riverside, and Tri-Valley (comprising Pleasanton and surrounding areas). Anaheim, Ontario and Redding did not respond to our inquiries. Palm Springs and Tri-Valley replied that they would like to submit proposals next year after reviewing our requirements more thoroughly. Bakersfield, Fresno and Riverside responded with favorable proposals. Like last year, all sight finalists were invited to have material, information and video presentations available for review in the Exhibit Hall, and to have representatives from the sites available to answer members' questions.

At this point, I would like to give an illustration that a Past Grand Patron suggested I share with you. In my first year on this Committee, I gained a great appreciation of the expense of putting together these Sessions. One site, that was under review, appeared to suit our needs. However, that area's major industry was scheduled to hold a majority of its trade shows at the same time. We were told that they could reserve the three facilities for us, but at the cost of $10,000 a day. This example provides the following illustration; although there are many fine facilities in which to hold our sessions, there are also many other factors that weigh in this committee's recommendation for a future site.

In July of this year, I received a letter from a member of the 2001 Grand Chapter Week Committee. This member expressed concerns regarding the Bakersfield facility, relative to distance and route from the convention center and its parking area, and to the number of designated handicapped parking areas. We later received several similar letters from other members concerning the Bakersfield site. In August, Glen Worrell and I met with representatives of the 2001 Grand Chapter Week Committee and representatives from Bakersfield. These representatives presented a very feasible solution to the parking situation, the distance and route involved, and the number of designated handicapped parking spaces. With this presentation, we agreed that these concerns were addressed and resolved to the satisfaction of those in attendance, and that we should have a very successful Grand Chapter Session in Bakersfield in 2000 and 2001.

It is now our pleasure to welcome the representatives from the three cities bidding for our 2004 Grand Chapter Session. They will briefly describe to you the attributes of the facilities they represent. We will call upon them in alphabetical order.

At this time, we will hear from Jackie Belluomini, Vice President of the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau.

INVITATION FROM THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
(By Jackie Belluomini, Vice President of the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau)

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

I am Jackie Belluomini, with the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. With me today is Bill Birge, Sales Manager of the Holiday Inn Select. We are here today on behalf of the City of

Bakersfield to invite you to hold your Grand Chapter Session in our city in the year 2004.

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

Bakersfield has over 4000 sleeping rooms and we have reserved the best of these for Grand Chapter in 2004. All of these rooms are within two miles from our convention center. The majority of the hotels we will be using offer a complimentary continental breakfast. These hotels have offered a guaranteed rate for the 2004. There is something for everyone. These rates range from $43 to $89.

We have chosen the Holiday Inn Select as your headquarter hotel. You will hear more about it from Bill Birge the Sales Manager.

We have several RV parks and arrangements have been made for RVs to park at our Kern County Fairgrounds that is two miles south of the convention center.

Now, without having to get into their cars or cross the street 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. Everything is under one roof.

The convention center has tiered seating for the entire Grand Chapter members. There is ample floor space for the stage area and seating along with a large area for floor seating for your Grand Chapter Officers.

We have all the necessary items to make your event successful and enjoyable: Handicapped accessibility, medical facilities, all necessary electrical outlets, public address and sound systems, large area for your vendors with security, and all parking is free.

If you do not want to drive your car, we are providing complimentary transportation from your hotel and will take you right to the to the convention center. For those of you who do wish drive, we will also pick you up in the parking lot and deliver you to the door of the convention center. We are also providing extra handicapped parking spaces.

Along with that we will provide extra security in the parking lots, the convention center and at the RV location at the fairgrounds or wherever your Committee might request it.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is second to none in the fine art of service. We will take care of all your housing reservations and provide registrars to assist you during registration. And this, too, is at no cost to the Grand Chapter.

Bakersfield has 723 restaurants. There is something to satisfy everyone. Many of these have banquet and meeting rooms for your individual breakfasts, lunches, or dinners.

We also have 23 ice cream parlors and two of the best are locally owned. They make their ice cream on the premises. These just happen to be located between the Convention Center and your hotels.

The Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star will be our only guests that week and we will provide our full attention. I realize change is not easy, but each morning we wake up to a new day and something new and good comes our way. Maybe it is so small we don't realize it.

In January, we will be entering into the millenium, new and exciting things will be out there for us, and Bakersfield wants to be part of your wonderful experiences. Remember vote for Bakersfield for the ideal location for your Grand Chapter Session in the year 2004.

Bill Birge, Holiday Inn Select: Thank you, Jackie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished, Honored Members, this great Grand Chapter Session:

Jackie Belluomini has graciously welcomed you to our great city of Bakersfield. I too wish to personally extend to you the hand of fellowship and welcome you to Bakersfield and especially to the Holiday Inn Select Convention Center.

Let me briefly introduce to you our LUXURY Hotel and Convention Center facilities located in the heart of downtown Bakersfield connected to the Convention Center and Centennial Gardens.

As you enter the palm tree lined two-story atrium lobby you are greeted by our bubbling marble fountain and our friendly staff who are ready and willing to assist you with your every need. From check-in to check-out they are there to provide you with our exceptional service.

Our hotel is a nine-story hotel comprising of 252 spacious deluxe rooms, five two-room parlor suites, and a beautifully appointed Presidential Suite. The deluxe accommodations are filled with

amenities that will surely exceed your expectations. For example, each room has remote control 25" color TV, iron/ironing boards, coffee with coffee makers and much more. Our Q Street Bistro and Lounge are adjacent to the lobby fountain and swimming pool. We have complimentary shuttle service from the Airport and Amtrak stations, complimentary parking with designated handicapped spaces. We realize and understand that each groups has specific needs and we are equipped and prepared to provide you with any needs you may require. I'm aware you need VIP designated reservation parking. We have that available for you, and we will provide that for you.

Our hotel is spacious, and we are going to provide a venue of a variety of food venues so you can expediently and quickly receive lunch and go about your business today. Hopefully, not to stand in any lines.

We are offering a flat rate for your 2004 convention. This means a savings to you. There will be NO additional charge for additional people in the rooms. So a single, double, triple, quad occupancy would be all the same rate, and we are going to guarantee our 2000 rates for 2004. There will be no increase.

We want you to become part of our family. We want you to come to our city. Our staff is especially trained to anticipate and attend to the needs of each guest. We have a wonderful hotel and, more importantly, we provide you the service that takes us over the top!

In closing I would like to mention or brag if I may. The Holiday Inn Select Convention Center was voted by the city in 1998 as the **Best Hotel in Bakersfield.**

Thank you for giving myself and Jackie Belluomini the opportunity to present our city and especially the Holiday Inn Select Convention Center to you today.

Ron Aubery, Past Patron, Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: Thank you. We will now hear from Sandra Andrews, Convention Sales Manager for the Fresno City and County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

INVITATION FROM THE CITY OF FRESNO

(By Sandra Andrews, Convention Sales Manager, Fresno City and County Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

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

Welcome once again to Fresno. We are indeed honored to have your convention here in our city. My name is Sandra Andrews and I represent the Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau. This morning it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to present Fresno's bid for your convention in the year 2004.

I feel qualified and am familiar with the needs and requirements of your organization since I was born and raised in a Masonic and Eastern Star environment. I well remember Thursday nights seeing my father depart in a tuxedo to his Masonic lodge meeting, and my mother on Fridays in a formal to her Eastern Star Chapter while my friends and neighbors were going to ballgames and the like. I am proud of the fact that my parents are Past Matron and Past Patron of La Sierra Venus Chapter here in Fresno, and that my father, Sam Pavlovich is a 33rd-degree Mason and a Past Grand Master of Masons of California.

We have reserved the Fresno Convention Center for the dates of October 18 - 24, 2004, pending your favorable decision. Rest assured that these dates do not conflict with any other major conventions.

You know us well, and you know our convention facilities as well as we do! We will continue to offer the Order of the Eastern Star convention facilities to fulfill your business meeting space requirements, rental free.

And, in order that you may thrive as an organization, Fresno and our Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide the Order of the Eastern Star the following, free of charge: Coordination of hotel accommodations and hotel confirmations, convention name badges and inserts, and concierge desk on site at your convention.

Fresno has over 7,000 hotel/motel room accommodations offering first class to economy, at a variety of rates.

Let us not forget the importance of Fresno's location. Being located in the center of California equalizes travel time from points north and south, and therefore helps stimulate better convention attendance.

Yes, Fresno meets your needs with: convention and banquet facilities, the spacious arena (with over 9,000 tiered seats and adequate stage and stage seating capacity), our well-equipped Exhibit Hall and meeting rooms, with plentiful electrical outlets, power distribution boxes, medical facilities, and a secure area for food vendors.

Quality accommodations and a variety of restaurants within walking distance from the convention center with a range in prices for every budget.

To conclude, Fresno will always value and honor your business, and we look forward to having you with us during the year 2002. We will be thrilled to continue the new century with the year 2004.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members of this Grand Chapter Session, for giving me the honor of presenting Fresno's bid for the year 2004. Fresno loves you all. Thank you, and please permit me to introduce Cheryl Capling, Director of Sales for the Radisson Hotel.

Cheryl Capling, Director of Sales, Radisson Hotel: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and Distinguished Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

My name is Cheryl Capling, the Director of Sales for the your headquarter hotel the New Radisson, your home away from home. We love Eastern Star and it has been a pleasure to have been your host for the past couple of years.

Here are a few benefits on why you should vote for Fresno:

We are offering you 280 total rooms per night at the Radisson which is 45 more guest room nights than our competitors can offer. That means that 700 of your delegates will be able to stay right across the street. That is 130 more delegates that can stay at the Radisson then in other cities headquarter hotels.

The Radisson has 265 complimentary hotel parking spaces around the hotel and complimentary parking in the garage for all our Eastern Star hotel guests

To better accommodate you, we have extended the restaurant hours and have set up buffets in the Atrium so that all of you can relax and enjoy fellowship with your friends.

We are in the process of a complete guest room renovation. Some of the delegates are experiencing our beautifully decorated new guests rooms. Including our recently added hair dryers, coffee makers, and all the amenities you have come to expect. In 2004 you will surely experience an all new look a your favorite Radisson hotel. We are committed to excellence.

We are so excited to give you the same rates that I offered you in 2003. There will be no rate increase from the rates from 2003, and it will be a flat rate whether it is for one to four people in the room.

We are extending a special rate of $85 single and $89 double for the year 2004.

In closing, chose Fresno for your 2004 convention, your home away from home. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Ron Aubery, Past Patron, Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: At this time, we were supposed to hear from Debbie Megna, Executive Director of the Riverside Convention Visitors Bureau. Unfortunately, I received a call late yesterday that due to some other concerns that required her immediate attention, she would not be able to be here, but she asked me to share a few of the following points regarding their site. So, I shall. Bear with me.

Riverside, at the convention center, will be providing complementary parking at the site. They wanted me to tell you that 75 percent of the parking is in an underground facility and that the designated handicapped spaces are near elevators to the convention floor.

They also wanted you to know that there will be no charge for the center for its use; that it is about 40 good paces from the convention center to the Holiday Inn Select, which would be the main hotel. A secondary hotel is the Mission Inn, which is about 125 paces or about a half a block away.

There are also meeting facilities on the grounds. As it is laid out, you have the convention center here, parking center next to it, and then they have the RV facilities. So, we won't have our RV folks too far away from the center.

Last year, they did not think they would have enough space to accommodate us. That has been resolved. So, they are looking forward to having our business. They still do not have tiered seating, but have offered a bleacher style substitute. I told them how that would go over, and I can hear how it is going over now. But they are trying, folks. Remember the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We are trying to get it just right.

The hotel is the Holiday Inn Select. There will be complimentary parking at that facility. They are the number one hotel in Southern California regarding quality and they have received numerous awards

in that area. They will be offering competitive rates; the same as the other sites that you see here. Unfortunately, I didn't get the exact figures. I can get that, if anybody so desires.

That is about all I can give as the quote, "hot topic" points, without giving their presentation. I hope I have done some justice to them. I look forward to hearing from them in the future.

I would like to thank each of these representatives and their support staffs for all their hard work in preparing these proposals.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving as your Chairman for this Committee. On behalf of Sister Connie and Brother Glenn, we have appreciated the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter and our members.

We would like to, after we get done with these presentations, refer back to within our Committee, along with the other appropriate Committees, to present our formal recommendation later on in this Grand Chapter Session.

If there is no objection, this report will be submitted for acceptance and the proposals from the City of Bakersfield, Fresno and Riverside will be submitted to the Finance Committee for their review and recommendations.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Ron. We want to thank you and your Committee for all the hard work and all the leg work they have done in preparing this report, and our special thanks to the representatives of Bakersfield and Fresno for being here to present their sites. Your report will be distributed to the Committee on Finance for further review. We will have a report from the Consolidation Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION

(By Debbie Maiman, Past Matron (245), Chairman)

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

Sister Sheri, this has been a golden year for you in California, and the members of this Committee thank you for the privilege of serving our Order during your special year.

The Consolidation Committee has sixteen dedicated members. Each one is willing to travel many miles to help Chapter members in the

decisions made, when a consolidation is being considered. I am pleased to introduce those members present today: Sisters Mary Green, Marian Klusman, Beth Ferris, Wally Campbell, Donna Turner, Claudia Unger, Velma Bostic, and Brother Art Moran.

Every Grand Chapter Committee should be busy at work all year long, reaching for goals chairmen have set at the beginning of the new Eastern Star year. I have set a goal for this Committee every year that I have served as chairman - to have nothing to do. That's right. Nothing to do. Yes, if we did nothing to do for one whole year, think what a triumph for our Order the membership will have accomplished. Chapters with active members, sideliners involved, line offices filled, and no one calling the chairman to have a Committee member speak regarding the process of consolidation.

It's a goal to reach for, however, when it is not accomplished we are here for you the members. Most Chapter members feel they have failed in some way if there is a consolidation. That is not true. We are members of the Order, just like you. Many of us have been through a consolidation in our own Chapter and know the feelings and uncertainties your members are going through during the process of consolidation. We are your guide through the process, not the leader or dictator of what should be happening. The chapter committees meet with a Grand Chapter committee member to make the important decisions about the future of the new chapter. It is the assistance of the committee member that is important, so that the procedure follows the Constitution and Laws of our Grand Jurisdiction.

The members of the Consolidation Committee are caring and always willing to listen to special circumstances. Each consolidation is unique and important to the member who is assigned to help accomplish a successful uniting of two Chapters.

Sister Sheri, I am happy to report that your Committee was not as busy this year as it has been in the past. We did have twelve consolidations completed in the 1998-1999 year, it is true, but there are only two to be completed with installation in November. The details are included in this report. In past years we have had as many as eight or nine to be completed at installation.

Most Chapters feel that the last resort, before closing a chapter is consolidation. Dear members, please do not feel that the Consolidation Committee is the last resort, before closing a Chapter. We are your best resource for the future. It should not be considered a defeat for your membership to call on us. We are here to help you build our Order. We

are just taking a different path. We are here to give you our support and knowledge, until that day, when the chairman reports; "Worthy Grand Matron, we had nothing to do this year."

Sister Sheri, the members of the Consolidation Committee have been pleased to serve our Order in 1999.

Consolidations-Completed-In Progress-Abandoned in 1998-1999

COMPLETED IN 1998-1999

Chapter Names:

Calistoga-Keystone #189 Valley of the Moon #85	Completed-November 14, 1998 Silverado #189
Veritas #84 Fidelia #56	Completed-November 14, 1998 Fidelia #56
Sunnyvale #250 Los Altos #636	Completed-November 15, 1998 Valley Star #250
Taft #323 Bakersfield #125	Completed-November 15, 1998 Bakersfield #125
Lynwood #438 Bellflower #397	Completed-November 21, 1998 Bellflower #397
Vernon-Lyman #35 Amapola #119	Completed-November 29, 1998 Amapola Vernon Lyman #35
Desert Star #602 Yucca Valley #629	Completed-February 7,1999 Desert Valley #602
Pomona #110 Star of the West #468	Completed-February 14, 1999 Star of the Pomona #110
Sunset #280 Pacific Star #252	Completed- March 5, 1999 Pacific Star #252
Fidelity #131 Sisson-White Pine #175	Completed-March 27, 1999 Fidelity #131
Gate City #212 Arrowhead #75	Completed-April 18, 1999 Gate City #212

Oak Leaf #8	Completed-September 28, 1999
Estrellita #541	Oak Leaf #8

CONSOLILDATIONS IN PROGRESS 1999

North Park #358 Harbor Lights #478	Joint Chapter meeting scheduled for October 28, 1999 – Installation will be November 20, 1999 if successful
Hesperian #112 Mountain View #552	Committee meeting scheduled for October 10, 1999 - Report backs scheduled for 11/20 and 11/23.

CONSIDERING

Committee members spoke to:

Oxnard Chapter #322 in September
Carnation Chapter #171 in May

CONSOLIDATIONS NOT COMPLETED (Abandoned)

Estrellita #541 Carita #115	Failed at report back. Estrellita completed a successful consolidation with Oak Leaf #8 in September 1999.
San Miguel #579 Star of the East #300	Failed at report back meeting.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Debbie, we extend our thanks to you and your Committee for all of your hard work this year. There are a lot of myths out there about consolidation, and we appreciate the willingness of your Committee Members to attend Chapters and dispel some of those myths and help the Chapter to work through the process of consolidation when necessary. Thank you very much for serving.

(The Delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments)

"Swinging on a Star" . . . California Singing Stars

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Grand Choir. That was beautiful. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

Sisters and Brothers, at this time I will read to you several decisions that have been rendered this year by the Worthy Grand Matron. She would like to include these decisions in Part VII of our Constitution and Laws.

DECISIONS:

1. **Grand Honors for Deputy Grand Matrons at their official visit.**
   Deputy Grand Matrons are not entitled to receive Grand Honors at their official visit. (Instruction Book page 22-A, second paragraph, and page 52, fourth paragraph.)

2. **Conflict in legislation between Ritual or Red Book of General Grand Chapter.**
   If a conflict exists between legislation and our Ritual or the Red Book of General Grand Chapter, such legislation shall be deemed out of order. (Sections 32 and 34)

3. **Tape recording of Chapter meetings.**
   It is improper to tape record Chapter meetings. (Section 149)

4. **Special projects of the Eastern Star Home.**
   The establishment of a new and permanent means of recognition for contributions to the Home requires legislation and the approval of the Delegates. (Sections 466 and 467)

MOTION: Pursuant to Section 51 of our Constitution and Laws, I move that these decisions be accepted.

ACCEPTED

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my desire that you preside.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Carl, if you would give your report on the Key Member Program.

REPORT ON KEY MEMBER TRAVEL PROGRAM

(By Carl Wallis, Past Patron (530), Chairman)

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

Sister Sheri, first I want to thank you for asking me to be the Chairman of the Key Member Travel Program. I enjoyed this very much. It has been one of the highlights of my life.

My sincere thanks to the Grand Representatives and former Grand Representatives for their cooperation and assistance in taking the time to collect the point sheets, forward them to me and present the pins to our members.

A total of 736 pins were distributed throughout the state. Again, thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Carl, thank you for accepting this position. I just knew you would love this job. Our thanks to all of the members who submitted their point sheets in order to receive this travel pin. We appreciate all that you did for your Chapters and in your travels. Thank you, Brother Carl.

Sister Callie Miller, may we have a report on Necrology and Divine Services, please.

REPORT Of THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY AND DIVINE SERVICES

(By Callie Miller, Past Matron (352), Chairman)

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

Sister Sheri, I wish to begin by thanking you most sincerely for inviting me to serve as Chairman of your 1999 Necrology and Divine Service. To the outstanding members of this Committee, I thank you for saying yes when I invited you to serve with me.

These Committee members, Worthy Grand Matron, were invited to serve for I knew they would be very pleasant to work with, we would share a variety of talents, and we would be dedicated to the goal of preparing and presenting a meaningful and memorable worship service. We believe our "To God Be The Glory" theme will fulfill this goal.

I am pleased to introduce the members of this hardworking committee: Bill and Bonnie Martin, Co-Chairmen, of Evening Star Chapter; Diane Cottone, North Hollywood-Noel and Burbank Chapter; Lelia Read, Reseda Chapter; and Cynthia and John Wolcott, Burbank Chapter; James and Elizabeth Jarnagin of Reseda Chapter will join us on Saturday.

My grateful appreciation is extended to all of our Sisters and Brothers who will participate in our Sunday morning service. Brother Tom McKinney, who will deliver the morning message, our wonderful soloists, Sister Betty Kaae and Brother Don Snyder, our musicians, Sister Evelyn Walker and Brother Harold Hand, and of course, the musical contribution from our California Singing Stars under the direction of Sister Shirley Hicks.

Thank you, Sister Sheri, for allowing me the liberty and opportunity, with no restrictions, to lead the Committee and plan as I chose. The Committee looks forward to welcoming the members to the Saroyan Theatre at 10:00 o'clock on Sunday morning. Again, Sister Sheri, I thank you for the special privilege of serving.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Callie. I am very pleased that you agreed to accept this position. I knew from the very first day I would like to have the Grand Martha and the Grand Chaplain and his wife of 1995 handle this Committee. You have done a beautiful job and I am sure the services on Sunday will be very nice. Thank you all for all your participation.

Sister Claudia Unger, Chairman of History Book, may we have your report at this time?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY BOOK

(By Claudia Unger, Past Matron (128/195), Chairman)

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

Some say that writing a book is like giving birth; if this is the case, I feel like I have given birth to an elephant! I was beginning to think it would be a stillborn elephant, but the latest word is "Yes, we will have a book!" This Committee was created in 1998 by then Worthy Grand Matron Sue McKinney, to update the Grand Chapter Centennial Book with the events of the past twenty-five years.

We began with great enthusiasm to write a companion piece to stand alone beside the previous volume. We got bogged down, however, and

realized we would need another year to bring our project to fruition. Worthy Grand Matron, Sheri Weisser, graciously allowed us to continue, with the stipulation that the back stock of the original book was about gone, and would also need to be reprinted. This did not meet with the approval of the Finance Committee, who would only authorize the publication of one book.

Since our estimates from the printers exceeded $5,000, we needed the approval of the Finance Committee to continue. By the time everyone had reached agreement on what the book would actually look like, the manuscript had essentially been rewritten three times, the final version allowing for the new material to be seamlessly interwoven with the old. Many of the anecdotes and names included in the original drafts, the personalities that enlivened our Grand Chapter Sessions, were edited out in the interest of space.

The good news is that the Finance Committee on Tuesday approved the contract with the printer, and the book should be available soon. This will be the new, improved, consolidated version, covering 125 years of California Eastern Star history. Please place your order, $25.00 postage paid, at the Secretary's table in the Exhibit Hall.

We sincerely thank those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who actively supported this project by contributing material on their years in the Grand East. To Past Grand Patron Dennis Jordan, Nancy Jordan and Frances Parker-Smythe, our Committee, thank you so much for all your work. I know how hard you worked. To my husband John, thank you so much for buying me a scanner and then learning how to use it. The rewriting would have been twice as hard without your help. I also wish to sincerely thank Past Grand Matron, Sue McKinney, and Worthy Grand Matron, Sheri Weisser, for appointing me to this Committee and allowing me to work on this worthwhile project.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Claudia, for all of your hard work on this Committee. I know we have exchanged e-mails several times. It is finally going to be, and we appreciate all that you have done to make it so.

(The Delegates considered and voted upon proposed amendments.)

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

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

(At 11:28 a.m. the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 22, 1999

1:45 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Louese Newman, Past Matron (622)

Entrance: Grand Officers

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

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper Proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We want to thank Sister Louese Newman for her beautiful prelude this afternoon.

Escort: Past Grand Matron of Other Jurisdiction

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Lori Woodard, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Grand Representative

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Brother E.L. "Woody" Woodard, Grand Representative of Arizona in Oregon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

(The delegates considered and voted upon the proposed amendments)

June Barnum, Past Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, legislation distributed has been completed. We will be available just because that's what we are supposed to do. But otherwise, we hand this all back to you with thanks for the skillful way you have handled it.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister June, but the credit belongs to those three Committees back there. Thank you

very much for all your hard work. Brother Ron, are you ready for your proposal?

Ron Aubery, Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: MOTION: The Annual Selection Committee, after hearing the presentation of Bakersfield, Fresno and Riverside, deliberated over our recommendation and, after meeting with the members of the Finance and Jurisprudence Committee, who reviewed the general terms and conditions of the proposals, this Committee recommends the Grand Chapter Session for the year 2004 be held in Fresno. Worthy Grand Matron, I so move. *(Motion is seconded.)*

Dale Naylor, Past Patron (300): MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, Dale Naylor, Star of the East. I move this be postponed for next year, put a tentative acceptance of Fresno, which will hold it, and wait to see how Bakersfield comes out, put off the vote until next year, to see what we are dealing with at Fresno. *(Motion was seconded.)*

Glenn Jones, Associate Grand Patron: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to have this item referred back to Committee for further information. *(Motion is seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Ron Aubery, Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: Worthy Grand Matron, I thought my job was going to be over by now.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara Dove, may we hear from you at this time?

Barbara Dove, Past Matron (642): I'm going to do something a little different today. I'm going to sing an opera aria by Puccini from Tosca "Vissi D'arte".

"Vissi D'arte" . . . Barbara Dove, Past Matron (632)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Wasn't that beautiful? I understand why she has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall. Thank you, Sister Barbara.

Escort: Residents of the Senior Living Community and Home Board of Trustees

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my very special pleasure to present these wonderful ladies to

you: Sisters Ethel Hansen, Bakersfield Chapter, escorted by Brother Tom McKinney, President of our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees; Frances Malee, Centinela Valley Chapter, escorted by Brother Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron; Ginelle Winchester, Milton Chapter, escorted by Brother Mike Sanders; Dorothy Terry, Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena, escorted by Brother Terry Holts, Past Grand Patron; Minnie Mahlock, Willow Glen Chapter, and she has served as Grand Electa in the Grand Chapter of Idaho, escorted by Sister Nancy Grondin; and Vicki St. John, Escondido Chapter, escorted by Brother Brian Whitaker.

Vicki St. John, Resident, Senior Living Community: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the members of our home, I wish to thank you for this special escort and the courtesies of the afternoon.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: They presented an animal to us. We are going to give him to some real nice little kids. Thank you very much, residents, for your participation. We would be pleased to have you join us in the East and give a whole new view of this group.

Escort: Administrator of the Senior Living Community

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I am very pleased to present to you Sister Pamela Daut, Administrator of our Senior Living Community, a member of Yorba Linda Chapter.

Sister Pamela, we are so pleased that you and Lin brought our residents to our Session today. You have done an outstanding job. I know it has been a little stressful at times, but it has finally all come together. We thank you for all that you have done for our Home.

Sister Lin, would you rise, also? Over here, down by our sound stage is Lin Mayhill. She is the nursing supervisor of our Senior Living Community and she is a member of Chispa Chapter. Thank you for coming.

I understand that Ginelle would like some time at the microphone. We are very flexible.

Ginelle Winchester, Resident, Senior Living Community: I'm Ginelle Winchester, a resident of the Eastern Star Home in Yorba Linda California. I would like to express very heartfelt kudos to the office staff of the Home. During our stay at the hotel in Brea, we were so marvelously taken care of. Kudos to the office staff.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Clint Dillon, may we have the report on Charters and Dispensations Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

(By Clinton Dillion, Past Grand Patron, (172/193), Chairman)

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

It is an honor to present the members of the Committee of Dispensations and Charters: Sister Yvonne Bechenhauer, Past Grand Matron and Past Matron of Wild Lily Chapter No. 18; and Brother Bernard Seamans, Past Grand Patron and Past Patron of Santa Clara Chapter No. 195. I am proud to be a Past Patron of Alhambra Chapter No. 193 and Lexington Chapter No. 172.

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 this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Clint. We are sorry you didn't have any work to do this year. Thank you very much for your service to our Order.

Sister Lorita Giles, Chairman of our Endowment Committee, may we have your report at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT FUND

(By Lorita Giles, Past Matron (380/512), Chairman)

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

My thanks to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for your appointment to serve on this Committee and the opportunity to team with these dedicated committee members. It is an honor to introduce the committee members present today:

Area 5, Janice Nielsen, who will be serving as General Chairman next year; Area 6, Kate MacKinnon; Area 10, Pat Mastalir; Area 11, Patsy Benfield; Area 18, Lelia Reed; Area 20, Louise Taylor; Area 22, Bonnie Buck; Area 24, Arlene Williams; Area 25, Beverly Youngblood; and Area 26, Liz Moffat. We extend our love and best

wishes for a speedy recovery to Sister Bonnie who suffered a mishap here at Grand Chapter. Also, my loving thanks to Sister Lenore Stork, Area 12, who assumed the duties of Area 13 in addition to her own Area 12, when that Chairman moved out of state.

It's a special honor to present this report when our residents are present. In his Annual Report, our Worthy Grand Patron referred to our residents as the "love of our Order." For me, this love affair began even before I became a member of the Order when my Rainbow daughters would visit the Brentwood Home and, it is through that personal relationship with the residents, I have come to appreciate just what our Endowment dollars provide. Eldercare is a topic heard often in the news today and how wonderful it would be if every elder in America had access to a facility where they could live with dignity, surrounded by an extended fraternal family such as ours.

Since 1962 we have been recording those Chapters whose contributions to the Endowment Fund were at least one dollar per dues paying member. We have three chapters who have achieved that one hundred percent status for each of those 38 years. These chapters are: La Posa Chapter No. 282, King City; Manchester Chapter No. 449, Downey; Pasadena Chapter No. 108, San Marino.

This year's three chapters with the highest percentage of contributions are: Harbor Star Chapter No. 521, Newport Beach, 593 percent, Molino Chapter No. 83, Los Molinos, 571 percent; and Old West Chapter No. 642, Newhall, 469 percent.

These Chapters are to be congratulated for their commitment to the Endowment Fund and to the residents of our Senior Living Community. In addition to the 128 Gold Stars (for hundred percent participation) and 20 Silver Stars (for 200 percent participation) 13 Mini Plaques were presented to recognize five-year incremental milestones of continuous contributions. The statistics for all Chapters are posted at the Endowment Fund table in the Convention Hall; by years of continuous participation or by percentage of contributions per member. Please stop by and check your Chapter's ranking.

Sometimes we think, "I'm just one person. What difference can I make?" We should all be inspired by Sister Agnes Nichols, a plural member of Harbor Lights Chapter, San Diego, and Vista Cerrito Chapter No. 178. Sister Agnes worked from August 1998 to February 1999 making and selling Christmas tree wall hangings from used Christmas cards and contributed $519.80 to the Endowment Fund.

What makes this accomplishment so special is that Sister Agnes celebrated her 100th birthday in February.

Our Grand Treasurer reported this year's contributions totaled $382,762.39 with $326,123.60 received from bequests. This Committee extends its loving thanks to each member and Chapter for your generous support.

As always, giving starts with you, our members, and the many special activities held as fundraisers. We extend our grateful thanks to our Chapter Secretaries who have the responsibility of recording the contributions and, most importantly, ensuring those contributions are received in the Grand Chapter office prior to June 30th. Again, this year we had Chapters whose continuous record was broken because the money did not arrive before year end, or contributions were as little as four dollars less than the membership total, and even one who almost lost their continuous status when the donations were not included in the report to the area chairman. Our Chapter Secretaries are vital to the record keeping of charitable contributions, and we rely on and deeply appreciate your dedicated service. Your area chairmen and I endeavored to obtain a report from every Chapter in this state, and were successful with all but one. Even if the Chapter makes no donation, a report to your Area Chairman is still required and much appreciated.

As reported by the Grand Secretary, the former Endowment Fund envelope has been changed to include all the funds under the umbrella of our Foundation. Each Secretary is urged to include these envelopes in their mailings to Chapter members as they have been extremely successful in bringing these charities to the attention of our members, particularly those who do not regularly attend chapter. The purpose, of course, is two-fold, to inform the members of our charities and to solicit contributions.

No words of thanks could adequately express my gratitude to the Grand Chapter Office staff who were always available to provide information and guidance.

With the move to Yorba Linda and the establishment of the Senior Living Community for the Eastern Star, all new forms were developed and I must regretfully inform you that I was unable to distribute prior to Grand Chapter the beautiful new Star Plus certificates to the members who made contributions to this fund. Our database from previous years needed to be updated for Y2K compliance while I kept my day to day records separately. A programmer from work offered to combine these two databases and when the certificates were completed and ready for

mailing, I found that unfortunately there had been problems, my data was not valid, and I am in process of rebuilding this data. I sincerely apologize to the members and secretaries for the delay; computers are such a blessing when all goes as expected and such a mystery to me when things go wrong.

Sister Janice Nielsen, your new General Chairman has already met with her Committee, handed out information packets and really hit the ground running. I know you will enjoy working with her and her Committee as we continue the legacy of the Endowment Fund.

CHAPTERS ATTAINING HONOR ROLL STATUS IN 1999

Suisun No. 2	114%	Woodbridge Oaks No. 118	104%
Oakleaf No. 8	139%	Tuolumne Star No. 123	108%
Wild Lily No. 18	100%	Harmony No. 124	159%
Vacaville No. 28	230%	Bakersfield No. 125	105%
Silver Gate No. 30	131%	Mercedes No. 126	158%
San Jose No. 31	112%	Los Gatos No. 128	106%
Rose Valley No. 33	130%	Sierra Star No. 129	106%
Rising Star No. 36	131%	Fidelity No. 131	188%
Lily of the Lake No. 41	127%	Hollywood No. 133	119%
Ariel No. 42	100%	Miramonte No. 141	128%
Magnolia No. 45	106%	Emerald Star No. 143	118%
Athena No. 46	359%	Lyra No. 144	113%
Reveille No. 47	139%	Golden Crown No. 147	112%
Wheatland No. 48	107%	Lodi No. 150	108%
Valley Oaks No. 50	125%	Gold Ridge Star No. 161	165%
Sincerity No. 53	130%	Onisbo No. 164	167%
Marysville-Friendship No. 55	128%	Crescent No. 165	344%
Silver Spray No. 59	110%	Carnation No. 171	203%
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern No. 62	197%	Long Beach No. 173	122%
Golden Star No. 66	110%	San Pedro Harbor No. 174	134%
Queen Esther No. 71	181%	Miguelito No. 176	143%
Azalia Angels No. 77	102%	Vista Cerrito No. 178	129%
Santa Barbara-Marguerite No. 78	300%	Peninsula No. 186	129%
Ventura-Fillmore No. 79	165%	Santa Clara No. 195	117%
Augusta No. 80	117%	Mt. Whitney No. 197	147%
Sotoyome-Clover Leaf No. 82	167%	Las Mariposas No. 200	104%
Molino No. 83	571%	Beckwith Portola Star No. 201	112%
Tulare-Corcoran No. 94	114%	West Covina No. 202	109%
San Diego Star No. 96	101%	Sequoia No. 203	162%
Ramona No. 97	163%	Mission Bell No. 205	148%
San Francisco No. 99	258%	Arcata No. 207	100%
Mizpah No. 100	104%	Palo Alto No. 213	168%
Ungava No. 106	128%	Almona No. 214	175%
Pasadena No. 108	152%	Marin Star No. 215	118%
Elk Grove No. 109	100%	Esparto-Grafton No. 218	133%
Palm Leaf No. 114	103%	Mill Valley No. 219	125%
Carita No. 115	152%	Rio Vista No. 222	129%

Glencrest No. 237	123%	Tujunga No. 445	206%
Barstow No. 242	278%	Escallonnia No. 447	103%
Milton No. 244	127%	Manchester No. 449	238%
Ocean Park No. 245	148%	Triangle Palms No. 456	393%
Plumas No. 246	100%	Arcadia No. 471	200%
Valley Star No. 250	125%	East Pas Alta No. 473	138%
Seaside No. 259	120%	Harbor Lights No. 478	286%
Gardena No. 260	127%	La Jolla No. 479	133%
Santa Cruz Redwoods No. 273	100%	Big Bear No. 485	106%
Vallejo No. 278	124%	Point Loma No. 490	116%
La Posa No. 282	149%	Reseda No. 505	103%
Poinsettia No. 287	120%	Golden Chain No. 512	102%
Unity No. 305	147%	San Gorgonio No. 515	189%
Meridian No. 310	120%	Harbor Star No. 521	593%
Sunshine No. 327	113%	Vallecito No. 523	115%
Coronado No. 332	105%	San Clemente No. 524	122%
Van Nuys No. 338	101%	Estero Pines No. 525	103%
Pentalpha No. 339	112%	Ojai No. 528	159%
Atascadero No. 344	108%	Willow Glen No. 530	103%
Upland No. 346	122%	Victor Valley No. 537	105%
Burbank No. 352	123%	San Carlos No. 551	167%
North Park No. 358	148%	Mountain View No. 552	105%
Coachella Valley No. 360	109%	Fort Millerton No. 557	191%
Chowchilla No. 365	121%	Palomar No. 565	118%
Linden No. 372	134%	Palm Springs No. 576	103%
Stockton No. 373	139%	Carmel No. 581	215%
Westwood No. 377	111%	San Ramon Valley No. 588	100%
Torrance No. 380	247%	Fuchsia No. 597	246%
Concord No. 384	107%	Star of Palmdale No. 619	138%
Rainbow No. 385	111%	Riverside No. 622	131%
Caledonia No. 391	109%	Joshua Tree No. 630	100%
Starlight No. 401	117%	Orinda No. 635	102%
North Hollywood-Noel No. 403	108%	Simi Valley No. 637	100%
Ami Tai No.	124%	Old West	469%
Estrella No. 412	154%	Saddleback No. 645	165%
Playa Linda-Ascot No. 425	281%	Star of the Valley No. 648	135%

ONE CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Suisun No. 2
Rising Star No. 36
Lily of the Lake No. 41
Valley Oaks No. 50
Molino No. 83
Tulare-Corcoran No. 94
Elk Grove No. 109
Palm Leaf No. 114
Carnation No. 171
Onisbo No. 164
Arcata No. 207
Unity No. 305
Sunshine No. 327
Upland No. 346
North Park No. 358
Coachella Valley No. 360
Westwood No. 377
Rainbow No. 385
San Gorgonio No. 515
Palm Springs No. 576
Fuchsia No. 597
Star of the Valley No. 648

TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Oakleaf No. 8
Golden Star No. 66
Queen Esther No. 71
Augusta No. 80
Sotoyome-Clover Leaf No. 82
Los Gatos No. 128
Hollywood No. 133
Miramonte No. 141
Golden Crown No. 147
Las Mariposas No. 200
Esparto-Grafton No. 218
Glencrest No. 237
Barstow No. 242
Seaside No. 259
Chowchilla No. 365
Stockton No. 373
Starlight No. 401
Escallonnia No. 447
San Clemente No. 524
Victor Valley No. 537
Palomar No. 565
San Ramon Valley No. 588

THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Wild Lily No. 18
Marysville-Friendship No. 55
Azalia Angels No. 77
San Diego Star No. 96
Woodbridge Oaks No. 118
Almona No. 214
Arcadia No. 471
Linden No. 372
Estrella No. 412
Star of Palmdale No. 619
Joshua Tree No. 630

FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Wheatland No. 48
Tuolumne Star No. 123
Fidelity No. 131
Crescent No. 165
Pentalpha No. 339
Atascadero No. 344
North Hollywood-Noel No. 403
Vallecito No. 523

FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Rose Valley No. 33
Mt. Whitney No. 197
Sequoia No. 203
Rio Vista No. 222
Caledonia No. 391
Triangle Palms No. 456
Riverside No. 622

SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Silver Gate No. 30
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern No. 62
Bakersfield No. 125
Mercedes No. 126
Burbank No. 352
Simi Valley No. 637

SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ariel No. 42
Lodi No. 150
Vista Cerrito No. 178
Santa Clara No. 195

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ungava No. 106
Carita No. 115
Harmony No. 124

NINE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Sincerity No. 53
Sierra Star No. 129
Beckwith Portola Star No. 201
Plumas No. 246
Mountain View No. 552
Fort Millerton No. 557

TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Mill Valley No. 219
Vallejo No. 278
Willow Glen No. 530

ELEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Vacaville No. 28
Emerald Star No. 143
Coronado No. 332
Big Bear No. 485

TWELVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Palo Alto No. 213
Gold Ridge Star No. 161
San Pedro Harbor No. 174
Peninsula No. 186
Milton No. 244

THIRTEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Orinda No. 635

FOURTEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Poinsettia No. 287
Ami Tai No. 405
La Jolla No. 479

FIFTEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ramona No. 97

SIXTEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Mizpah No. 100
Meridian No. 310

SEVENTEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Playa Linda-Ascot No. 425
Old West No. 642

EIGHTEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Athena No. 46

NINETEEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

San Jose No. 31
San Francisco No. 99
Golden Chain No. 512
San Carlos No. 551

TWENTY CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ventura-Fillmore No. 79
Lyra No. 144
Mission Bell No. 205
Torrance No. 380

TWENTY ONE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Tujunga No. 445

TWENTY TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Reseda No. 505
Santa Cruz Redwoods No. 273

TWENTY THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Santa Barbara-Marguerite No. 78
Miguelito No. 176
Gardena No. 260
Estero Pines No. 525
Ojai No. 528

TWENTY-FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Van Nuys No. 338

TWENTY-SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Concord No. 384
Saddleback No. 645

TWENTY-SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Harbor Lights No. 478

TWENTY-EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Marin Star No. 215
Carmel No. 581
Valley Star No. 250

TWENTY-NINE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ocean Park No. 245
Point Loma No. 490

THIRTY CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Silver Spray No. 59

THIRTY-ONE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Harbor Star No. 521

THIRTY-TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Magnolia No. 45
West Covina No. 202
Long Beach No. 173

THIRTY-THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

East Pas Alta No. 473

THIRTY-FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Reveille No. 47

THIRTY-EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Pasadena No. 108
La Posa No. 282
Manchester No. 449

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Lorita. We thank you and the members of your Committee. We know what a special interest you have in our residents in our Senior Living Community, and how important and vital the Endowment Fund is to the running of our Home. Thank you very much for your service.

Sister Laura and Brother Brian Whitaker, the Chairmen of our Fiesta Mardi Gras, may we have your report at this time?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE 1999 FIESTA

(By Laura and Brian Whitaker,
Past Matron and Past Patron (528) Co-Chairmen)

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

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Donna German, our Fiesta Finance Chairman, and Brother Brian Whitaker, Co-Chairman. I wonder where Brian went? Well, as you can see this year's Fiesta brought us a taste of fun and adventure of Mardi Gras and we thought it would be fun to revive our costumes from that weekend. *(Brian Whitaker entered dressed as Zorro.)*

Laura Whitaker: Oh, my goodness, who could that be? Why, it's Zorro. Senior Zorro --

Zorro: Buenos Dias.

Laura Whitaker: Senior Zorro, what a surprise to see you here. We haven't seen you since our Fiesta. You didn't happen to see Brian on the way, did you? You know, I never have seen you two together at the same time.

Zorro: Seniorita, no, I have not seen this Brian person. I did, however, wish to be here to thank you for the wonderful time I had at your Fiesta at your new Senior Living Community. What a beautiful weekend and so many people. Isn't this the first time you have done this in Yorba Linda?

Laura Whitaker: Well, Zorro, we did have a big crowd, as an example the Worthy Patrons served almost 850 cheeseburgers and 300 hot dogs. The great support of the members of the Order made all the extra work of getting everything set up in the new location well worth it.

Zorro: Si and so many of your members got to see this muy bueno facility that you are building. Although I was unable to attend, I also

understand that you had Senior Grand Master there to perform a special ceremony.

Laura Whitaker: That's right. Most Worshipful Mel Nahin was there on Sunday to lay the Masonic Cornerstone for the Senior Living Community. We had a great turnout for the impressive ceremony.

Zorro: You must have had much help to put on such a grande event.

Laura Whitaker: Yes we certainly need to thank all those who worked so hard to make this a great success. First we need to thank Sister Donna German who did a great job as our Finance Chairman.

Special thanks to all the great booth chairmen. Brother Durand Russell who went to both of the storage facilities to help us find all the booths, tables, etc. for the Fiesta and together with the Worthy Patrons worked on set up. Not just once, but twice because of the afternoon winds.

Our Senior Living Community Administrator, Pam Daut, was great and provided all kinds of support and help, and her staff, especially Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Kirstner, provided many extra hours and lots of help. They were all great.

Finally, we want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing us to this Committee. It was pleasure to serve.

Zorro: Si Muchos Gracias. Well may I ask you did you earn mucho dinero at this Fiesta?

Laura Whitaker: Well, yes we did very well. Donna you were the one that counted all the money. Why don't you tell everyone how we did.

Donna German: We had a very successful weekend and earned $24,045.31.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Brian and Laura. We did have a very successful Fiesta. It was a real challenge. It was the first time outside of Brentwood for many years. So, we had a whole new layout, new format to use, plus we had to work around the construction. But, you did it, and it was a wonderful weekend. We appreciate all your work and we had a great time. Thank you very much.

(Announcements by the Worthy Grand Patron)

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Worthy Grand Matron declared the Friday Afternoon Session called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. for Entertainment, Grand March and the Grand Ball.

(At 3:37 p.m. The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

FRIDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 22, 1999

8:00 p.m. **Entertainment "*America We Salute You*"**

Mother Lode Nuggets Drill Team
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern Chapter No. 62

Walking American Flag
American Legion and Auxiliary Members and Order of the Eastern Star

American Icon	**Presenter**	**Song Title**
Story of the American Flag	Loretta Miller	You're a Grand Old Flag
The Pledge of Allegiance	Gene Miller	The Pledge of Allegiance *(Red Skelton Version)*
National Anthem	Bob DeCamp	
Liberty Bell	Barbara Pawling	My Country 'Tis of Thee
American Bald Eagle	Bob Moore	Solo – Bob Moore America the Beautiful
Uncle Sam	Bill Dozier	Yankee Doodle Dandy
Presidential Seal	Dan Hetherington	This is My Country
National Motto	Bill Hughes	Solo - Maebelle Flannery My Country is My Cathedral
Declaration of Independence	Rae Kinlund	God Bless America
Statue of Liberty	Barbara Wilson	
Colossus	Nancy Harrower	Solo - Vivian Tellez Colors of the Wind
Saga of the Four Chaplains Chaplain George L. Fox Chaplain Clark Poling Chaplain John P. Washington Chaplain Alexander D. Goode	Jerry Sherrill Dr. Jimmie Woods Kenton Shull Tim Heer R. G. Lake Friend	Battle Hymn of the Republic
American Creed	Donna Herring	
Purple Heart	John Herring	Solo - Mary Lynne Baker There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere

POW - MIA Tribute	Jack Price	Representing the American Legion and All the Veterans of All Wars
Story of the Poppy	Jan Price	President of American Legion Auxiliary Solo - Maebelle Flannery

"I'm Proud To Be An American"

Closing Drill by the "Mother Lode Nuggets"

9:00 p.m. GRAND MARCH

FIRST MARCH

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Escorts
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 Patron of Other-Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Escorts
Grand Officers and Escorts
Grand Secretaries Emeritus and Escorts
Past Grand Treasurers and Escorts
Deputy Grand Matrons 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

Music accompaniment was provided by Chris Morris,
Assistant Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of California

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 23, 1999

8:30 a.m. **Musical Prelude:** Jackie Hecht, Past Matron (174/171)

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

Escort: Hostess and Host

June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron: I know I am supposed to say "Good morning," but most of you know how I feel about mornings, so let's just say "Hi."

Entrance: Grand Officers

June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is with much honor that I present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Behnke, Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sheri, nine years ago, you and I were brought into a working relationship that soon transcended work and evolved into friendship. Five years ago you opened a new chapter in the book of your Eastern Star life, and as I have watched your progress our friendship has grown. Now we are brought to this moment in time when you are about to turn another page and embark on a new road. Wherever our paths may lead in the future, I know our friendship is secure.

It is with much pleasure and great confidence that I present to you this gavel. I know you will wield it well to bring this Session to its close.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister June, for presenting my gavel. Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister June Lucretia Barnum, Parliamentarian of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Brother Don Hull, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister June Barnum, we would be pleased to hear your welcoming remarks at this time.

WELCOME

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

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

We open this Saturday Morning Session with pride and gratitude. We have watched the Grand Officers as they have led us through the business of this Grand Chapter and now thank them for their devotion to our Order. To you, the Delegates, who hold the reins in your hands as you cast your votes, we also say, "thank you." Today you will conclude the business of this Session and will undertake the work of the coming Eastern Star year. We appreciate your constant efforts to keep our Star shining.

Eleven years before our California Grand Chapter was created, this country was embroiled in a tragic Civil War where many of the brave young men lost their lives while exhibiting bravery above and beyond the call of duty. In recog•ition of this, in 1862, Congress established the highest military decoration in the armed forces - the Congressional Medal of Honor. Since then through many military maneuvers, this decoration has been given to approximately 3500 men and women.

One of the most unique features of this medal is that it is a five-pointed Star with two points at the top - exactly like our own Emblematic Star! How often critics have charged us with being in league with some evil forces because of these points facing upward? But, in fact, we are in the most exclusive and honorable company when we compare that most coveted medal with our emblem.

Now Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I am not suggesting that there has been a war going on, nor am I suggesting that you are candidates for the Congressional Medal of Honor; however, I know throughout this year you have exerted great effort to maintain peace and harmony and have given of yourselves above and beyond the call of duty. So consider the Star you will continue to wear and cherish, commemorative of a service from a grateful constituency.

As this Session is brought to a close today, my wish for our Order and each of our members, is that the Golden Key will open the way to a treasures rich, abounding, and eternal.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Don, may we have your remarks at this time.

WELCOME

(By Don Hull, Past Grand Patron, Host)

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

Today is the final day of our 126th "The Key to California Gold" Session of Grand Chapter. During this last Saturday Morning Session, it is my privilege to welcome you and to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sheri Weisser, and Worthy Grand Patron, Ron Behnke, for this high honor. Our Worthy Grand Matron's motto to "Cherish the Past, Treasure the Present and Envision the Future" is truly appropriate for the new millenium, which is just around the corner, with our 127th Annual Installation tomorrow afternoon.

Our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star in California has grown since 1873, under the devoted service of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. But, behind every "TEAM" there are those devoted members who make possible the smoothness of these sessions with their individual labor of love towards our beautiful Order and their elected leaders. It is also a personal honor to be in the Grand East again with my Past Grand Matron of 1991, Sister June Lucretia Barnum. I was fortunate and very grateful that she selected me to accompany her, as we have been very good friends ever since and our Order of the Eastern Star has been very fortunate to have experienced her leadership and expertise.

I do treasure the present, as 1999 has been a wonderful year for our Order of the Eastern Star along with the great leadership of their Grand Officers. It just seems like yesterday when Sister Sheri was our 1991 Grand Treasurer with Sister June and myself and she has always been there in strong support of our TEAM. The choice of Brother Ron joining her in the Grand East has truly revealed a shining star within this prospector's pan of gold. Additionally, 1999 was a year of much encouragement for our Brother Masons in California. Recent Grand Lodge statistics reflect that over 69% of their new Masons, during this year, are under 50 years of age. This fact will certainly have a strong impact on our Order, as these younger Brothers are hoping to serve

within our mutual "Masonic Way of Life" with their family and friends.

As we venture into the next millenium, I personally envision a great corp of new leaders that will continue to serve our Order with much pride and distinction into the future. May we always remember that the purposes and goals of our Order of the Eastern Star are to provide an organization where both women and men with high moral and social character, can contribute much time, energy and wisdom to our Order with charity, truth, and loving kindness for the good of all mankind throughout the world.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Sister Sheri and Brother Ron for asking me to speak as a "Welcoming Host" during their last full day as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This is indeed a great honor that I will always cherish as a Worthy Patron during your very special year that will long remembered with much pride and distinction.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister June, so many of us have benefited from your knowledge, not only of parliamentary law, our Constitution and Laws, but of the tradition and history of our Order in California. I am unable to count the times over the past decade that I have "picked your brain!" Thank you for sharing your knowledge with all of us. You are a special friend and I place high value on our friendship. Thank you for bringing our welcome this morning and thank you for wearing blue.

Brother Don, you are a special part of the "green year 91." You have been very supportive this year. In addition to serving as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron this year, you and Evelyn have attended many of the Official Visits and social events. Thank you for your greetings.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister June, both Sheri and I are grateful for all the support and for all the knowledge that you have shared with us. It has been a resource that we have called on often and never been denied, and we are grateful for that. We are also grateful for you being able to issue remarks on this last day of this Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Don is one of our Prospectors. He has become a good friend to both Cathy and me, he and his wife, and I am also very honored that you were able to give your fine words to this Closing Session. Both of these two have given their hearts to Eastern Star, as all of you have in this room, and we are grateful for that gift.

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

Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain: Our Heavenly Father, we recognize that You are the source of all truth, wisdom, love and power. We praise You for all that we are and all that we can become. We ask that You open our hearts that we may hold You close and increase our faith each day. Create in us a desire to reach out a helping hand with love and fellowship, that we and our Order may be strengthened. Be with us this morning and bring us through this Session. All of which we ask in Thy name's sake. Amen.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Jackie Hecht, thank you so very much for your beautiful music before our Session began this morning. We also want to give a special thank you to our Grand Organist who has sat at the piano and played and played and played all week.

Did you enjoy your evening last night? We certainly enjoyed the patriotic tribute and I, for one, learned a lot. And didn't you enjoy that drill team? Our thanks to Sister Melissa Cronin, Chairman of our entertainment and Grand Ball, for planning a wonderful evening for us. She was presented a "little challenge" with the band; however, we are flexible. Our grateful thanks to Chris Morris, Assistant Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of California, for providing the music for our Grand March and Grand Ball. Another example of the Masonic family helping one another. Thank you, Chris.

Minutes: The minutes of Friday Morning and Afternoon Session were approved as read.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Ron Aubery, may we have your report at this time?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL SESSION SITE

(By Ron Aubery, Past Patron (577), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members of this body:

Two heads are better than one I have been told, and I hope you prove us right. We both worked on a motion that will hopefully satisfy the concerns of the membership here. But, I have been given wise counsel by my Parliamentarian, we both have to withdraw our previous motions.

Dale Naylor, Past Patron (300) MOTION: I move to withdraw my motion to postpone the vote to have Grand Chapter in Fresno year 2004. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Ron Aubery, Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: MOTION: I move to withdraw my motion to hold the Grand Chapter Session in Fresno in the year 2004. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Ron Aubery, Chairman, Annual Session Site Committee: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Before I present the motion, to answer the question on information that was raised yesterday, I have spoken with both the representatives of Fresno and Bakersfield. They are both willing to hold the dates selected to next year. They will honor their proposals that were presented at this Session until we decide what we are going to do, and there is no penalty for changing our minds.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, we, the proponents of the previous motions to withdraw, now move that a Letter of Intent be signed with Fresno to hold the 2004 Grand Chapter Session there, the final decision to be made at the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I want to report to you that our Grand Page, Stephanie Herzog, who has been chairing our Beanie Baby booth over at the Exhibit Hall said a lot of people have not been over to pick up their new little friends. If you have not picked-up your Beanie Baby, please do so. The bids totaled $717.50, and we will

present a check to our Grand Master this afternoon for the children at the Masonic Home in Covina. Thank you for your support.

Sister Kay Coffin, we would be pleased to have your report on Publicity.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

(By Kay Coffin, Past Matron (89), Chairman)

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chapter members who volunteered to be part of our publicity campaign. It has long been an observation of mine that our Order is one of the best-kept secrets in California. Through the efforts of these committed members, we were able to share some of the great work our beloved Order is doing in our communities.

While I realize that it is not always easy to submit newsworthy articles that will be printed, we must be persistent in our efforts. I can assure you that the squeaky wheel does eventually get greased. Many of our members met with their local media representatives to educate them about Eastern Star. Too often, the media only writes negative articles about our fraternal family and therefore, it is up to us to make certain that they know and understand the truth.

How can we do this? Next time you are participating in community service projects, contact your local newspaper, television station, or news radio station. It works - just ask Sister Jeanie Vilen, Worthy Matron of Escallonia Chapter No. 447. Sister Jeanie and the members of her Chapter donated stuffed animals to the local fire, ambulance and police department. Next thing she knew, her face was on the front section of the local newspaper along with a wonderful article. Also, partner with an event where you know there will be vast amounts of media coverage. The Fresno area Chapters will be assisting the City of Fresno and the Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau in entertaining the senior citizens of the Fresno County on December 31st. Our Order will be highlighted in the newsprint, TV and radio.

If this doesn't work, then have members of your Chapter write letters to the editor of your local newspaper. Perhaps you could have a theme each month telling the readership about our various charitable efforts like Heart Research, Scholarship Fund, or our Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations.

As many of you know, Sister Sheri and I had a dream for this Grand Chapter. We wanted to donate 300 stuffed animals to Valley Children's Hospital. This is the only Childrens' Hospital from Bakersfield to Stockton, the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada border. The hospital sees over 200 children each day and has several pediatric emergency rooms throughout the Valley. Thanks to the hard work of my right hand, Vemba Clinger, who faithfully sat among the animals each day, we received and tagged, with the name and address of either the Grand Chapter Office or the Eastern Star Home, over 1,128 animals. These animals will be given to representatives of the hospital at our Afternoon Session, where we hope the media will be well represented.

Sister Sheri, thank you so much for this appointment. Little did I know that it would culminate in being surrounded by so many wonderful critters. Special thanks must go to each of you who hated to give up that special animal because, "it is just so darn cute!" We had a lady who came to the booth, and she presented this wonderful lamb. On the bottom it said, "This little lamb was sent by my granddaughter, the mother of a three month-old. It was given to the baby. It plays 'Jesus Loves Me'. I asked, 'Do you really want to give it?' She replied, 'Our baby will have James and me to teach him. Maybe some child will learn from this little lamb.'"

But you knew that if you loved it, there would be some child who just received their latest dose of chemotherapy, or just woke up from heart surgery, or was brought to the emergency room because they had been abused by their mom or dad, that would need that little stuffed animal even more. So, on behalf of all of those children, I thank you.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kay, thank you for accepting this appointment as Publicity Chairman. We appreciate all the work you have done in notifying our Chapters how to get publicity and assist them in getting publicity in their local areas, and for taking on this task that we thought would be just a few little animals. We are overwhelmed with the generosity of our members. Thank you so much for taking care of this, and thank you, members, for your participation.

Patricia, may we have your report on Courtesies to Dignitaries.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES TO DIGNITARIES

(By Pat Neu, Past Matron (531), Chairman)

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

Thank you, Sister Sheri, for having the confidence in me to allow me to choose my own Committee and to use our imaginations to create the many gifts, decorations and corsages for this "Key to California Gold" Session.

At this time, I take great pleasure in presenting my Committee: Ruby LaMoureaux, Audrey Marston, Sigrid Simonds, Norma Thompson, June Muckey, Emmie Weis, June Deatherage, Velma Bates, Cathy DuVal, Mary Jane Woodruff, Pearl White, Mary Wollitz, Linda Gray and my two Official Gofers, Ben Neu and Glen Simonds.

Each committee member used their individual talents to create the unique gifts, but there were many hours of teamwork while we worked together to handmake over 1000 poppies for decoration and carrying pieces. I must give credit to Sigrid Simons for heading this team and putting in many additional hours herself. Velma Bates and Audrey Marston made more than 200 beautiful corsages, and Velma also made many other gifts, as well. She is a very talented lady.

My sincere thanks go to my secretary, Ruby LaMoureaux, who took care of all the paperwork as well as the bookkeeping, and made it look easy; and a big thanks to Hank Singleton, who wasn't even on the committee, but who did many special projects on the computer whenever we asked.

Cathy DuVal was in charge of the Dignitaries Luncheon and did an excellent job of organizing the menu, keeping track of reservations, which is no easy task, and seeing to all the details. The Committee made 500 table favors, which included poppy seeds, we hope everyone attending will broadcast the seeds to the wind and this coming spring the state will be covered with poppies.

I appreciate the time and talent that went with this committee, and especially how well they worked together. Time does not allow me to give individual credit but, needless to say, they all did an outstanding job and we painstakingly and lovingly made approximately 2,000 gifts.

Sister Sheri, thank you for asking me to chair this Committee, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve Grand Chapter along with you and Brother Ron.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Pat and your Committee for all of your hard work. Our Distinguished and Honored Members have been very pleased to receive the remembrances of this special Grand Chapter Session that you made for them, and I hope everyone plants those poppy seeds. Thank you very much. Let me tell you how very pleased our Most Worthy Grand Matron was with her lovely carrying piece. Thank you very much.

Sister Kim Hegg, can we have the report on the Roster Advertising.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROSTER ADVERTISING

(By Kim Hegg, Worthy Matron (577) Chairman)

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

I would like to extend, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, my thanks to all of you who placed an ad in the 1999 roster. The ads placed helped defer the cost of compiling, printing and distributing the roster.

I would also like to remind you that the deadline for placing an ad in the 2000 roster is November 1st, a little less than ten days from now.

Roster ads are a wonderful way to show your support for a member of your Chapter who has been honored with a Grand office, to announce a Chapter Anniversary, or to advertise your business. Forms were sent to all Chapter Secretaries in July and contain all the pertinent information needed in placing an ad.

My thanks to Carolyn Taylor and Pamela Taylor for their help and support, especially these last few weeks, and I wish them success in compiling the ads for the 2000 roster. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for asking me to be your Chairman.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Kim, for accepting that position. I have personal knowledge on how good she is on the computer; that's why she would do a good job. Thank you very much. Thanks, too, to Carolyn and Pam Taylor for all their efforts. Their time is just now getting busy, as they prepare ads for next year's roster.

Sister Stephanie has brought me the list of those of you who have not picked up your Beanie Babies. There are twelve of you listed on this list, so if you will see Stephanie after the Session closes, she will tell you how you can get your new friends. Sister Doris Parrish, do you have something to bring before the Delegates?

Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: I move that the members of the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fundraising program to benefit Heart Research. *(Motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: I move that the members of the California Grand Chapter continue to support the ESTARL Program. *(Motion was seconded)*

ADOPTED

Doris Parrish, Associate Grand Matron: I thank the members of the Grand Chapter of California for their support of these two very worthwhile programs.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sue Bishop, do you have something to bring before the Delegates?

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to make the following motions.

MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California authorize subordinate Chapters to donate funds to the Katie Koester Research Fund for Infectious Diseases in lieu of carrying pieces or special gifts. This fund has been established at the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, California, in memory of my granddaughter, and will be the special project for the year 2001. *(Motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress: MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fundraising project 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 large calendars, with the proceeds benefiting the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. *(Motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress: MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter participate in a fund raising project by securing advertising from members to be placed in our Roster with the proceeds to benefit the General Grand Chapter Assembly Fund for the year 2001. *(Motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress: MOTION: I move that Sue Bishop be allowed to design and order pins to sell in 2001 to benefit the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. *(Motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara Pierce, may we have your final report of Distribution?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
(By Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, (197/397), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, we, Jeanne, Gene and myself thank you for our appointment to serve on this Committee and to be of service to Grand Chapter. Even though they were not with us this week, they have been very efficient and knowledgeable on this Committee.

All Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book Nos. 1 through 47 which were sent to us and referred to Committees, have been completed. There were no further amendments, or resolutions given to this Committee.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Barbara and your Committee for your work on not only this Grand Chapter Week, but in preparing for it, also. Grace Wallis, may we have your final report on Credentials.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(By Grace Wallis, Past Matron (530), 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 1999 Credentials Committee. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you from all the "Golden Poppies," the members of the Credential Committee, for the

honor of serving our Grand Chapter. It is my privilege to present the final report on registration at this time.

Out of State Members

General Grand Chapter Officers	2
General Grand Chapter Committee Members	4
Grand Officers	16
Past Grand Matrons	4
Past Grand Patrons	2
Grand Representatives	15
Visiting Members	34
Total out of State Members	77

California Members

General Grand Chapter Officer	1
General Grand Chapter Committee Members	2
Grand Officers	18
Past Grand Matrons	20
Past Grand Patrons	21
Deputy Grand Matrons	33
Past Elected Grand Officers	4
Worthy Matrons	184
Worthy Patrons	117
Associate Matrons	201
Associate Patrons	125
Conductresses	136
Associate Conductresses	116
Elected Voting Delegates	9
Past Matrons	697
Past Patrons	204
Members	158
Total California Members	2046

Total Members Registered	2125
Total Voting Delegates	1888
Total ballots Issued	2222

We had two guests.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Grace and to your Committee for all your hard work this week. We wanted to try something a little different in the form of our credentials, and I appreciate your assistance in doing that. This Committee worked very hard throughout the week, and they have to be here before any of us. So, we appreciate your help, and thank you very much.

Sister Collette Serio Gole, may we have the final report of Jurisprudence.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE
(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron (133), Chairman)

The Jurisprudence Committee has completed all of their work. Thank you.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister June Lucretia Barnum, may we have the final report from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron (129/280), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws has completed all the work assigned to it. Thank you.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Will Edith Murphy, our Parliamentarian, and the members of Jurisprudence, Finance and Constitution and Bylaws please rise. Sisters and Brothers, we have heard many favorable comments on this Session. Our business sessions have proceeded so smoothly because of these members. They have been working and planning - long before they arrived in Fresno. Thank you for making me look good! Let's show our appreciation.

Sisters and Brothers, you too are to be congratulated. You came to Fresno prepared and you have been kind, tolerant and respectful in your discussion of our legislation. Thank you for making my job easier!

I was just handed a note. I understand that Sister Freda Wheeler also participated in our some of our prelude music this morning. Thank you very much.

Brother Hank Schierenberg, to those of us enjoying this week, it has appeared to be "perfect." I am sure that many times this past year you wondered "what have I gotten myself into?" But all of your planning, your worrying and your headaches have paid off. This has been a wonderful week and I appreciate all the hard work by you, your Barbara, and all the Committees. We would like to hear your report and have you present your hardworking committee members.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHAPTER WEEK

(By Hank Schierenberg, Past Patron (36) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Patron, Ron Behnke, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Tuesday night at the Kick-off dinner, I ended my presentation with the comment, "Our task begins tomorrow, our success will be measured by the accolades of our peers Saturday morning." The time has arrived. Judgment day is here. Did we find it, or didn't we? That decision rests with you, our Sisters and Brothers.

It has been an honor for me to serve as General Chairman for this Grand Chapter Session, and Sister Sheri Weisser, I do thank you most sincerely for my appointment and the confidence you had in me. I am proud to be part of your 1999 Argonauts, even though I don't look like Jason. Did you know that there were only 57 oarsmen propelling the good ship Argo on it's journey?

We have over 42 Committees helping this ship along its course. Each Committee has worked diligently to make this Session memorable, enjoyable and successful. They met each challenge with enthusiasm for the work they were to do. They dared to try something different. They met the challenges set before them. You have made me look good, and I am proud of your efforts.

I would like to extend to Keith Sipe, and the entire staff of the Fresno Convention Center my sincerest thanks on behalf of the entire membership. Each morning, we met and reviewed the day's activities, and were linked during the day with a mobile radio so that their staff could respond easily to our needs. Everything I asked to have taken care of was done immediately and it was their initiative to furnish the crossing guard, because of the construction along "M" Street.

This year we introduced some new innovations and due to an emergency situation last year we added a Safety Coordinator to review and prepare an emergency response program for our Session. Brother Joe and Sister Joy Morrow accepted this responsible. Not only did they accept this challenge, but together with Sister Linda Bernhard of our Health Services Committee, put in place the Medical Registry program. This enabled our medical staff to respond more effectively to a medical emergency. Joe and Joy then developed an emergency evacuation plan involving our Inner and Outer Guards, Floor Officers, Grand Pages and even our Worthy Grand Matron (answer the phone, Mary Kay). In the

event of a bomb threat, fire, explosion or any other emergency they were ready to respond. Thank goodness we never had to use it. But we had it.

Coupled with this was our internal communications system that saved a lot of walking. Utilizing small hand-held mobile radios, called "Family Radios" we were able to communicate with staff, the office and first aid. Even I couldn't hide.

They say it takes a woman to make a man successful, and I was blessed to have Sisters that made me look good: Sister Kathleen McDonald, Past Grand Matron, who served as our Advisor, Sister Gloria Kimrey who served as my Secretary, keeping the minutes and running the office very efficiently, and, of course, my wife Barbara, who reminded me of deadlines, dinner dates, and was my aide-de-camp. Then there was Brother Fred Schulenberg, our Auditor, who kept me informed on what was being spent and who was being reimbursed for their expenses. This was my immediate staff, and I am most appreciative of all your hard work. Then there were my Group Chairmen who rode herd on their respective groups and have done whatever was asked of them all year and especially this week.

Group I - Steve Wallace; Group II - John Herring, Group III - Roger Nieder, Group IV - Charlotte Hoffman. I am sure they will do an outstanding job when it is their turn to be General Chairman and my sincerest thanks to each of you.

And now, Worthy Grand Matron, meet your Argonauts, the groups that sought the "Golden Fleece" and performed those almost impossible tasks that made this week possible.

I am not going to identify each one, but this is about how they are organized by tasks. Group I was under the leadership of Steve Wallace, what I would call our Logistics or Support staff. Obviously, with 42 Committees, we have numerous numbers working behind the scenes.

Housing Committee worked with Loretta at the Convention Bureau, setting up and making the arrangements for all the Housing commitments.

Credentials Committee under the leadership of Grace Wallis, who made sure that you were registered and all the paperwork was done for the registration.

Tomorrow morning you will see the work of our Necrology and Divine Service Committee.

The Exhibit Hall was under the leadership of Loyal Taylor. Jerry Sherrill reported to me we grossed over $24,000 on the base rent we charged our vendors.

Committee Rooms - Chaired by June Rankin who assigned each of the Committees a room and anyone else who needed a room.

Banquets - this is a tremendous job because you handle all the detailing for all the banquets through the convention center or through the Radisson and other locations to make sure you have a place when you have your banquet.

Special Duties I think is really a misnomer because they are the people who do everything, any time you ask. They are a pool you reach into and grab somebody if you need them.

The Ribbons Committee speaks for itself.

Lost and Found Committee - if any of you have anything you are not sure of if you have lost, here's the place to look for it. If you don't get it by the end of the Session, you may not see it again.

We have a beautiful display in the Exhibit Hall of Arts and Crafts from our members. If you haven't had a chance, be sure you get over there to take a look.

Our Programs and our Secretarial staff is the staff that serves the Grand Chapter Committee.

Safety Coordinators, Joy and Joe Morrow, made a special effort to help us develop the emergency response program.

And, of course, the Pictures Committee.

In Group II was Linda Bernhard and her group under Health Services who did a very efficient job. They kept the overall injury rate down to six.

The Drayage Committee are the people behind the scenes that get everything over here and then tonight have to take it all back. They are the ones that do all the heavy hauling.

The Election Board you are very familiar with. They are the ones who make sure all the votes are picked up, tallied and responded to.

The Programs, Signs, Seating Committees. This year we had another innovation of keeping the west clear and keeping everybody forward. It made us look bigger and better than we had been in many years.

Decoration Committee, of course, was responsible for the beautiful display you see.

Sound and Lighting - I have to compliment this committee. This is probably one of the best Sessions we have had. We didn't have the microphones popping and people talking and we couldn't hear them.

Group IV, our Courtesies to Dignitaries, you have met. They are the ones that meet with our out-of-state people and make you feel comfortable.

Installation 2000 you will see tomorrow. I have never had the opportunity to work with a more gracious person than Sister Hildegard. She, in her quiet way, asks the right questions and spent the money properly. And so, I'm sure tomorrow you are going to see a beautiful Installation.

Transportation Committee, another group that you don't see very often. They do the shuttling and the transportation of the dignitaries hither and yon, and back and forth.

Music Committee is the music you hear played here, the selection of the soloists under the capable hands of Harold Hand.

This afternoon you will see the results of the Masonic Family Session which Sara Lee and Glenn Martin have put together. Every year, of course, it's always beautiful to have our young people with us.

Kick-off Dinner Tuesday night was tremendous. Over 400 in that room and we packed the house again.

The entertainment last night, we had a little glitch, but they bounced back and I think really, if you read my report, we are going to take a little different approach. That keyboard filled this room as if there was a symphony orchestra. So why should we pay a thousand dollars to a band?

And tonight, of course, we are going to wind up with a tremendous Fun Night, which I understand there may be some tickets available, but not too many because they had to cut off. We were filling the house and panicking the Fresno Convention Center because they didn't have the capacity to take what we could have given them.

Around on the Balcony, your Inner and Outer Guards, our security personnel. These are the cops. These are your guards. These are the people who make sure that you are greeted with a smile and comfortably escorted up and down the room.

Last, but not least, our beautiful Singing Stars under the direction of Sister Shirley Hicks, accompanied by our former Grand Organist, Sister Evelyn Walker, who always provides us with beautiful music that fills the Arena.

Worthy Grand Matron, in closing, I would again like to thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving you and our Order as General Chairman. To paraphrase Ira Doolittle from "My Fair Lady," "By Golly, I think we've found it!"

Grand Chapter Week Committees

General Chairman
Henry Schicrenberg (36)

Group I
Stephen Wallace (171)

Group 2
John Herring (555)

Group 3
Roger Nieder (174)

Group 4
Charlotte Hoffman (273)

Advisor
Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195)

Arts and Crafts
Olivia Silas (362)

Auditor
Fred Schulenburg (530)

Banquets
Susan Lorenzen (8/35), *Chairman*
Millie Schneider (384) *Co-Chairman*
Peggie Tumage (438) *Co-Chairman*
Gil Buck (483) *Co-Chairman*
Debbie Bernsdorf (384)
Jim Petersen, Sr. (8)
Kimberly Samson (106)
Kayvon von Pertz (106)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap
Pearl White (531), *Chairman*
Judy Bradley (226)
Dorothy Coy (72)
Freda Dunlap (72)
Ethel Moquin (348), *Co-Chairman*
Karen Pucinelli (72)
Wilma Olsen (118)

Committee Rooms
June Rankin (103), *Chairman*
Donald Eggerts (103)
Sharon Eggerts (103)
Nancy Foster (103)
Virginia Skinner (103)
Beverly You (124/186)
Francis You (124/186)

Credentials
Grace Wallis (530), *Chairman*
Betty Ahrens (31)
Sandi Beneke (521)
Glenda Malan (521)
Eleanor Moore (177)
Linda Kephart (456), *Co-Chairman*
Kathy Nagel (288)
Betty Rae Smith (165)
Marilyn Wellman (115)

Helpers:

Lois Adams (391)
Lois Andrews (109)
Sylvia Bailey (490)
Donna Berry (372/373)
Lindakay Bosh (233/428)
Frances Boyd (186)
Patricia Caceres (59/189)
Nancy Camden (159/233)
Dorothy Carle (181)
Jacqueline Cole (31/288)
Judi Curnow (639)
June Dwyer (109)
Anela Eisert (195)
Blaine Eisert (107)
Beth Ferris (380)
Marcia Fox (352)
Beverly Gale (140/294)
Suzanne Gallicho (222)
Lorraine Gibb (425)
Jean Godair (639)
Lynette Goodenough (310/347)
Nancy Harrower (13/127)
Pearless Howsmon (383)
Lowell Johnson (128)
Mary Lou Johnson (128)
Jo Ann Juelch (36)
Lynda Languasco (36)
Marjorie Lessing (213)
Marianna Lomicka (622)
Dorothy Lo Schiavo (252)
Deborah Lytle (160/397)
Marie MacCallum (160)
Irene McReynolds(213/222)
Nell Mercer (125)
Berverley Minner (362)
Harriet Mosbaugh (8/140)
Roy Nichols (1/46)
Marsha Nichols (1/46)
Myrtle Owens (488)
Kathleen Peters (195)
Patricia Rose (31/288)
Mary Rumzie (250)
Louise Saville (241/296)
Cindy Schulenburg (288)
Dianne Schulenburg (530)
Lena Stevenson (195)
Gloria Stiles (147)
Norma Stilwell (380)
Joan Taylor (137/231)
Ruth Tetley (335)
Micky Tolf (125)
Ruth Tolf (125)
Marilyn Travis (128)
Jean Walker (60/66)
Carol White (89/426)
Malcolm White (89/426)
Thelma Wubker (211/488)

Decorations

Bill (250/636) and Linda Maimstrom (250), *Chairmen*
Mike Hawley (452), *Co-Chairman* Ed Gale (530)
Peninsula Team 1995
(Chapters 288, 553, 128, 141, 213, 31, 195, 401, 250, 530)

Drayage

Joseph Juelch (36/428)
Co-Chairman
Dan Rowland (555)
Co-Chairman

Election Board

Bert Alexander (66/563), *Chairman*

Shirley Alexander (66/563)
Co-Chairman
John Van Winkle (205)
Co-Chairman

Captains

E. Pat DeTomaso (488)
John Grohl (138)
Howard Hill (372)
Wes Jopson (48)
Lloyd Lawrence (1)
Clint Lee (165/405)
Leon Moynier (362)
Ray Murphy (417)
Don Terry (384)
Francis You (124/186)

Members

Sara Ashton (345)
Joan Betts (108)
Lorraine Bode (99)
Mildred Bormann (163)
Judy Brown (222)
Violet Campbell (308)
Wally Campbell (513)
Shirley Christ (530)
Alta Clark (213)
Beverly Clark (49)
Jadeen Costa (643/78)
Rene Davis (10)
Dorothy Doman (338)
Dale Ellsworth (214)
Helen Errecart (555)
Carol Gross (636/195)
Jean Fike (205)
Lori Fike (373)
John Fletcher (342/553)
Anne Gamble (639)
Cathy Gibson (50/372)
Reba Gibson (165/372)
Fran Golden (563)
Phyllis Green (273/295)
Gema Grohl (138)
Betty Jane Himmelman (190)
Mercy Holiday (403)
Bonnie Holts (79)
Jean Hopton (59/189)
Marjorie Horton (181)
Virginia Howard (165)
Jean Jewett (31)
Vem Jewett (31)
Lois Johnson (100)
Rita Johnson (530)
Diane Jones (195)
Jerry Jones (36)
Janet Jopson (48)
Jerald Keen (588)
Sharleen Keen (588)
Laurelia Kerr (384)
Francis Kilday (62)
Catherine King (335)
Helen Kirkpatrick (99)
Helen Kneebone (229)
William Kneebone (229)
Judith Kohl (96)
Hazel Lawrence (1)
Juanice Lee (165/405)
Dave Long (345)
Kathy Long (345)
Marcia McBrayer (103)
Shirley McClelland (41)
Alma McKowan (616)
Paul McNitt (96)
Winona D. McNitt (96)
Winona Mary McNitt (96)
Edgar Meixner (59)
Mary Ann Metcalfe (62)
Barbara Moore (141)
Joy Murphy (417)
Charlie Nichols (273)
Edith Pedersen (193/438)
Karly Sue Price (163)
Ray Quibell (17)
Barbara Ratti (124)
Neva Reingold (59)
Martha Rhonemus (373)
Denise Robertson (46/581)
Kathie Runcie (530/636)
Elaine Rush (352)
Merill Rush (352)
Ardie Rutan (384)
Millie Schneider (84)
Jean Schultz (175)
Les Schultz (175)
Patricia Scott (62)
Sue Shamas (173)

Margaret Silvers (124)
Lenore Stork (105)
Linda Sturges (338/452)
Barbara Thatcher (468)
Dale Thornton (485)
Irene Tonello (513)
Jean Tozer (99)
Jeanie Vilen (447)
Wilma Vinson (273)
Pearl Walker (616)
Mary Jane Ware (563)
Sue Watts (348)
Walter Weis (123)
Hale Wellman (115)
Donna Westergren (643)
Barbara Wiedenhoeft (14)
Alice Wilburn (373)
Carolyn Wood (352)
Beverly You (124/186)
Ruth Zanger (141)

Entertainment

Melissa Cronin (260), *Chairman*

Dotty Cronin (260)
George Cronin, II (260)

Escort and Grand March

Marcia McBrayer (103), *Chairman*

Michael Cornell (590)
Mark Lauchiand (118)
Gene Miller (13/294)
Loretta Miller (13/294)
Donna Tucker (360)

Fun Night

Anna Cole (193/94), *Chairman*
Marilyn de Camp (114)
Bob de Camp (114)
Maebelle Flannery (114)
Barbara Wilson (94), *Co-Chairman*
Nancy Harrower (127)
Barbara Pawling (94)
Barbara Wiedenhoeft (14)

Grand Guards and Guardettes

Bob Foerster (141), *Captain*

Marguerite Gilbert (449), *Co-Captain*
Glenn Grigsby (561), *Co-Captain*

Lieutenants

William Bell (563/57)
Bart Bodnar (449)
Willa Mae Bodnar (449)
Wally Campbell (513)
Maebell Carleton (512)
Jerry Chandler (642)
Ethel Day (89/319)
Richard A. Dunlap (173)
Joseph Juetch (36)
Ouida King (181)
Bill Macintosh (259)
Dale Naylor (300)
Harriet Priester Tyson (287)

Guards and Guardettes

Cecil Argabright (531)
Richard G. Anderson (214)
Lorraine Bates (512)
Roderick Betham (207)
Margaret Bledsoe (212/512)
Jerry Colanter (76)
Sylvia Colanter (76)
Marie Crow (449)
Rebecca Darrow (512)
Mildred Davis (233)
Sarah De Angelis (299)
Royce Ford (553)
George Geanoulis (490)
Janet Glass (241)

Everett Goodwin (125)
George Graham (162)
Kay Hammargren (335)
Wesley Harman (322)
Bill Head (581)
Ruby Holder (181/218)
Elenora Hoover (2/222)
Dorothy Iverson (260)
Clarence Jackson (79/185)
Ellie Kirkpatrick (181)
Art Laing (537)
Floyd Larson (471)
William LaValley, Jr. (335/561)
Leon Lubker (200)
Gwen Meyer (513)
Edna Mittman (151)
Ethel Morian (171)
Edwin Nelson (485)
Ben Neu (531)
Ralph Newman (622)
Lowell Nichols (449)
Susan Premo (632)
H.L. 'Root' Rutan (384)
Phyllis Simmons (133)
Glen Simonds (447)
Vivian Soykin (260/174)
Gene Stiles (147)
Aneth Sullivan (397)
Mike Tchakedjian (195)
Bill Walker (62)
James Ward (490)
Marcia Wilbur (332)

Grand Inner Guards

Marlene Larsen (553), *Captain*
Janice Mullard (405), *Co-Captain*
Linda Skipworth (630), *First Lieutenant*

Lieutenants

Sigi A'Ce (110)
Fay Bergstrom (222)
Roni Burmeister (211)
Anne Carlson (305)
Jan Dromgold (173)
Joan Foerster (141)
Fran Gibson (602)
Virginia Price (471)
Sheila Reid (525)
Connie Snow (287/390)
Beryl Spalding (401)
Pat Starr (576/640)

Inner Guards

Irene Akers (186)
Betty Allen (452)
Barbara Argabright (531)
Betty Barone (218)
Esther Bennett (488)
Eloise Beverly (99)
Cidney Borgstrom (100)
Carolyn Brandt (2)
June Burnett (602)
Jane Butler (105)
Sandie Butler (211)
Trish Cantrell (131)
Erma Case (78)
Muriel Caves (110)
Geneva Christensen (556)
Kathleen Cleek (397)
Sarah Collins (212)
Callie Cook (28)
Norma Cornell (590)
Doris Davis (391)
Lina Dieckman (523)
Sandy Ditto (212)
Arletta Drybread (153)
Janet Eden (49)
Wendy Eisenberg (305/557)
Dorothy Essex (367)
Nancy Forney (578)
Louann Freilas (578)
Margie Fryklund (78)
Lynda Giggy (202)
Geraldine Gonzales (143/147)
Corin Gross (195/250)
Marion Gonzales (333/447)
Shirley Harris (215/219)

Ella Harrison (537)
Kentucky Hendricks (135)
Georgia Beth Herald (125)
Evelyn Hobart (250)
Dorothy Holder (173)
Louise Horton (338)
Shirley Hosman (327/619)
Lee Hoven (241)
Violet Howell (309)
Edna Hull (622)
Mae Hushbeck (574)
Louise Hutchison (391)
Ginger Jackson (57)
Ginger Jacobs (150/372)
Pat Joseph (60)
Karen Kiever (199)
May Laing (537)
Virginia Landuyt (1/42)
Debbie Lehan (561)
Anne Mack (33)
Lois Makinster (28)
Linda Maimstrom (250)
Alilea Martin (50/339)
Patricia Maxwell (412)
Eva-Jo Michaelis (2)
Shirley Milloy (287)
Dorothy Mills (322)
Dazel Mull (565)
LaVora Muncy (488)
Doris Murphy (18)
Mary Lou Nagle (154)
Dennise Naylor (300)
Liz Nelson (163)
Nan Nelson (485)
Peg Nelson (18)
Charlotte Newcomb (485)
Bertha Newton (143)
Charlotte Outcalt (380)
Janice Paull (31)
Becky Paulsen (523)
Ruth Peck (215)
Shirley Peterson (523)
Jane Picotte (28)
Myrtle Reid (525)
Helen Richards (296)
Carolyn Rickard (203)
Mary Roa (173)
Liz Rogers (21/133)
Peggy Salm (28/199)
Esther Sampson-Graham (162)
Carolyn Schultz (642)
Peggy Scofield (309)
Nancy Sharpe (471)
Ruth F. Smith (645)
V. Ruth Smith (138)
Jeanne Stewart-Esheim (309)
Nancy Stiles (199)
Barbara Streit (241)
Vickie Tama (199)
Beverley Tootle (447)
Peggy Tucker (287)
Geraldine Warner (115)
Emmie Weis (123)
Lauralu Wemple (56)
Pauline Will (579)

Grand Pages

To the Worthy Grand Matron:

Mary Kay Bowser (577), *Chairman*
Winifred Borghetti (144)
Faye Bowen (144)
Pennie Clouser (135)
Gloria Dillon (172/193)
Frances Fabian (144)
Kimberly Hegg (577)
Stephanie Herzog (577)
Jan Aubrey (577), *Co-Chairman*
Margaret Levin (577)
Bea Nucci-Stites (144)
Edna Peterson (144)
Sue Smith (177)
Patty Stark (294)
Linda Stroud (115/577)
Jackie Thornton (103)

To the Worthy Grand Patron:

Edna Thirkettle (144) *Co-Chairman*
Rocco Minichiello (144)

To the Associate Grand Matron:
Alice Raymond (521) Mildred Brown (521)

To the Associate Grand Patron:
Jackie Jones (36) Robert Bennett (36)

To the Grand Secretary: Fran Groat (213)
To the Grand Treasurer: Vilate Veirs (383)
To the Grand Conductress: Marsha Nichols (46/1)
To the Associate Grand Conductress: Pat Allen (105)
To the Grand Chaplain: Sally Newsom (566/133)
To the Grand Marshal: Patricia Robinson (348)
To the Grand Organist: Allean Fanis (347)
To the Grand Adah: Liz Moffat (479/490)
To the Grand Ruth: Joy Morrow (445)
To the Grand Esther: Cynthia Smiley (553)
To the Grand Martha: Mary Ann Whitener (241)
To the Grand Electa: Sue Nash (384)
To the Grand Warder: Linda Shane (129)
To the Grand Sentinel: Ray Dias (41)

Health and Personal Service
Linda Bernhard (106), *Chairman*
Jerry Chandler (642) Buzz Haller (642)
Anna Cole (193/94) Lenora Knight (310)
Kathie Jean Grab (282) Karen Meador (46)
Jodie Hall (147/537) Beth Smuckler (425)

Housing
Martha and Jack Holder (557/45), *Chairmen*
Susan Morris (309)

Installation of 2000 Grand Officers
Hildegard Smith PGM (619/524), *Chairman*
Co-Chairmen
Jeanne Champney, PGM, CO (287) Allean Farris (347)
Clinton Dillon, PGP (172/193) Winona McNitt (96)
Earl Eckert, PGP (165/556) Dick Parrish (521)
Katherine Hill, PGM (372) Grace Slaughter (96)
Ken Beckner, (345) Diane West (141)

Members
Vivian Beckner (345) Lora Corner (250)
Florine Bigelow (141/203) Marie Cox (42)
Margaret Chamness (141) June Deatherage (558)
Ken Champney (287) Eileen Dods (141)
Francis Cirimele (141) Linda Dolman (565)

Valerie Dowler (154)
Lydia Eckert (165/556)
Nancy Forney (578)
Harriet Gluck (141)
Geraldine Gonzales (143)
Donna Graham (179)
Lynn Haggerty (141/203)
Richard Haggerty (141/203)
Dianne Hill (141)
Stephen Hill (141)
Byrma Jennings (141)
Edwina Kellner (347)
Gloria Kimrey (561)
Judy Kohl (96)
Laticia Laconico (31)
Marlene Larsen (553)
Ken Leverton (342)
Virginia Leverion (342)
Dave Long (345)
Linda Malmstrom (250)
Paul MeNitt (96)
Doris Miller (344)
Mary Lou Nagle (154)
Joan Ramsey (412)
Larry Ramsey (412)
Alice Raymond (521)
Dan Rowland (490/555)
Linda Rowland (490/555)
Helen Sanders (398)
Sandy Sanders (398)
Ken Smith (524)
Betty Stubblefield, PGM (237)
Claudia Unger (128/195)
John Unger (128/195)
Margaret Vesey (213)
Susan White (287/524)
EllieJo Wildt (96)
Ruth Zanger (141)

Kick-Off Dinner

Martha Peters (59),
Chairman
Jan Aubery (577)
Jean Fike (205)
Suzanne Galicho (222)
Claire Glenn (234)
Robert Hopton (59)
Jean Hopton (59/189)
Pat Caceres (59/189),
Co-Chairman
Janet Jopson (48)
Janice Parker (529)
Joan Patterson (50/165)
Wait Patterson (50/165)
Margaret Peters (59)
Neva Reingold (59)

Lost and Found/Information

Mary Jane Meikle (159/181)
Chairman
Audrey Carey (173)
Betty DeAngeles (296/531)
Charles Grech (186)
Bill Hughes (92)
Priscilla Hughes (92)
Lorena Lubker (200)
Ethel Moquin (348)
Marjorie Horton (181)
Co-Chairman
Janice Nielsen (36)
Harriet Oakes (173)
Janice Parker (529)
Judy Parker (529)
Claris Van Sickle (93)
Helen Van Winkle (205)
Mary Jane Woodruff (72/138)

Masonic Family Honor Session

Sara Lee (347/104) and Glenn Martin (347)
Gina Davis (347)
Members of Yorba Linda Chapter (347)

Music

Harold Hand (21), *Chairman*

California Singing Stars

Shirley Hicks (563), *Director*
Doris Adams (397)
Eleanor Adams (360)
Jim Bailey (181)
Jo Bailey (181)
Ethel Bainbrick (241)
Gene Bassett (581)
Florence Bean (385)
Merwyn Bergquist (473)
Fay Bergstrom (222)
Jeanette Callis (551)
Freida Cazier (555)
Grace Collins (563)
Bonnie Coombs (260)
Dotty Cronin (260)
George Cronin, II (260)
Melissa Cronin (260)
Marilyn de Camp (114)
Mary Davis (233)
Barbara Lee Dove (642)
Marilyn Dupray (563)
Mary Jane Engebretson (241)
Vicki Fisher (327)
Maebelle Flannery (13)
Vera Lou Ford (128)
Hilarie Forsey (588)
Nancy Forney (578)
Kathleen Garrison (60)
Barbara Gilmore (563)
Janice Goodman (161)
Lou Ella Green (563)
Mary K. Grindle (2)
Marge Haase (36)
Sylvia Hardin (13)
Ken Harris (215)
Shirley Harris (215)
Ted Hanis (292)
Sherel Harris (292)
Evelyn Walker (639), *Accompanist*
Dean Heverly (444)
Felipe R. Josue (203)
Darrene Kalinin (563)
Claire Kelbaugh (380)
Mickey Kelbaugh (380)
Karen Klever (199)
Carole Koch (76/23)
Margaret Kraisinnger (344)
Lynda Languasco (36)
Robbie-Lee Mallery (563)
Virginia Mathisen (103)
Edith McClintock (327)
Jan McPherson (428)
Doris Murphy (18)
Ruth G. Peck (215)
Karyn Peterman (384)
Jane Picotte (28)
Evelyn Pike (529)
Kathy Randall (631)
Dot Redding (563)
Leona Reif (45)
Sandy Sakamoto (529)
Peggy Salm (199)
Jean Sampson (36)
Claudette Scheller (631)
Rebecca Scott (199)
Jerry Sherrill (13/510)
Durland Skinner (103)
Virginia Skinner (103)
Pat Stokes (428)
Betty Stout (631)
Barbara Streit (241)
Vickie Tama (199)
Debe Tucker (292)
Ruth Wahpecome (478)
Juanita Wheeler (563)
Hildred Yost (140)

Pictures

Pat Mastalir (203), *Chairman*

Programs
Ruth Smith (138), *Chairman*
Rose Lee Prater (447)

Ribbons
Edna Eisert (107), *Chairman*
Myrtle Reid (587)

Safety Coordinator
Joy and Joe Morrow (445), *Chairmen*

Seating
Patty Stark (294), *Chairman*

Secretary to General Chairman
Gloria Kimrey (561)

Secretarial Staff
Susie Thornton (133/485)
Della Seith (178)

Set-Up Committee

Charlotte and Ray Hoffman (273)	Gerald and Peggy Flagg (547)
Chairmen	*Co-Chairmen*
Bob Bramman (47/581)	Shirley Moore (273)
Mike Broaker (574)	Dusty Moyer (273)
Gail Ceschi (273)	George Moyer (273)
Jackie Cole (31)	Betty Overton (68)
Judith Collins (574)	Mays Overton (68)
Roy Dale (45)	Jim Petersen (8)
Ron Edson (574)	Lorraine Walker (574/282)
Sue Edson (574/282)	Sally Wells (47)
Louise Horton (338)	Kathleen Whisler (131)
Susan Lorenzen (8/35)	Bob Young (581)
Don Moore (273)	Cynthia Young (581)

Signs
Robert L. (557/89) and Coral Moore (557), *Chairmen*

Sound and Lighting
Harry and Sharon Hardwick (161/103), *Chairmen*

George Courreges (103)	Julianne Graham (103)
Mary Dixon (82)	Rebecca Herzog (161)
Kitty Frisbie (161)	Marjorie Kenyon (219/215)
Kathy Gadberry (82)	Robert Thornton (103)
Janice Goodman (161)	Debbie Willis (205)

Special Duties

Robert Wright (390), *Chairman*

Lois Bates (287/390)
Margaret Bledsoe (212/512)
Louisa Bowron (94)
Jackie Brydon (144)
Beverly Cratsenburg (524)
Mickey Graham (145)
Sylvia Hardin (13)
Paul Loomis (390)
Mary Louise Radford (524)
Nancy Sharpe (471)
Ronald Snow (287/390)
Angela Stonebraker (287)
Sue Tandy (126)
Edith Wright (390)

Transportation

John Unger (128/195), *Chairman*
Katie Nielsen (478/104), *Co-Chairman*
Drivers

Patsy Benfield (273)
George Cronin (260)
Roger Curran (162)
Don Farris (347)
Gerald Iverson (643)
Chris Kyle (490)
George Lawson (163/521)
Anne Mack (33)
Bill Maxwell (412)
Howard Nielsen (36)
Karen Wallman (276)

Vendor Coordinator

Loyal Taylor (71/153), *Chairman*
Jerry Sherrill (13/510), *Co-Chairman*

Jerry Bradley (288)
Shirley Bradley (288)
Mike Cornell (590)
Cathy Cunningham (17/153)
Stan Jacobs (150/372)
Georgia Lauchland (188)
Jerry Marta (639)
Gayle Marta (639)
Clarence Nelson (287)
Carolyn Taylor (17/153)
James Widdoes (76)
Elaine Widdoes (76)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Hank, and to all the Committees, we thank each of you for your service. We know it has taken months of planning and working together to make this week a reality. We appreciate everything you have done. I hope our Pages have some feet left after the end of this week. To Sister Kathleen and the '95s for coordinating all of this, my special thanks to you. We look forward to reading the reports, from each of these Committees, in our proceedings. Thank you very much for a beautiful, wonderful week.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Isn't that awesome: this many people? All week long I walked up to Hank and told him what a great job he had done and at every single occasion, he turned back to me and said, "Don't thank me. Thank all the hardworking people who have made this happen." So, I will add my thanks to Hank's thanks and let us all give them one more applause for such a tremendously done job.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Choir, may we hear from you at this time, one more time.

"America the Beautiful" . . . California Singing Stars

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Choir, you are spectacular. We appreciate you being always ready whenever we needed a song.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

(By Sheri Weisser)

Sisters and Brothers, another Grand Chapter year is about to close. We have done our best and it is time to step aside and let others preside as we move into the new century. I thank you, the members, for the privilege of serving you as Worthy Grand Matron. Each of you has touched my life and I shall be eternally grateful for this honor.

This year we have asked that you treat one another with respect and tolerance, enlighten your community about our Order and its good works; and strengthen our Masonic family.

In our travels this year we have observed the love and kindness of our members. This week you heard the reports from the Chairmen of our charities. Congratulate yourself and tell your neighbors and all who will listen that this last year you, the members of California Eastern Star, contributed over two million dollars to the welfare of our members and others. And there's more to come - have you seen all those animals in the Exhibit Hall?

Most Worshipful Melvin Nahin and I often met during our fraternal travels. We found we had many of the same hopes and dreams for our respective Orders and often talked of strengthening our bonds and telling the world about the good we do for mankind. A marvelous friendship has developed between the Nahins and the Weissers and I am appreciative of the special honors he afforded me.

So many of you are responsible for making this year a success.

I am appreciative of the support given by our Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, our General Grand Chapter Committee Members and our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Our Appointive Grand Officers, you have done an exemplary job this year. I am so proud of each of you.

To our Elective Grand Officers, you have my support - if you need anything - just ask. But, you will need to ask!

Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for your service - you have taught with kindness. Thank you.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, we have enjoyed hearing about your successes. Thank you for trying something new, for being prepared and for treating your members with respect and kindness.

Brother Ron and Sister Cathy, we have developed such a close relationship. You are more than friends - you are family!

San Lorenzo Chapter, thank you for your love and support. I am so proud to say I am a member of San Lorenzo Chapter. You are my safe harbor. Thank you for all that you have done for me. Would you please stand? They are probably all over the room. Thank you.

To my family, including you Mary Kay, words cannot express how much I appreciate each of you. Kim, you will finally get a break from all my special computer requests, and Al, you may even get a "home-cooked" meal that you don't have to prepare yourself.

I have enjoyed this fabulous journey and as it comes to the end I can honestly say to each member - YOU are the California Gold! Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: I hope so. I feel like I should send our Brother Grand Chaplain to the Altar to help me out.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

(By Ron Behnke)

We have all been involved in the Book of Life of our most wonderful Order of the Eastern Star. This chapter has been entitled "1999." It is only one of a 126 chapters in that most glorious book, and yet to those of us who have served Grand Chapter in 1999, in our Books of Life it may be entitled "one of the best and most important years of our lives." All that any of us can hope is that it will be remembered as a good chapter in both books.

It would be completely impossible for me to thank everyone who has helped make this year so special. This list would take at least the rest of the day and even then I am sure I would have left someone out. But know this, your efforts on behalf of Eastern Star are most sincerely appreciated and your reward will be to see our beautiful Order flourish and grow. I am most grateful to the members of Grand Chapter of California for the opportunity to have served.

I must, however, thank the love of my life, Cathy, for all she has done to make this experience wonderful. Sheri and Al for the friendship that has been a driving force in my life through these most glorious experiences. And the Grand Family of 1999 for their devotion to our Eastern Star.

One year ago, I stated that in one's life there are numerous events, but only a few landmark moments and those moments can be expressed in very few words. I asked Cathy "Will you?" She said "I will." We both said "I do." Cathy screamed and the doctor said it was a boy. Cathy screamed again and the doctor said it was a girl. Sheri asked "Will you?" I said "I will." We both said, "I do." We both did. And now it is time for me to say "Farewell."

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Choir, can you do it one more time?

"Doodlidoo Song" . . . California Singing Stars

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, choir.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Saturday Morning Session were approved as read.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We will now close this Session of the Grand Chapter and immediately following the close there will be a short Recessional Ceremony. We would appreciate it if you would please remain in your seats. Sister Kathleen has requested that the Grand Officers and their escorts go immediately behind the stage.

Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode.

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.

Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain: Thank you, dear Lord, for the year we have just experienced, for the friendships we made and the love and fellowship we have encountered. Now, as our year comes to an end, we must pass the mantle. Make us proud of that which we have done and take from us the sin of pride, so we may truly step aside and allow those who follow to lead. We ask that You lay Your special blessing upon those who follow. Give them the same comfort, guidance and love that You have given to us. And now that we return to our places of abode, we ask that You give to each of us Your love, guidance and wisdom until we may be permitted to meet again. Amen.

Closing: The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment to reconvene at 1:15 p.m. to honor our Masonic family.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 11:02 a.m.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Please remain seated, while our Grand Officers and Grand Pages retire and for our recessional.

Retiring March: Grand Officers and Grand Pages

SPECIAL RECESSIONAL

"I Was Born Under a Wandering Star"
Jim Bailey, Past Patron (181/563)

(Grand Officers and their escorts marched in; Sisters carrying flowers and Brothers carrying blue, white and purple balloons. They ascended the East dais.)

Speaker 1: Do you folks hear any voices? Just a minute. Did you hear that? I hear someone shouting in an old '99 mine shaft. Listen.

Speaker 2: Oh, my God! We are through!

Speaker 1: That must be old Hard Rock down there. Hey, hey, Hard Rock, what's wrong? What's the problem?

Speaker 2: The Mother Lode. It's all gone. No more gold. We are all finished here in 1999.

Speaker 1: What? No more gold? What are we to do?

Speaker 2: Hey, up there, just hoist me up out of here. We'll just have to pack up and move on. There's always another gold strike somewhere here in California.

(California Singing Stars sang the "Farewell Song," from the "Sound of Music," as the Grand Officers and their escorts left the stage, lined up in the West and then retired.)

Kathleen McDonald, Past Grand Matron: Thank you so much for staying for our recessional. It's been a wonderful Session, and we thank you.

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 23, 1999

MASONIC FAMILY HONOR SESSION

1:15 p.m. **Music and dancing**

1:25 p.m. **Musical Prelude:** Betty Schmieter, Grand Organist (347) Meleah Marie Jones, Grand Musician IORG

Entrance: Chairmen, Masonic Family Honor Session, Liaison to Rainbow, Liaison to DeMolay

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Good afternoon and welcome to the Youth Activity Session of this Grand Chapter. I have the pleasure to present Brothers John Homlotis, Liaison to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; and Richard Mullard, Liaison for the International Order of DeMolay.

Entrance: Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons

Escort: Hostess and Host

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: I have the honor to present Sister Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Frank Young, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, our Hostess and Host for this Saturday Afternoon Session. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron: I have the pleasure to present Sister Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, and Brother Glenn Martin, Past Patron, our Chairpersons of this Masonic Family Honor Session.

Entrance: Grand Officers

Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, and

Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sister Sheri, it is my pleasure and honor to present to you this afternoon your gavel. This is probably the most exciting Session of your week, and we do hope that you enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed you.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Barbara for presenting my gavel. Sister Barbara, may we have your welcome, followed by greetings from Brother Frank.

WELCOME

(By Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron, Hostess)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished and Honored Members, our wonderful young people, Sisters, and Brothers:

Welcome to each of our Fraternal Family Members to this special afternoon at our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri's and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron's Grand Chapter Session. They are truly part of my fraternal family life as Sister Sheri was our Grand Treasurer and she and Al served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in 1994, and Brother Ron was an escort to one of our 1994 Deputy Grand Matrons, his wife Sister Cathy.

I thank them for asking Brother Frank, a very important part of my fraternal family, to be with me today in bringing greetings to our guests.

"Family" is a very loving and cherished part of my life, personally and fraternally. One "family" story lesson taught to me by my dad is about a mother and father eagle living on the top of the mountain with a family of eaglets. The time in their life had come to go out into the world. Mother eagle said to the eaglets, "Come to the edge," but the eaglets said, "No, it's too high." The father eagle said to his eaglets, "Come to the edge," but the eaglets said, "No, it's too far." Mother eagle said to her eaglets, "Come to the edge," but the eaglets said, "No, we are afraid." Mother and Father eagle said, "Come to the edge, for you are strong, bold and beautiful, and we will be here to help you." The eaglets approached the edge, and the Mother and Father eagle gently pushed the eaglets and they flew off into the world.

Your fraternal family walks with you to the edge, so you eagerly take your steps into the adult world, strong, bold, beautiful, and soar like eagles.

WELCOME

(By Frank Young, Past Grand Patron, Host)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my own Worthy Grand Matron of 1994, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers and all of our Masonic Family Members gathered here this afternoon:

Hello. I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri Weisser, for inviting me to bring greetings to each of you at the opening of this special Masonic Family Honor Session at our "Key to California Gold" Grand Chapter. I have had the pleasure of working with our Sister Sheri in behalf of the office of Grand Chapter since 1987 and I respect everything she has done and certainly demonstrated this year and this week and the talents that she has. Each of our respective organizations teaches the lessons of Masonry in a little different way, but all the while provides a way to develop the best there is in us.

While visiting an older member of our Order, she related to me a story that reinforces one of the virtues that we teach. A woman came out of her house and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat." "Is the man of the house home?" they asked. "No," she said "He's out." "Then we cannot come in," they replied. In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home, and invite them in." The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a house together" they replied. "Why is that?" she wanted to know. One of the men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!" he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our house with wealth." His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?" Their daughter was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion. "Would it be not better to invite Love? Our home would be filled with love."

"Let us heed our daughter's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest." The woman went out and asked the three old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest." Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other two also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success, "I only invited Love. Why are you coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would have stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever he goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success."

I wish that with the Love in our Masonic family, we will also have Wealth and Success. Welcome and enjoy this special day we have set aside to honor you.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Barbara and Brother Frank, for being our Hostess and Host this afternoon. Both of you have spent many hours with the youth of not only our Order, but the Boy Scouts. We appreciate all you do for our young people and it was only appropriate that you be our Host and Hostess this afternoon.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Barbara and Brother Frank, I would also like to add my thank you for serving as Hostess and Host for this Masonic Honor Session. As you said, both Cathy and I were part of the 1994 Grand Family. Cathy was a Deputy and I think that makes me a son-in-law, I'm not sure. But the key word in this whole thing is "family," and it's Masonic family, and that is what makes the whole thing work. As long as all of us consider ourselves family, we will continue to be friends forever.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Afternoon Session called from Refreshment to Labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

(Master Masons formed an Honor Guard.)

Solo:	Rebecca Sulek, Past Worthy Advisor, Eden Assembly, a member of Golden Wave Chapter No. 103
Signing:	Darcey Keck, Grand Historian, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Escort: Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California and his wife

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Guests, we have the honor to present the Most Worshipful Alvin J. Weis, Grand Master of Masons in California, and his wife Virginia. Brother Al and Sister Virginia are members of Lafayette Chapter. Please join me with a very warm welcome for our distinguished guests.

A very special thank you to Rebecca Sulek, a Past Worthy Advisor of Eden Assembly and a new member of Golden Wave Chapter, San Leandro, for her lovely solo; and to Darcey Keck, Member of the Grand Executive Committee, Historian and Grand Representative to Arizona and New Mexico, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, for doing the sign language.

Escort: Grand Lodge Officers

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Most Worshipful, we would be pleased if you would present your Grand Lodge Officers and their wives.

Alvin Weis, Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is indeed my pleasure at this time to introduce the officers who are serving with me this year for the State of California. First of all, one of your very own from here, Fresno, a member of Los Palmas Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, our Assistant Grand Organist, Worshipful Chris Morris; from Chino Hills, a member of Golden Trowel Lodge No. 273, the Grand Pursuivant, Richard W. Jeanson, and his wife, Vicki, and their son, Kevin; from Lafayette, a member of Orinda Lodge No. 122, the Junior Grand Deacon, Worshipful Bill Adams, and his daughter, Hollie Carter, and son, Don; from Brentwood, a member of Mosaic Lodge No. 218, the Senior Grand Deacon, Worshipful Gary A. Yanes and his wife, Deann; from Oceanside, a member of Oceanside Lodge No. 381, the Grand Standard Bearer, Worshipful Roy L. Youngblood, and his wife, Beverly; from Stockton, a member of San Joaquin Lodge No. 19, the Grand Marshal, Worshipful Stanley E. Jacobs, and his wife, Ginger; from Sacramento, a member of Union Kit Carson Lodge No. 58, Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division II, Worshipful Robert S. Watanabe; from Daly City, a member of Culver City - Foshay Lodge No. 467, the Grand Secretary, Very Worshipful John L. Cooper, and his wife, Heather; from Riverside, a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 259, the Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful William Holsinger, and his wife, Jean; from Madera, a member of Madera Lodge No. 280, the Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful C. Ray Whitaker, and his

wife, Joyce; and from Riverside, a member of Upland Mt. Baldy Lodge No. 419, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful David C. Decker, and his wife, Nancy. Before I get into any trouble here, I'm from Lafayette, and it is again my pleasure to introduce to you my wife, Virginia.

Escort: Past Grand Master of California and Hawaii

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present the Most Worshipful Vernon L. Gordon, Past Grand Master of Masons of California and Hawaii, and Past Grand Patron of California, and his wife, Mae.

Escort: Youth Leaders and Adult Leaders

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Guests, I have the honor of presenting Erika Ravensteine, Grand Bethel Honored Queen; Shannon Fish, Miss California Job's Daughter; Pat Mosier, Grand Guardian; and Oscar Fuentes, Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Erika Ravensteine, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, International Order of Job's Daughters: Actually, I'm sorry to say that none of our Grand Bethel Girls are here today. We had a reception at 2:00 o'clock for our Grand Bethel Representative to Illinois and Iowa in San Luis Obispo and they all send their regrets.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Rhiannon Ritchie, Grand Worthy Advisor; and Anna Lind, Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector in California, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

(Presentation of the Grand Officers of Rainbow.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Scott E. Peters, Master Councilor, Northern California DeMolay and the son of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron from Livermore; and Edwin D. Clarke, Executive Officer, Northern California DeMolay.

(Presentation of the Northern California Jurisdiction Officers.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Gabe Shepherd, Master Councilor Southern Jurisdiction DeMolay; and Michael Bryant, Kern League Administrator, Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay.

(Presentation of the Southern California Jurisdiction Officers, and the Southern California Princess and Sweetheart.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Choir, can we have a musical welcome for our guests.

"Put on a Happy Face" . . . California Singing Stars

Glenn Martin, Past Patron, Co-Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Now we need everybody on their feet to show some Masonic Family enthusiasm.

Musical Selection . . . "YMCA"

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: We will now have a flag presentation by the combined efforts of our three youth groups.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: These five flags stand proud and tall, for they each contain a lesson which represents us all. It's true that America stands up for one and all, answering whenever possible, its people's call. In the 1800s one such call was sent from the people of a Golden State waiting to repent.

Erin Shea, Past Worthy Advisor: This California Flag is a symbol of a people's repent. So they sought shelter with the American Government. They voiced their desire to belong to such a great nation, and to separate from the Spanish government would be their greatest destination. So this flag they carefully constructed, and ladened it with the symbols of their struggles and rights which had been abducted. The great grizzly bear stood for their strength throughout their fight, and stands to this day with power and might. The Golden State, for which it stands, is admired in many lands. America allowed this state's forefathers the power and grace, to develop California into a prosperous and majestic place.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: The American Flag and the freedom for which it stands. Gives us the opportunity to worship as we please in our own land.

Lisa Parker, Worthy Associate Advisor: The Christian flag represents a freedom we all can enjoy, to worship as we please and our own ideas employ. The red cross in its field of blue symbolizes the valor and bloodshed of Jesus for you and for me. The white cloth is in purest form and offers hope in light of a storm. This flag stands proud

for you and me and provides us strength to envision what we normally cannot see. America has given us this God-given right and we pledge our allegiance to her every morning and every night.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: The Order of DeMolay is in many ways the future of our great Masonic fraternity. These young men respect our country's flag and follow in the footsteps of many Masonic leaders who have upheld the traditions of this great fraternity.

Neil Schwartz: We present this flag at the Altar as a symbol of the civil liberty without which there could be no religious freedom. It is especially appropriate that this flag should be commended to the custody of these young men so soon to become the citizens by whose patriotism its honor must be defended, whether on the field of battle or perpetual battle field where good citizenship wages war with bad. We, therefore, present it at the Altar for all installations as a sentinel to guard us in our worship, and as watchman over the next officers who shall lead us over the next term.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: The flag of our country is honored by the International Order of Job's Daughters throughout the land. The number three is depicted often in their lessons, and is symbolic to the great Masonic Order.

Erin Manfradi, Librarian: Our Bethel flag has been designed with care to represent all Job's Daughters fair. It's luster of purple and purest white stands for joy and order in all things right. It strikes with the knowledge and when it is unfurled, it teaches kindness and faith and love for all the world.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: The American Flag flies proudly over the Order of the Eastern Star. In 1850, Dr. Rob Morris felt and knew its protective shield and created the Degrees for the Order of the Eastern Star that is enjoyed throughout the world.

Randi Jones, Past Worthy Advisor: The five rays of this symbolic flag express the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Blue ray represents Fidelity and teaches us to be faithful to all obligations. The Yellow ray symbolizes Constancy and teaches obedience to honor and to justice. The White ray is a symbol of Light, Purity and Joy and teaches that pure and upright living is essential to all. The Green ray expresses a trustful Faith and renews an assurance of immortal life. The Red ray teaches Love for our Country, for our Flag and for each other. These five beautiful colors combined teach Truth - Truth in every walk

of life. When Truth surrounds the actions of our daily lives, we know the true meaning of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: America has lent her hand in many ways, to help those with certain goals to dream, achieve and have brighter days. In 1922, one such goal was achieved, Reverend W. Mark Sexton wrote a Ritual and the Order of the Rainbow was conceived. McAllister, Oklahoma was the birthplace of this beautiful trail, and since has spread throughout our nation and many countries without fail.

Anna Guyton, Faith: Our Rainbow Banner is more than just seven colors that form an arc. It is a group of lessons that when bonded together create a spark. The Red ray represents Love and the Orange is for Religion in honor of God above. The Yellow guides us to Nature and her wondrous sights, while the Green of Immortality shows us eternal light. The Blue of Fidelity is loyalty to our family and friends, and the Indigo represents our Patriotism for country to the end. The Violet ray of Service is the most inspiring ray, and a Rainbow Girl stands firmly for all it has to say. Each of these lessons cannot be bought or sold, for they are life's treasures contained in the Pot of Gold.

Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor: So, as you can see, each of these flags represents something about you and me. Our forefathers have given us the gracious right, to post these flags and take in their light. For each has a lesson yearning to be told so that all may benefit, whether young or old. Remember that these flags stand proud and tall in a land that is free and cares for us all.

Please retire the flags to the proper place in the Grand Chapter room.

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, and Northern California Jurisdiction Master Councilor, we would be pleased to have you make introductions at this time.

Rhiannon Ritchie, Grand Worthy Advisor: On behalf of the youth of our nation who are members of the International Order of Job's Daughters, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and the Order of DeMolay, we wish to express our grateful thank you to the adults in the Masonic Fraternity, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth. Your support in the past, your support today, and your continued support in the future has, does, and will be deeply appreciated by the youth who have the honor and privilege of being members of these youth groups.

The American flag tribute was given by Missy Carpenter, Past Worthy Advisor and Recorder, and the Flag Escort was Amber Shira, Charity, both from Natoma Assembly.

The California flag tribute was given by Erin Shea, Past Worthy Advisor and Hope, and the Flag Escort was Brenda Holnick, Past Worthy Advisor and Worthy Advisor, both from Placerville Assembly.

The Christian flag tribute was given by Lisa Parker, Worthy Associate Advisor, and the Flag Escort was Glenda Summers, Treasurer, both from Jackson Assembly.

Scott Peters, Northern California Master Councilor: The DeMolay banner tribute was given by Neil Schwartz. The banner was escorted by Leoni Neto, Keaton Young and Lanton Young, all Members of the State Center Chapter here in Fresno.

Erika Ravensteine, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: The Job's Daughter flag tribute was given by Erin Manfradi, Librarian of Bethel 49, Fresno, and the flag escort was Brooke Prinz, Junior Princess, Bethel 49, Fresno.

Rhiannon Ritchie, Grand Worthy Advisor: The Eastern Star Flag tribute was given by Randi Jones, Past Worthy Advisor and Charity, and flag escort was Crystal Summers, Hope, both from Jackson Assembly.

The Rainbow flag tribute was given by Anna Guyton, Faith, and the flag escort was Sheena Hartman, Recorder, both from Placerville Assembly.

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Thank you so much for that wonderful presentation. For those youth in the West and in the East we want to remind you that after the Session, the Courtesies to Dignitaries Committee has lots and lots of cookies over in the northwest corner for you.

We regret that the winning Drill Team from Grand Bethel was unable to be here today. They were superb, and they were excited about coming, but many of the daughters were required to be at a school activity for their school marching band.

The good news is that if you were a little late getting to this afternoon's Session you haven't missed a very special duet with this year's Grand

Musician for Rainbow and the 1982 Grand Organist for Grand Chapter. Take it away Meleah and Brother Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron.

Musical Selection
Saxophone - Meleah Marie Jones and
Piano - Dennis Jordan

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Wasn't that wonderful?

Escort: Distinguished and Honored Guests of our Masonic Family

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, I am most pleased and proud to present the Leaders of our Concordant and Appendant Masonic Bodies to you. Donald C. Gross, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons; Reed Bollin, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California; Glenn Jones, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies; Richard Wilson, Master Kadosh of the Consistory, Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies; Joan Verbryke representing the Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of California, Order of the Amaranth; Ed Olivera, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of California, Order of the Amaranth; Rosemary Dawson, Queen of Sharon Temple; Dean Heverly, Queen of Mokattam Temple; Amy Hoffman, Queen of Menzaleh Temple; Sue Holliway, Queen of Islam Temple; Judy Kohl, Queen of Mecca Temple, Daughters of the Nile; Malcolm S. White, Third Executive Vice President, California Association of High Twelve Clubs; Harry Dyke, Deputy Pharaoh, Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots; John Simmons, Chief Rabban, Aahmes Temple, Shrine of North America; Barbara Anne Ridgeway, Past Supreme Worthy High Priestess, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; Ernestine Redmond, Deputy Grand President, Order of the Golden Slipper. Please give our guests a very hearty welcome.

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: We will now have some very unique entertainment from Brandee Escarsega, Guide at Bethel #41, Tulare.

"I Got the Memories, She's Got You" . . . Brandee Escarsega

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Sister Loret White, Liaison to Job's Daughters, will you please present our Grand Bethel Honored Queen?

Loret White, Past Matron, Liaison to the International Order of Job's Daughters: It would be my pleasure to introduce Erika Ravensteine, Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the State of California, and Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 97, Burbank, of the International Order of Job's Daughters. Erika, we would love to hear from you now.

REMARKS

(By Erika Ravensteine, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, International Order of Job's Daughters)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers of Grand Chapter, Distinguished Guests, Members and Friends of the Order of the Eastern Star:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and honor that I bring you greetings from the California Job's Daughters. Our organization was founded by Ethel T. Wead Mick in 1920. She wished to create an organization to teach girls traits that would help them in their future roles as mothers and as wives. Job's Daughters is an organization that leads girls into womanhood. Our Order teaches values, responsibility, and respect for our elders.

Many of the young women in our Order have chosen to become members of the Order of Eastern Star. I believe that they are doing a great service to both of our Orders. They are bridging the gap between the adults and the youth. Both of the Orders have the special quality in the fact that they both require Masonic heritage. This heritage makes all of us a part of the very special family that will last with us throughout our lives.

Your wonderful example of community service is also seen in the members of the International Order of Job's Daughters. As Job's Daughters, we are committed to helping the community in various ways, like yourselves. This year, our Philanthropic Project is the Ronald McDonald house. This worthy project houses parents while their children are in various hospitals. This allows the parents to stay with their child during the day and not have to pay for a place to stay at night. This project helps parents all over the country in their time of need.

I would like to thank the Grand Chapter for the extraordinary opportunity to address this Session. Thank you for your continued support of Job's Daughters and the other Masonic youth orders. It is greatly appreciated. I would like to invite each one of you to attend the

Bethel meetings in your local area. The girls love to have sideliners at their meetings. Thank you very much for your guidance. It is my great wish that as we enter the new millenium, the bonds between all the Masonic Orders will strengthen, allowing us to flourish in the 21st Century.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to present these gifts to both of you from all the Job's Daughters in California. Thank you for your great and continued support.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: It's a beautiful Job's Daughters doll. Sister Erika, as a majority member of Job's Daughters in Montana, I truly appreciate receiving a statuette. I don't have one, and it's very nice. I'm not a Past Honored Queen. I served as Chaplain and Third Messenger. Third Messenger was the first office. I was scared to death. But things change, and it did get better, believe me. Thank you very much, Erika, for being with us and for presenting this gift to me

Erika Ravensteine, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: I would also like to present you this pin from the California Grand Bethel Girls for the 1999-2000 year. Our theme this year is Our Hands hold the Heart to the New Millennium and we would love you wear it with honor.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you also. My own daughter was an Honored Queen at our Bethel in Whittier, and I do not have one of these, either. This will be part of my many remembrances. Thank you very much.

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Brother John Homlotis, would you approach the podium here. John is the Liaison to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. We would be delighted to have you present our Grand Worthy Advisor.

John Homlotis, Past Patron, Liaison to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls: Worthy Grand Matron, Honored East, Sisters and Brothers and Friends:

I would like to give you a brief history of how Eastern Star and the Rainbow are intertwined. One evening in the spring of 1922, Mr. Mark Sexson was asked to make an address before the South McAlester Chapter No. 149, Order of the Eastern Star. He mentioned to the Eastern Star that he had observed the DeMolay during some of his Masonic activities. He felt there was a need for girls in the Masonic family.

In his address to the Eastern Star, he made an appeal for such an organization to the Worthy Matron. After his address, the Worthy Matron immediately replied, "We would start a girls organization, if we had someone to write the Initiation Ceremony." Mr. Sexton answered, "I will write the Ritual" and the next day it was completed. He named the girls' organization the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

The South McAlester Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star exemplified the work and furnished the rituals, and on April 6th, 1922, the first class of Rainbow Girls were exemplified with 171 initiated in the Scottish Rite Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma. Thus, his dream has, today, become the reality of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Today, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you our newest Sister of the Eastern Star, our own Grand Worthy Advisor, Rhiannon Ritchie, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

REMARKS

(By Rhiannon Richie, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored and Distinguished Members of our Masonic Family and Friends:

"Eureka, I have found it. There is gold in these hills."

These cries could be heard 150 years ago as gold was discovered in California. Since then, our Golden State has prospered to become one of the major economies in the world. What was the key that kept these 49'ers in California after the gold was gone? Was it the beautiful climate that helped farmers and ranchers? Or the opportunity for new beginnings in a new state? Was the key the variety of people and their many talents that has made our state so great?

Just this month, I discovered some more gold in California. I was initiated into Natoma Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Folsom, which is an old gold mining town. It was a very beautiful ceremony. I noticed many similarities between my Eastern Star initiation and the Initiation Ceremony for Rainbow.

We both learn about Fidelity, Service, Faith, Immortality and Love. I discovered another similarity between Eastern Star and Rainbow. The key to their success is their members. This year, our goal in Rainbow

is to initiate ten new members in every Assembly. What if each of these new members joined Eastern Star when they were 18? What a gold rush that would be. I know all of our Masonic organizations are looking for this rush of membership.

California Rainbow has a mother lode of members for Eastern Star in their Majority Members. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is open for membership to all girls. Their parents and grandparents are welcome at all of our meetings and events. Because Rainbow is open and welcoming to all girls and their families, we have some members that cannot join Eastern Star. I would love to share with them what I have discovered about Eastern Star.

Eureka, I have found it. There is gold in our Masonic youth. The youth groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls hold the key to success in our adult Masonic organizations. As the new millenium approaches, we will find even more keys to success when we all work together and find the golden opportunity in a new century of continued service. If everyone who has worked at one time with Rainbow, or is still working now, would please stand. We would just like to thank you for your continued love and support to this California Jurisdiction of Rainbow.

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: Brother Richard Mullard, Liaison to the International Order of DeMolay, will you please present our Northern and Southern Jurisdiction Master Councilors?

Richard Mullard, Past Patron, Liaison to the International Order of DeMolay: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, I clearly remember that night last December after the All Officer Instructional in Whittier, when Brother Ron approached me and said that Sister Sheri wished to make a request of me. I also distinctly remember when Sister Sheri asked me to be the Liaison to the Order of DeMolay, that I told her I knew very little about the Order of DeMolay, having worked with the Order of Rainbow for Girls for over 25 years. But that yes, I would be pleased to accept the appointment. Sister Sheri, I thank you for asking me.

What a rare experience this has been. I have visited Chapter and league meetings as well as several Installations. At first I was welcomed with, "I didn't know such a representative existed." On occasion, I was escorted to and accorded a seat in the East. I was always asked to speak. When I recently informed the Chapters I was visiting for the last

time, in an official capacity, I was warmly thanked for my participation and indeed asked to return again.

Some of the Chapters are small, some are very large; with all 22 offices filled. All of the Chapters are very active. Some of the activities include white water rafting, rock climbing, trap and skeet shooting, movie nights, basketball, softball, pizza nights, Ritual practice, leadership training and dances after installations.

The boys are of very high caliber. At one league meeting, the Most Worshipful Doug Lemons, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, attended to present one of the young men a check for $1200 for being one of two who had won the Grand Prize in the Scottish Rite Essay Competition. He had already won $300 regional prize. The subject was: Violence in Schools. The essay is printed in the September 1999 Scottish Rite Journal. Another young man informed me that he had received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He will enter in 2000.

My principal duty here today, is to introduce the respective Jurisdictional Master Councilors of the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction of California, International Order of DeMolay.

The first is Scott Peters, a Past Master Councilor of Pleasanton Chapter. He has served as Senior Councilor and Master Councilor of the Pacific East Bay Division, then Senior Councilor and now Master Councilor of the Northern California jurisdiction. Scott has been a DeMolay for seven years. He is a Chevalier. Scott is a sophomore at Sonoma State majoring in advertising and marketing. He has told his parents he expects to be a millionaire by the time he's 30.

REMARKS

(By Scott Peters, Master Councilor,
Northern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored Guests, Members and Friends of Eastern Star:

I count it a privilege to be giving my last official speech representing Northern California DeMolay here at Grand Chapter. You see, this year I have learned more about the Order of the Eastern Star than any other Masonic order. This year I have begun to understand the precepts and teachings of Eastern Star.

This year I have had the opportunity of meeting many of you, including Mrs. Weisser and Mr. Behnke. This year I spent more time with Eastern Star outside of DeMolay, than any other Masonic group. This year I found myself dressed as Santa Claus at an Eastern Star Christmas party in December.

Now, I know what you are asking yourselves. I have asked myself the same question, many times. How could this young, hip, handsome college student get cornered into dressing like Santa Claus at an Eastern Star Christmas party? Well, I will give you my answer. This year my parents are Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Semper Fidelis Chapter. I may be in charge of Northern California DeMolay, but it is no mystery who is in charge of me. My parents can get me to do just about anything when my car needs gas and my wallet is empty from the weekend before of DeMolay.

Because I have learned all this, I find it only appropriate to tell you a few things about DeMolay right now. We are at the end of our year, and there are plenty of reasons for Northern California DeMolay to be celebrating. Last week, we held our annual Grand Master's Class, Initiation class. We were extremely pleased to be initiating 63 new members into our order, making us number one in the nation for membership. We have also opened a new Chapter in Redding, and by the first of the year we hope to have welcomed four new Chapters into our roster.

DeMolay in Northern California is growing. In February, we installed the first female Advisor ever in California. Since then, women have been a necessary part of Northern California DeMolay success. Our newest Chapter, Pacific Crest Chapter in Redding, installed a full line of officers and Advisory Counsel consisting of about 18 volunteers, and almost half of these volunteers were women.

We know that our future will depend upon all the adult volunteers, and not just men. Women Advisors, however, are just a complement to every other achievement we have accomplished this year. Every single one of our Jurisdictional activities has increased in participation. In large manner, this is because our program develops and improves year after year, making it second to none in the world; and partly because we have invited the Job's and Rainbow Girls to join us in just about everything we do.

At our Basketball Tourney in March, we were surprised to find out we had a total of 26 teams registered to play, increasing a total of seven teams from the previous year. Of those seven teams, six were

comprised entirely by Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters. It was because of this success our Softball and Volleyball Tournaments also grew for a third year in a row.

As for PRIDE, our annual ritual competition in May, we had over 150 competitors, and are proud to say that it has become, as far as we know, the largest ritual competition in the world. So big, in fact, it is quite possible that PRIDE will become a two-day event next year. You will hear in a few short minutes one of our first place winners from PRIDE, Brother Mike Eklund, who will be giving the Flower Talk.

Northern California is also home to the largest leadership conference in our nation. At our annual Leadership Conference, DLC, we have an attendance over 130 campers, including campers from all over the country, like Nevada and Utah. We were also pleased to see that our neighbors in the north, Canada, have come to participate.

From our successes at DLC, we have been asked to sponsor five other camps this year throughout the country. Northern California DeMolay builds leaders. As you can see, we are committed to providing excellence. Our goal is to obtain a first-class program for the work of today.

I believe, as does every other DeMolay in the world, we belong to the premier youth organization in the world. We provide programming, leadership training, advising scholarships, and a path that will guide us during our journey into adulthood. If this year is any indication of next year, Northern California DeMolay has a very successful future to look forward to. This year I have chosen the belief that coloring outside the lines or making a change was necessary for us to succeed in the Order. We have seen a lot of changes in Northern California DeMolay, but I have not seen one yet, and I will leave you guys with this question. Which Eastern Star Chapter in here will be the first to sponsor a DeMolay Chapter in Northern California?

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to present you on behalf of Northern California DeMolay this donation towards your Philanthropy Project. *(Presents a stuffed bear.)*

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Scott.

Richard Mullard, Past Patron, Liaison to the International Order of DeMolay: The Southern California Jurisdictional Master Councilor is Gabriel Shepherd. Gabe has been in DeMolay for six years. He is a Past Master Councilor of Redlands Chapter, a 1997 graduate of

Redlands High School. He is currently employed by the Lutheran Brotherhood, a financial investment company, as their computer network engineer. He is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and Authorized PC Technician. His interests include public speaking, basketball and computers.

REMARKS

(By Gabriel Shepherd, Master Councilor, Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Members of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Senior DeMolays and Guests:

I have come from Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay as their Master Councilor, with a proposition. A proposition that will benefit all of our organizations. A proposition that will increase membership in all of our organizations. A proposition that will make public the purposes why we are here today. A proposition which will show the purpose for our country, for our family and for our future. You see, whether it be Job's Daughters, Blue Lodge, Rainbow for Girls, Eastern Star or DeMolay, we all have that same purpose: To make ourselves better people, and to make this world we live in a better place to do so.

The Masonic organizations need to act as a unit, as a team and, most importantly, as a family. Communication will lend us the best upper hand in this situation to achieve greatness and to make this world we live in greater. Our city, our states and our nation all depend on organizations like ours to provide civic service, to maintain a stable society and to defend our beloved banner. This is the chance of a lifetime. Our peers, our organizations and our world are all counting on us to make a difference, to take a stand and fight for our Orders' future and prosperity.

We are the last hope, the last chance of success, and we all are leaders. Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear. I suggest we take a look. On behalf of Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay, you have our promise of support and vows to lend a helping hand. Together, as one, we will prevail. Thank you for your continuing support of DeMolay, and I assure you we are working hard to accomplish our goals and to secure a future that holds growth, success and a promise for tomorrow.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Now, with the assistance of our youth groups in the west and Sister Kay Coffin, are you ready?

What we want our youth groups to do is get the bags of animals back there behind you, and if you will each grab a bag, we are going to let you participate in this.

(A very large giraffe enters Grand Chapter room.)

Escort: Valley Children's Hospital Representatives

(Youth enter pulling wagons full of stuffed animals.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the great pleasure of presenting Joyce Russell, Cindy Lopez and "George" of Valley Childrens' Hospital.

This year we had a special project, when we visited and made our Official Visits to each of our Districts, we asked instead of giving remembrances to us, that we would like them to bring stuffed animals for children around the State who were suffering some trauma, or made visits to the emergency room, and so on. Sister Kay had a special plan for this Grand Chapter. She asked our members to bring an animal to Grand Chapter. She had hoped to get 300. Those animals down there are for you, and there are nearly 1200 animals.

I have only had this one for a few minutes, but we would like you to present this to one of your children at the hospital. We know that they are going to go to very good use.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Every moment in Eastern Star is a different experience. I have been completely blown away by the response of our membership. And when you think that these animals are going to help a child in need, feeling bad, feeling lonely, help them get through that moment, it will be a memory that will last for us the rest of our lives. So, I thank all the members of this Grand Chapter for your generosity in this program, and we are so pleased to be able to make this presentation.

Cindy Lopez, Valley Children's Hospital Representative: I would just like to say on behalf of Valley Children's Hospital and the Child Life Department to thank everyone that made this possible. This is a very generous donation. It is a very needed donation. We will find good homes for all of them. Children that come into the hospital for hospitalization are usually a very stressful event in their lives; stressful for them and their families. So, upon admission, we try to give everyone a special friend, such as a stuffed animal, to kind of ease the tension and provide some comfort.

When they go into surgery for procedures, the only thing that they are allowed to take with them is the stuffed animal or a special doll or a special friend. Those special friends can go places where parents cannot. So, they are very needed, and we just can't thank you enough for the overwhelming response.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much. I can tell you that earlier in the year the Grand Officers visited the Children's Hospital and delivered a few animals there. They have a wonderful facility here.

We heard some very inspiring messages from our youth leaders this afternoon. You saw how many of our members have worked with the youth groups in our State of California. For those of you who have not worked with them, I urge you to at least attend a meeting, if possible, and, if there's time in your life, to serve on their councils or their boards. You would find it a very rewarding experience.

Too often we hear just the bad in the newspaper about the youth of today. What you see here in this Arena this afternoon, is the real youth of today, and aren't we proud of them?

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Having listened to the speeches of those four wonderful youth leaders and then singing the "YMCA", how can anyone worry about the future of our country and our fraternity? As was said, these youth groups need adult leaders to do well, and what we in Masonry and Eastern Star need are youth to do well. So, it seems to me that it should be a team effort, and I think we should applaud them once again for the wonderful thing they are doing.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Erika, Rhiannon, Scott and Gabe, would you join us at the podium please. We have some special gifts for each of you, personally, to take home as a special remembrance of this afternoon with the Masonic family. Let them remind you that the members of the Order of the Eastern Star support you. We love you and we are always here if you need us. Let's give them a hand.

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: At this time we would like to honor the many members of the Order of the Eastern Star who give the gift of their time and their talent to work with the youth of our Masonic Family. No Job's Bethel, Rainbow Assembly or DeMolay Chapter can be chartered or continue to exist without the minimum number of properly affiliated Masonic adults.

Will all DeMolay Chapter Dads please rise and keep standing? Will all Mother Advisors please rise and keep standing? Will all Bethel Guardians and Associate Bethel Guardians please rise and keep standing? Will all Deputy Grand Guardians, Grand Deputies of Rainbow and League and Jurisdiction Dads please rise and keep standing? Will all Job's Daughters Council Members please rise and keep standing? Will all Rainbow Board Members please rise? Will all DeMolay Advisory Council members please rise? Will all Past Mother Advisors, Past Bethel Guardians and Associates Guardians please rise? Will all Past Chapter Dads please rise? Will all persons who have ever served on the Advisory Board or Guardian Council or DeMolay Advisory Council please rise?

Sisters and Brothers, we salute you, you touch the future of our country and our world. You determine whether our fraternity will survive.

In honor of our Adult Leaders who serve, we are proud to present a group of Eastern Star members who chaperone one of our youth groups. Let their enthusiasm be an example to all of you that, not only is chaperoning rewarding, but it is really fun. Please say "yes" the next time you are asked to serve on a Board, Council or Advisory Council.

From their trip to Supreme Assembly in St. Louis in 1998, we bring you the "one and only" Supremes with their Escorts Loyal Stark, Ron Behnke, Frank Young, Glenn Jones, Al Weisser and Glenn Martin.

"Stop in the Name of Love" . . . The "Supremes"

Sara Lee Martin, Past Matron, Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: We are really pleased with the excellent performance. Actually, could you do another one, just a little bit?

"Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand" . . . The "Supremes"

Glenn Martin, Past Patron, Co-Chairman, Masonic Family Honor Session: We are pleased to have with us today Michael J. Eklund, Jr., Junior Councilor of Pleasanton Chapter, DeMolay who will present the DeMolay Flower Talk.

(Flower Talk performed by Mike Eklund and he presented a red flower to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.)

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Pretty impressive, wasn't it? It's making me think of my mother, and I am sure it has made us all

think of our mothers. What more can we say about our youth than what we have witnessed today?

Our Grand Master is a native Californian. He was born in La Jolla on March 6, 1935. At a young age his family moved to the San Joaquin Valley, settling in Manteca. He grew up on the vineyard south of Manteca; attended public schools in Manteca; and continued his education at Diablo Valley College and Golden Gate University, completing his studies in Business Management and Marketing. He retired after 31 years with Pacific Gas & Electric in procurement, where he administered contracts at PG&E's headquarters in San Francisco.

As a youth, he was active in DeMolay, his church, and Boy Scouts, as well as football, band and other school activities. He is a Past Master Councilor of Manteca Chapter, Order of DeMolay. His commitment to DeMolay continued as an adult advisor, Chapter Dad, and later as a member of the Northern California DeMolay Foundation Board of Directors. The International Supreme Council has also honored Most Worshipful Brother Weis by awarding him the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Our Grand Master became a Mason in Tyrian Lodge No. 439, and later affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship Lodge 480 in Lafayette. He served that Lodge as Master in 1981, and in 1995 his Lodge honored him with the coveted Hiram Award. He served as a member of the Lodge's Temple Board for five years, and was President of the 161st Masonic District Officers' Association.

His Masonic memberships include the Oakland Scottish Rite, where he is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has been honored with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He also belongs to the Oakland York Rite Bodies, Aahmes Shrine Temple, National Sojourners, Lafayette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the Royal Order of Scotland, and many others.

Most Worshipful Brother Weis has served the Grand Lodge of California as a member of the Policy and General Purposes Committee, the 1989 Junior Warden Selection Committee, and the Wardens' Retreat Committee. In addition, he has served as Director for the Nob Hill Masonic Management Corporation, and as a Trustee for the California Masonic Memorial Temple and the California Masonic Foundation. He also served as a Trustee for Masonic Homes of California for twelve years, and in 1983 he was appointed Grand Marshal by Most Worshipful E. Arthur Haglund.

His hobbies and interests include traveling, golf, fishing, the theater, and good music, especially blue grass and country. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Lafayette where they are active members of the Lafayette Christian Church. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it is now my privilege and pleasure to present to you the 135th Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Alvin J. Weis.

REMARKS

(By Alvin J. Weis,
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California)

Before I get into my prepared remarks this afternoon, I do think that we should give another round of applause to our youth speakers today. They were just outstanding. As an added note, every one of my appointed officers this year has some tie with either our Masonic youth groups, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, school teachers, but they had to be committed and dedicated to the young people and to the future of Masonry and to this country.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, Sisters and Brothers, and guests all:

October is a month in which we pay homage to St. Jude, who as we know, is the Patron Saint of the Impossible. He represented hope to the hopeless and possibility to those who saw none. I'm no saint. But standing before you today, I'm pleased to represent the Grand Lodge of Masons of California at your 126th Annual Session, and to greet you with a message of hope, expectation and possibility.

Unfortunately, there are those among our fraternal ranks who believe Masonry and it's Auxiliary Bodies are passe. To those, I lift up your motto: Cherish the Past, Treasure the Present, Envision the Future. To me, that means there is a legacy from the past to be respected, a here and now that is worthy of encouragement, but, most importantly, a future to be discovered.

What I like most about your motto is the word "vision." Not just to have a vision, but to do a vision. A vision of the future. Those sentiments do not speak of an organization that is facing an impossible future. After 150 years of Masonry and 126 years of Eastern Star, I'm

convinced that our best years, our greatest accomplishments and outstanding possibilities are ahead of us, not in our past.

We are a family. Our mutual vision for the future means that we must proceed with a plan. Etching maps of possibility in the minds of those who doubt. Maps making unexplored territory come to light and lead us from what we are to our destination.

Plans make everything seem possible. We are members of a Masonic family. We embrace unity, integrity and vision, and I trust that the members of California's Order of the Eastern Star are as pleased as the Masons of California to be a family. Today we stand at the arcane of Masonry, encouraged by the possibilities of the present, respecting the legacies of our past, while keeping a keen eye fixed on the future. Each of us stands on the shoulders of our Sisters and Brothers who provided us with a legacy that is worth preserving. However, we can not live in the glories of the past, and remain stagnant as the world moves into the third millenium. That is not to deny or devalue the past, but we must frame our vision in the future, an organization for the future for men and women today, and for those yet unborn.

Our Masonic family faces the challenges of the changed times, with external and internal factors affecting all of us. We know about the transformation in American society, the increasing influence of a technological advances, and the fast ways how new generations are emerging and vexing the world. There are global concerns that no longer belong only in other places and other lands; but they implicate us as a society, and us as a community.

Our survival will require Masonic leadership today that accepts as it's prime directive to empower and entrust the next generation. Our vision cannot be restricted to five or ten years, but to twenty to twenty-five years from now.

We are a family. As a family, we must persist with our commitment to work together in a common effort and search for light to solve our problems. Concern over decline in membership has perhaps caused us to seek to grow in numbers, losing sight that not all men and women should be aligned with our organization. You will hear me saying this many times as I travel the state. We must stress quality first; the quantity will follow. Not the other way around. We must not lower our standards. We must continue to emphasize those values that have made our fraternity preeminent throughout the state and throughout the world.

In the past, our fraternity chose to hide it's light under the bushel. Not anymore. We need to let ourselves become known outside our own circles. I ask that you talk openly and freely about our fraternity with others. Encourage your family and friends to consider membership by speaking with pride and respect that I know that you feel for our fraternal organization.

Inviting people from outside the fraternity to your social events is a start. Necessary, but it's not enough. There's another important condition we must fulfill. Each of us must dedicate more time in studying our origins, our history, our ceremonies and all the components of our organizations. Otherwise, we are not prepared to respond to the many questions and to talk with confidence about our fraternity. Then, and only then, will you be in a position to offer meaningful opportunities for those who were never exposed to this alternative way of life.

We are a family. Family members recognize unity, understanding and selflessness as the key elements for advancing the welfare of all. A true family comes together in times of glory and grief, in moments of high seas as well as low tides, when optimism illuminates our paths, or when sorrow seems to cloud our thoughts.

As a family, we share the same principles and beliefs that are common to our common welfare. I am especially impressed by the likeness of our vision and the splendor of the simple language by which your Order expresses that vision. The devotion of the wife, the affection of the daughter, the unchanging love of the mother, and grief of the widow, and the confiding faith of the Sister. Devotion, affection and faith. I can think of no more eloquent language to guide your Order than for emphasizing the values that we share.

This is it. The moment that together we begin a new Masonic year full of optimism and expectation concerning our mission. Though we face complex issues related to global concern, public upheavals and personal stress, we shall overcome.

The anthropologist Margaret Mead said it this way, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We are those few committed people who are able to build upon the cornerstone that was laid 150 years ago. A fraternal chain with strong links, and we have the ability to make it even stronger. I can state with great confidence that the links of our fraternal chain will become stronger with time, but only with your commitment and with your resolve. Not a commitment to change

what we stand for, but to give voice to the principles that have guided our organization for over a century and a half.

Let me leave you with the admonition that I gleaned from Mother Teresa whose words speak to the same principles that we embrace as a fraternity: "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." When we commit ourselves to that simple principle, when dealing with others, the vitality of our organizations will be restored and the vision of a bright future will never be brought into any question. Will you join me?

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Al, we thank you for being with us today. Our paths have crossed many times these past few years as we attended various fraternal events. Our year is just coming to a close. Yours is just beginning. We wish for you a most prosperous and harmonious year, and may every dream that you dream of come true.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Most Worshipful, if I may also thank you graciously for those wonderful words of wisdom. Several times in your speech you mentioned we are a joint organization; together we stand, and divided we fall. We are so grateful to have you here at our Grand Chapter, and we wish you the best in the coming year. On behalf of Sheri and myself, we would like to present you with this token of our love and affection.

Alvin Weis, Worshipful Grand Master: Sheri, your theme was "The Key to California Gold" this year and what I have from me as Grand Master, to you as Worthy Grand Matron, is a chain with two charms one is a gold miner and the other one is a key. So, I hope that signifies your year.

For you, Brother Ron, I have a commemorative tie bar that I had designed this year. It has the raised 2000 on it, and it's a circle. It says California Free Masonry 150 years. It has the State of California and a square and compass resting upon the Holy Bible.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Al, this is beautiful and it could not be more appropriate. Thank you.

Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you so very much. I will wear it with pride and honor.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Diane Jones, may we have your report on the Scholarship Committee at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIP

(By Diane Jones, Past Matron (195), Chairman)

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

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to continue to serve on this fascinating Committee. At this time I would like to thank the Past Grand Matron who appointed me to this position in 1995. Thank you, Sister Kathleen MacDonald, for one of the most enjoyable experiences in my Eastern Star life. The members of this Committee are Delores Cashion, Linda Whitworth, May Laing, and Marcia Fox. It has been an honor to work with each of these women over the past five years, and our Committee is one which adds a new member each year.

This is a very challenging Committee but, how rewarding to read about some of the truly remarkable young people who will be leading us in the future. It is equally rewarding to be able to make awards to them in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star. We fund graduating high school seniors, older students, returning students and reentry students. Only the most outstanding make the cut. Ladies and gentlemen, you can rest assured that your future is in good hands.

The hardest job we face in the selection process is narrowing the field of applicants. Much of the elimination process is governed by the amount of money we are allocated for distribution. 186 completed applications were received by our deadline. We read and processed 140 applications. This year we had more than 70 Masonic affiliated qualifying students, and we only had $28,650 to dispense. Since the majority of our stipends are given in the amount of $500 and $1,000, we had to select very carefully.

Of the 29 scholarships granted, 25 were first time recipients and four were regrants. 14 recipients were Masonic related, six belonged to our youth orders. One is a member of our Order. One of the young ladies joined Eastern Star as a result of her award, and the father of one young man joined our Order, as well. So we gained some new members as a direct result of our efforts this year.

We funded a widely varied field of applicants, from the young man who wants to be a luthier, which is a violin maker, to a Past Matron and former Deputy Grand Matron who is getting her nursing degree, to a youngster going into agriculture through a two-year college. One of the recipients is wheelchair bound and was very moved that we funded

her efforts at education. She is an ESTARL recipient, (religious scholarship) and her total focus is helping others.

We realize we had to leave out many deserving and outstanding people. This was not done lightly! We really had some agonizing moments when we discovered how little money was going to be released to us. Since the money available to scholarship depends mainly on your donations, if you want to see more awards given, we must continue to endow this fund.

We gave out three $3,000 awards, thirteen $1,000 awards, and thirteen $500 awards. We sent checks to twenty-four schools in California, one in Indiana, one in Philadelphia, one in New York and one in Washington State. For the first time we endowed a young woman taking a correspondence course. She is getting her education in this manner because she has assumed the care of her sister's three orphaned children.

So you can see that we tried our best to spend your money wisely and do the most good possible with the limited amount we had to work with. I urge you to keep contributions to scholarship at the forefront of your thinking. It is the one area of our work that directly impacts our youth. Please remember your Scholarship Fund. Invest in your future.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Diane, on behalf of the Grand Chapter we thank you for your efforts and your Committee members for all that they do for this Scholarship Fund. We know how many applications you received, and the hours and hours you spent reviewing them.

Diane Jones, Past Matron, Chairman, Scholarship Committee: May I introduce some of our recipients at this time?

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: We would be pleased to meet them.

Diane Jones, Past Matron, Chairman, Scholarship Committee: We have three young people with us today. Would you please come forward. You all got to hear Rebecca Sulek, she is the recipient of an award in music; Crystal Gilfiller, she's going to premed; and James Kuntz who was given a Cashion award for business and law. James will say something at this moment.

James Kuntz, Scholarship Recipient: On behalf of the scholarship recipients, I would like to thank each of you for your interest in

education. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to see our goals fulfilled and able to make this world a better place.

(Announcements made by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Al Weis, would you please join me here at the podium. You heard that we were collecting animals throughout the year to give to hospitals. We had one of our members give us a large bag of Beanie Babies and we were to use them however we saw fit. We decided to have a silent auction this week, they have all been bid on and distributed to their new owners, and we have in this an envelope a check in the amount of $717.50 to be given to the children at the Masonic Home in Covina.

Al Weis, Worshipful Grand Master: Thank you so much Sheri. As Virginia and I travel the state this year, we will receive monetary gifts such as this, and I have two charities in particular that I plan to support this year. One is, of course, our youth groups, for youth leadership training, and the second is the Masonic Homes of California, as well. I might say to you, that this year, it's the first year in several generations that our Endowment Fund did not reach a million dollars. So, it's going to be one of my silent goals this year to promote the Homes behind the scene, and maybe get that up, because as a Blue Lodge Mason, this is our number one charity. So, this is most appropriate. Thank you, Sheri.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday Afternoon for the Installation of the 2000 Grand Officers.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper Proclamation at 4:13 p.m.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: I invite everyone to please join our youth in the West and enjoy some of those cookies.

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

SATURDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 23, 1999

"ROARING TWENTIES" FUN NIGHT

Invocation: Gene Miller

Dinner:
Spring Mixed Greens with Candied Walnuts and Golden Raisins, with Vinaigrette Dressing
Filet Mignon Bordelaise
Red Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Rolls, Butter
Coffee
Dessert – Tiramisu

Entertainment:
Teri Clark Dancers
Dalisay

Dance Contest: Loretta Miller and the Committee

Fun Night Committee

Tickets	Barbara Pawling	Decorations	Barbara Wiedenhoeft
Publicity	Maebelle Flannery	Printing	Bob and Marilyn deCamp
Favors	Barbara Wilson	Signs	Bob Moore

Committee

Paula Remington, PGM	Louise Linton
Donna Tucker	Cathy Cunningham
Beverly You	Joyce Keeney
Francis You	Dalton Keeney
Martha Rutherford	Myma Rogers
Janet Pillow	Dona Womack
Loni Waites	John Cole
Carol Fleming	Eleanor Woodward

Many others who helped in any way

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1999

SAROYAN THEATER

NECROLOGY

Organ Prelude: Harold Hand, Past Patron (21)

"God is My Shepherd" . . . California Singing Stars

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress
Danna Willoughby, Associate Grand Conductress
LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain

EULOGY FOR SISTER VIRGINIA M. PAINTER
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1991-1994

(By June Lucretia Barnum, General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian)

Visualize, if you will, the rugged Connecticut coastline with the sea beating upon the rocks at shoreline. And picture further a lighthouse standing firm and steadfast with its beacon sending a steady warning and a welcome.

It was into this world that Virginia M. Montello was born on January 23, 1932; and it is this part of our world which never lost its meaning for her, no matter where she might be. Sister Virginia grew up and attended public school in Waterbury, Connecticut, where she played the cello and met Robert Painter who played bass viol. She was an officer of her Rainbow Assembly and Brother Bob was Master Counsilor of his DeMolay Chapter when they were married. Thus began a lifetime of devotion to one another and to their Masonic tradition.

Sister Virginia M. Painter began her Eastern Star journey in Good Will Chapter No. 112 in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1952 and served as Worthy Matron, with Brother Bob as her Worthy Patron, in 1959. In 1960-1961 she served as Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut and was elected Associate Grand Conductress in 1961,

after which she progressed to the station of Worthy Grand Matron in 1964-1965. In 1976 Sister Virginia was elected to the office of Right Worthy Grand Trustee and advanced to the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron for the years 1991-1994.

Sister Virginia was a business woman whose career brought great responsibility for the administration of employee benefits for approximately 60,000 employees and retirees of Atlantic-Richfield Corporation from coast to coast and Canada, during which time she resided in various states including California and Illinois. After 36 years of service, she retired in 1987.

Her knowledge of administrative duties was evident in her leadership of the General Grand Chapter, especially her recognition of the importance of communication. This prompted her to introduce the Eastern Star Journal as a means of connecting the members of the Order throughout the world. The success of this project was recognized by the adoption in 1994 of a Standing Committee to continue this publication.

Sister Virginia's 1994 Assembly was "Reflections of God's Gifts" and the emblem was the Lighthouse, reminiscent of her early life. She herself typified the significance of the lighthouse as she was the epitome of the warm welcome the prisms of light reflected and sent the warning message that we should truly let our light shine forth as a guide through life's troubled sea.

Shortly after the close of the 1994 Assembly, Sister Virginia was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer which she battled with the same determination with which she had led her life. The struggle was ended on January 13, 1999 when she entered into rest. Her husband, Brother Robert Painter, her mother, Sister Margaret Montello Ehlers, her Brother, Donald 0. Montello, her two nieces, and the entire Eastern Star membership mourn her passing.

Her light will continue to shine so that whenever we see a lighthouse standing by the sea, though faith grows weak and hope is lost, we will be reminded and reassured that we will be guided through the tempest by a steady light from God.

Solo: *"In the Garden"* *Betty Kaae, Past Matron, (39)*
Evelyn Walker, Past Matron (639), Accompanist

EULOGY FOR MEMBERSHIP

(By Callie Miller, Past Matron, Chairman, Necrology/Divine Service)

It is with a strong sense of sadness that we take time to eulogize our dear, departed members. Yet, we recognize the beauty of this occasion, the opportunity to remember fond friendships, many careful acts of kindness, and golden deeds of charity.

The gold of our life is given to us at birth. It is a gift from God. A gift to keep all of our lives--it is ours alone.

As children we learn from our parents all about this gold, how to appreciate it, and how to hold on to it. As young adults we learn more about this gold's "inner glow," - its great possibilities.

We are taught that our God, through His great love, has given each of us a blueprint, a kind of path to follow.

As adults, the path we follow, and the choices we make, allow us to continue on this path, or to stray from it. Following God's path, this gold will always glisten.

The golden glow that emanated from each of our departed Sisters and Brothers, a priceless treasure placed there by our Father in heaven, is now extinguished, blown out by time and circumstance. Full lives of learning and giving are over. Each one stands before God for His praise and judgement. Each hopes for the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, well done."

Floral Presentation: Geraldean Minor, Deputy Grand Matron (372/273) Arlene Williams, Deputy Grand Matron (578)

"Beyond the Sunset" *Betty Kaae, Past Matron (39)*

Musical Interlude: *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

DIVINE SERVICE

Call to Worship
(By Bill Martin, (10) Past Patron)

Glory be to God on high,
And on Earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory:
O Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

Hymn: *"How Great Thou Art"* *Congregation and California Singing Stars*

Morning Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain

Our dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the opportunity to gather in worship. We recognize that Your power is awesome and Your glory is eternal. We pray that You will open our hearts to the message that is brought to us today so that we may seek the truth and love that is in it and hide it close in our hearts and take it with us as we depart. We pray that You will make Your presence known to each person here; and when we are finished today we will leave here fulfilled. All of which we ask in Thy namesake.

Solo: *"We should behold him"* *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

Scripture: Romans 5: 1-5 Tom McKinney, Past Patron (643)

Solo: *"My Tribute"* *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

SERMON "To God be the Glory"
(By Tom McKinney, (643) Past Patron)

The theme for today's Divine Service is "To God be the Glory."

What a way to end a magnificent week in Fresno. Sister Sheri and Brother Ron and your Grand family, we marvel at what you have done for us this past year. We thank you for a great week in Fresno and to God be the Glory for what you have given us.

I looked at my watch this morning and it's past 10:30 a.m. and my church is praying for me this morning, because me and the Lord and my church need a lot of help to get this done.

I can't help but remember the hymn "To God be the Glory, the great things He hath done." He has me up here this morning to bring a message that you might take home and at least think about later today or maybe on your way home as you ponder this week in your life.

This morning as we draped our Altar I just couldn't help but remember that each of us in the Masonic Family whether we are Protestant, Catholics, Jewish, or Mohamad, what nationality or what color, have knelt at an Altar similar to this one and have placed our hands on the Holy Bible and have taken a pledge that we will do the best we can, a pledge that tells me that I can trust my Sisters and Brothers with my life, my wife and my money, that my Sisters and Brothers are going to walk beside me in my journey through life. Now is that powerful or is that powerful?

The glory of God is at work in our daily lives. God has given us the talent; it is up to us to use that talent. He has given us the opportunity to do what we do, where have I heard that word before? What are we doing about it?

The word Glory in Hebrew is "kabod," which means "weight," or "importance." It can be applied to both humans and God; but with God's the weight and importance is beyond what we can imagine in our wildest dreams. God's glory is there for you and I, are you looking, are you planning your everyday life realizing that it is God's will, that we do what we do.

Are we pausing to say thanks to God for being here, thanks for walking beside me as we go through the day, and in some cases carrying me part of the day, I hope so! There is no way that we can do what we do without God overseeing our every action.

It is a priceless experience, and the point would be, that we will, we will participate in God's Glory. We read in our scripture this morning, *Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God!* Wow that is super, through faith, we have peace with our God! *Through our Lord, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.* That's you and I, we have gained the Grace of God because of our faith in God*! And we rejoice in*

the hope of the Glory of God. God's love is so far reaching and to think, he loves you and I for whatever we have done, he has forgiven us, for all our actions, we are his children, his glory that we do the best we can in all that we do, realizing again, that there was only one perfect being, God is just asking that we do our best. *Not only so, but we rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perserverance; perserverance; character; and character, hope. And Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us.*

God has poured out his love, through his son, have we done the same? Have we poured out our love to those who are within our reach, or have we ignored their requests, their smiles, their handshakes?

God has given us the Holy Spirit that we might understand and believe in the miracles that come our way. Are we ready to accept this virtue that is ours?

After reading the scripture and realizing that we have been justified through faith, and we have the peace with God or at least we should have that peace, I had to look at perseverance and ask myself:

Do we display the perseverance we should be? Do we extend ourselves that we will preserver under the trials that come our way? Have we prepared ourselves in our hearts and minds that we can undertake that which we have been asked to do, whether it is a committee at your church, your chapter or a request of a family member or maybe even a friend?

God has given us the importance to be able to see someone else's needs, we need only to be able to reach out and share that same love the Father has shown to us.

God's Glory is displayed everytime we are successful in what we have undertaken. And you know what? We have God's Glory displayed even if we fail, because we have learned something from the task we have undertaken, and I bet the next time we will succeed. He has placed the weight on us to again and again, to do the best we can, to accept His way of life, that is all He is asking!

Our scripture indicates this builds character! I am sure we each have seen this take place in each of our lives when we hang in there and finally get something right, that we do feel better about ourselves and

we then start the character building within ourselves and the more we try, the better character we build in ourselves.

Character builds hope; hope for today and tomorrow and what that might bring our way, we can't wait, we have to be ready in our hearts and minds to accept the opportunities that may come our way.

This year, one of our 1998 Worthy Patrons lost a son when the young man felt he was at the end without hope for tomorrow and ended his life. I read the eulogy this father gave for his son at his funeral and the father had gotten close to God and poured out his love for his son; his forgiveness for what his son had done and I was so taken by his beautiful words of encouragement for others at the service that I really felt the Glory of God's love at work in that family, they turned over a tragedy to God and asked for His guidance and have gone on because they have been in touch with God.

What have you done in your heart to prepare for tomorrow or even today? Have you confided in God and asked for His guidance in all you do, if not, it's not to late to ask, do it now!

This year our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen as her watchwords, Tolerance, Respect and Dignity. Each of these words have a root that goes right back to faith.

Tolerance is our opinion of others and the faith that they will do the best they can to make everything they do go right even if it is for themselves or for others.

Respect for yourself and for others, leads right back to the faith in yourself that you will be able to make the right decision when the time comes.

To have the dignity or confidence if you will, to step up to assist others that have a concern or hardship that you are not going to let them down, that by your actions you can make for a better day for yourself or others you have chosen to assist.

Tolerance, Respect and Dignity would be excellent aspects of a faithful life that would encourage the kind of attitude that God desires. How do you weigh up here, what kind of importance have you placed on these watchwords in you life?

Let me tell you a story:

Once there was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six pack of root beer, and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just starting to feed the pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie.

She gratelfully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps; he turned around, ran back to the woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God!" But before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

Always remember, God has promised us wherever two or more meet, He will be there too. God loves both you and I, remember To God be the Glory, for the great things He has done. Let us pray.

Father, we thank you for this opportunity to share this morning, for the great things You have done in our lives, for the great week You have given us. Father, we just ask that now You be with us as we go from this place. Just nourish our souls that we can go forth and spread the good news of the Glory of God. Amen

Offertory: *"Like a River that Overflows"*

California Singing Stars

Offertory Prayer

(By Bill Martin, (10) Past Patron)

Lord, we are grateful for a fraternal family whose loving outreach has made a difference in many lives. We offer our money and our lives as your people, Lord. Accept these monetary gifts as they are shared for the good and welfare of others. In Thy Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Benediction Prayer: LeRoy Newsom, Grand Chaplain

Dear Lord, You are the power and the glory. We thank you for this time we have been able to spend with You. Cause in us the desire to come to You each day in prayer to renew our faith and to become and remain whole. And now may He who tempers the wind in the shorn lamb, give each of us His divine wisdom, protection, truth and love until we may be permitted to meet again. Amen.

Solo: *"Go Now in Peace"* *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

"THE KEY TO CALIFORNIA GOLD" SESSION

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 24, 1999

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The theme for the 127th Installation of Grand Officers was "Our Stars of Love." The stage was decorated with a large Castle. Red roses, green ferns and unicorns were the accents.

1:45 p.m. **Piano Prelude** Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron

Entrance: Grand Representatives
1999 and 2000 Deputy Grand Matrons

Narration
(By Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron
Written by Hildegard Smith, Past Grand Matron)

The hour has arrived, the Ambassadors appointed by the Queen to represent her Kingdom in all parts of the world are about to enter. In this year, in the New Millennium, they have been given the title of Grand Representatives.

Closely following the Ambassadors are those who have been appointed by our Queen and her Knight and they will teach the lessons of our Order in all parts of the Kingdom of California, the Deputy Grand Matrons, escorted by their mentors of 1999.

There is magic in the air. Excitement has filled the auditorium. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the arrival of our most honored members. Our eyes are riveted to the Grand East; the words that are emblazoned there are, "Our Stars of Love." We can understand this phrase. Is it not a part of our lives as members of our beloved Order? These words can only signify our respect for and the meaning of the words taken from the Epistle of John and from the lecture of Electa, "We shall love One Another." Yes, our attention is drawn to these words, so significant to each of us, surely the Grand Officers of our coming New Century are "Our Stars of Love."

The scene is one of beauty. A castle and all its enchanting accompaniments take us back, back, back into the days of lore and tales

of the past. We visualize our own picture of Camelot, of King Arthur and the Round Table; of Guinevere; of brave horsemen; of swords; of battles to preserve a fair maiden's honor. But we are not in those days of the past, we are preparing for our fraternal future, we are awaiting the presentation of that leadership which will take us into the vast new world of the 21st Century and a glimpse of what is yet to be. The formation of plans and their execution rest upon the leaders who will be installed today. They and those who follow, will guide us into a successful entry into the New Millenium.

Solo: *"Camelot"* *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

What have we here? Is it a prancing horse? No, it's not a horse, it's from a fairy tale of long ago, a beautiful Unicorn with golden horn and brightly hued tail, she is advancing into the room, it's Lady Rose and she is followed closely by whom? A Knight, he is not known, who is he? Can he be Sir Lancelot? I can see he is none other than Sir Valiant! They are advancing more closely and herald the entrance of our leaders, clad in their finest, truly an example of the leadership into the New Millennium, the year 2000, our 21st Century. This lovely carriage is drawn by the Knights of the 21st Century, Worthy Patrons-elect. In this star-emblazoned coach is our lovely lady, Worthy Grand Matron-elect, Sister Doris Parrish and her fine co-leader, Worthy Grand Patron-elect, Brother Glenn Jones, together they will preside over our Grand Chapter and have the full and uncompromising support of their escorts, Sister Jerry and Brother Dick,

(The float entered with the Worthy Grand Matron-elect and Worthy Grand Patron-elect, circled the arena and came to rest at the foot of the East.)

(The Worthy Matrons-elect entered and formed a Star. Each carried a gold star. The Worthy Patrons-elect formed a pentagon around the Star.)

The Worthy Matrons-elect create a large star and the Worthy Patrons-elect form a pentagon around the star, just as the Worthy Patrons of 2000 surround their Worthy Matrons with assistance and guidance in their Chapters. As the formed star opens, this magic coach is drawn to the center.

(The float carrying the Worthy Grand Matron-elect and Worthy Grand Patron-elect is moved to the center of the formation. The house lights are lowered and spotlights are trained on the formation. The Associate Matrons raise their stars and twirl them.)

And as they reappear a golden moving star is visible.

The climax of the night is upon us. The Star formation is again opened and the coach is moving, once more to the East and then it is drawn away and we await the excitement and anticipation of this Installation, "Our Stars of Love."

(Formation dispensed and float retired.)

Narration
(Jeraldine Southward Creager, Past Grand Matron)

Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Solo: *"Star of Love"* *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

Honorary Marshal Jeanne Champney,
Past Grand Matron, Colorado

EMBLEM BEARERS

Adah:	Mary Meixner, Past Grand Matron
Ruth:	Earlynn Albright, Past Grand Matron
Esther:	Boyana Brown-Redman, Past Grand Matron
Martha:	Barbara Pierce, Past Grand Matron
Electa:	Yvonne Beckenhauer, Past Grand Matron

As the be knighted wanderer lost in the depths of a mighty forest scans the horizons for the first faint fingers of the purple dawn, so, man, lost in ignorance and superstition scans the heavens for spiritual knowledge in the hope that there may shine upon his pathway an illumination from high. The stars have ever been a source of inspiration to the seeker after light and truth. In ages past, men have studied them in an effort to understand the heavens. To the ancients in reality, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

In the evolution of human society when the time came for woman to find her place in the fraternal world, it was no accident, but rather an inspired incident that led the founder of our Order of the Eastern Star, Robert Morris, to select this luminary as the emblem of the Order and to discover in its five points, the characteristics of those who should be its heroines throughout the ages.

Electa, the Mother, is the woman we're told whose hospitality was a virtue in days of old. Her Cup runneth over with abounding love, her gift to the world from the Lord up above.

Adah, the Daughter, represented the ray of blue. The Sword and the Veil were the emblems true. Her fidelity taught a lesson for all to accept. to be faithful to obligations and none to reject.

The Wife, lovely Esther, so regal and bold, became the Queen of Persia, this we've been told. She represented a ray of white, a symbol of light; a Crown and Scepter her emblems unite.

Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, we've learned, from death, with her faith, her brother returned. So, she with the verdant color of green, placed her Broken Column where it could be seen.

The second point of our emblematic Star, depict the Widow, Ruth, from Moab afar. Her emblem, the Sheaf, with culms of pure gold, sustained her family with life 'tho they were old.

The words so familiar are repeated by many: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go, and whither thou lodgest, I will lodge; they people shall be my people and thy God my God."

"The Holy Bible" . . . California Singing Stars

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Lura Rae Dales, Past Grand Matron

Bible Escort: Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron
Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron

Solo: *"Whither Thou Goest"* *Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)*

ESCORT

Host: Loyal Start, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
Hostess: June Lucretia Barnum,
General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian

Worthy Grand Matron: Sheri Weisser
Worthy Grand Patron: Ron Behnke

June Lucretia Barnum, General Grand Chapter Committee Member: Sisters, Brothers and Friends we have the honor of presenting Sister Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Worthy Grand Matron, I will savor this moment in my memories and I know that you will also as I present to you your gavel just proceeding your presiding at the Installation of the new Grand Officers.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Sister June, for presenting my gavel. Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the honor of presenting Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of California, Order of the Eastern Star and our Host for this afternoon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the honor of presenting Sister June Lucretia Barnum, Parliamentarian of the General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron of California, Order of the Eastern Star and our Hostess this afternoon. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: Elected General Grand Chapter Officer

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the honor of presenting Sister Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Escort: California General Grand Chapter Committee Member

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, and Brothers I have the honor of presenting Sister Jeraldine Creager, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

Entrance: Grand Officers of 1999

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

"The Lord's Prayer"

Sheri Weisser, 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 1999-2000 Grand Officers.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

FLAG CEREMONY

United States Flag:	A. LeRoy Covey, Past Grand Patron
Canadian Flag:	Dick Parrish, Past Patron
California Flag:	Don Hull, Past Grand Patron
Michigan Flag:	Frank Young, Past Grand Patron
Minnesota Flag:	Terry Holts, Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star Flag:	Bernie Seamans, Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag:	David Von Bima, Past Grand Patron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

FLAG TRIBUTE

(By Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron)

The Flag of the United States of America is an emblem of the promised land for which our forefathers fought and an emblem to which the people of the world look to for freedom and security.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this afternoon session of our Grand Chapter to attend the Installation of our 1999-2000 Grand Officers. We wish them success and happiness as they begin their journey down the "royal highway." Brother Loyal, we would be pleased to have your Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(By Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Host)

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

Sister Doris and Brother Glenn, thank you for the honor of serving as the Host for our Grand Installation of Officers. It is a distinct pleasure to join with Sister June our General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian in welcoming our Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends.

With much endearment, gratitude and honor we bid our 1999 Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers and all who served; a fond and ever thankful blessing for your outstanding service.

To Sister Doris, Brother Glenn and the year 2000 Grand Officers and Grand Chapter leaders, we wish for you much happiness, success and enthusiasm as you take us into the next millenium.

In 2000,

May you discover talents that you never dreamed of.

May you discover that there is no limit on how great that you can be.

May you discover that the only limitations you have are the ones you set for yourself.

May you discover your personal power is limitless and it is there for you to use.

May you reach your peak, your goals, your prize.

The members of California eagerly join you in your quest. Welcome to the new century!

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Brother Loyal. Sister June we would be pleased to have your remarks at this time.

GREETINGS

(By June Lucretia Barnum,
General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Hostess)

As I approached the East this evening and saw the dreamlike castle ahead of me, it was as if I had been transported to "Merrie Olde England" with its knights and ladies and the special touch of Camelot. That, in its turn, sent my thoughts to one of the great tourist attractions of the world: Buckingham Palace in the center of London.

Whether we have been there in fact, or vicariously experienced the view, through a postcard, a travelogue, or a movie, we have all seen the sentries with their magnificent red uniforms, their almost unbelievable fur hats, and their totally impassive expressions. Watching them in the age-old ceremony of the changing of the guard is awesome. There is precision, grandeur, and observance of tradition.

So, too, this evening, I greet you while standing before a castle to watch the changing of the guard among grandeur and beauty, precision and grace, and above all, our timeless traditions and Ritual: all while on the threshold of a new century where change will certainly continue to astonish each one of us.

The 1998-1999 Officers retire from their stations with dignity and pride in a job well done and in the knowledge that each of them played a role in upholding the honor of our Order: and as the 1999-2000 Officers assume their stations, it will be with a promise that each of them will do all in his or her power to keep the faith and to promote adherence to the tenets of our Order. Vast opportunities stretch before us and it is our sincere hope that the beginning of a new century will be the beginning of a resurgence of the values we hold sacred.

How honored I am to extend the greetings to all who are here and especially to our distinguished guests. All of us who are devoted to our Order appreciate your attendance. We know that the practice of trust, faith, unity and love in the year ahead, together, we will welcome the new century as well as the new year within the Eastern Star.

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Participating in the Ceremony of Installation and the Presentation of Jewels

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the honor of presenting those participating in the Installation this afternoon. Installing Officers Sisters Hildegard Smith and Brothers Earl Eckert; Installing Marshal, Katherine Hill; Installing Chaplain, Clinton Dillion; and Installing Organist, Dennis Jordan. In the West, Sue McKinney and Ernie Lewis, who are serving as Acting Associate Grand Matron, and Acting Associate Grand Patron.

Back in the West we have the Narrators Betty Stubblefield, Jeraldine Creager, Vernon Gordon; Bible Bearer, Lura Rae Dales; Bible Escorts; Kathleen MacDonald and she will be presenting a Jewel later this evening, and Sheri Gustafson; Honorary Marshal, Jeanne Champney, a Past Grand Matron of Colorado; the Emblem Bearers: Mary Meixner, Earlynn Albright, Boyana Brown-Redman, Barbara Pierce and Yvonne Beckenhauer. Flag Bearers: A. LeRoy Covey, Don Hull, Frank Young, Terry Holts, who will also be presenting a Jewel later, Bernie Seamans and David Von Bima. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapters of California and Colorado, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended.)*

I also have the pleasure of presenting Brother Dick Parrish, who carried the Canadian Flag; Soloist Don Snyder, Past Patron; and our Grand Choir, under the direction of Shirley Hicks. We thank all of you for your participation this afternoon. I now declare a recess for the Ceremony of Installation.

(1999 Grand Officers retired)

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

PRESENTATION OF 2000 GRAND OFFICERS

(By Vernon Gordon, Past Grand Patron)

Long, long ago, there was a time when kings and queens, princes and princesses lived in fortified castles. Their armies rode on horseback, dressed in armor, bearing colorful shields and lances. The castle was the center of country life in the Renaissance days. It was the fortified house of a noble family who ruled over all the surrounding land. The Royal Court, soldiers, villagers, farmers and artisans lived and worked, contributing to the entire community.

A Royal Castle set amid vibrant crimson roses is the vista for the entrance of "Our Stars of Love," the Grand Officers of the New Millennium. Trumpets herald their approach, the drawbridge has been lowered and a red carpet awaits our Lady Rose, Sir Knight and their Grand Family, the Crown Jewels. In the year 2000, it is fitting that the Queen and King of California's Eastern Star World be a Sister and Brother of regal grandeur.

The **Worthy Grand Matron**, and Queen of the Stars of Love, is Sister Doris May Parrish. As the leader of the Stars of Love, this regal lady brings to our Kingdom the love, charity and hospitality she displayed when she held the station of the 1993 Grand Electa, the honored mother star point. Daughters Alice Raymond, Past Matron and Merle Bettencourt, Worthy Matron-Elect, of Harbor Star Chapter, attest that she is the Elect Lady in our castle, in her home and with her family. Her civic service as President of the California Federated Women's Club, Fairview State Hospital volunteer, and Camp Fire and Girl Scout and Sunday School work help to make her a compassionate monarch.

Sister Doris personifies service and love of our Fraternal Orders in her many years of service devoted to Job's Daughters as a Past Honored Queen and Guardian Council member, and Eastern Star since she was initiated in 1973 in Newport Beach. She served as Worthy Matron of Harbor Star Chapter in 1980 and was Deputy Grand Matron in 1985. She has consistently served Grand Chapter each year in the capacities of Inner Guard, Grand Page, Housing Chairman, Courtesies to Dignitaries, Special Duties and Decorations. She was appointed Grand Marshal in 1996 and then elected to our Grand Line.

Our Lady Rose takes pride in presenting her Royal Escort, Brother Richard, who joined our Order with his wife in 1973. He is a Past Patron of Harbor Star Chapter, 1980 and 1993. He is a Past Master of Mar Vista Lodge No. 820. Brother Richard is a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. As an honored member of the military, Richard served in the Navy during the Korean War.

The **Worthy Grand Patron**, our Sir Knight of the Castle, is Brother Glenn Jones. This distinguished gentleman will help to rule our California Kingdom, offering the strength and protection of his brave and courageous Knights. His military Service in the Army Corps of Engineers and distinguished Fraternal History makes him a well-qualified royal knight.

Since being raised a Master Mason in Oak Plains Lodge in 1970, Brother Glenn has had prestigious service. He is Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies, Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Robert D. Bruce Association, Golden Claymore Clan. He has received the Grand Cross of Colors in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, serving as Rainbow Dad many times for Iris Assembly, as well as Bethel Committee Member for the International Order of Job's Daughters.

Rising Star Chapter in Sacramento is proud to claim him as a member since 1979. He served as Worthy Patron four times, in 1981, 1984, 1989 and 1997; he received the Service Award in 1996. He gave considerable service to Grand Chapter in 1995 as General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week, and was also Chairman of Site Committee, Activities Chairman and Special Duties.

Brother Glenn is honored to be escorted by his wife, Sister Jerry Jones, a Past Matron of Rising Star, Deputy Grand Matron in 1987 and Grand Electa of 1991. Daughters, Jackie and Trish, and sons Mark and Michael, celebrate in their happiness today.

"Everything's Coming Up Roses" . . . Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)

Our Queen, her Knight, and their Grand Escorts, await the Crown Jewels, those Grand Officers who will assist in making this a truly Camelot year.

The **Associate Grand Matron**, Sister Sue Bishop, will assist our Lady Rose, serving as Crown Princess of the Kingdom. She has been a member of Athena Chapter in Hollister since 1967, and an affiliate of Pacific Star Chapter in San Francisco. This royal princess has served

the Order well as Worthy Matron in 1972, 1980, 1985, 1989 and 1990. She received the Service Award in 1994. Her Grand Chapter service includes the honors of Deputy Grand Matron in 1975, and then Grand Adah in 1993. She worked on the Credentials Committee for five years and was Chairman in 1989, and Appeals and Grievances for four years, and Chairman in 1995 and 1996. Special Duties, Decorations, Auditorium and Set up also benefited from her expertise.

Her Royal escort and husband of 42 years, Brother Francis M. (Junior) Bishop proudly escorts our Princess. Junior holds a special record and is saluted for serving as Worthy Patron 12 times!

The **Associate Grand Patron**, Brother William Bray, III, proudly assumes the Crown Prince's role in the Castle Community. This 1981 Man of the Year from Chatsworth was certainly this summer's Brother of the Year for Sister Sue. Brother Bill brings the 1997 Grand Sentinel experience to his new role in the castle as well as his Grand Lodge training as the 1992 Grand Sword Bearer and 1995 Grand Marshal. He also served as Master of his Lodge in 1979 and Masonic Inspector from 1990 to the present. As the first President of the California Candlelighters, he continued to give service to our Order. North Hollywood-Noel Chapter is proud to call him a Past Patron in 1982 and 1999.

His wife, Linda, has always worked by her husband's side and Grand Chapter has been blessed with their Co-chairing Decorations in 1996. Linda was Worthy Matron in 1982, Grand Representative in 1986-1987 and just completed a successful year as Deputy Grand Matron.

The **Grand Secretary** is Sister Shirley Lee Orth. In our Castle Community, there is much need for a scribe and historian. Candlelit hours of painstaking attention to detail while inscribing with a quill tip pen has evolved in our Eastern Star Castle. Our Grand Scribe now works with modern technological devices and is quite capable of running our Grand Chapter Office with her four years of managing it as Grand Secretary from 1996 through the present. She was prepared for this position having attended Metropolitan Business College in 1962 after leaving Washington State University. She was initiated in 1960 into Northgate Chapter, Seattle, Washington, and affiliated with Semper Fidelis Chapter, Livermore in 1979. She served as Worthy Matron in 1984, Deputy Grand Matron in 1989, and she was honored to serve as Grand Esther in 1995

Her escort is Richard Clouser, Past Patron of Semper Fidelis Chapter, 1994, and recipient of the Eastern Star Service Award, as well as the Hiram Award from Mosaic Lodge in Livermore.

The **Grand Treasurer**, Sister Donna Tucker, realizes the importance of her position in the kingdom. She will hold the keys to the castle treasures and be accountable for them. Her 22 years of experience with the City of Indio has given her extensive knowledge of government and city details and will be a valuable resource to our Crown Jewels. As a member of Coachella Valley Chapter since 1979, Sister Donna served as Worthy Matron in 1984, 1998 and 1999. Her service to Grand Chapter includes Deputy Grand Matron of 1987 and Grand Ruth in 1992. She served as an Inner Guard and was Lieutenant in 1989, Consolidations in 1994, Special Courtesies in 1996 and on the Membership Committee in 1997 and 1998. She is a special hostess for the California Candlelighters when General Grand Officers are visiting this kingdom.

Her escort, Brother Meredith (Mert) Gaylor is a Worthy Patron-elect of Coachella Valley Chapter where he served also in 1987, 1989, and 1998 and 1999. He is Past Master of Coachella Lodge and is a member of the California Masonic Homes Endowment Committee.

Grand Conductress, Danna Willoughby, will work as a liaison across the fortified walls between the castle and the countryside. Overland routes for travelers and tradesmen were rough in the feudal system and safe conduct and communication was imperative. Her experience as a Tour Guide and Interpreter in the Magic Kingdom suits this duty well. Sister Danna's Eastern Star History began in 1974 with her initiation into Garden Grove's Golden Harvest Chapter serving as Worthy Matron in 1980. She was a Deputy Grand Matron and President of the 1988 Southern Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Ruth in 1994. She was an Inner Guard for three years, and Co-Chairman of Sound and Lighting in 1982, Chairman of Set Up in 1986, Special Duties in 1989, Session Site 1991 and 1992, and Housing Chairman in 1997. She served the fraternal youth organizations as Honored Queen and Bethel Guardian for Job's Daughters. She served on the Rainbow Board and Parents Club of DeMolay.

A constant companion is her husband of 33 years, Brother Darrell. He has served as Worthy Patron in 1980, 1983 and 1999.

Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Janet McClanahan, brings her expertise as a paramedic to our castle society. Working with the Conductress as a liaison to the outside world also places Sister Janet at

the castle walls. Since the infirmaries were situated outside the town walls to protect Medieval citizens from contagious disease, those who administered to medical needs were always in demand. Sister Janet's proficiency to Health Services has been recognized in Grand Chapter several years as she served on this committee, being Chairman in 1994. She was Masonic Family Honor Session Chairman twice, and served on Appeals and Grievances for two years. Janet, a native daughter, hails from Tracy where she is from a devoted Masonic Family. Her mother, Patricia, was Grand Adah in 1986, and both are active in Rainbow where Janet received the Grand Cross of Colors and a Grand Representative Commission to New York. Janet was initiated into Joaquin Chapter in 1974. She has served as Worthy Matron twice, in 1990 and 1998, and was President of the Central Deputy Grand Matrons in 1993, and most recently was Grand Esther in 1996.

Her husband, David, a Tracy Police Officer, proudly escorts his wife.

These members form the Royal Council for our kingdom, those elected officers who will serve faithfully and well in the years to come. We await the entrance of the Queen's Crown Jewels.

The Grand Chaplain, Kenneth Beckner, provides a fraternal bridge to the most important structure of each kingdom, one that required the infinite skill, building the Great Cathedrals. These churches are among the most magnificent treasures left to us by the people who lived in those feudal societies. Then, as now, masons lay the foundations so there would be the joy for all of seeing the cathedral's spire soar into the sky. Truly, as Ken's special song, will attest, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." A devout Mason, a Past Master of Chula Vista Lodge, and receiving the Hiram Award in 1992, Ken served on the Grand Lodge Cornerstone Laying Committee fourteen times, and Chairman ten times. Our Brother has been a member of Chula Vista Chapter since 1963 and served as Worthy Patron seven times, in 1967, 1978, 1979, 1984, 1987, 1991 and 1997. He was honored to be commissioned as Grand Representative of Kentucky in 1992 and 1993 and served on the Benevolent Fund and Appeals and Grievances Committees for three years, each. He will provide the blessings of our Heavenly Father for all occasions in our 2000 castle.

By his side, Vivian, his wife, whose artistic creations grace this Installation. Vivian served Chula Vista Chapter as Worthy Matron in 1972.

The **Grand Marshal**, Susan White, will lead all processions within the castle and throughout the kingdom, and will serve as Lady in Waiting

to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Stars and Stripes will be the banner she proudly waves at the 2000 tournaments and royal councils. Sister Sue is Past Honored Queen of Palmdale Job's Daughters, and a majority member of Rainbow for Girls, and was DeMolay Sweetheart for Southern California. She was initiated into San Clemente Chapter in 1972 when her father was Worthy Patron and joined Poinsettia Chapter in Oceanside in 1998. She was Worthy Matron in 1978 when her mother, Sister Hildegard Smith, was Worthy Grand Matron, as well as Worthy Matron in 1989 and 1996. She served as Deputy Grand Matron in 1984, Grand Martha in 1987, and Chairman of the Deputy Grand Matrons in 1990. She served Grand Chapter on Constitutions and Laws, on Membership, as Grand Page, Chairman of Divine Services in 1982 and five years on Appeals and Grievances, Chairman 1997 and 1998, and she just completed Communications Chairman of the California Candlelighters.

Her escort, husband Alan White, just received his first Masonic degree in Irvine Valley Lodge.

The **Grand Organist** is Arlene Williams, whose talents are as appreciated in today's world as the feudal world of the Middle Ages. Harmony and music were the only true forms of entertainment provided to the nobility as well as the laborers. Sister Arlene will provide merry music and fun for the Lords and Ladies of the Castle and villagers alike. An Eastern Star member since 1954 when she was initiated into Analia Chapter in Edmonds, Washington, she joined Rim of the World Chapter in 1989 serving as Worthy Matron in 1994. Our Grand Organist has just completed Grand Chapter service as President of the 1999 Southern Deputy Grand Matrons. Besides her total commitment to "Say It With Music," this busy musician shares that both daughters are Past Worthy Advisors. Daughter Melodies was Grand Choir Director and Daughter Nissan was Grand and Supreme Soloist in Rainbow. Arlene was Mother Advisor for two assemblies in Washington State.

Her husband, Bill, is also a talented musician and shared the East with her as Worthy Patron in 1994. These two will provide a duet of harmony for our 2000 Royal Kingdom.

The **Grand Adah**, Kay Coffin, will represent the Blue Sapphire in the Crown Jewels. Her ray will sparkle in an azure sky and create a perfect setting for our kingdom. When asked how her office filled a need in the 2000 Castle, our Sister replied that since every castle had a daughter, and to ensure the safety of the realm, that princess might be betrothed to the most appropriate suitor. Truly the daughter of heritage

in our Eastern Star of Love, our Sister's grandfather instituted Sanger Lodge over 100 years ago and her husband Larry was Master during it's Centennial. A perfect royal wedding! She is a Past Worthy Advisor for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, holding its Grand Cross of Color award. Sister Kay is a member of Raisina-Fresno Chapter where she served as Worthy Matron in 1991 and then was named Deputy Grand Matron in 1994. Grand Chapter service includes Banquets in 1995, Housing in 1996 and Publicity 1999.

Escorting her is Larry Coffin, her husband, a Past Patron of Raisina-Fresno now serving on the Grand Chapter Finance Committee.

The **Grand Ruth** in our castle is Judy Hullinger. This Star of Love is denoted for the brilliant yellow topaz in the Crown Jewels The treasures of the early Renaissance kingdoms counted barley and wheat harvests as the true wealth of the land. She pledges to bring the gold of honor to her station this year and to the Queen and King of the castle. Just as Ruth was a celebrated sojourner in the Bible, Sister Judy is now a celebrated member of Sojourner Chapter, where she was initiated in 1985. She was Worthy Matron in 1994 and completed her term as Deputy Grand Matron in 1997. Judy serves the Order in many ways and is devoted to working with members, sewing, gardening and crafts, as well as enjoying her recent service as Chapter Secretary.

Her husband, Brother Hal, a 1994 Past Patron, proudly escorts his wife.

The **Grand Esther**, Elizabeth Storlie, will wear the diamond crown of the Royal Queen Esther in her service this year. Sister Liz will represent a visiting Duchess in our Castle society and her history and family teachings have prepared her for this diamond adventure, which she knows will be a full circle of love. Living literally all over the world gives her insight in understanding differences between people. She enjoys working with others, giving of her time and self in many creative endeavors. She joined Peace Chapter in Germany in 1975 and then moved to Paso Robles, joining Bethlehem Chapter. She has served as Worthy Matron in 1979 and 1992, and Deputy Grand Matron in 1993. Her royal mascot will be a white bear named Teddy Sunshine.

Her husband of 42 years, Brother John Storlie, has been a Worthy Patron five times, and was Worshipful Master three years in two Masonic Lodges.

The **Grand Martha**, Anne Gamble, sparkles as the emerald gem in a monarch's crown. She views the castle, encircled by the vibrant green hillsides and the valley below, displaying Nature's Life and Beauty.

This panorama is reminiscent of her childhood in Canada. After the spring seeding, she would anxiously wait and watch for the grain to sprout and break through the earth. Then the fields were like a "sea of green." This was a time of ultimate trust and faith, like the events depicted in the history of Martha. Sister Anne was initiated in Oxbow, Saskatchewan in 1961 and then she moved to West Sacramento, joining Delta Star in 1967. She was Worthy Matron in 1974, 1980 and 1997. Her Grand Chapter service includes Deputy Grand Matron in 1982, Fraternal Correspondence, Courtesies to Dignitaries and Chairman of Divine Services in 1997. A recipient of the Grand Cross of Color in Rainbow and the Eastern Star Service Award are two special highlights of our Grand Martha.

Her escort is Tom Gamble, her husband, who served as Worthy Patron three times and is the proud recipient of the Hiram Award.

The **Grand Electa**, Marguerite Gilbert, is the star point that is represented by the precious crimson ruby. In the 2000 Grand Family, this jewel represents the Stars of Love in its vibrant color and rich intensity. Sister Marguerite is the honored Mother ray, the Elect Lady, the dispenser of charity and hospitality within our Eastern Star world. Just as Electa was known for her kindness and generosity, so is our Sister known for her good works. She has served on the Home Endowment Fund for sixteen years and on the Relief Committee for two. As Chapter Hostess for five years, she was a special General Grand Chapter Hostess in 1982. Heart Research in 1995 was a special appointment she treasures. Marguerite extended hospitable greetings to all members of Grand Chapter in the fourteen years she served as an Inner Guard or Guardette, where she was Co-Captain for the last two years. Joining her Chapter in 1954, our Sister was proud to support Manchester Chapter in 1980 as Worthy Matron and in 1991 as Deputy Grand Matron. Working with the Bethel Guardian Council is a highlight of her fraternal work.

She is escorted by her proud husband Lonnie, who devotes much service to our Order, as he chauffeurs the residents of our Home.

The **Grand Warder** is Steven Nicholas, the Gate Keeper in our royal community. He must labor for the tranquility and harmony in this society, and carefully allows only the right influences to exist. In a medieval castle, the Renaissance fairs and bartering of village wares needed to be controlled and monitored. Therefore, the nobleman counted on the inner guard to monitor the drawbridge and moat to welcome only those vendors and visitors who would add to the peace within the thick walls. Brother Steve was initiated into Ionia Chapter,

now Golden Valley, in 1977. He was elected Worthy Patron three times, in 1983, 1990 and 1993. He was named Service Award Winner for his dedication to the Order. He was on the Grand Chapter Finance Committee from 1993 to 1997, an asset with his career in accounting at the University of California at Davis to recommend him. Steve also claims the title of Rainbow Dad for three years. He is a valued member of his Lodge, achieving the Master's position six times, as well as being the recipient of the Hiram Award.

His escort, wife, Ruth, is a 1983 Past Matron of Golden Valley, and was the Northern Central President of the 1990 Deputy Grand Matron Association.

The **Grand Sentinel** is Benjamin Neu, who must defend the castle from without. An enemy might appear at the castle walls, the Sentinel must keep a watchful eye. He must raise the alarm when confronted with arsenals of weapons, catapults of stones and ballistas with flaming torches. The Sentinel gives warning and is always on guard. Brother Ben's occupation as a retired businessman and rancher assist him in modernizing the protection devices for our Millennium Kingdom. He counts on his experiences as a Grand Guard from 1996 through 1998 and the Election Board in 1992 as training for his labors. Brother Ben lives in Delhi and has been a member of Livingston Chapter since 1977. He will serve as a 2000 Worthy Patron and is proud of his 1991, 1995, and 1997 Past Patron years. Job's Daughters has claimed him as Associate Bethel Guardian for three years as well as the current Bethel Guardian Treasurer. He was Worshipful Master in 1989 and 1999 and President of the Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club in 1992, and as well as President of the Arabian Marching Band in 1991.

His escort is wife Pat, a 1991 and 1997 Past Matron and Deputy Grand Matron in 1993. She also gives continuous service and courtesy to Grand Chapter Committees.

Our Stars of Love, the Crown Jewels of the Castle, have now formed a sparkling tiara, glittering in the West.

Completing our kingdom's royalty are the Deputy Grand Matrons of Grand Chapter. These teachers and representatives will assist our king and queen and their royal court, and shall be known as the American Beauties of California.

Led by the Monarchs of the year 2000, we, the royal subjects, will continue to expand our Eastern Star vistas to encompass all parts of the fraternal kingdom, in the Tournament of our Order. Lady Rose and Sir

Knight treasure the lessons of the past and prepare us for our fraternal future. It will be a successful entry into the new Millennium. Let the Tournament Begin!

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

OBLIGATION

Worthy Grand Matron	Doris May Parrish (521)
Worthy Grand Patron	Glenn Jones (36)

"Together" . . . Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)

Associate Grand Matron	Sue Bishop (46/280)
Associate Grand Patron	William Bray, III (403)
Grand Secretary	Shirley Orth (135)
Grand Treasurer	Donna Tucker (360)
Grand Conductress	Danna Willoughby (105)
Associate Grand Conductress	Janet McClanahan (348)
Grand Chaplain	Kenneth Beckner (345)
Grand Marshal	Susan White (524/287)
Grand Organist	Arlene Williams (578)
Grand Adah	Kay Coffin (89)
Grand Ruth	Judy Hullinger (608)
Grand Esther	Liz Storlie (95)
Grand Martha	Anne Gamble (639)
Grand Electa	Marguerite Gilbert (449)

"Star of Love" . . . Don Snyder, Past Patron (21)

Grand Warder	Steve Nicholas (199)
Grand Sentinel	Ben Neu (531)

PROCLAMATION

Sheri Weisser, Junior Past Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, will you join me. It is with great honor that I present to you the gavel, the emblem of your office. I know you will lead with kindness. I am also pleased to present to you the Isabelle Harrison Hilditch Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel. It has been worn by many of our Past Grand Matrons and sparkles with the love of our members. You also get the keys to the office, seal and your traveling badge. Brother Ron, have you a presentation to make to Brother Glenn?

Ron Behnke, Junior Past Grand Patron: Brother Glenn, it is my privilege to present to you the Worthy Grand Patron's ring that was first worn in 1935 by Brother J. Hartley Taylor. Also this platinum Worthy Grand Patron's traveling pin worn in 1949 by Brother Joseph Reed.

Glenn Jones, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Ron, I recall our first meeting at the 1991 reunion in Chico, while you were still a fledgling gander. The ladies were contemplating their list of candidates for Grand Marshal and Associate Grand Patron. I just sat there quietly, smiling inside. At that time, I learned that you, too, had been a Boy Scout Leader and a member of "The Order of the Arrow" and knew that Sheri had made the right choice. Your infamous lead goose story has me wondering if I am to flap my wings as I move up in the "V" formation.

Whatever the criteria may be, Brother Ron, I sincerely want to thank you for the presentation of this ring and platinum lapel pin that have been worn by the many outstanding Worthy Grand Patrons before us. I only hope that with God's help that I might live up to the standards set by those fine Masons. I will wear them with honor and pride.

Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sheri, for presenting me with this gavel. I shall endeavor to use it wisely and with humility. Sister Sheri, you have been a fantastic big sister. Thank you for your guidance, your friendship and your love. To you and Brother Ron, Sister Cathy and Brother Al plus the 1999 Grand Family, I thank you for the many courtesies that were always extended to Brother Dick and I. You have traveled this state extensively and I commend you on serving our Order with Tolerance, Respect, and Dignity. Sister Sheri, I also thank you for this presentation of the Isabelle Harrison Hilditch Jewel that has been worn by each Worthy Grand Matron since it was presented in 1946. I shall wear it with pride knowing that each of my predecessors has worn it with honor and humility. I shall endeavor to emulate their example. I will use the Seal of the Office of Worthy Grand Matron and the keys and guard them with the utmost care. Brother Glenn, do you have a presentation?

Glenn Jones, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, doesn't that sound good. It is indeed an honor for me, on behalf of your husband Dick and daughters Alice and Merle, to present you with your rosewood gavel. Not only is it a symbol of authority, it is also a symbol of the love of your family. Sir Richard requested that he be allowed to handcraft this gavel and carrying case for you. Thus, it brings an additional special meaning to you on this day and with the love of Electa, a love that is straight from the heart and binds us together.

Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Glenn for presenting me with this lovely gavel and sounding block both of which were, as you said, handcrafted by my husband, Brother Dick Parrish, and on behalf of our daughters. The wood is Rosewood grown in South America. I shall treasure this gift always. The gavel is an emblem of authority and admonishes me that upon my judgement and discretion rests the government of this Grand Chapter and in great measure the prosperity of our beautiful Order.

Thank you Sister Sheri for allowing me the honor of using your unique gavel. I now return it to you as you have used it wisely and well.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Kathleen MacDonald and Brother Al Weisser, do you have a presentation

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Sheri, it seems like only a couple of weeks ago that we were standing on this stage and you were installed as Worthy Grand Matron. 1999 has been a wonderful year. Your major concern was the members of our Grand Chapter. You have taken care of our members and they certainly do appreciate it. This 126th Grand Chapter Session was outstanding. The members looked to you for guidance and you gave it to them. Thank you for your leadership. I have been so very proud of you and I know that I made the right decision back in 1994. Brother Al and your family have a presentation to remind you of this wonderful year of 1999.

Al Weisser, Past Patron: Ever since I came to Fresno this week, I've been trying to find out, from various people, just how long it takes to re-educate someone that spent seven years as Grand Treasurer and never came home and five years as a Grand Officer and didn't come home and has lost track of some of those four letter words which are so unique around a household. They are all here in this folder. *(Al pulls out pictures)* Starts off with "Sink" to clean "Pots" (used to "Cook") in. I couldn't find a washing machine, but found "Soap" and that's what you use to wash clothes. This is an empty refrigerator, and it better have some "food" in it soon. I'm getting tired of cooking my own "food." This is a "Vacuum Cleaner" which is used to clean "Rugs."

It only took a few minutes on the corner in my green suit to earn the first dollar for her to put in her savings account. It does give us a great deal of pleasure to present to you this Jewel, for which you have worked so hard. Sister Kathleen – Help.

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron: We are all shaking up here. I hope you enjoy tomorrow when you wake up and "have nothing to do."

Sheri Weisser, Junior Past Grand Matron: Sister Kathleen, Brother Al, Kim and Keli:

Thank you for presenting this Past Grand Matron's Jewel. But I will tell each of you that I saved every presentation, (I do know how to "save") since I was Grand Marshal. All those presentations have been put into a special account and that is what was used to purchase this jewel. The entire membership of the Grand Chapter of California is a part of this jewel. It was specially hand crafted and I particularly asked that Yogo Sapphires, that are only mined in Montana, be put in the pentagon as a remembrance of both of my special States. I thank each and every one for adding the sparkle to this Jewel.

Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Terry Holts and Sister Cathy, I believe you have a presentation.

Terry Holts, Past Grand Patron: It is both a great honor and great pleasure for me to be able to join with Sister Cathy in presenting this jewel to you.

During the Eastern Star year of 1999, you have contributed greatly to a truly golden year. You have lived up to your watchwords of Faith, Diligence and Optimism, thereby setting a shining example, not only to the Prospectors of 1999, but to all of our members.

There is one area, however, where you have failed miserably! This is something that has gone on all year long. I am positive that all here assembled will agree with me. You have failed to hide your Optimism and Enthusiasm for our Order. It has shown through at your every turn. I suggest you add Enthusiasm to your watchwords.

As the Eastern Star Year of 1999 comes to an end, you enter upon still another "New phase of Life." Henceforth you will be numbered among the Past Grand Patrons who have gone before you. As such, you will be called upon to render continuing service to our Order, and you will receive unimaginable honors and courtesies. Congratulations, my Brother. I know you will wear this ring with honor and dignity.

Cathy Behnke, Past Matron: Honey, you have had the most wonderful two years of your life and you have searched for the gold, up and down our state, from South to North, East to West. You have

found the gold in our members in California. As you look at your ring, I want you to remember that with each sparkle goes the love of our members. "With this ring, I thee wed." Oh that is the wrong ceremony. On behalf of Brother Terry and me, Lyra Chapter and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, we present you your Past Grand Patron's ring.

Ron Behnke, Junior Past Grand Patron: In 1997 I was lucky enough to be one of Terry's Presidents. I have often called on his help and opinion, always gotten it and it has always served me well. This year would not have been possible without the assistance of my wife. My ring also has a special meaning to me. The main stone was in my Past Master's ring. That Past Master's ring was made from the gold from my original Masonic ring. The gold from that Past Master's ring was also melted down to make this ring. So my Masonic History is all contained in this ring. Thank you very much.

INSTALLATION ADDRESS

(By Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:

"Our Stars of Love." Yes, everyone in this audience is a "STAR," who is blessed with "LOVE." This afternoon my cup runneth over with love, as you have afforded me this opportunity to become your Worthy Grand Matron for the 1999-2000 year. I humbly accept this honor and the trust you have placed in me as your leader in the new millenium.

You, the members of this beautiful Order, have put your trust in me to make wise decisions, you have put your faith in me by my election, you have shown your love to me by standing at my side and together you and I are united by the common bond of LOVE.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Jones, may I be the first to congratulate you, my handsome "Sir Knight," as together we reign over the vast kingdom of Eastern Star. You, and your lovely wife, Jerry have become very special to Dick and me. The four of us have been together this past year at each others side and I know that our friendship will last a lifetime. I thank you for saying "Yes" to accompany me on the Royal Highway into the New Century.

Sister Hildegard Smith, Past Grand Matron, my dear and loving Sister, you came to stand by my side when I needed you most. You have taken my hand and guided me these past three years and you have done

so with wisdom and love in your heart. To have you install me as Worthy Grand Matron will be a treasured memory. I sincerely thank you and all of your 1978's who have labored to create this enchanted kingdom of Camelot for everyone to enjoy. The decorations are exquisite, the float so unique, the carrying pieces a work of art, and the narration so beautifully written by our Grand Marshal, Sister Susan White. The picture of this lovely and memorable afternoon will be engraved in my heart and mind forever. If I may, once more, dear Hildegard and Brother Ken, express my love and appreciation to you both. At this time I would be pleased if all those who have participated and have helped Sister Hildegard in any way with all of the Installation preparations, please stand for recognition and my grateful and eternal thanks.

Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, you light up our lives with your enthusiasm and dedication to our Order. You are indeed a precious jewel. Thank you for welcoming our members and guests.

We are also pleased Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, and her husband Gary could stay to witness our Installation as you have both endeared yourselves to the members of California.

Sister June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron, your words of greeting were inspiring. You are one in a million and I appreciate your willingness to always help and be of assistance. Thank you for just being you.

Sister Katherine Hill, Past Grand Matron, you are indeed a trooper. Even through adversity with a broken leg, you were able to fulfill my dream to be our Installing Grand Marshal. I shall always be indebted to you, for giving me my appointment as one of your Deputy Grand Matrons in 1985. I treasure the bond of friendship that you and I have found. I love both you and Brother Howard. Please let us all show our thanks to you for the determination to perform the floor work this afternoon. Thank you.

To those Past Grand Matrons who took part in the beautiful and touching Emblem Ceremony, this truly was impressive and reminded me of our Biblical Heroines of days gone by, thank you. To our stalwart and handsome Past Grand Patrons thank you for the impressive ceremony of the many Flags that were presented. The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who took part in any way for this

spectacular Installation, you have had a special part in my Fraternal Life, and your participation was appreciated.

Brother Clinton Dillon, Past Grand Patron, thank you for your rendition of the beautiful and meaningful Installation prayer.

What would an Installation be without music? Music plays a part in all of our Ritual and to Brothers Dennis Jordon, Past Grand Patron, and Don Snyder, Past Patron, who served as our Installing Organists and Soloists, both of you are the best. Your music set the tone to make this afternoon filled with memorable music and lyrics, Thank you for your God given talents.

Our "Singing Stars" with their melodious voices have added so much to the events of this afternoon; I thank you for your participation.

The Bright Stars in my life are my family. Will my family please rise? First, my husband, Brother Dick Parrish, who has always been my Knight in Shining Armor and my mate of 49 years. Then we have our two lovely Daughters, Sisters Merle Bettencourt, Past Honored Queen and Worthy Matron-Elect of Harbor Star Chapter No. 521; Alice Raymond, also a Past Honored Queen, Past Matron of Harbor Star Chapter and my Grand Page. Our three grandsons, James Bettencourt, Past Master Counselor of Yorba Linda DeMolay, Andrew Bettencourt 4th Preceptor of Yorba Linda DeMolay, Chase Raymond, who holds his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and belongs to the All American Boys Chorus, and, Jessica Bettencourt our lovely granddaughter who is a Rainbow pledge to Fullerton Yorba Linda Assembly. Last, but not least, my wonderful Brother, Don Howell, a Past Master Counselor of DeMolay, who is loved by his only Sister. I thank my family for their understanding and patience with me, as each of you light up my life.

The Ruby Gems and Knights of the 21st Century, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2000, may you be granted Wisdom, Patience and Understanding as you preside with Love over your respective Chapters.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Elective Grand Line Officers, as you each prepare to take another step forward on your quest to the Grand East.

The Crown Jewels are the Appointive Grand Officers for the 2000 year. To each of you, along with your husbands and wives, you were chosen because you have represented Eastern Star with honor and dignity.

Brother Glenn and I thank you for accepting your appointments and we look forward to an exciting year, traveling the Royal Highway together.

To be able to appoint sixty-two Deputy Grand Matrons was not only a thrill for me, but also an honor. Each of you are, and will always be my "American Beauties."

Will the members of my Harbor Star Chapter please rise. Each of you have been "The Wind Beneath My Wings," as you have supported me every step of the way. Anything I have asked you to do has been done with love. My grateful thanks and appreciation.

Will all of the members of the Orange County Association please rise? My heartfelt gratitude for the many courtesies that are always extended to me and for your love and support throughout these past years, Thank you.

We are privileged to have many of our Ladies in attendance from our Eastern Star Senior Living Community. Thank you Sister Pam Daut, our Administrator, for bringing these Sisters to attend this Installation. How pleased I am that each of you could be in attendance, thank you.

I am so fortunate to have dear friends in attendance from the State of Oregon. Would they please rise. It is with honor that I present Sister Laurie Woodard, Past Grand Matron of Oregon and her husband Woody, along with Sisters Donna Waske and Ruth Lutz. All of who are special friends that are near and dear to my heart. Thank you for being here with me.

Sisters and Brothers, we are so fortunate to be living to see the beginning of our new Millenium, an event which has caused no little excitement, some fear and far too many predictions of gloom, failure, and so on! One can hardly read a newspaper or watch a news broadcast without hearing of serious problems with computers, health care systems, records, banks, continuity of power, and many governmental services, to say nothing of the havoc we may expect among the many space vehicles which presently inform and/or monitor every aspect of life on earth and, indeed, in our universe.

I trust that all of us, myself included, have more faith in the system ordained by a Supreme Being far more complicated, far better organized, far more caring, far more loving, far more trusting, and surely far more forgiving than any system or anything ordained by man.

I wish to touch briefly on something that has bothered me for some time and which I am sure has to be the cause for concern for many of you as well. All of us are aware that our membership has been dwindling. As we enter the two thousandth year of our Common Era, there must be a greater effort to make others aware of the wonderful concepts on which the Order of the Eastern Star is based. How often have we heard that non-members refer to the Masonic Orders and their related organizations as "Satanic Cults?" Despite all our efforts, this lie, and others like it, continue to be spread by those ignorant of the great work we do to help those in need in so many diverse areas. The Unicorn Children's Foundation is a prime example and my special project for the year 2000, to help a child change his future by addressing the epidemic of children identified with communication and learning disorders. Early identification, treatment and education for parents and children can be the difference between a lifelong disability and normal functioning. "To help a child is to change the future."

As we travel in our daily lives, we must try harder to exemplify those attributes so beautifully illustrated by the Heroines of our Order.

Adah, the only child, dearly beloved of a great military leader, the shining example of noble submission to the will of God, faithfully carried out the vow given by her father that he would, if victory came to him, make a sacrifice. The veil of Adah is lifted to draw us in, to those mysteries revealed only to the faithful; that fidelity to ourselves, the keeping of promises, including those taken at our own Altar, give us lasting peace.

Ruth, widow, faithful daughter-in-law, living in a strange land, caring for an elderly person completely dependent on her for life itself, never wavered in her constancy. Knowing the need for Naomi's care, she sacrifices country, a place in society, family and even religion to care for her mother-in-law. Her humility, her willingness to place self-interest aside in the name of constancy is a lesson for all of us.

Esther reminds us that in this troubled life we must cleave to our vows of loyalty, not only to kindred and friends but also to ourselves. Shakespeare said it most clearly when he offered the advice, "This above all, to thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night, the day; Thou can'st not then be false to any man." If we indeed are true to ourselves, then we will be loyal to others.

The uplifting history of Martha is one of great faith in the face of terrible loss. All of us are familiar with her story, but what distinguishes this heroine is her family relationship with Jesus; a loving

friendship and an abiding faith that things will be better if we "Let go and Let God be our guide." Martha's faith teaches us that many of life's greatest lessons are learned in the Valley of Shadows.

Electa, not specifically called by a name other than "The Elect Lady" in the Bible, is different from our other heroines in that she used her vast wealth to care for those less fortunate than she. She harbored Christians in her home and she, together with her entire family, paid the ultimate price for her faith by dying a Martyr's death. Few of us in modern times are called upon to "Lose Our Lives To Find Them."

We should make a determined effort to think of the real meaning of our beautiful Ritual. A determined effort to understand its truths, a determined effort to abide by its lessons, a determined effort to serve others openly and willingly, a determined effort to embrace the ideals we repeat so often in our Ritual, so that people will see us as we should be seen. A people who face this new phase of life, this new Millenium knowing we are blessed for we, in truth, "Have Seen his Star In The East" and through our lives and deeds, "Have Come To Worship Him." Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

ADDRESS OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By Glenn M. Jones, Worthy Grand Patron)

Tonight, thanks to Sister Doris and you, the members of California, Order of the Eastern Star, I am privileged to be standing in the very spot that so many Past Grand's have stood before. They probably were all feeling the same as I am - nervous, apprehensive, but willing to do the best job that I can with your help. All of the Past Grand's have had many willing hands behind the scenes to assist them in their office. My additional strength and support is in the members of my Chapter, Rising Star Chapter No. 36. Would the members of my Chapter please stand and be recognized? Part of this group is a busload of 47 consisting of additional Eastern Star members, and my Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite brothers. Will they also please stand? Now will all the members of the Superior Association please stand to be recognized? Your kind words of encouragement and help are greatly appreciated and I thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, you placed a phone call to me at Thanksgiving time two years ago that was destined to affect the rest of my life. As you have so aptly put it, we are joined at the hip forever. Sister Jerry and Brother Dick are an important part of this union and without them, we would not be here starting another phase in our service to our beloved Order of the Eastern Star. In our travels there is

never a dull moment between Dick's dry humor and Jerry's quick wit. Jerry and I thank you for your confidence in this team.

Our Grand Family, who first met one another at Pismo Beach, and our Deputy Grand Matrons who we selected all received "A"s at our School of Instruction were busting at the seams to tell their Eastern Star world of their appointments and now they are just beginning their magical trip with Lady Rose and Sir Knight to the enchanted castle. They will be excellent representatives of our Order and will be Doris and my kids forever.

Right Worthy Grand Conductress Pat Rasmusson; and Right Worthy Grand Sentinel Loyal Stark; we are indeed honored to have your attendance at our Grand Chapter Installation with other Distinguished Officers and Committee Members. Sister Joan tells me she began her Eastern Star life with Rising Star back in the days when we met at the clubhouse in Carmichael. It is indeed a small world.

Sister Hildegard Smith, Past Grand Matron, I extend to you my heartfelt thanks for spear heading this Installation. The results have been beyond my wildest dreams and will be a milestone in my life that I will remember forever. The floor work was spectacular.

Brother Earl (Dad) thanks for your participation in this Installation. You were my first Grand Patron and our friendship has grown over the years. You and Lydia always seem to find time to listen when we call. 1981 with you and Ferne as our leaders was a memorable time for Jerry and me. I am happy to say that our 1981 Superior Association is still active.

To our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for your attendance and your participation in our Installation. Your leadership in California Eastern Star is priceless. We will seek and respect your counsel on various matters that may be brought before us.

Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, in 1992 when you asked Jerry and me to be part of your 1995 team as General Chairman of your Grand Chapter, I had no idea that appointment might lead to this. We now know and are learning the meaning of your phrase "when I have nothing to do." We thank you for your confidence and most particularly for your friendship, which we treasure.

It is my pleasure at this time to introduce my family. Will you please stand when I call your name? My wife and personal secretary, Jerry; our eldest daughter and my page, Jackie; our daughter Trish Walker

and her husband Fred, our granddaughters Lindsay and Ashley; and our youngest son, Michael. Thank you for being here with your mother and me on this special afternoon.

I started out earlier by saying that I was willing to do the best job I can with your help. You, the members of the California Grand Chapter, are the key to our quest in the 21st Century. You are the ones to give love, understanding and fellowship to our Sisters and Brothers. You will make the difference between our present decrease in membership and the resurgence in our growth.

Tomorrow we will be looking at the first day of the rest of our lives. What are we going to do to improve our lives and that of our loved ones? The past is not only a record of what we have done right, but also what we have done wrong. In the words of Author Charles Kettering, "My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my Life there." We need to pick out the successful things that we have done; capitalize on them and use them as building blocks to build a better organization and live not only for the present, but for the future.

What is that magic formula of growth and the rekindling of the flame that was started by our predecessors? I do not have the answer, but I feel that we need to make ourselves more visible in our communities, spread the word of Eastern Star with the same enthusiasm as our Brother Loyal Stark. My Chapter's Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron dared to try something different. They planned a program of reaching out to our residents in our area by sponsoring a Little League "T" ball team and supporting it by our Chapter's presence. They also had an Easter egg hunt with games for these kids, cakewalks, face painting and the Masonic child ID program. They reached out to our Masonic youth groups and asked for their assistance in putting on this program. They had over 200 people attend. Our Scottish Rite sponsored a free ice cream social. We had reservations for 130 people. Two hundred and forty showed up. You need to reach out with similar ideas.

We need to make personal calls to our current members and get them back into the fold, away from the TV. Perhaps you could arrange to have them picked up and brought to the meetings. We cannot afford to sit back, wring our hands and wonder where the members are going. Try something new and innovative. Be creative.

I again thank you, the members of this Grand Chapter, for your confidence in electing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron as we enter the new millennium. With your help, we will start the 21st

Century with a bang. Remember our watchwords: Love, Understanding and Fellowship. We will make a difference. Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to resume your authority.

Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Glenn, would you join me. Sister Grand Marshal, would you please join the Worthy Grand Patron and me at the podium. Sister Susan, we thank you for accepting the position as our Grand Marshal for the year 2000. Yours is a position of honor as you escort the Flag of our country. In this station you have a special emblem. It is with pride that Brother Glenn and I present you with your Baton, which was hand craved with love by Brother Dick Parrish.

Susan White, Grand Marshal: I wish all the members could see how beautiful this is. I am struck with awe and it is with gratitude and humbleness that I accept this symbol of my office this year. The love that I know went into making this by Brother Richard must have taken many hours. I am reminded that love is work made indebt and Brother Richard, I will love this and I love you for making it.

Sister Doris and Brother Glenn, thank you for the confidence you have in me. I will try to use it well.

Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, have you any further business to bring before the Grand Chapter?

Sue Bishop, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I have no further business to present.

Doris Parrish, 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.

Doris Parrish, 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
"Now the Day is Over"

Dear Lord give Thy members,
Calm and sweet re-pose
With Thy tend-rest Blessings,
May our Chapter Close

(The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

(Announcements made by the Worthy Grand Patron.)

Doris Parrish, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the 126th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star Closed.

(At 6:02 p.m. the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Secretary

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

Installation Director
Hildegard Smith, Past Grand Matron
Co-director
Jeanne Champney, Past Grand Matron, Colorado

Grand Officers' Carrying Pieces
Allean Farris, Past Matron (348), Chairman
Gloria Kimrey, Past Matron (561), Co-chairman
Kathleen Farris, Associate Conductress (348)

Corsages

Allean Farris, PM (348)
Gloria Kimrey, PM (561)
Doris Miller, PM (143)
Vivian Beckner, P M (345)

Associate Matrons Carrying Pieces
Richard Parrish, Past Patron (521)
Diane West, Past Matron (141)
and the 1996 Peninsula Marshals

Associate Patrons Hats
Helen and Sandy Sanders, Past Matron and Past Patron (398)

Float
Winona, Paul and Winona Mary McNitt, Past Matron and Past Patron (96)
Directed by Earl Eckert, PGP and Lydia Eckert, Past Matron (165/556)

Emblem Bearers Robes and Pedestal Covers
Geraldine Gonzales, Past Matron (143)

Decorations
Grace Slaughter, Director, assisted by

Vivian and Ken Beckner
Ellie Jo Wildt
Dave Long
Helen Biery
Judy Kohl
Bob Slaughter
Ken Smith
Jeanne and Ken Champney
Valerie Dowler
Mary Lou Nagle
Edwina Kellner
Virginia and Ken Leverton.

East
Winona, Paul and Winona Mary McNitt, Past Matron and Past Patron (96);
Alice Raymond, PM (521)
June Deatherage, PM (558)

The Castle in the West
Richard Wing, Worthy Patron-elect (213)

Our sincere appreciation is extended to Bud Bacon, Past Patron (193) for the generous donation of program paper

2000 DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

1. Helene Nicholson
2. Irene Anderson
3. Josephine Johnson
4. Betty Jean Bowden
5. Penny Metcalf
6. Joy Elliott
7. Malinda Caven
8. Jane Helm
9. Jean Ferguson
10. Ellie Kirkpatrick
11. Linda Morrison
12. Marilyn Davis
13. Becky Scott
14. Maribeth Yu
15. Marjorie Kenyon
16. Tricia Porter
17. Donna Emerson
18. Diane Paige
19. Sharon Eggerts
20. Holly Schmalenberger-Haugen
21. Denise Matthews
22. Dorothy LoSchiavo
23. Anne Carlson
24. Lynne Haggerty
25. Marti Leverton
26. Ronnelle Vanerbilt
27. Shirley Amos
28. Cletha Hague
29. Sigrid Simonds
30. Cathy DuVal
31. Donna Berry
32. Midge Coulter
33. Eileen Phelps
34. Maebelle Flannery
35. Carol Lee White
36. Jadeen Costa
37. Sheila Reid
38. Judy Harrison
39. Ires Sutton
40. Jaynee Stott
41. Deborah Richmond
42. Karen Varner
43. Judy Hlavaty
44. Pam Potter
45. Dorothy Essex
46. Vivian Meisel
47. Kay Bertea
48. Virginia Fischer
49. Dianna Eichen
50. Elizabeth Kahrs
51. Karley Price
52. Lydia Gomez
53. Mary Carnes
54. Laurie Holk
55. Josephine Reimer
56. Linda Bernhard
57. Charlotte Newcomb
58. Donna Graham
59. Sarilyn Stine
60. Sue Haverkamp
61. Marilyn Tremblay
62. Suzann Wallace

COMMITTEE REPORTS NOT GIVEN DURING THE SESSION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE

(By Bill Betts, Past Grand Patron, Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve on this committee, and especially with the members of the committee. The members are: Donald Nielsen (259), Gerna Grohl (138), Theaola Lynn (97), Jim Whitener (241), Bonnie Dale (161), Georgia Lauchland (118), Leon Moynier (362), Norma Stilwell (380), and Danna Willoughby (105).

These committee members, who are very capable, were charged up to deal with whatever may come. However, we had no formal complaints filed in 1998-1999. We had a few inquiries, all of which were resolved by members in the Chapters.

We were left with one Chapter on probation from the prior year. We monitored their progress, and were pleased to recommend the probation be lifted. We were impressed by the loving spirit of the members of that Chapter.

There was one Chapter in the Peninsula area that required the Worthy Grand Matron to visit them. She cautioned them regarding the use of the telephone to discuss Chapter business outside the Chapter and for propagating and spreading rumors.

At the beginning of the year we hoped to have a very quiet year. It was truly that, for which we are grateful. Our members practice restraint and the lessons of Electa: To Love One Another. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY

(By Joe Morrow, Past Patron (445), Chairman)

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sheri, felt that there was a need for an emergency evacuation plan. Also, a better method of medical identification and reporting.

California State Law requires public assemblages to provide a means for emergency exits. The Convention Center has done this; but does not meet the needs of our members.

Our first concern for an emergency evacuation would be in case of earthquake, fire, terrorist attack or bomb threat.

After evaluating the arena structure I felt that in the case of an earthquake the most danger would come from failing overhead fixtures attached to the ceiling beams. Second, in case of fire the building has a high dome and the smoke would rise to the top of the dome which would give adequate time to evacuate. There could be a chance of PVC toxic fumes (Poly Vinyl Chloride). As far as a terrorist attack, there are no real goals they could attain, so chances are very slight.

I feel a bomb scare could be the most likely to occur (though chances are quite small here too). Bomb scares are designed to cause panic and terror. Panic is caused by the lack of knowledge and training. One must use common sense and to train those primarily responsible in this type of evacuation. Those responsible for evacuation would be designated as Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Grand Guards and Grand Inner Guards and Committee Members (when available).

IN CASE OF EVACUATION: All Grand Officers would assist Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Pages (seated on the arena floor) to evacuate handicapped members. They are to proceed directly out the two big doors behind the Grand East. They would go up the ramp and meet in the parking lot.

Other members would be directed to follow the instructions of the Grand Guards and Inner Guards and exit calmly from the closest stairs off the concourse and proceed directly to the parking lot. They should be instructed to keep together in a group. Specific instructions should be given not to use the elevators in any emergency. This emergency plan should be used in all types of evacuations. To make this effective the plan should be as simple as possible.

The line of communication would start with the Convention Center Office, which would first receive the call. They would be instructed to immediately contact Hank Schierenberg, General Chairman, Steve Wallace, Joe Morrow, Bob Forester, Captain; Glen Grisby, Co-Captain of Grand Guards, whichever can be contacted first. The Grand Chapter person contacted by the Convention Center would be responsible for contacting only the Worthy Grand Matron directly. The Worthy Grand Matron only will make the decision to put the evacuation plan into effect. This will eliminate confusion and misunderstanding.

Those primarily involved in the evacuation plan, as mentioned before, would proceed as previously instructed.

IMPORTANT: Members should be instructed to be guided by emergency service (police, fire etc.).

STEPS TO EVACUATION PLAN: The Emergency Plan can be put into effect at any time during the Grand Chapter Sessions.

The Worthy Grand Matron would step to the podium and say "Sister Grand Marshal, I am about to call a recess. Sister Conductress, please attend at the Altar." This will be the signal to the Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Pages that there is a problem. The Worthy Grand Matron will say "The Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Pages will assist our members in exiting the arena though the Grand East doors." The Worthy Grand Patron, assisted by the Grand Guards stationed at the stage area, will assist all those seated in the Grand East to exit down the stage stairs and out the doors. At that time the Grand Guards in the West will block off the West exits and keep people from using the elevators. Chances are that anything that will happen will take place under the seats in the West section, except for an earthquake. Linda Bernhard, from Health Services will have medical assistance for anyone who needs it on the way out. The Grand Guards and Guardettes at the West entrances should go to the parking lots first to assist the members up the ramps. They should ask the members to start looking for their friends. They should pay particular attention to the comfort of those members who have the silver star designations on their credentials (the members with medical problems). In this type of emergency the Fresno Emergency Services will also receive the calls. They will also be on the site to assist.

SUGGESTIONS: Hank Schierenberg, General Chairman, and his section chairmen; Bob Forester, Captain Grand Guards; Glenn Grisby, Co-Captain of the Grand Guards; Marguerite Gilbert, Co-Captain of the Guardettes; Marlene Larson, Captain Grand Inner Guards; Janice Mullard, Co-Captain Grand Inner Guards; Linda Bernhard, Health and Personnel Services should all meet and discuss placement of personnel and emergency evacuation plan instructions to their own committee members. I will make myself available at this meeting for information and questions.

SEATING: It is recommended that for medical purposes (in addition to the regular medical section) members with any medical condition be seated on the lowest level in each section (i.e. Worthy Matrons,

Associate Matrons etc.) The reason would be so that members who desire to sit with their group would be able to do so; but be easily accessible if they need help. Also in case of an emergency evacuation they would be able to exit with the least amount of effort.

MEDICAL: I recommend that medical problems be pre-screened. A medical identification card should be filled out and handed in when the member registered. These cards would be kept at Health and Personal Service so they would be easily accessible in case of emergency. I also recommend that a system be formulated to instantly identify those with medical problems by attaching a silver star to the front of their credential and identifying their specific problem on the back. This would be accomplished by the following color code system: Red – Heart, Blue – Diabetic, Green – Allergies.

I further recommend that Grand Guards who are stationed at the entrances are aware of where the telephones are located. There are three telephones located at the parking lot side, two inside and one outside. There are also two telephones on the hotel side. The Grand Guards (one male and one female) should inspect restrooms at least every hour. Have two Grand Guards (at least 15 minutes before the session starts) stationed at the unloading zone in the parking lot to assist those who need help from their cars. I feel this will provide more safety for our members.

The Grand Guards on the parking lot side and the hotel side should be instructed to call 911 immediately if they observe a potentially serious injury.

FRESNO EMERGENCY SERVICES: All medical emergencies are coordinated through the Fresno Police Department (911). They use a private ambulance service. All members will be taken to the closest emergency service. Those who belong to Kaiser Medical Group can request to be taken there. If the problem is severe they will be transported to the nearest trauma center.

I recommend that the following personnel receive Safety Instructions when they have been placed in their final form and approved: Captain(s) Grand Guards/Guardettes; Captain(s)) Grand Inner Guards; Medical Chairman; Seating Chairman; General Chairman and staff; Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron; Ron Behnke, Worthy Grand Patron; Hank Schierenberg, General Chairman; Stephen Wallace, Group I Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON KICKOFF DINNER

(By Martha Peters, Past Matron (59), Chairman)

Kickoff Dinner 1999 was held on Tuesday, October 19, 1999 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Salons A, B, & C. The theme chosen was the Gold Rush, as it was also the 150th Anniversary of the Gold Rush in California. Costumes were encouraged, 438 miners and pioneer women gathered from all over the state. They entered through the OES Gold Mine tunnel lined with carts of gold nuggets. In keeping with the theme the menu included Gold Rush Chicken, Yukon Potatoes, Golden Vegetables, Salad and Dessert. Our cost was $17.50 inclusive; we charged $22.00. The tables were decorated with lighted lanterns, gold pans, and golden nuggets. Guests were entertained with old-time musical selections by Carolyn Brandt of Suisun Chapter until dinner was served.

We followed the plans of the previous two years with a head table for eight on risers (Worthy Grand Matron and spouse, Worthy Grand Patron and spouse, General Chairman and spouse, Pat Caceres and myself) the rest of the room were rounds of ten (45 tables of 10 were set-up plus the head table). We chose not to have a buffet, but to have our guests served. This seemed to work out well, all were served in a reasonable time. At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, tables were reserved for the Grand Officers and Grand Pages. We reserved six tables near the head table, we did have visitors from Minnesota including the Worthy Grand Patron, Keith Kennedy and his wife Vonetta Kennedy.

Not all of the Grand Officers attended this event and the Installation practice for the 2000 installation ran late which caused some of our guests to arrive late. The Worthy Grand Matron and her pages handed out certificates to the Committee Chairman, following the dinner. A special table was set-up near the head table for the Grand Pages to make it easier to distribute. Again this worked out well, as this event is planned for the Committee Chairman and their committees to celebrate the start of Grand Chapter Week. There was not a special luncheon for the Grand Inner & Outer Guards, as they were included in this event. Flyers were given to the Chairman of the Guards to be sent out with the instructions for the guards, many of whom attended.

We selected a committee of ten members to help with set-up and to act as hostesses. A pair of hostesses were assigned rows of tables to collect tickets and assist following the event to sell the centerpieces. Again this worked out well. Committee members were dressed in pioneer or miner attire so they could be easily identified.

My sincere thanks to the Catering Department and the staff of the Radisson. Rob Long was my contact person to make the reservations, select the menu and settle on costs. It took some negotiating to get comps for our special guests. Thomas was the staff member in charge on the day of our event and Calla was the head server, they were both great to work with. All went out of their way to assist us with special needs. The food was excellent and I received several compliments.

Final figures for the 1999 Kickoff Dinner: Guaranteed 431 including 12 comps. Actual count per tickets collected were 438, we did have a few no shows, and a couple of people that claimed they had sent in reservations that were not received. We sold about four tickets at the door. Cut-off date was two weeks prior to the event, however, we were still getting reservations on the day of the event.

Income	430 reservations @ 22.00	$9,460.00
	Dividends earned	16.34
Expenses	431 less 12 comps @17.50	$7,332.50
	Returned to Grand Chapter	$2,143.84

We were allotted a budget of $200.00

Expenses were submitted for 485 flyers, and postage to mail the flyers to the Grand Chapter office for distribution with monthly mailing. $53.91

Committee members did not submit bills for spray paint for the Gold pans, lanterns, batteries, additional copies, or phone calls. Other props used were property of the committee, some of these were sold following the dinner, and monies refunded to the owners. Although we did not use all of the budgeted amount, we would have exceeded the budget if centerpieces and props had to be purchased, instead of loaned by the committee members. Entrance to the mine was the property of Bob Moore the sign chairman, and he also provided the reserved table signs.

My thanks to all for making this event a success, and for the compliments I have received. Thank you, Sister Sheri for asking me to serve as your chairman,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

(By Harold Hand, Past Patron (21), Chairman)

The Music Committee of Grand Chapter Week has the responsibility of providing members to play or provide solos at specified times and coordinating with the Director of the Choir the music to be presented at the Annual Session. The chairman also works with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Director of the Informal Opening session as to appropriate music.

At the 1999 Session the following pianists played preludes prior to the opening of the several sessions: Karl Kapin, Past Patron; Margaret Bradt, Past Matron; Harold Hand, Past Patron; Helen Wood, Past Matron; Louese Neuman, Past Matron; Jacqueline Hecht, Past Matron, all former Grand Organists, and Virginia Landuyt, Past Matron and Freda Wheeler, Past Matron.

The Worthy Grand Matron recommended several soloists and two of them responded to the invitation to sing. Barbara Streit, Past Matron sang "Memories" on Thursday and Barbara Dove, Past Matron pleasantly surprised many with an aria from La Traviata. Our thanks to these two ladies for sharing their talent with us.

The Chairman (and this year, the only member) of the Committee, who was the 1995 Grand Organist, played for the Informal Opening and was also present for all rehearsals with the exception of the rehearsal for Installation. At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron he also played for each session's recessional of the Grand Officers so that the current Grand Organist could retire at that time rather than be the last one out of the arena.

The Saturday Morning Recessional following the close of the business of Grand Chapter was planned in conjunction with the Choir and I thank the Director, Shirley Hicks, Accompanist, Evelyn Walker, Soloist, Jim Bailey and all members of the Choir for their assistance in this endeavor.

It has been my pleasure to serve our Grand Chapter in this capacity, although as Grand Chapter approached, I wondered if all would go as planned. It did, with few exceptions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND BALL ENTERTAINMENT

(By Melissa Cronin, Past Matron (260), Chairman)

The Grand Ball Entertainment started with a performance by the "Mother Lode Nuggets" Drill Team from El Dorado-Tahoe Fern Chapter No. 62. They were dressed as miners. We were then treated to the pageant of the entrance of the 'Walking American Flag' carried by members of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Order of the Eastern Star.

We enjoyed a very entertaining and informative program of "America We Salute You" with the audience joining in on singing many American favorites. The ensemble was directed by Anna Cole.

Then the audience all joined in singing "I'm Proud To Be An American." Our program finale was a closing drill by the "Mother Lode Nuggets."

The entire program music accompaniment was provided by Chris Morris, Assistant Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of California and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Due to a miscommunication our band, the "Sophisticated Swing," did not arrive and Chris Morris stepped in and not only provided terrific march music for the Grand March, but he agreed to play and sing for all who stayed and danced. Brother Chris was a real "Angel" who saved me from a disaster. My deepest thanks go to Chris.

I received many compliments on using a keyboard instead of the band and I would suggest in the future we consider this as a budget saving alternative. With the close of the Grand Ball we can all look forward to a wonderful and exciting year 2000!

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ESCORT / GRAND MARCH

(By Marcia McBrayer, Past Matron (103), Chairman)

Letters of invitation to serve on this committee were mailed on February 24, 1999 with a request that answers be returned by April 1, 1999. The committee was finalized in July of 1999, with one member having to be replaced. Those on the committee were:

Marcia McBrayer, (103), Chairman
Loretta Miller, (13/294)
Michael Cornell (590)
Gene Miller, (13/294)
Donna Tucker (360)
Mark Lauchland (118)

Brother Jerry Sherrill (13/510) was asked to help on Friday evening during the Grand March.

A meeting was held, following the Kick-off dinner, in my room at the Radisson Hotel to confirm our committee's duties, times of service and appropriate dress for each session. This committee worked together very well. Sessions were begun on time and all formations and orders of escort were accomplished without delay. Distinguished and Honored guests to each session were greeted warmly and made to feel welcome.

Six committee ribbons were ordered from the Ribbon Chairman and Names and Chapter Numbers of this committee were submitted to the Program Chairman within the allotted time frame to meet their deadlines.

There was a misunderstanding with the band that was scheduled to play for the Grand March and the following "Ball" on Friday evening. Because of this they did not show up, but the Assistant Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of California was there to accompany the entertainment that preceded the Grand March. He graciously agreed to play his electronic keyboard and the evening went ahead as planned. It was not quite the same as with a band, but I feel that the members present who participated enjoyed the three Grand Marches that were scheduled.

RECOMMENDATION: I feel it would be of great value to the Chairman of this committee if a complete script of the week's sessions, including diagrams of formations being done, were available to assist them in having everyone in their place at the proper time and to be able to answer questions from the participants that come up all the time.

LEGISLATION

(Throughout the Session the various Committees presented the following legislation to the delegates.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

Sec. 73. FINANCE

(10) To provide Grand Chapter with office space, to be located at the Eastern Star Homes Site, Yorba Linda, California. 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 facilities 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.~~

~~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 year's 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.~~

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE
(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Section 73, Paragraph 10 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

The provision, which would be deleted has already been put into effect and is surplusage and can be removed to help "unclutter" our Constitution.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 158. **WORTHY MATRON.** The duties of the Worthy Matron shall be:

(14)To have present at the official visit of the Deputy Grand Matron and submit to her inspection, the copies of the uncoded Secret Work **AND THE THREE LARGE-PRINT RITUALS** belonging to the Grand Chapter;

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Section 158, Paragraph 14 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason:

As Section 254 dictates, each Chapter shall have three copies of the diagrams of the Labyrinth, which is now a part of the Ritual.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:

Sec 97. **PENALTIES.** Any Chapter failing to pay any such dues, and assessments, due from it or from its members, by September 1 shall be subject to fine by the Grand Chapter of ten cents per member, and no officers or representatives of any Chapter shall be entitled ~~to mileage or~~ to vote or participate in the transactions of the Grand Chapter until its dues and assessments are fully paid, except by special consent of the Grand Chapter.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
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Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252)
Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 3 to Section 97 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reasons:

At the 1998 Session of Grand Chapter, the Delegates voted to eliminate the payment of mileage.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:

GRAND SECRETARY

Sec. 59. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

(18) Signator on Accounts. To act together with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Treasurer as a signator on the accounts of Grand Chapter, ~~and~~ the Eastern Star Home~~.~~ **AND THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION.**

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Callie Miller, Past Matron, (352) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 4 to Section 59, Paragraph 18 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend YES vote for the following reason:

This proposal will correct an oversight that omitted Grand Secretary signing authority on the California Eastern Star Foundation account when the Foundation was established.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5:

Sec. 73. FINANCE

(13) To examine all financial records of the ~~Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,~~ **GRAND CHAPTER, THE EASTERN STAR HOMES, THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION** and any subsidiary organization, as deemed necessary or as directed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Sarahann Shapiro, Past Matron, (250) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 5 to Section 73, Paragraph 13 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

It is the organizations that have the records that need to be reviewed, not the individuals.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6:

Sec. 101. **DEPOSITORIES; GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS.** All moneys belonging to this Grand Chapter shall be deposited in the name of the Grand Chapter in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Chapter. If, because of limitation of deposits or for any other reason, such banks are insufficient for such purpose, then deposit of such money, to the maximum amount of insurance provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any successor to that insurer, may also be made in any bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or whose deposits are insured under the provisions of the Federal Reserve System, and which in either case is approved as such depository by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and a majority of the Finance Committee. The foregoing limitation of amount of deposit does not apply to the General Fund, ~~or~~ the Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund~~.~~ **OR THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION.**

Deposit of both general and special fund money and receipts may be made indiscriminately in such accounts or in special fund accounts, as may be convenient. Separate accounts of the same being kept on the books of the Grand Chapter, provided, however, that such money may be withdrawn only to replenish revolving funds, for special fund purposes, or for authorized investment, and shall be withdrawn only on warrants signed jointly by the Grand Secretary and either the Worthy Grand Matron or the Grand Treasurer. Eastern Star Home **AND THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION** funds shall also be deposited in a special fund account or accounts in such bank or banks.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Dave Von Bima, Past Patron, (33) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 6 to Section 101 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

Proposed Amendment No. 6 adds the Eastern Star Foundation to Section 101, which requires that we deposit all our funds into a bank of our choice.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 7:

Sec. 223. **EFFECT OF REJECTION; NEW PETITION DEFERRED.** No petitioner, **EITHER FOR INITIATION OR AFFILIATION,** rejected by any Chapter of the Order shall present a petition to the same or any other Chapter, nor shall such Chapter receive the same, within six months after such rejection~~, if the petition is for initiation, or within thirty days thereafter, if the petition is for affiliation~~. **FOLLOWING REJECTION(S) OF PREVIOUS PETITION(S) A NEW PETITION MUST BE PRESENTED, RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO A NEW COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.** Any person having been rejected in one Chapter, who presents a petition to another before the expiration of such time, shall be deemed guilty of deception, and any election based thereon shall be null and void. This paragraph shall be printed on all notices of rejection.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Donna Graham, P.M. (179)
Muriel Caves, P.M. (110)
Esther Bennett, P.M. (488)
Susan Baldwin, P.M. (179)

THE REPORT ON THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, AND JURISPRUDENCE

(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Matron, (195) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 7 to Section 223 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This Proposed Amendment will have two effects:
1. It will treat the petitioner for initiation and affiliation in the same manner.
2. It will specify the manner in which a new petition should be presented.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 8:

Sec. 404. **EXTENT OF RELIEF.**

2nd Paragraph:

Further provided, that the maximum of aid to any one beneficiary shall not exceed the total sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00), except in extreme emergencies, where additional aid may be extended in an amount of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) upon approval of the Chairman. Any member who has received the maximum amount ~~allowed~~ **TO WHICH HE/SHE IS ELIGIBLE** from J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund **AND MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND**, and who has been a member of this jurisdiction for a period of five years, may receive an additional three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500.00) from the Benevolent Fund.

Signed: Bill Dean, P.P. (133)

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND FINANCE
(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Matron, (195) Constitution and Bylaws)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 8 to Section 404, second paragraph of our Constitution and Bylaws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This will encourage our members to use the money available in the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9:

Sec. 410. **DISASTER FUND.** All monies received by Grand Chapter for aid to members in the event of an earthquake, flood or other catastrophic **NATIONAL OR STATE DECLARED** disaster and not used for said disaster aid, shall be placed in a separate disaster fund to be immediately available for aid to members in the event of subsequent catastrophic **NATIONAL OR STATE DECLARED** disasters.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Diane Silva, Past Matron,(252) Constitution and Bylaws)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 9 to Section 410 of our Constitution has been referred recommend a YES vote.

NOT ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 10:

Sec. 64. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS.** Each of such committees shall consist of three members, with the following exceptions:

(m) The Committee on Grand Chapter Week Activities shall consist of ~~four~~ **FIVE** members ~~.~~**ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED, BY THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON, GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF GRAND CHAPTER WEEK.**

~~In addition to these Committees the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week.~~

Signed: Henry Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Barbara Schierenberg P.M. (36)
Steven Wallace, P.P. (171)
John Herring, P.P. (555)
Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Sandy Nieder, P.M. (174)
Charlotte Hoffman, P.M. (273)
Ray Hoffman, P.P. (273)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 10 to Section No. 64, Subsection (m) of our Constitution and Bylaws has been referred recommends a YES vote.

This is in recognition of the practice that has developed in the last several years of assignments of work in conjunction with the Grand Chapter Week. This would be of Committee status to the five individuals who are, what we would call, in line to move up to the next step of work in preparation of the Grand Chapter Week. So that it would be five members on the Committee.

June Lucretia Barnum, Past Grand Matron: As a matter of housekeeping, would you all cross out the comma after "five members."

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 11:

Sec. 78. **ANNUAL SESSION SITE.** It shall be the duty of the Annual Session Site Committee to communicate with the Convention Bureaus of all adequate sites as many years in advance as appears necessary to secure such sites, obtaining from each a detailed account of facilities available, the fee and terms therefor and services they each would include.

~~The committee shall, not later than ninety days after the Grand Chapter Session, negotiate a contract with the agency of the site reserved for the next ensuing Grand Chapter Session; secure the approval of the Committees on Finance and Jurisprudence of the terms and conditions of the contract; and cause such contract to be entered into and executed on behalf of Grand Chapter.~~

~~The original of the signed contract shall be surrendered to the Grand Secretary and maintained as a permanent record in the Grand Secretary's office. A copy thereof shall be maintained on file and said file passed to each succeeding Annual Session Site committee chairman.~~

ADD:

THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE NEXT GRAND CHAPTER SESSION THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EACH SITE PRESENTED, WITH THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

Signed: Henry Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Barbara Schierenberg P.M. (36)
Steven Wallace, P.P. (171)

John Herring, P.P. (555)
Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Sandy Nieder, P.M. (174)
Charlotte Hoffman, P.M. (273)
Ray Hoffman, P.P. (273)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Phyllis Hix, Past Matron, (643) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 11 to Section 78 of our Constitution and Bylaws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This amendment clarifies the procedure in existence for selecting future Session sites and negotiating the term of the contract. It puts the responsibility of detail of the contract with the Grand Chapter Week Committee, instead of the Annual Session site, because the members of the Grand Chapter Week Committee move up toward Chairman as the line officers move up to the office of Worthy Grand Matron.

Jim Newton, Worthy Patron (185): I'm opposing the motion. I believe I heard the proponent say that he has an amendment he would like to make to this.

MOTION: I move that we send this back to Committee for rewrite, and bring out on the floor for discussion. *(The motion was seconded.)*

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE ADMENDMENT

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT NO. 11

Sec-78. ANNUAL SESSION SITE. It shall be the duty of the Annual Session Site Committee to communicate with the Convention Bureaus of all adequate sites as many years in advance as appears necessary to secure such sites, obtaining from, each a detailed account of facilities available, the fee and terms therefore and services they each would include.

~~The committee shall, not later than ninety days after the Grand Chapter Session, negotiate a contract with agency of the site reserved for the next ensuring Grand chapter Session; secure the approval of the~~

~~committees on Finance and Jurisprudence of the terms and conditions of the contract; and cause such contract to be entered into and executed on behalf of Grand Chapter.~~

~~The original of the signed contract shall be surrendered to the Grand Secretary and maintained as a permanent record in the Grand Secretary's office. A copy thereof shall be maintained on file and said file passed to each succeeding Annual Site committee chairman.~~

ADD:

THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE GRAND CHAPTER SESSION THE PROPOSALS FOR EACH SITE PRESENTED, WITH THE COMMMITEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

UPON APPROVAL OF THE SITE SELECTED BY THE VOTING MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTER, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL NOTIFY THE SITE SELECTED AND SECURE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND JURISPRUDENCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSAL.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE GRAND SECRETARY TO BE MAINTAINED FOR FIVE (5) YEARS. A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON FILE FOR FIVE (5) YEARS AND PASSED TO EACH SUCCEEDING ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Signed: Henry Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Ron Aubery, P.P. (577)
Susan Wallace, P.M. (171)
Stephen Wallace, P.P. (171)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Phyllis Hix, Past Matron,(643) Jurisprudence Committee)

Please refer to Proposed Amendment No. 11 page 15 in the legislative booklet.

A substitute amendment has been printed and distributed to you, and I would refer you to that Substitute Amendment at this time.

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 11 to section 78 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, move the adoption of the Substitute Amendment as printed and recommend a YES vote for the following reasons:

The Substitute Amendment states the current procedure for future site location. It provides that the Annual Session Site Committee will obtain proposals from various sites to be presented at Grand Chapter. The Committee's responsibilities go no further once the future site has been selected.

The Grand Chapter Week Committee is the Committee that has the responsibility from that point on to negotiate the actual terms of the contract.

In recent years it has been the custom that the Associate Grand Conductress asks the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint members of her choice to the Grand Chapter Week Committee who will chair that Committee in her year.

As the Associate Grand Conductress proceeds up the line, so does her appointee on the Committee. The actual contract is signed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Those in favor of the adoption of the Substitute Amendment to section 78 as printed and the typo corrected, (the word "next" added in the first paragraph before the word "Grand,") signify by the usual Voting Sign of Grand Chapter.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12:

Sec. 86. **GRAND CHAPTER WEEK ACTIVITIES.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week to act as coordinator of all Grand Chapter Week Activities, ~~Publicity, Housing and Courtesies,~~ under the supervision of the Worthy Grand Matron. ~~To prepare and submit to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Finance Committee a budget of estimated revenue and expenses for the annual session.~~

ADD:

(b) THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF GRAND CHAPTER WEEK SHALL, NOT LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, NEGOTIATE A

CONTRACT WITH THE AGENCY OF THE SITE RESERVED FOR THE NEXT ENSUING GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, FORWARD THE SAME FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND JURISPRUDENCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; SAID CONTRACT TO BE ENTERED INTO AND EXECUTED BY THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON ON BEHALF OF GRAND CHAPTER.

(c) THE ORIGINAL OF THE SIGNED CONTRACT SHALL BE SURRENDERED TO THE GRAND SECRETARY AND MAINTAINED AS A PERMANTENT RECORD IN THE GRAND CHAPTER'S OFFICE. A COPY THEREOF SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN'S USE AND A COPY PASSED TO EACH SUCCEEDING ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

(d) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE A BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

~~(b)~~**(e)** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Grand Chapter Week Activities, under the supervision **AND THE DIRECTION** of the **GENERAL CHAIRMAN AND THE APPROVAL OF THE** Worthy Grand Matron, **TO HANDLE SUCH RELATED MATTERS AS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR A CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE;** ~~to arrange appropriate quarters and accommodations for the use of the Grand Chapter and its committees and members during the annual session; for such entertainment for the Grand Chapter as may be desired by the Worthy Grand Matron; to supervise and handle such related matters as are appropriate for a convention arrangements committee;~~ and subject to the prior approval of **THE BUDGET BY** the Worthy Grand Matron and the Committee on Finance, to incur any necessary and proper expense in connection therewith. ~~It may appoint such subcommittees as will facilitate its work.~~

ADD:

(f)THE COMMITTEE MAY APPOINT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 67, SUCH SUBCOMMITTEES AS WILL FACILITATE ITS WORK.

~~(c)~~ **(g)** No other change.
~~(d)~~ **(h)** No other change.
~~(e)~~ **(i)** No other change.

Signed: Henry Schierenberg, P.P. (36)

Barbara Schierenberg P.M. (36)
Steven Wallace, P.P. (171)
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Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Phyllis Hix, Past Matron, (643) Jurisprudence Committee)

Again, the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 12, Section 86 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, recommended a YES vote. However, it's a companion to Proposed Amendment No. 11, and would also, I assume, go back to Committee.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Because Proposed Amendment No. 11 has gone back to Committee, we will send Proposed Amendment No. 12 back to Committee.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12

Sec. 86. **GRAND CHAPTER WEEK ACTIVITIES.**

a. It shall be the duty of the General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week to act as coordinator of all Grand Chapter Week Activities, **CONVENTION FACILITIES PLANNING**, Publicity, Housing and Courtesies, under the supervision of the Worthy Grand Matron. To prepare and submit to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Finance Committee a budget of estimated revenue and expenses for the annual session.

ADD:

b. THE INCOMING GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF GRAND CHAPTER WEEK SHALL, NOT LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE AGENCY OF THE SITE RESERVED FOR THE NEXT ENSUING GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, FORWARD THE SAME FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND JURISPRUDENCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; SAID CONTRACT TO BE ENTERED INTO AND EXECUTED BY

THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON ON BEHALF OF GRAND CHAPTER. THE SIGNED CONTRACT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE GRAND SECRETARY AND MAINTAINED IN THE GRAND CHAPTER'S OFFICE.

(~~b~~) **(c)** No other change.

(~~c~~) **(d)** No other change.

(~~d~~) **(e)** No other change.

(~~e~~) **(f)** No other change.

Signed: Henry Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Ron Aubery, P.P. (577)
Susan Wallace, P.M. (171)
Stephen Wallace, P.P. (171)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Phyllis Hix, Past Matron,(643) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom the Proposed Amendment No. 12 to Section 86 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred, move the adoption of the Substitute Amendment as printed and distributed to you and recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

They are the same as the reasons are same reasons as stated for Substitute Amendment No. 11, and conform our Constitution and Laws to existing practices.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 13:

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 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 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: Henry Schierenberg, P.P. (36)
Barbara Schierenberg P.M. (36)
Steven Wallace, P.P. (171)
John Herring, P.P. (555)
Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND FINANCE

(By Gil Bates, Past Patron, (390/287) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 13, to Section 106 of our Constitution has been referred recommend a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS NO. 14:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE**

ADD:

(7) TO SELECT, HIRE, OVERSEE AND REVIEW, AS NECESSARY, A CONTROLLER WHOSE DUTY IT WILL BE TO SUPERVISE THE DAY TO DAY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE.

(Renumber remaining divisions of Section 73.)

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Collete Serio Gole, Past Matron,(133) Chairman Jurisprudence)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 14 to Section 73 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reasons:

The Grand Chapter of California is a business with assets in excess of 70 million dollars. As a result, it is essential that we have a person with training and experience in general accounting principles and tax regulations to manage the financial operations of the Grand Chapter office.

Section 73 Subsection 30 provides that the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron, is authorized to engage any assistance it may deem necessary and advisable to carry out the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. This legislation clarifies and sets forth in greater detail the duties of the Controller's position.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 15:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE**

(11) With the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, ~~and~~ the Worthy Grand Matron~~,~~ **AND THE CONTROLLER,** to approve the salaries and fringe benefits of all employees in the Grand Chapter Office and to provide necessary funds for the same in the budget which is presented to the Grand Chapter.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE.

(By Frank Young, Past Patron, (18) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 15 to Section 73 Paragraph 11 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reasons:

As the person responsible for the financial information of Grand Chapter it is important that the Controller participate in the recommendations for the salaries of those working in Grand Chapter office. These recommendations are referred to the Committee of Finance for inclusion in the annual budget.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 16:

Sec. 105. **COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES, GRAND OFFICERS.** The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron shall be paid such allowances for expenses as specified in the budget. Payment shall be made quarterly, in advance, and properly receipted vouchers or signed statements shall be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Grand Secretary, with a final accounting submitted prior to the close of the annual session.

The Grand Secretary~~, Grand Treasurer~~ and the staff of the Grand Chapter office shall be paid such aggregate compensation as specified in the budget.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Frank Young, Past Patron, (18) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 16 to Section 105 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 17:

GRAND SECRETARY

Sec. 59. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

(4) **Moneys; Collection, Disposition and Account Thereof.** To collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter, **EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA AND CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION,** keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same promptly to the Grand Treasurer, or to deposit the same promptly in the name of the Grand Chapter in a bank or trust company, designated by the Grand Chapter, taking certified deposit slips or receipts therefor.

To review and forward to the ~~Grand Treasurer~~ **CONTROLLER** for payment, all requests presented by the General Chairman of Grand Chapter Week.

To process allowances for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, (89) Chairman, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom proposal No. 17 to Section 59 paragraph 4 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 18:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE**

(31) The Finance Committee shall review the financial statements (by fund) provided monthly by the ~~Grand Treasurer~~ **CONTROLLER** and make such management decisions as it deems necessary.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, (89) Chairman, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 18 to Section 73 Paragraph 31 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 19:

GRAND TREASURER

Sec. 60. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer:

~~(8)~~ **(1) ~~Miscellaneous Duties.~~** To perform all duties as designated in the ritual subject to the provisions of Section 73, and such further duties appertaining to the office, as may be directed by the Grand Chapter, Worthy Grand Matron and/or the Committee on Finance.

~~(1) **Annual Audit of Books.** To prepare for the annual audit of the books of account and financial records of the Grand Chapter.~~

(2) **Attend Grand Chapter Sessions.** To attend the Grand Chapter at all its Sessions and to report at each annual session an account of all moneys received and disbursed by the Grand ~~Treasurer~~ **CHAPTER** during the year, incorporating therein unaudited financial statements of the books of account of the Grand Chapter, ~~and~~ the Eastern Star Homes, **AND THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION,** together with any comments required.

~~(3) **Financial Transactions and Reports.** To review each cash receipt and accounts payable batch on a regular basis, at least once a month, and sign the printed batch detail of accounts payable or cash receipts as evidence of review.~~

~~To prepare bank and investment account reconciliations; to record all financial transactions of the Grand Chapter; and to provide a complete~~

~~set of financial statements (by fund) to the Committee on Finance monthly.~~

~~(4)~~ **(3) Finance Committee.** Together with the Worthy Grand Matron, and the Worthy Grand Patron, the Grand Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Committee on Finance.

~~(5)~~ **(4) Board of Trustees - Eastern Star Home.** To attend all meetings of the Board of Trustees for the Eastern Star Home, serving as Treasurer.

~~(6)~~ **(5) Signator on Accounts.** To act together with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary as a signator on the accounts of Grand Chapter, ~~and~~ the Eastern Star Homes~~.~~ **AND THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION.**

~~(7)~~ **(6) Bond.** The Grand Treasurer shall be covered in the official fidelity blanket bond covering the Grand Chapter and all subordinate Chapters, in such sum as the Committee on Finance or the Grand Chapter may determine, but in no event less than $5,000.; and at the end of the term of office, pay over and transfer to the successor all funds or property of the Grand Chapter in the possession of the Grand Treasurer.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Gil Bates, Past Patron, (390/287) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 19 to Sections 60 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 20:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE**

(29) The appointed members of this Committee, **THE GRAND SECRETARY AND THE GRAND TREASURER** shall be paid all

necessary traveling and housing expenses actually paid or incurred by them incidental to the exercise of their authority and the performance of their duties. Said expenses require the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Gil Bates, Past Patron, (390/287) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 20 to section 73 paragraph 29 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote. For the following reason:

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer attend meetings of the Home Board and Finance Committee.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 21:

Sec. 86. **GRAND CHAPTER WEEK ACTIVITIES.**

(c) No funds or moneys belonging to the Grand Chapter or collected by or for, or in the name of the Grand Chapter, or any committee thereof, or any Grand Officer of this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be used for the payment, or partial payment of the hotel or living expenses, during the annual session of the Grand Chapter. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, this paragraph shall not apply to the hotel lodging expenses of the Grand Secretary ~~or of the Grand Treasurer~~ during the annual session.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Gil Bates, Past Patron, (390/287) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 21 to Section 86 Paragraph (c) of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 22:

Sec. 105. **COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES, GRAND OFFICERS.** The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, ~~and~~ Associate Grand Patron, **GRAND CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS** shall be paid such allowances for expenses as specified in the budget. Payment shall be made quarterly, in advance, and properly receipted vouchers or signed statements shall be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Grand Secretary, with a final accounting submitted prior to the close of the annual session.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Larry Coffin, Past Patron, (89) Chairman, Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 22 to Section 105 of Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

To provide an allowance to our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to be used to cover the cost of printing and mailing information to their subordinate officers.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 23:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE**

(7) To determine and direct, between the sessions of the Grand Chapter all matters of the investment and reinvestment of all funds of the Grand Chapter, both general and special, including the liquidation of any assets thereof deemed advisable, to receive all real and personal property for the Eastern Star Endowment Fund from members upon entering the Home as residents, and to administer all matters relating thereto, subject to the right of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Star Homes of California to sell such property as provided in Section 459 hereof. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Grand Chapter to invest and reinvest its surplus funds together with the proceeds of any sales, liquidation or maturities of any assets or other proceeds available for investment under the general provisions of the "Prudent Man Rule" permitted in the State of California for investments but limited generally to the following:

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS: The Committee on Finance or subordinate Chapters shall invest their funds, exclusive of Temple property or Temple securities as follows:

A. At least twenty percent (20%) of the funds available for investment must be in:

a. Cash and/or bank accounts.

b. Obligations of the United States or those for the payment of which the faith of the United States is pledged.

c. Obligations of the State of California and its political subdivisions, provided they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of such municipal corporation or district is pledged for their payment.

d. Such evidence of corporate indebtedness as is rated "A" or better by Standard and Poors Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, and shares of qualified investment funds whose investments are limited to short term United States Government Securities, bank certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and comparable securities. Except with respect to United States Government Securities, a qualified investment fund shall have no security investment which shall have a maturity date exceeding one year.

e. Savings accounts in and investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (FDIC). ~~and Federal Chartered Savings and Loan Associations insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, (FSLIC) organized and existing under the laws of the State of California which is an insured institution as defined by Title IV of the National Housing~~

~~Act, and shares issued by any financial institution which issues no investment certificates and which is a federal insured institution as defined by said Title IV.~~ But in the case of each institution only to the extent that such accounts, investment certificates or shares are insured by the ~~Federal Insurance Corporation,~~ FDIC ~~or FSLIC~~.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By David Von Bima, Past Patron, (33) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 23 to Section 73 Paragraph 7 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This amendment removes the reference to the Federal Saving and Insurance Corporation, which no longer exists.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 24:

Sec. 73. **FINANCE**

(7) To determine and direct, between the sessions of the Grand Chapter all matters of the investment and reinvestment of all funds of the Grand Chapter, both general and special, including the liquidation of any assets thereof deemed advisable, to receive all real and personal property for the Eastern Star Endowment Fund from members upon entering the Home as residents, and to administer all matters relating thereto, subject to the right of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Star Homes of California to sell such property as provided in Section 459 hereof. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Grand Chapter to invest and reinvest its surplus funds together with the proceeds of any sales, liquidation or maturities of any assets or other proceeds available for investment under the general provisions of the "Prudent Man Rule" permitted in the State of California for investments but limited generally to the following:

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS: The Committee on Finance or subordinate Chapters shall invest their funds, exclusive of Temple property or Temple securities as follows:

A. At least ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ **FIFTEEN (15%)** of the funds available for investment must be in:

a. Cash and/or bank accounts.

b. Obligations of the United States or those for the payment of which the faith of the United States is pledged.

c. Obligations of the State of California and its political subdivisions, provided they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of such municipal corporation or district is pledged for their payment.

d. Such evidence of corporate indebtedness as is rated "A" or better by Standard and Poors Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, and shares of qualified investment funds whose investments are limited to short term United States Government Securities, bank certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and comparable securities. Except with respect to United States Government Securities, a qualified investment fund shall have no security investment which shall have a maturity date exceeding one year.

e. Savings accounts in and investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (FDIC) and Federal Chartered Savings and Loan Associations insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, (FSLIC) organized and existing under the laws of the State of California which is an insured institution as defined by Title IV of the National Housing Act, and shares issued by any financial institution which issues no investment certificates and which is a federal insured institution as defined by said Title IV. But in the case of each institution only to the extent that such accounts, investment certificates or shares are insured by the Federal Insurance Corporation, FDIC or FSLIC.

B. Up to ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ **TEN PERCENT (10%)** may be invested in:

a. Other evidences of indebtedness, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to evidences of indebtedness of corporations whose common stock is eligible for investment under the provisions of Sec. C(a) hereof.

b. Preferred stocks, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange or registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to preferred stocks of corporations whose common stock is eligible for investment under the provisions of Sec. C(a) hereof.

No such investments, however, shall be made which at the time of purchase will result in the total market value of the securities referred to in this section exceeding ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the total market value of all the cash, bank accounts and securities held.

C. Up to ~~sixty percent (60%)~~ **SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT(75%)** may be invested in:

a. Common stocks, which must be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to bank and insurance company stocks.

b. Shares of investment trusts.

c. Mutual Funds.

No such investments, however, shall be made which at the time of purchase will result in the total market value of the securities referred to in this section exceeding ~~sixty percent (60%)~~ **SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT (75%)** of the total market value of all cash, bank accounts and securities held.

If a Chapter or Temple association elects to invest in funds under the provisions of Sec. B, or C(a), or C(b), or C(c) hereof, it shall confer and counsel as to any such proposed or contemplated investments with a professional investment advisor of its choice, provided, however, that it is not mandatory that the Chapter execute the recommendations of the investment advisor, such recommendations being advisory only. The use of professional investment advice does not relieve Chapter Trustees of their responsibilities, and said Trustees must exercise the judgment and care which men of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs.

If the Chapter shall so determine, the Chapter may increase the permitted percentage of securities specified in Subdivision B or in Subdivision C above, provided the total market value of the securities specified in Subdivisions B and C combined shall not exceed ~~eighty percent (80%)~~ **EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT (85%)** of the total market value of all cash, bank accounts and securities held.

Signed: Larry Coffin, P.P. (89)
Callie Miller, P.M. (352)
Frank Young, P.P. (18)
Gil Bates, P.P. (287)
David Von Bima, P.P. (33)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By David Von Bima, Past Patron, (33) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 24 to Section 73 Paragraph 7 of our Constitution and Bylaws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reasons:

This amendment, if passed, would allow the Grand Chapter and any subordinate Chapter to increase the percentage of their investments that they may put into equities, i.e.: stocks and mutual funds. The current limitation is 60 percent. If you were here at the beginning of yesterday's Session, you heard a representative from our investment firm state that over the last eleven years the Grand Chapter had received a 14.8 percent return on our investments. That was composed of 20.2 percent in equities and 8 percent in bonds and cash.

He further stated that if we had not had the foresight eleven years ago to invest in equities, our 48 million dollars that we currently have would only be worth 24 million dollars.

To further clarify, recently I was approached by a representative from a Chapter in the San Francisco area who said that due to a bequest several years ago, their investments had done very well but that it now represented over 60 percent of their investments. Could they get a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron to allow more than that? There is no provision for that under the current Constitution. They would be forced to, if they comply, to sell part of their investment and put it into bonds or cash.

Fortunately, I didn't have my hearing aid on that day, so I didn't hear what she said. Therefore, just to make sure we all understand, this does not mandate that you have to increase the percentage of investments that you have in equities. It merely allows those Chapters and the Grand Chapter to increase the percentage, if they so desire.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 25:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Sec. 94. **APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF.** The Worthy Grand Matron may commission a Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter residing in the jurisdiction of each Grand Chapter with which this Grand Chapter enjoys fraternal correspondence. Such commission shall be issued only upon the recommendation of the Worthy Grand Matron of such other Grand Chapter, and the term of office of such representatives shall be ~~three~~ **TWO** years. The Worthy Grand Matron shall also, upon the request of the Worthy Grand Matron of any other Grand Chapter enjoying like relation, recommend a member of this Grand Chapter, other than a present Grand Officer or a Deputy Grand Matron for appointment as Grand Representative of such other Grand Chapter, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of California.

No one shall be reappointed; nor shall a Chapter have more than one Grand Representative at a time.

Signed: Shirley Orth, P.M. (135)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 25 to Section 94 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason:

This section 94 does not affect California members, but would limit the term of those who represent California in the other jurisdictions.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 26:

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

Sec. 8. **MEMBERSHIP; OF WHOM IT CONSISTS.** The membership of the Grand Chapter shall consist of **ANY MEMBER WHO IS IN GOOD STANDING IN HER/HIS SUBORDINATE CHAPTER OF THIS JURISDICTION AND ALL MEMBERS OF A CHAPTER UNDER DISPENSATION.** ~~its Grand Officers and~~

~~Deputy Grand Matrons then in office, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Secretaries Emeriti, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Past Grand Treasurers, all Past Matrons and Past Patrons of subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction who have served as a presiding officer of any such Chapter to the end of the term or period for which selected, except as provided in Sec. 143, the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons, Conductresses, Associate Conductresses or Elected Delegates of its subordinate chartered Chapters, and also like Officers or Elected Delegates of such Chapters under dispensation as the Grand Chapter may designate and authorize by majority vote for any session, all of whom shall be members in good standing of some subordinate Chapter within its jurisdiction.~~

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Danna Willoughby, P.M. (105)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)
Nancy E. Thomas, P.M. (571)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(By Colette Gole, Past Matron, (133) Chairman of Jurisprudence)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 26 to Section 8 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

If a member takes the time and effort to attend Grand Chapter they have shown that they have an interest in being involved in our Order at Grand Chapter. Therefore, they should have a right to fully participate and be a member of Grand Chapter.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, there has been a request for a written ballot on this Proposed Amendment, properly signed by the required number of delegates.

Sisters and Brothers you are about to vote on the adoption of the Proposed Amendment to Section 8, as printed. Brother Bert, may we have instructions on this ballot, please.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(Bert Alexander, Past Patron, (66/563) Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to take a ballot vote and I ask your attention on the procedure to be followed. Voting Delegates, you are

reminded to be seated in the properly designated sections for voting delegates. Delegates, please remain in your seats until the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed. No ballots will be picked up outside the Grand Chapter room or in the hallways. You will use Ballot No. 1 of your yellow ballot card. You will cast either a "yes" or "no" ballot on the strip of ballots given you and deposit it in the ballot container when it is passed to you. If you use any but the properly numbered ballot, your vote will be lost. "Yes," or "no," on Ballot No. 1.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, you are balloting on the Proposed Amendment to section No. 8 as printed. I will now declare the ballot open.

(When all had voted.)

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Have all voted who desire to ballot? I declare the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION
(By Bert Alexander, Past Patron, (66/563) Chairman)

The results of the ballot on Proposed Amendment No. 26. Total votes cast: 1,824. Two-thirds necessary for adoption is 1,217. Total Yes votes: 1,408. Total No: 416. The motion has passed.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 27:

Sec. 27. **QUORUM.** One or more ~~of the first four officers or~~ representatives of one hundred subordinate Chapters must be ~~present~~ **REGISTERED** to constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any regular or special session of Grand Chapter; provided, however, that the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, or her or his duly authorized representative, with a sufficient number of members present to fill the stations, may open the Grand Chapter and perform the functions provided in Sections 25 and 26.

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Danna Willoughby, P.M. (105)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)
Nancy E. Thomas, P.M. (571)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 27 to Section 27 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

Since you just adopted Amendment No. 26, it is necessary to change the definition of a quorum for Grand Chapter Sessions.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 28:

Sec. 29. **VOTING RIGHTS.** The members of the Grand Chapter shall have the right to vote upon every question coming before it as follows:

(1) All members of Grand Chapter, as specified in Sec. 8, shall each have one vote, as such, if registered and in attendance at the Grand Chapter Session and in no event shall have more than one vote.

~~(2) The elected and installed Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Worthy Patron, and Associate Patron of each subordinate Chapter, as stated in Sec. 8, shall have one vote as such. If one or more of such officers be not present at the voting place at the time such vote should be cast, the senior in rank of such officers present, in the order named, shall be entitled to cast such vote or votes in addition to his or her individual vote. The Conductress and Associate Conductress of each subordinate Chapter, as stated in Sec. 8, shall have one vote as such, if present. A Past Matron or Past Patron having been installed as one of the above-named officers shall have only one vote and shall cast it in the capacity of the office currently being held.~~

~~(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.~~

~~(4)~~ **(2)** When proposed amendments are received by Chapter Secretaries, they may be read and discussed by members, however, no ~~delegate~~ **MEMBER** of a Chapter shall be instructed how to vote in the Grand Chapter.

(Renumber remaining items in section.)

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Danna Willoughby, P.M. (105)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)
Nancy E. Thomas, P.M. (571)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE
(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron, (133) Chairman of Jurisprudence)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 28 to Section 29 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason.

Any member who attends Grand Chapter should have the right to vote at a Grand Chapter.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 29:

Sec. 29. **VOTING RIGHTS.** The members of the Grand Chapter shall have the right to vote upon every question coming before it as follows:

~~(7) All voting delegates to be seated in properly marked Sections at Grand Chapter Session for recognition in all voting issues.~~

(Re-number sub-sections.)

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Collette Serio Gole, Past Matron, (133) Chairman Jurisprudence)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 29 to Section 29, Paragraph 7 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason:

Since all members can vote, it eliminates the requirement that a voting member sit in a special section.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 30:

Sec. 67. **QUALIFICATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF AND EXPENDITURE OF MONEY BY COMMITTEES.** All members of committees shall be members of the Grand Chapter~~, except that other members may serve on Grand Chapter Week Committees with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron in order to perform specialized or professional duties~~. No person shall be eligible for membership on any committee, the duties of which shall include the investigation of, or report upon, the work or action of any standing or special committee, board, or other body of which such person is a member.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Danna Willoughby, P.M. (105)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)
Nancy E. Thomas, P.M. (571)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE
(By Sarahann Shapiro, Past Matron, (250) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 30 to Section 67 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

The amendment deletes language which has become unnecessary with the passage of Proposed Amendment No. 26.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 31:

Sec. 113. **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS 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) **Distribution of Amendments.** Upon filing in the Grand Chapter Office, all proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws where the intent is determined and if wording is not clear in defining intent or corrections or changes in grammar are deemed necessary, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws will make the necessary changes and seek concurrence with proponent.

Those amendments whose legality or effect on the Order are questioned shall be forwarded to Jurisprudence for opinion.

When the Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jurisprudence when necessary, determine the legislation is in proper form the amendments shall be returned to the Grand Chapter Office.

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.

The Grand Secretary shall assign each amendment a consecutive number for reference purposes. The proposed amendment shall be prepared with reference number used, and in such a manner that everything to be deleted is shown with a line drawn through it and everything to be added is shown in a distinguishable style of type, such as italics or bold face. The Grand Secretary shall mail one copy to each Grand Officer, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, Grand Secretaries Emeriti, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Deputy Grand Matron and Past Grand Treasurer and eight copies to each subordinate Chapter ~~for the eight voting delegates~~ not less than forty days prior to the opening date of the annual session of Grand Chapter. **IF THE NUMBER OF VOTING DELEGATES EXCEEDS THE EIGHT COPIES SENT TO A CHAPTER, THE CHAPTER SECRETARY**

IS PERMITTED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR VOTING DELEGATES. THE GRAND SECRETARY, ~~and~~ with the assistance of the Committee on Credentials, **WILL** present copies to all non-voting members at the time of registration at the annual session. The Distribution Committee is then to distribute such proposed amendments to the proper committees thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the annual session.

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Danna Willoughby, P.M. (105)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)
Nancy E. Thomas, P.M. (571)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 31 to Section 113 Paragraph 2 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 32:

Sec. 143. **TITLES**

6th Paragraph:

~~Past Matrons and Past Patrons must have served in California to be members of Grand Chapter.~~

Signed: Roger Nieder, P.P. (174)
Danna Willoughby, P.M. (105)
Bert Ferris, P.P. (380)
Nancy E. Thomas, P.M. (571)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom the Proposed Amendment No. 32 to Section 143, sixth Paragraph of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason.

We have long recognized that a Past Matron and a Past Patron is a Past Matron or Past Patron and we should give equal consideration to all regardless of where they served.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 33:

SPECIAL RULES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

Sec. 111.

Rule 7. **Introduction of Proposed Amendments.** All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter **SIGNED BY AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTER FROM THREE DIFFERENT SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND** which have been duly filed with the Grand Secretary, shall be deemed submitted.

The Committee on Distribution shall thereupon receive such proposed amendments and may immediately take appropriate action in referring them to the Grand Chapter Committee concerned.

Even though distributed as described above, the proponent of an amendment may withdraw it, in writing, five days prior to the opening date of the annual session or, with the consent of Grand Chapter, at any time before it is voted upon.

Signed: Kim Hegg, W.M. (577)
Kitty Cryderman, W.M. (234)
Marty Andrews, W.M. (178)
Allen Weisser, P.P. (577)
Arthur Cryderman, W.P. (234)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 33 to Section 111 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reasons.

By having three signators all from different Chapters, it would be an indication that there is a GENERAL interest in proposed legislation, rather than just a specific special interest.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 34:

Sec. 113. **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS 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:

(1) **Time of Filing; signed by Proponent; Form.** All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be signed by **AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTER FROM THREE DIFFERENT SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS** ~~the proponent~~ and filed in the Grand Chapter office in duplicate, not less than one hundred twenty days prior to the opening date of the next annual session of the Grand Chapter. All proposed amendments shall include those portions of the section prior to and following the amendment necessary to clarify the intent and purpose of the proposed amendment. If the change is a deletion, the words to be deleted shall have a line struck through them, those changes which are additions of words shall have those words shown all in capital letters. If the proposed change substantially constitutes a rewriting, then the amendment shall include that portion of the section as it is prior to the proposed amendment, followed, in all capital letters, by that portion of the section as proposed in the amended form.

These restrictions shall not apply when five-sixths (5/6) of those present and voting at the Grand Session shall determine that the amendment is one requiring emergency action by the Grand Chapter.
Decision W.G.M. Barnum 1991

Signed: Kim Hegg, W.M. (577)
Kitty Cryderman, W.M. (234)
Marty Andrews, W.M. (178)
Allen Weisser, P.P. (577)
Arthur Cryderman, W.P. (234)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 34 to Section 113, Paragraph 1, of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason:

So that we will be consistent with your vote on the preceding amendment.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 35:

Sec. 115. **INSTRUCTION BOOK, PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT.** All proposed changes in the performance of ceremonial work or in the Instruction Book shall be signed by **AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTER FROM THREE DIFFERENT SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS** ~~the proponent~~ and filed in the Grand Chapter office not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the opening date of the next annual session of Grand Chapter, and distribution of the same shall be made in the same manner and at the same time as provided for the distribution of proposed amendments to the Constitution as set forth in Subdivision (2) of Section 113 of the Constitution. A majority vote shall be required to adopt any such change.

Signed: Kim Hegg, W.M. (577)
Kitty Cryderman, W.M. (234)
Marty Andrews, W.M. (178)
Allen Weisser, P.P. (577)
Arthur Cryderman, W.P. (234)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past)129/252) Matron, Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 35 to Section 115 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason:

To be consistent with your vote on the preceding amendments.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 36:

Sec. 450. **HOME CORPORATION: NATURE AND PURPOSE.** Eastern Star Homes of California is a nonprofit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of California, on the 21st day of November, 1930, by certain members of the Grand Chapter, duly authorized by, and acting for, the Grand Chapter.

WHEREAS, the corporation was organized for the purpose, and with the power, to own and manage, in accordance with, and subject to, the constitution, rules, regulations and discipline of the Grand Chapter, as they then existed and as they might thereafter be amended, a home or homes and other property, both real and personal, for the care and support of aged, indigent or infolrm members of the Order, **THE PURPOSE HEREAFTER IS TO PROVIDE MEMBERS A DESIRABLE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THEIR SENIOR YEARS BY ASSISTING IN HOUSING, HEALTH CARE AND/OR RELATED SERVICES IN A SECURE, LOVING AND RESPECTFUL ATMOSPHERE,** and to do all things necessary or convenient thereto, or connected therewith. The members and trustees of the corporation were then provided to be seven and shall hereafter be nine in number, and are to be elected and appointed as provided by the Laws of the Grand Chapter. Such corporation now exists and owns and manages the Eastern Star Home at ~~11725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles~~ **16850 BASTANCHURY RD., YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA** and substantial other property, as an incorporated charity of the Grand Chapter.

(Reminder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Tom McKinney, P.P. (643)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(By Sarahann Shapiro, Past Matron, (250) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 36 to Section 450 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This Proposed Amendment is to align the purposes of the Eastern Star Home more closely with the needs of our current membership.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 37:

Sec. 458. **ADMISSIONS TO THE HOME.** Admission to residence in the Home in accordance with its purpose may be granted by the Trustees, only to affiliated members of the Order in good standing~~,~~ **(HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "MEMBER") AND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SPOUSES, WHETHER OR NOT A MEMBER. THE MEMBER AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION MUST BE** ~~who are at such time~~ at least 65 years of age and ~~who~~ **MUST** have been **AN** affiliated members of the Order in good standing

for not less than ~~ten~~ **FIVE** years in this Grand Jurisdiction next prior to application, and of the Chapter through which application is made for at least ~~five~~ **THREE** consecutive years next prior to application, except when the Board of Trustees find**S** extenuating circumstances concerning applicants who have been members of this Grand Jurisdiction for fifteen years or more, the ~~five~~ **THREE** year membership requirement in **THE** Chapter through which application is made may be waived, except that ~~m~~**M**embers from Chapters in existence less than ~~five~~ **THREE** years are eligible if ~~m~~**M**embers in this jurisdiction for ~~ten~~ **FIVE** years. As to persons otherwise qualified, the Board of Trustees historically makes no distinction on account of race, religion, color, National origin or ancestry among applicants for admission to the Home.

Decision W.G.M. Powers 1988.

Signed: Tom McKinney, P.P. (643)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(By Phylis Hix, Past Matron, (643) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 37 to Section 458 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This amendment would permit spouses of members to also be residents of the facility.

Diane Spar, Past Matron (552): I believe I found a grammatical error. An Affiliated Members. Singular article, plural Members.

Sheri Weisser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. We will take care of that in housekeeping, my Sister, if this passes, if that's all right.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 38:

Sec. 459. **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF RESIDENTS.** The Board of Trustees may grant admission for residence in the Home to ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** residents and paying residents, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) ~~Regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** residents shall be admitted to the Home without any expectation or requirement to pay for the housing and health care provided by the Home. However, a ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** resident must be willing to execute an assignment under which she or he turns over to Eastern Star Homes of

California whatever assets she or he may be possessed or may become possessed. The Board of Trustees may consent to the voluntary assignment of property to the corporation by a ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** resident, on or after approval of application for residence, but may not accept any duties or obligations in the nature of a trust, as a fiduciary or in a capacity of management or supervision of any such property or any interest therein, for the benefit or on behalf of the assignor or any other person. No such assignment may be made subject to any condition, contingent liability or reversionary interest; nor may it be made in consideration of residence or continuance of residence; nor may any engagement of any kind be made in regard thereto.

All property hereafter assigned to Eastern Star Homes of California by ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** residents thereof, and all cash gifts or proceeds from the sales of real or personal property received from ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** residents, shall on receipt become part of the Endowment Fund irrevocably dedicated to the Home. All such assigned property may be sold when and as permitted under California law. Any such sale shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees.

(B) Paying residents shall pay a monthly charge for the housing and health care provided by the Home and shall not be requested to execute the assignment of all assets offered by ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** residents pursuant to Section 459(A). The obligation to pay the monthly charge may be secured in such manner as the Board of Trustees may determine. The monthly charge shall be set at the lowest feasible cost, taking into consideration such expenses as the payment of indebtedness and the maintenance of adequate reserves sufficient to insure the life care of each resident and reserves for physical expansion of the facility. Any paying resident who, subsequent to admission becomes unable to pay the monthly charge shall automatically become a ~~regular~~ **CONTINUING CARE** resident upon execution of an assignment under which she or he turns over to Eastern Star Homes of California whatever assets she or he may be possessed or may become possessed, such assignment to be offered and be subject to Board acceptance in accordance with the provisions of Section 459(A). No paying resident may be asked to leave the Home merely because she or he has become unable to pay the monthly charge.

(C) In granting admission to residents, the Board of Trustees shall always give priority to those eligible members who are unable to meet the full cost of care.

Signed: Tom McKinney, P.P. (643)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(By Phyllis Hix, Past Matron, (643) Jurisprudence Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 38 to Section 459, Paragraphs A and B of our Constitution and Laws has been referred recommend a YES vote for the following reason:

This Amendment changes the words "regular care residents" to "continuing care residents."

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 39:

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:

~~(c) **Home Maintenance Fund.** For a special fund, to be known as the Eastern Star Home Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of the maintenance of said Home, One Dollar for every member in good standing.~~

Signed: Teresa Gemignani, P.M. (48)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Callie Miller, Past Matron, (352) Finance Committee)

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment 39 to Section 96 of our Constitution and Laws has been referred makes no recommendation for the following reasons:

This Amendment as written eliminates the one dollar Home Maintenance Fund that is a part of the per capita tax paid to Grand Chapter by the subordinate Chapters. It does not affect the Special Assessment for the Eastern Star Homes of California currently approved for three dollars and if this Amendment passes, it would reduce the contribution paid to the Eastern Star Homes of California from the per capita tax of the subordinate Chapters by approximately $44,000 on June 30, 2000.

To offset the decrease in the budget that was adopted by the Eastern Star Homes of California, additional income would be replaced from the realized gains in the investment portfolio.

It is the belief of the Committees of Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom this Amendment has been referred that this is a matter affecting the finances of the subordinate Chapters and, therefore, makes no recommendation.

NOT ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INSTRUCTION BOOK

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 40:

CHAPTER ROOM SET UP

Page 1, 2nd paragraph:

Emblems and pedestals are required. The emblems must be placed upon the pedestals. Covers of the five colors, or white, and flowers may also be used on the pedestals. Lighted pedestals are permitted. Baskets of flowers or appropriate decorations may be used and may stand beside, back of, or hang from the chairs. The Sword and Veil shall be placed on Adah's pedestal with the point of the Sword toward the Altar. ~~The Crown and Scepter are placed in such a manner that the front of the Crown is toward the Altar, the Scepter is on top of the Crown with the head of the Scepter pointing toward the northeast.~~ **THE CROWN AND SCEPTER UNITED IS PLACED ON THE PEDESTAL IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE CROWN FACES THE ALTAR, THE HEAD OF THE SCEPTER RESTS ON TOP OF THE CROWN POINTING TOWARD THE NORTHEAST, WITH THE STAFF EXTENDED UNDER THE BACK OF THE CROWN.** The slope of the Broken Column is toward the Altar.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Sue Bishop, P.M. (46/252)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 40 to the Instruction Book on page 1, second paragraph has been referred recommends a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 41:

Page 8:

SECRETARY

DUTIES: C & L, Sec. 162. AUDIT and ANNUAL REPORTS: C & L, Sec. 251 and 252. (1984)

PERMANENT AND OTHER RECORDS:

The following are permanent records and should not be destroyed:

Minute Books
Petitions and papers attached thereto
Bylaw book (should include notation of membership activity)

(1984)

The following should be kept for five years:

Audited bills
Canceled checks
Stubs of check book and dues receipt books

The Secretary must notify the Worthy Matron as soon as a request for a demit is received so it may be investigated before being presented to the Chapter.

All Secretaries should have on hand a supply of application forms for the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and Benevolent Fund. These are obtained from the Grand Secretary's office.

ADD:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MATRON FOR INSPECTION UPON HER OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CHAPTER:

- **3 NEW LARGE-PRINT RITUALS OWNED BY GRAND CHAPTER**
- **PROPERLY UPDATED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS USED BY THE CHAPTER SECRETARY**
- **PROPERLY UPDATED INSTRUCTION BOOK USED BY THE CHAPTER SECRETARY**
- **3 UNCODED COPIES OF THE SYLLABUS ISSUED TO THE WORTHY PATRON, ASSOCIATE PATRON AND CONDUCTRESS OWNED BY GRAND CHAPTER**
- **WHITE LOOSE-LEAF MEMBERSHIP LEDGER PAGES PURCHASED FROM GRAND CHAPTER**
- **YELLOW CASH SHEET PURCHASED FROM GRAND CHAPTER**
- **BLUE MEMBERSHIP RECAP LEDGER PURCHASED FROM GRAND CHAPTER**
- **MINUTES PERMANENTLY AFFIXED IN APPROVED MINUTES BOOK**
- **RECEIPTS AND BILLS *ITEMIZED* IN THE MINUTES**

Signed: Sue Bishop, P.M. (46/252)
Virginia M. Williams, P.M. (273)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252)
Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 41 to the Instruction Book on page 8, "Duties" has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason:

This amendment adds the items that the Deputy Grand Matron must see at her Official Visit to the Chapter.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 42:

MARSHAL

Page 9, 4th paragraph:

The Marshal carries the baton in the right hand as level as possible, DOES NOT swing or tilt it, but keeps it close to her/**OR HIS** side. The baton is held on the lap with the right hand when the Marshal is seated. The baton is raised to the left breast to silently say, "Follow me." The baton is not raised for Flag escort.

Ribbons in the Star point colors only, not to exceed one-half inch in width, and hanging no more than twelve inches, shall be on the Marshal's baton. This does not apply to special batons used for Installations or Receptions. **IF A BROTHER SERVES AS MARSHAL, THE CHAPTER MAY PROVIDE A SLIGHTLY LARGER BATON THAN IS NORMALLY USED; HOWEVER, THE RIBBONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WOULD STILL BE USED ON EACH END OF THE BATON.**

The Marshal leaves the baton at her/**HIS** station for:

(Remainder of Marshal section unchanged.)

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Diane Silva, Past Matron, (252) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 42 to the Instruction Book on page 9, fourth paragraph has been referred recommends a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 43:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Page 14:

13. ~~Sickness and Distress~~ **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**
Secretary rises and reads "In Memoriam" cards. ~~Announcements of deaths of members. (1994)~~ **WORTHY MATRON ANNOUNCES LOSS OF MEMBERS BY DEATH AND GIVES TRIBUTE. ASSOCIATE MATRON ANNOUNCES ILLNESSES AND/OR HAPPY EVENTS CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP.**
Memorial Service.

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Matron, (195) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 43 to the Instruction Book on page 14 has been referred moves an amendment to the Proposed Amendment as follows: After the words "Associate Matron" insert the words "or Circle of Concern Chairman," for the following reasons:

Some Chapters assign the duties of Circle of Concern to another member, other than the Associate Matron.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 43 (as amended)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Page 14:

13. ~~Sickness and Distress~~ **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**
Secretary rises and reads "In Memoriam" cards. ~~Announcements of deaths of members. (1994)~~ **WORTHY MATRON ANNOUNCES LOSS OF MEMBERS BY DEATH AND GIVES TRIBUTE. ASSOCIATE MATRON OR CIRCLE OF CONCERN CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES ILLNESSES AND/OR HAPPY EVENTS CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP.**
Memorial Service.

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Matron, (195) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 43 to the Instruction Book on page 14 has been referred recommends a YES vote on the proposed amendment as amended.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 44:

OPENING CEREMONY

Page 15, 5th paragraph:

The Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Worthy Patron, in the order named, enter from the anteroom proceeding east to the introduction line, then at an angle toward the southwest corner of the Altar, entering the Labyrinth between the stations of Ruth and Esther. **THE TIMING BY THE THREE OFFICERS SHOULD BE SUCH THAT THEY ARRIVE IN THEIR POSITIONS AT THE ALTAR SIMULTANEOUSLY.** The Associate Patron faces north, continues back of the Altar, slowing his steps, then faces East, steps to the north side of the Altar and faces south. The Associate Conductress stops directly back of the Altar and faces East. The Worthy Patron steps to the southwest corner of the Altar, faces East with the Associate Patron, steps to the south side of the Altar and faces north. When all three officers are in position they bow toward the Altar.

(Remaining paragraphs unchanged.)

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Matron, (195) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom the Proposed Amendment No. 44 to the Instruction Book on page 15, fifth paragraph has been referred recommends a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 45:

ESCORT

Page 22, 10th Paragraph:

GRAND HONORS. When giving the Grand Honors all members shall face East on the words "Sisters and Brothers." If both Sisters and Brothers are given Grand Honors the presiding Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron face west. When only a Sister or Brother receives Grand Honors, they will face that member. **(THE CONDUCTRESSES WILL PIVOT TOWARD THE EAST;** Chaplain pivots on left foot, Marshal on right foot to face East.) The Marshal ~~puts~~ **PLACES** the baton under ~~her~~ **THE** left arm while giving Grand Honors. All officers and members also face East when visitors are being accorded a cordial welcome.

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(By Kathleen MacDonald, Past Matron, (195) Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 45 to the Instruction Book on page 22, tenth paragraph has been referred recommends a YES vote.

ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 46:

Page 31, 9th paragraph:

After the Associate Conductress has assumed this position, the Worthy Patron rises, examines the ballot box by placing his left hand under thc handle, thumb above, (pointing west) right hand on the drawer, and *turns the box toward the East to examine it.* He need not remove the drawer from the ballot box but should satisfy himself of the proper preparation, *and is then seated.* ~~When~~ **AFTER** the Worthy Matron *completes a like examination,* the Associate Conductress ~~takes~~ **PICKS UP** the box ~~in~~ **WITH** her *left hand* and *faces west.* The Worthy Matron says: "Sisters and Brothers, you are about to ballot upon the petition of _____to receive the degrees in this Chapter (or to become a

member in this Chapter). Look well to your ballot, remembering white balls elect, black cubes reject. Remember your obligation and vote for the good of the Order. I now declare the ballot open." (Gavel). The Worthy Matron remains standing until she ballots.

ADD:

THE ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS TURNS AND FACES SOUTH, EXTENDS THE BALLOT BOX TO THE WORTHY MATRON, THEN TURNS HER HEAD TO HER RIGHT. WHEN THE WORTHY MATRON HAS BALLOTED, THE ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS EXTENDS THE BALLOT BOX TO THE WORTHY PATRON, AGAIN TURNING HER HEAD TO HER RIGHT.

After the Worthy Patron ballots the Associate Conductress proceeds on the east line ~~of~~ **TO** the north side line, stopping for the Organist to ballot (if her position is on the north side of the room). After the Organist ballots, the Associate Conductress transfers the ballot box to her right hand. If Organist is not in the north-east corner of the room the Associate Conductress transfers the ballot box to her right hand before leaving the east.

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 46 to the Instruction Book on page 31, 9th paragraph has been referred makes no recommendation for the following reasons:

The Worthy Grand Matron and I will demonstrate the process of this proposed Section before the Amendment, and the process if the Amendment were adopted, so that you, the Delegates, can actually observe the two different ways this could be or may be done.

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws feels that this is a matter of personal preference or esthetics, or whatever you like to see, and it is not something that is a matter for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to determine.

So, with your assistance, Worthy Grand Matron, I will come over there and we will have you all watch carefully. The first that we will demonstrate is the way it is presently in the Instruction Book by virtue of the fact that the Instruction Book does not speak specifically to where and how the Associate Conductress stands and presents the ballot box to the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for them to ballot. Then, the second way we will demonstrate will be the way it would be done if this Amendment were passed.

We are at the position where the Associate Conductress has picked up the ballot box, after the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron have examined it.

NOT ADOPTED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 47:

Page 44-A, 1st Paragraph:

Marshal, with affiliate(s), faces north, takes two steps, faces west, takes two steps, faces south and marches to the south marching line, faces east and proceeds along the south marching line to a point two steps in front of Adah's station, faces north and places the affiliate(s) in front of Adah~~, and then steps to the left of the affiliate(s)~~. (The Marshal will bow, Adah will rise, bow, give her charge and present her flower. Each Star Point will repeat this procedure as the Marshal places the affiliate(s) in front of them. The Star Point will remain standing after giving the flower until the Marshal and affiliate(s) leave her station, then be seated and remain seated until the Worthy Matron later calls up the Chapter.) (1985)

From Adah's station, the Marshal **LEADS THE** ~~and~~ affiliate(s) **IN A SEMI-CIRCULAR MANNER AROUND ADAH'S STATION TO A POINT** ~~will make a half-circle bounded by the south marching line to two steps~~ in front of Ruth's station, **CENTERING THE AFFILIATES(S) IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER.** ~~places the affiliate(s) in front of Ruth and steps to the left of the affiliate(s).~~ (1985)

When leaving Ruth's station, the Marshal will **LEAD THE AFFILIATE(S) IN A SEMI-CIRCULAR MANNER AROUND RUTH'S STATION TO A POINT** ~~make a half-circle bounded by the south marching line and introduction line to two steps~~ in front of Esther's station, **CENTERING THE AFFILIATE(S) IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER.** When leaving Esther's station, between Esther and Martha, the Marshal **LEADS THE AFFILIATE(S) IN A SEMI-CIRCULAR MANNER TO A POINT** ~~half-circles to the introduction line and the north marching line to two steps~~ in front of Martha's

station, **CENTERING THE AFFILIATE(S) IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER** ~~places the affiliate(s) in front of Martha and steps to the right of the affiliate(s)~~. When leaving Martha's station, the Marshal **LEADS THE AFFILIATE(S) IN A SEMI-CIRCULAR MANNER TO A POINT** ~~will make a half-circle, bounded by the north marching line to two steps~~ in front of Electa's station, **CENTERING THE AFFILIATE(S) IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER** ~~places the affiliate(s) and again steps to the right of the affiliate(s)~~. (1985)

(Remainder of section unchanged.)

Signed: Doris May Parrish, P.M. (521)
Glenn M. Jones, P.P. (36)

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By June Lucretia Barnum, Past Matron, (129/252) Chairman)

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 47 of the Instruction Book on page 44-A, the first paragraph has been referred recommends a YES vote for the following reason.

The procedure describes a more graceful pattern than the one that is presently in the Instruction Book. It is less cumbersome and less awkward to perform.

Sue Bishop, Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, Sue Bishop, Past Matron, Athena Chapter No. 46. I would like to make a correction. Virginia Williams and I are the proponents, not Doris Parrish and Glenn Jones.

ADOPTED

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Grand Chapter	Representative	Address	Expires
Alabama	Carl Chormicle (78)	30 Lorinda Place, Santa Barbara 93101-3912	July 1, 2001
Alberta	Stanley Hawkes (327)	41819 Shain Lane, Quartz Hill 93536	Dec 31, 1999
Arizona	John Van Winkle (205)	785 Rincon road, El Sobrante 94803	Aug 31, 2001
Arkansas	Clara Mae Ansley (55)	1943 – 16th Street, Olivehurst 95961	Mar 10, 2001
Australia	Orine Carroll (171)	733 Avenue "A" Redondo Beach 90277	Dec 31, 2001
British Columbia	Raymond Dias (127/41)	Centennia Park, #465B, Hanford 93230	Dec 31, 1999
Colorado	Jean F. Culbertson (214)	2121 Hillview Drive, Walnut Creek 94596-5721	Apr 1, 2001
Connecticut	Wilbur Wade (111/137)	P. O. Box 690, Mendocino 94560-0690	Dec 31, 1999
Delaware	Ruth Carano (8)	5410 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante 94803	Dec 31, 1999
Dist. of Columbia	Wayne Bode (99)	143 Via Mantilla, Walnut Creek 94598-3541	Jan 1, 2000
Florida	Jean Hodge (89)	16450 E. Clinton, Sanger 93657-9623	Dec 31, 1999
Georgia	Cecil Mahurin (639/385)	1404 Sebastian Way, Sacramento 95864-2737	Sep 1, 2001
Idaho	Hazel Wade (103)	28898 Miranda Street, Hayward 94544	Dec 31, 2000
Illinois	Yolanda Williams (553)	826 Chapman Street, San Jose 95126	Sep 30, 2000
Indiana	Aldene Frances Felton (378)	Star Route 1, Box 66, Independence 93526	Jan 21, 2001
Iowa	Guy E. Sherod (377)	831 Timber Ridge Road, Lake Almanor 96137	Apr 1, 2001
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	Jack Tomlinson (135/294)	5391 Ridgevale Road, Pleasanton 94566	Oct 30, 2002
Maryland	Bessie Watson (181)	7732 Twin Oaks Ave.e, Citrus Heights 95610	May 15, 2000
Massachusetts	Joyce Stout (151)	310 1/2 North Dwyer Pl., Anaheim 92801	Dec 31, 1999
Michigan	Virginia Vandenakker (90/199)	3835 Cambridge Road, Cameron Park 95682	Jan 1, 2001
Minnesota	Fred Schulenburg (530)	100 Yasui Court, San Jose 95138-1919	Dec 31, 2000
Mississippi	Joan McBride (105)	6252 Vanguard Avenue, Garden Grove 92845	Dec 31, 2001
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	Ronald Schemm (645)	18 Vispera, Irvine 92620	Oct 1, 2001
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	Maryetta Berti (18)	1355 Madison St., Apt. 220, Watsonville 95076	Jan 1, 2001
New Jersey	Doris Townsend (362)	731 Wayne Drive, Bakersfield 93304	Jan 1, 2000
New Mexico	Lynda R. Lockhart (324)	333 West Radcliffe Drive, Claremont 91711	Jan 1, 2001
New York	Muriel Ann Caves (110)	1456 E. Philadelphia Ave. Sp. 87, Ontario 91761	Nov 2, 2001
North Carolina	Helen Welch (118/150)	945 West Turner Road, Lodi 95242-2349	Jan 1, 2001
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
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Ontario	Arthur Leon Nelson (576)	69-801 Ramon Road #66, Cathedral City 92234	Dec 31, 2001
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	James Yates (33)	5620 Dupont Drive, Santa Rosa 95409	Mar 1, 2002
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	Joe Gomez (104/86)	463 West Wood Street, Willows 95988	Oct 9, 2001
Utah	Miriam B. Ruble (296/417)	337 Ruble Road, Crows Landing 95313-9748	Dec 31, 1999
Vermont	Gloria Grey (200)	4877 Ashworth Road, Mariposa 95338-9706	Jan 15, 2001
Virginia	E. Bruce Link (332/478)	620 Pomona Avenue, Coronado 92118-2213	May 1, 2000
Washington	Verna Williams (9)	13688 Sun Forest Dr., Penn Valley 95946-9123	Sep 1, 2001
West Virginia	Shirley Crawford (551)	751 Bayport, San Carlos 94070	Jul 31, 2001
Wisconsin	Margaret Setzer (108)	145 S. Holliston Ave., Apt. B Pasadena 91106	Nov 30, 2000
Wyoming	Robert Pearce (201)	P. O. Box 213, Portola 96122-0213	Dec 31, 2000

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Louisiana	Ms. Pat Lindsey	3279 Cedarcrest Avenue, Baton Rouge 70816	2001
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Michigan	Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes	263 S. Sprague Road, Coldwater 49036	2000
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Mississippi	Ms. Carol Kennedy	Route 1, Box 127, Lena 39094	1999
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Nevada	Ms. Pat McAvoy	613 Renee Court, Gardnerville 89410	2001
New Brunswick	Mr. Robert Cameron	43 Teakwood Way, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1G 1T3 Canada	2003
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Tennessee	Ms. Frances McCalla	3694 Crestwyn Drive, Germantown 38125	2001
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Utah	Mrs. Patricia Huntsman	1521 East 4070 South, Salt Lake City 84124	2000
Vermont	Mrs. Sharon Boudreau	20 Rugg Avenue, Milton 05468	1999
Virginia	Mrs. Opal Day	384 South Newtown Road, Virginia Beach 23462	1999
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1961	**Everina Rheingans (549) (Kenneth)**	**(530) 877-2943**
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1968	**Lura Rae Dales (259) (Milton)**	**(562) 928-7622**
	7108 Nada Street, Downey 90242-2007	
1969	**Florence Dunn (47) (Chet*)**	**(831) 424-6815**
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1972	**Barbara Poole (241/245) (Arthur)**	**(909) 925-3322**
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1974	**Zoe Harris (173) (Gene*)**	**(562) 431-7153**
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1976	**Donna Smith (360) (Jack)**	**(760) 398-5758**
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1977	**Patricia Quibell (17) (Ray)**	**(530) 223-4021**
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1978	**Hildegard Smith (619/524) (Kenneth)**	**(949) 498-5433**
	319 Calle Fiesta, San Clemente 92672-2114	
1979	**Boyana Brown-Redman (159) (James)**	**(530) 274-0915**
	14951 North Country Road, Grass Valley 95945	
1980	**Earlynn Albright (521) (Rex)**	**(209) 533-3680**
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1981	**Ferne Hammond (250/214) (Walter*)**	**(916) 782-4848**
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1982	**Betty Stubblefield (237) (James)**	**(818) 248-6382**
	2472 Shields Avenue, La Crescenta 91214-1543	
1983	**Anita Simon (314) (Richard*)**	**(707) 459-2117**
	308 Coast Street, Willits 95490-3808	
1984	**Ardath Garst (260) (Frank)**	**(310) 329-1484**
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1985	**Katherine Hill (372) (Howard)**	**(209) 887-3671**
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1986	**Jeraldine Southward Creager (478) (Bob)**	**(619) 298-5818**
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1988	**Jean Powers (468/324) (Robert)**	**(909) 624-3257**
	1015 Whitman Avenue, Claremont 91711-3653	
1989	**Yvonne Beckenhauer (18) (Rolland)**	**(831) 724-8084**
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1990	**Kay Cosby (143) (Dwight)**	**(520) 680-9064**
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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**
1998	**Sue McKinney (643) (Tom)** 501 Woodland Drive, Wofford Heights 93285-9625	**(760) 376-6962**

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1967	**Robert Armbrust (241) (Melvina)**	**(909) 925-4374**
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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**
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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**
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1983	**A. Leroy Covey (479) (Eleanor)**	**(619) 453-0926**
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1984	**Warren Wildman (115/294) (Barbara)**	**(510) 521-7690**
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1986	**Dennis Jordan (126) (Nancy)**	**(209) 722-7701**
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1987	**Clinton Dillon (172/193) (Gloria)**	**(626) 799-9470**
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1988	**Bernard Seamans (195) (Jeanne)**	**(805) 934-0470**
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1989	**Judge Thomas M. Sagar (300) (Yvonne)**	**(619) 442-4238**
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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	
1998	**Ernie Lewis (384) (Barbara)**	**(925) 682-1185**
	1815 Kenwood Drive, Concord 94519	

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter of California
on the 9th day of May, A.D. 1873

Created by Acts of the Grand Chapter of California

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 *

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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 *

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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

1998-1999
WGM Sheri Weisser
WGP Ron Behnke
GS Shirley Orth
GT Jerri Jean Golden

*Deceased **Demitted +Suspended

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

LIST OF EXTINCT CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

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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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
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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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
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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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
101	Elaine	Reedley	3/11/1889 5/22/1899	Instituted Charter Surrendered
132	Chrysanthemum	Sanger	2/14/1894 6/29/1990	Instituted Charter Recalled
139	Orestimba	Newman	12/28/1895 2/03/1988	Instituted Charter Surrendered
157	King Solomon's	San Francisco	4/20/1897 10/10/1898	Instituted Charter Recalled
158	Galt	Galt	8/09/1897 8/01/1907	Instituted Charter Surrendered
180	Golden State	College City	5/26/1900 3/10/1910	Instituted as Martha Chapter, name changed prior to charter as another Martha Chapter already existed. Charter Surrendered
187	Eagle	Eaglesville	12/18/1900 2/09/1938	Instituted Charter Surrendered
194	Hilda	Mokelumne Hill	5/10/1901 2/22/1928	Instituted Charter Surrendered

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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 10/21/1926	Instituted Charter Revoked
419	Park	San Francisco	11/26/1923 10/22/1925	Instituted Charter Revoked
461	Mayflower	San Francisco	4/07/1926 9/21/1928	Instituted Charter Surrendered
462	Angeles Mesa	Los Angeles	5/06/1926 10/20/1927	Instituted Charter Revoked
466	Melrose	Los Angeles	7/29/1926 12/20/1964	Instituted Charter Surrendered
536	Dunsmuir	Dunsmuir	9/08/1934 11/01/1959	Instituted Charter Surrendered
538	Ad Astra	Fresno	10/03/1936 10/18/1944	Instituted Charter Revoked
646	Silver Trowel	Los Angeles	8/13/1973 5/24/1985	Instituted 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	1 Golden Gate
				27	Ivy	
				196	San Francisco	
				460	Justice	
1	Golden Gate	San Francisco	1/24/1996	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
				229	Parnassus Imperial	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	4/12/1872		Instituted	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	6/11/1973	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
				423	Plymouth	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	6/16/1975	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
				392	Effie Easton	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	6/02/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
				457	Caliz de Oro	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	9/15/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
				277	Athens	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	8/13/1984	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
				65	Unity	
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	9/28/1999	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
				541	Estrellita	
9	Evangeline	Nevada City	6/17/1873		Instituted	
9	Evangeline	Nevada City	5/06/1980	9	Evangeline	9 Evangeline
				615	Pelton	
13	Martha Washington	Visalia	12/09/1874		Instituted	
13	Martha Washington	Visalia	03/11/1988	13	Martha Washington	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	14 Northern Light
				26	Northern Light	
17	Welcome	Shasta	4/05/1875		Instituted	
17	Welcome Redding	Shasta	4/27/1993	17	Welcome	17 Welcome Redding
				44	Redding	
18	Lily of the Valley	Watsonville	5/11/1875		Instituted	
18	Wild Lily	Watsonville	11/30/1994	18	Lily of the Valley	18 Wild Lily
				19	Idlewild	
19	Idlewild	Santa Cruz	3/30/1876		Instituted	
19	Idlewild	Santa Cruz	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	21 Acacia-Rose Croix
			317	Rose Croix	
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/29/1986	21	Acacia-Rose Croix	21 Highland Park
			167	Highland Park	
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	21	Highland Park	21 Highland Park
			522	Atwater Larchmont	
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	09/14/1989	21	Highland Park	21 Highland Park
			216	Los Feliz	
26 Northern Light	Millville	9/11/1875		Instituted	
26 Northern Light	Millville	3/22/1997	26	Northern Light	26 Northern Light
			450	North Star	
26 Northern Light	Millville	11/07/1997	14	St. John's	14 Northern Light
			26	Northern Light	
27 Ivy	San Francisco	12/07/1876		Instituted	
27 Ivy	San Francisco	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	35 Vernon-Lyman
			363	Lyman	
35 Amapola Vernon Lyman	Oroville	11/29/1998	35	Vernon-Lyman	35 Amapola Vernon Lyman
			119	Amapola	
36 Naomi	Sacramento	5/03/1879		Instituted	
36 Rising Star	Sacramento	11/17/1995	36	Naomi	36 Rising Star
			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	41 Lily of the Lake
			400	Riverdale	
41 Lily of the Lake	Lemoore	2/09/1991	41	Lily of the Lake	41 Lily of the Lake
			270	Eschscoltzia	
42 Ariel	Antioch	3/30/1880		Instituted	
42 Ariel	Antioch	9/13/1983	42	Ariel	42 Ariel
			353	Pittsburg	
42 Ariel	Antioch	11/06/1993	42	Ariel	42 Ariel
			198	Maspha	
44 Redding	Redding	6/18/1880		Instituted	
44 Redding	Redding	4/27/1993	17	Welcome	17 Welcome Redding
			44	Redding	

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45 Ceanothus	San Juan Bautista	5/22/1880	Instituted	
45 Magnolia	San Juan Bautista	11/18/1990	45 Ceanothus 73 Magnolia	45 Magnolia
47 Reveille	Salinas City	7/09/1880	Instituted	
47 Reveille	Salinas	11/26/1990	47 Reveille 580 Castroville	47 Reveille
49 Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1881	Instituted	
49 Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1984	49 Placer 116 Truckee	49 Placer
50 Homo	Stockton	5/21/1881	Instituted	
50 Valley Oaks	Stockton	11/23/1991	50 Homo 355 Golden Poppy	50 Valley Oaks
51 Alturas	Alturas	6/03/1881	Instituted	
51 Alturas	Alturas	6/25/1986	51 Alturas 232 Bonner	51 Alturas
55 Marysville	Marysville	6/25/1881	Instituted	
55 Marysville-Friendship	Marysville	5/02/1991	55 Marysville 67 Friendship	55 Marysville-Friendship
56 Fidelia	Yuba City	6/28/1881	Instituted	
56 Fidelia	Yuba City	7/08/1986	56 Fidelia 431 Smartville	56 Fidelia
56 Fidelia	Yuba City	11/14/1998	56 Fidelia 84 Veritas	56 Fidelia
59 Silver Spray	Napa	8/12/1881	Instituted	
59 Silver Spray	Napa	4/05/1984	59 Silver Spray 274 St. Helena	59 Silver Spray
60 Yolo	Woodland	8/20/1881	Instituted	
60 Yolo	Woodland	2/22/1985	60 Yolo 349 Cacheville	60 Yolo
61 Morning Star	Petaluma	9/27/1881	Instituted	
61 Morning Star	Petaluma	2/24/1993	61 Morning Star 161 Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge Star
62 Mountain Fern	Georgetown	10/15/1881	Instituted	
62 El Dorado-Tahoe Fern	Georgetown	6/23/1996	62 Mountain Fern 499 El Dorado-Tahoe	62 El Dorado-Tahoe Fern

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65 Unity	Oakland	3/17/1882		Instituted	
65 Unity	Oakland	4/09/1969	65	Unity	65 Unity
			504	Rosa M. Shattuck	
65 Unity	Oakland	8/13/1984	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			65	Unity	
67 Friendship	Lincoln	5/03/1882		Instituted	
67 Friendship	Lincoln	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	68 Monterey Peninsula
			239	Monterey Peninsula	
72 Electa	Modesto	6/29/1883		Instituted	
72 Electa Modesto	Modesto	11/19/1996	72	Electa	72 Electa Modesto
			532	Modesto	
73 Magnolia	Gilroy	7/05/1883		Instituted	
73 Magnolia	Gilroy	11/18/1990	45	Ceanothus	45 Magnolia
			73	Magnolia	
74 Esther	Adin	7/19/1883		Instituted	
74 Esther	Adin	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	75 Arrowhead
			548	Arrowhead	
75 Arrowhead	San Bernardino	4/18/1999	75	Arrowhead	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	
76 Rohnerville	Fortuna	9/08/1883		Instituted	
76 Rohnerville-Redwood	Fortuna	3/16/1997	76	Rohnerville	76 Rohnerville-Redwood
			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	77 Azalia Angels
			134	Angels	

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78 Marguerite	Santa Barbara	5/12/1884		Instituted	
78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite	Santa Barbara	1/24/1988	78	Marguerite	78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite
			501	Santa Barbara	
79 Ventura	San Buena Ventura	5/13/1884		Instituted	
79 Ventura-Fillmore	Ventura	11/14/1987	79	Ventura	79 Ventura-Fillmore
			361	Fillmore	
82 Sotoyome	Healdsburg	9/03/1884		Instituted	
82 Sotoyome-Clover Leaf	Healdsburg	11/16/1991	82	Sotoyome	82 Sotoyome-Clover Leaf
			130	Clover Leaf	
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/21/1884		Instituted	
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/10/1989	84	Veritas	84 Veritas
			368	Arbuckle-Loyal	
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/14/1998	56	Fidelia	56 Fidelia
			84	Veritas	
85 Valley of the Moon	Sonoma	12/06/1884		Instituted	
85 Valley of the Moon	Sonoma	11/14/1998	85	Valley of the Moon	189 Silverado
			189	Calistoga Keystone	
86 Marshall	Willows	4/18/1885		Instituted	
86 Citrus	Orland	1/08/1987	86	Marshall	86 Citrus
			208	Citrus	
89 Raisina	Fresno	4/26/1886		Instituted	
89 Raisina Fresno	Fresno	11/27/1995	89	Raisina	089 Raisina Fresno
			295	Fresno	
89 Raisina Fresno	Fresno	11/25/1996	89	Raisina Fresno	89 Raisina Fresno
			482	Sanger	
93 Heliotrope	Selma	5/02/1887		Instituted	
93 Heliotrope	Selma	9/24/1979	93	Heliotrope	93 Heliotrope
			312	Kingsburg	
93 Heliotrope	Selma	11/27/1989	93	Heliotrope	93 Heliotrope
			271	Monte Vista	
94 Tulare	Tulare	11/07/1887		Instituted	
94 Tulare-Corcoran	Tulare	6/25/1990	94	Tulare	94 Tulare-Corcoran
			370	Corcoran	
95 Bethlehem	Paso Robles	3/22/1888		Instituted	
95 Bethlehem	Paso Robles	5/20/1969	95	Bethlehem	95 Bethlehem
			102	Violet	

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96	Southern Star	San Diego	4/02/1888		Instituted	
96	San Diego Star	San Diego	11/19/1991	96	Southern Star	96 San Diego Star
				264	San Diego	
99	Beulah	San Francisco	8/16/1888		Instituted	
99	Beulah-Liberty	San Francisco	8/20/1964	99	Beulah	99 Beulah-Liberty
				451	Liberty	
99	Amity	San Francisco	2/11/1974	99	Beulah-Liberty	99 Amity
				262	Amity	
99	San Francisco	San Francisco	11/08/1990	99	Amity	99 San Francisco
				155	Golden West Mission	
99	San Francisco	San Francisco	11/12/1992	99	San Francisco	99 San Francisco
				183	California Presidio	
102	Violet	San Miguel	3/21/1889		Instituted	
102	Violet	San Miguel	5/20/1969	95	Bethlehem	95 Bethlehem
				102	Violet	
103	Golden Wave	San Leandro	4/05/1889		Instituted	
103	Golden Wave	San Leandro	12/29/1986	103	Golden Wave	103 Golden Wave
				293	Foothill	
104	Josephine	Chico	6/28/1889		Instituted	
104	Josephine Chico	Chico	12/15/1988	104	Josephine	104 Josephine Chico
				627	Chico	
104	Josephine Chico	Chico	6/20/1996	104	Josephine Chico	104 Josephine Chico
				326	Wild Rose	
105	Hermosa	Santa Ana	10/13/1888		Instituted	
105	Golden Harvest	Garden Grove	11/20/1993	105	Hermosa	105 Golden Harvest
				483	Garden Grove	
105	Golden Harvest	Garden Grove	8/13/1998	105	Golden Harvest	105 Golden Harvest
				625	Westminster	
108	Pasadena	Pasadena	7/11/1890		Instituted	
108	Pasadena-Melita	Pasadena	11/16/1984	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena-Melita
				467	Melita	
108	Pasadena	Pasadena	11/16/1990	108	Pasadena-Melita	108 Pasadena
				307	Southland	
110	Pomona	Pomona	8/31/1891		Instituted	
110	Star of Pomona	Pomona	2/14/1999	110	Pomona	110 Star of Pomona
				468	Star of the West	
111	Ocean View	Mendocino	9/19/1891		Instituted	
111	Ocean View	Mendocino	4/29/1990	111	Ocean View	111 Ocean View
				291	Point Arena	

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111 Ocean View	Mendocino	5/16/1993	111	Ocean View	111 Ocean View
			230	Sapphire	
113 Santa Monica by the Sea	Santa Monica	1/08/1892		Instituted	
113 Santa Monica	Santa Monica	10/18/1899		Name change	113 Santa Monica
113 Santa Monica	Santa Monica	11/18/1985	113	Santa Monica	113 Santa Monica
			474	Palisades	
			476	Westwood Hills	
113 Santa Monica	Santa Monica	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	114 Palm Leaf
			306	Lindsey	
116 Truckee	Truckee	3/15/1892		Instituted	
116 Truckee	Truckee	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	117 Columbus-Fort Sutter
			420	Fort Sutter	
118 Woodbridge	Woodbridge	9/17/1892		Instituted	
118 Woodbridge Oaks	Woodbridge	3/30/1994	118	Woodbridge	118 Woodbridge Oaks
			371	Live Oak	
119 Amapola	Oroville	7/05/1893		Instituted	
119 Amapola	Oroville	11/29/1998	35	Vernon-Lyman	35 Amapola Vernon Lyman
			119	Amapola	
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	124 Harmony
			440	Fireside	
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/02/1967	124	Harmony	124 Harmony
			496	Nonpariel	
124 Harmony-Jewel	San Francisco	4/26/1977	124	Harmony	124 Harmony-Jewel
			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	124 Harmony
			382	Crocker	
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	12/18/1893		Instituted	
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	11/16/1998	125	Bakersfield	125 Bakersfield
			323	Taft	

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126 Mercedes	Merced	2/23/1894		Instituted	
126 Mercedes	Merced	5/26/1998	126	Mercedes	126 Mercedes
			136	Centinela	
130 Clover Leaf	Cloverdale	7/21/1894		Instituted	
130 Clover Leaf	Cloverdale	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	131 Fidelity
			381	McCloud	
131 Fidelity	Mount Shasta	3/27/1999	131	Fidelity	131 Fidelity
			175	Mount Shasta	
133 South Gate	Los Angeles	12/24/1894		Instituted	
133 South Gate	Los Angeles	11/19/1968	133	South Gate	133 South Gate
			268	West Lake	
133 Hollywood	Los Angeles	8/02/1986	133	South Gate	133 Hollywood
			209	Hollywood	
133 Hollywood	Los Angeles	11/23/1991	133	Hollywood	133 Hollywood
			272	South Pasadena	
133 Hollywood	Los Angeles	11/20/1993	133	Hollywood	133 Hollywood
			192	Elysian	
			313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	
134 Angels	Angels Camp	12/18/1894		Instituted	
134 Angels	Angels Camp	9/20/1988	77	Azalia	77 Azalia Angels
			134	Angels	
136 Centinela	Los Banos	6/10/1895		Instituted	
136 Centinela	Los Banos	1/24/1990	136	Centinela	136 Centinela
			545	Dos Palos	
136 Centinela	Los Banos	5/26/1998	126	Mercedes	126 Mercedes
			136	Centinela	
140 Oakland	Oakland	1/02/1896		Instituted	
140 Oakland	Oakland	6/02/1965	140	Oakland	140 Oakland
			533	Sterling	
140 Oakland	Oakland	11/22/1974	140	Oakland	140 Oakland
			519	Encina	
140 Nova Dies-Oakland	Oakland	4/04/1984	140	Oakland	140 Nova Dies-Oakland
			544	Nova Dies	
140 Nova Dies-Oakland	Oakland	8/17/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland	140 Nova Dies-Oakland
			303	Golden Chain	
140 Nova Dies-Oakland	Oakland	11/12/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland	140 Nova Dies-Oakland
			410	Lake Merritt	

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141	Miramonte	Mountain View	1/08/1896		Instituted	
141	Miramonte	Mountain View	11/23/1988	141	*Miramonte*	141 Miramonte
				562	Menalto	
142	Copa del Oro	Redlands	1/23/1896		Instituted	
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	8/20/1997	143	Norwalk	143 Emerald Star
				253	Artesia	
144	Lyra	Whittier	2/12/1896		Instituted	
144	Lyra	Whittier	11/17/1990	144	Lyra	144 Lyra
				248	*Holly-Gardens*	
145	Jasmine	Azusa	2/13/1896		Instituted	
145	Foothill	Glendora	11/17/1996	145	Jasmine	145 Foothill
				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	146 La Rosa
				514	Faith	
146	La Rosa	Wasco	6/29/1987	146	La Rosa	362 Libertas
				362	Libertas	
147	Pearl	Compton	4/10/1896		Instituted	
147	Golden Crown	Norwalk	11/22/1996	147	Pearl	147 Golden Crown
				613	Century	
151	Chispa	Anaheim	6/06/1896		Instituted	
151	Chispa	Anaheim	5/29/1990	151	Chispa	151 Chispa
				191	Brea	
151	Chispa	Anaheim	11/25/1997	151	Chispa	151 Chispa
				240	Buena Park	
155	Mission	San Francisco	12/19/1896		Instituted	
155	Golden West Mission	San Francisco	11/03/1975	155	Mission	155 Golden West Mission
				350	Golden West	
155	Golden West Mission	San Francisco	11/08/1990	99	Amity	99 San Francisco
				155	Golden West Mission	
160	Occident	Downey	6/19/1897		Instituted	
160	Occident-Guardian	Downey	11/15/1988	160	Occident	160 Occident-Guardian
				439	Guardian	

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160 Downey	Downey	2/15/1994	160 Occident-Guardian 626 In Shallah	160 Downey
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	1/06/1898	Instituted	
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	11/23/1985	161 Gold Ridge 182 Valley Home	161 Gold Ridge
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	2/05/1991	161 Gold Ridge 336 Riverview	161 Gold Ridge
161 Gold Ridge Star	Sebastopol	2/24/1993	61 Morning Star 161 Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge Star
161 Gold Ridge Star	Sebastopol	1/20/1995	161 Gold Ridge Star 634 Santa Rosa	161 Gold Ridge Star
163 Scepter	Orange	3/11/1898	Instituted	
163 Scepter	Orange	7/14/1986	163 Scepter 389 Santa Ana	163 Scepter
167 Esperanza	Los Angeles	2/11/1899	Instituted	
167 Esperanza-East Gate	Glendale	9/12/1972	167 Esperanza 225 East Gate	167 Esperanza-East Gate
167 Highland Park	Los Angeles	10/18/1982	167 Esperanza-East Gate 263 Highland Park	167 Highland Park
167 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/29/1986	21 Acacia-Rose Croix 167 Highland Park	21 Highland Park
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/14/1899	Instituted	
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	7/12/1971	168 Los Angeles 441 Utopia	168 Los Angeles
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/25/1977	168 Los Angeles 258 Golden State 281 Pleiades Orme	258 Los Angeles
169 Olive Branch	San Francisco	3/29/1899	Instituted	
169 Starr King	San Francisco	9/24/1965	169 Olive Branch 204 Starr King	169 Starr King
169 Starr King	San Francisco	7/24/1971	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	7/24/1971	169 Starr King 170 King Solomon's	170 King Solomon's
170 King Solomon's	San Francisco	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 Bettina

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173 Long Beach	Long Beach	11/09/1997	173	Long Beach Bettina	173 Long Beach
			414	Mar Vista	
175 Sisson	Mount Shasta	9/23/1899		Instituted	
175 Sisson-White Pine	Mount Shasta	2/12/1983	175	Sisson	175 Sisson-White Pine
			487	White Pine	
175 Sisson-White Pine	Mount Shasta	3/27/1999	131	Fidelity	131 Fidelity
			175	Sisson-White Pine	
178 Berkeley	Berkeley	4/04/1900		Instituted	
178 Alethe-Berkeley	Berkeley	6/06/1967	178	Berkeley	178 Alethe-Berkeley
			366	Alethe	
178 Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	1/16/1984	178	Alethe Berkeley	178 Thousand Oaks
			375	Thousand Oaks	
178 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/09/1990	178	Thousand Oaks	178 Vista Cerrito
			550	Vista Cerrito	
178 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	11/24/1991	178	Vista Cerrito	178 Vista Cerrito
			290	West Gate	
179 Ontario	Ontario	5/03/1900		Instituted (Name changed from Mizpah to Ontario)	
179 Euclid	Ontario	8/31/1900		Name changed from Ontario to Euclid	
179 Sunrise	Ontario	11/15/1990	179	Euclid	179 Sunrise
			330	Chino Valley	
182 Valley Home	Windsor	7/28/1900		Instituted	
182 Valley Home	Windsor	11/23/1985	161	Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge
			182	Valley Home	
183 Yerba Buena	San Francisco	8/14/1900		Instituted	
183 California	San Francisco	10/15/1900		Name changed	
183 California	San Francisco	1/02/1952	183	California	183 California
			206	Aloha	
183 California	San Francisco	3/22/1968	183	California	183 California
			228	Yerba Buena	
183 California-Presidio	San Francisco	11/12/1986	183	California	183 California-Presidio
			481	Presidio	
183 California-Presidio	San Francisco	11/12/1992	99	San Francisco	99 San Francisco
			183	California-Presidio	
184 Crockett	Crockett	8/07/1900		Instituted	
184 Crockett	Crockett	4/24/1984	184	Crockett	220 Pinole-Crockett
			220	Pinole	
186 Laurel	San Mateo	9/22/1900		Instituted	
186 Peninsula	Burlingame	11/30/1986	186	Laurel	186 Peninsula
			275	Burlingame	

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188 Tehachapi	Tehachapi	1/16/1901		Instituted	
188 Tehachapi	Tehachapi	12/03/1969	188	Techachapi	188 Tehachapi
			603	Arvin	
189 Calistoga	Calistoga	1/19/1901		Instituted	
189 Calistoga Keystone	St. Helena	6/23/1996	189	Calistoga	189 Calistoga Keystone
			235	Keystone	
189 Silverado	St. Helena	11/14/1998	85	Valley of the Moon	189 Silverado
			189	Calistoga Keystone	
190 Sacramento	Sacramento	3/07/1901		Instituted	
190 Ada-Sacramento	Sacramento	11/16/1989	190	Sacramento	190 Ada-Sacramento
			301	Ada	
191 Fullerton	Fullerton	3/19/1901		Instituted	
191 Brea	Brea	2/12/1979	191	Fullerton	191 Brea
			506	Brea	
191 Brea	Brea	5/29/1990	151	Chispa	151 Chispa
			191	Brea	
192 Pacific	Los Angeles	3/23/1901		Instituted	
192 Trinity	Los Angeles	2/24/1972	192	Pacific	192 Trinity
			217	Loyalty	
192 United	Los Angeles	2/15/1977	192	Trinity	192 United
			520	Wil-Brea	
192 Elysian	Los Angeles	2/27/1989	192	United	192 Elysian
			354	Elysian	
192 Elysian	Los Angeles	11/20/1993	133	Hollywood	133 Hollywood
			192	Elysian	
			313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	
193 Alhambra	Alhambra	3/25/1901		Instituted	
193 Alhambra-Granada	Alhambra	11/20/1990	193	Alhambra	193 Alhambra-Granada
			442	Granada	
193 Alhambra	Alhambra	8/24/1993	193	Alhambra-Granada	193 Alhambra
			554	San Marino	
196 San Francisco	San Francisco	9/16/1901		Instituted	
196 San Francisco	San Francisco	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	197 Mt. Whitney
			595	Mono	

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198 Maspha	Brentwood	4/23/1902	Instituted	
198 Maspha	Brentwood	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	199 Golden Valley
			221 Golden Rod	
200 Las Mariposas	Mariposa	5/27/1902	Instituted	
200 Las Mariposas	Mariposa	11/17/1991	200 Las Mariposas	200 Las Mariposas
			641 Sierra Vista	
201 Beckwith Star	Beckwourth	6/25/1902	Instituted	
201 Beckwith Portola Star	Beckwourth	6/30/1996	201 Beckwith Star	201 Beckwith Portola Star
			321 Portola	
202 La Paloma	Covina	8/05/1902	Instituted	
202 West Covina	Orange	11/21/1997	202 La Paloma	202 West Covina
			325 West Covina	
204 Starr King	San Francisco	9/26/1902	Instituted	
204 Starr King	San Francisco	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	205 El Portal
			249 Acantha	
205 Mission Bell	Richmond	11/22/1992	205 El Portal	205 Mission Bell
			605 Mission Bell	
205 Mission Bell	Richmond	12/10/1993	205 Mission Bell	205 Mission Bell
			220 Pinole-Crockett	
206 Aloha	San Francisco	10/04/1902	Instituted	
206 Aloha	San Francisco	1/02/1952	183 California	183 California
			206 Aloha	
208 Citrus	Orland	2/25/1903	Instituted	
208 Citrus	Orland	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	209 Hollywood-Malta
			475 Malta	
209 Hollywood	Hollywood	1/12/1980	209 Hollywood-Malta	209 Hollywood
			210 Mendias-Ray	
209 Hollywood	Hollywood	8/02/1986	133 South Gate	133 Hollywood
			209 Hollywood	

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210 Palestine	Los Angeles	3/07/1903		Instituted	
210 Mendias Ray	Los Angeles	11/28/1972	210	Palestine	210 Mendias Ray
			485	Mendias Ray	
210 Mendias Ray	Los Angeles	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	211 Rialto
			596	Rialto	
212 Gate City	San Bernardino	8/13/1903		Instituted	
212 Gate City	San Bernardino	9/25/1998	142	Copa del Oro	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	
212 Gate City	San Bernardino	4/18/1999	75	Arrowhead	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	
215 San Rafael	San Rafael	9/11/1903		Instituted	
215 Marin Star	San Rafael	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215 Marin Star
			594	Fairfax	
			609	Novato	
216 Sunset	Los Angeles	9/16/1903		Instituted	
216 Los Feliz	Los Angeles	11/25/1974	216	Sunset	216 Los Feliz
			329	Olivette-Wilshire	
216 Los Feliz	Los Angeles	4/20/1981	216	Los Feliz	216 Los Feliz
			540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler	
216 Los Feliz	Los Angeles	11/26/1984	216	Los Feliz	216 Los Feliz
			258	Los Angeles	
216 Los Feliz	Los Angeles	9/14/1989	21	Highland Park	21 Highland Park
			216	Los Feliz	
217 Loyalty	Los Angeles	9/22/1903		Instituted	
217 Loyalty	Los Angeles	2/07/1972	192	Pacific	192 Trinity
			217	Loyalty	
218 Yosolano	Winters	2/13/1904		Instituted	
218 Esparto-Winters	Esparto	3/17/1983	218	Yosolano	218 Esparto-Winters
			341	Esparto-Winters	
218 Esparto-Grafton	Esparto	2/28/1987	218	Esparto-Winters	218 Esparto-Grafton
			379	Grafton	
220 Pinole	Hercules	2/23/1904		Instituted	
220 Pinole-Crockett	Hercules	4/24/1984	184	Crockett	220 Pinole-Crockett
			220	Pinole	
220 Pinole-Crockett	Hercules	12/10/1993	205	Mission Bell	205 Mission Bell
			220	Pinole-Crockett	

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221 Golden Rod	Dixon	4/02/1904		Instituted	
221 Golden Rod	Dixon	5/22/1996	199	Ionia	199 Golden Valley
			221	Golden Rod	
223 Loyal	Williams	4/27/1904		Instituted	
223 Loyal	Williams	12/09/1975	223	Loyal	368 Arbuckle-Loyal
			368	Arbuckle	
224 Celeandine	Loyalton	6/22/1904		Instituted	
224 Celeandine	Loyalton	9/16/1972	129	Sierra Star	129 Sierra Star
			224	Celeandine	
225 East Gate	Los Angeles	2/15/1905		Instituted	
225 East Gate	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	227 Monrovia
			575	Santa Anita	
227 Monrovia	Monrovia	4/28/1984	227	Monrovia	471 Arcadia
			471	Arcadia	
228 Yerba Buena	San Francisco	4/14/1905		Instituted	
228 Yerba Buena	San Francisco	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	229 Parnassus-Imperial
			269	Parnassus	
229 Parnassus-Imperial	San Francisco	1/24/1996	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
			229	Parnassus-Imperial	
230 Sapphire	Fort Bragg	4/17/1905		Instituted	
230 Sapphire	Fort Bragg	5/16/1993	111	Ocean View	111 Ocean View
			230	Sapphire	
231 Lower Lake	Lower Lake	4/29/1905		Instituted	
231 Lower Lake	Clear Lake	11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake	231 Lower Lake
			585	Mountain Star	
232 Bonner	Cedarville	4/29/1905		Instituted	
232 Bonner	Cedarville	10/28/1964	232	Bonner	232 Bonner
			254	North East	
232 Bonner	Cedarville	6/25/1986	51	Alturas	51 Alturas
			232	Bonner	

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235 Keystone	Napa	9/27/1905		Instituted	
235 Keystone	Napa	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	237 Glendale Glen Eyrie
			422	Glendale	
237 Glencrest	La Cresenta	11/15/1996	237	Glendale Glen Eyrie	237 Glencrest
			494	Crescenta Valley	
237 Glencrest	Tujunga			Change meeting city	
238 Jewel	San Francisco	3/20/1906		Instituted	
238 Jewel	San Francisco	4/26/1977	124	Harmony	124 Harmony Jewel
			238	Jewel	
239 Monterey	Monterey	3/30/1906		Instituted	
239 Monterey	Monterey	1/18/1993	68	Ocean Spray	68 Monterey Peninsula
			239	Monterey	
240 Buena Park	Buena Park	4/06/1906		Instituted	
240 Buena Park	Buena Park	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	241 Tahquitz-Victoria
			351	Tahquitz	
242 Needles	Needles	4/11/1906		Instituted	
242 Barstow	Barstow	12/29/1996	242	Needles	242 Barstow
			546	Barstow	
245 Ocean Park	Ocean Park	5/10/1906		Instituted	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	1/19/1984	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			395	Culver City	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/21/1991	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			446	Ionic-Menorah	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/19/1992	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			247	Columbia-Beverly Hills	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/17/1994	113	Santa Monica	245 Ocean Park
			245	Ocean Park	
247 Columbia	West Los Angeles	6/14/1906		Instituted	
247 Columbia-Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	11/22/1986	247	Columbia	247 Columbia-Beverly Hills
			404	Beverly Hills	
247 Columbia-Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	11/19/1992	245	Ocean Park	
			247	Columbia-Beverly Hills	245 Ocean Park

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248 Hollenbeck	Los Angeles	6/02/1906		Instituted	
248 Holly Gardens	Los Angeles	5/02/1972	248	Hollenbeck	248 Holly Gardens
			464	The Gardens	
248 Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/25/1984	248	Holly Gardens	248 Holly Gardens
			623	La Mirada	
248 Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/17/1990	144	Lyra	144 Lyra
			248	Holly Gardens	
249 Acantha	Richmond	9/07/1906		Instituted	
249 Acantha	Richmond	9/14/1984	205	Miramar	205 El Portal
			249	Acantha	
250 Sunnyvale	Sunnyvale	3/14/1907		Instituted	
250 Valley Star	Los Altos	11/15/1998	250	Sunnyvale	250 Valley Star
			636	Los Altos	
252 Casimir	Ukiah	4/13/1907		Instituted	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	1921		Moved Chapter to San Francisco	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	11/18/1965	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			432	Forest	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	7/14/1980	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			427	Seaport	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	3/13/1989	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			470	Roosevelt	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	11/07/1991	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			374	Lebanon	
252 Pacific Star	San Francisco	5/05/1995	252	Casimir	252 Pacific Star
			255	Richmond	
252 Pacific Star	San Francisco	3/05/1999	252	Pacific Star	252 Pacific Star
			280	Sunset	
253 Artesia	Artesia	4/15/1907		Instituted	
253 Artesia	Artesia	8/20/1997	143	Norwalk	143 Emerald Star
			253	Artesia	
254 North East	Fort Bidwell	4/19/1907		Instituted	
254 North East	Fort Bidwell	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	170	King Solomon's	255 Richmond
			255	Richmond	
255 Richmond	San Francisco	5/26/1988	255	Richmond	255 Richmond
			284	Albert Pike	
255 Richmond	San Francisco	5/05/1995	252	Casimir	252 Pacific Star
			255	Richmond	

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257 Reedley	Reedley	5/28/1907		Instituted	
257 Reedley	Reedley	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	258 Golden State
			298	Golden State	
258 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/25/1977	168	Los Angeles	258 Los Angeles
			258	Golden State	
			281	Pleiades Orme	
258 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	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	260 Gardena
			315	Moneta	
262 Amity	San Francisco	11/30/1907		Instituted	
262 Amity	San Francisco	6/23/1969	262	Amity	262 Amity
			434	Trinity	
262 Amity	San Francisco	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	263 Highland Park
			266	Garvanza	
263 Highland Park	Los Angeles	10/18/1982	167	Esperanza East Gate	167 Highland Park
			263	Highland Park	
264 San Diego	San Diego	1/17/1908		Instituted	
264 San Diego	San Diego	11/19/1991	96	Southern Star	96 San Diego Star
			294	San Diego	
265 Daylight	Los Angeles	2/06/1908		Instituted	
265 Radiant-Daylight	Los Angeles	10/15/1971	265	Daylight	265 Radiant-Daylight
			421	Radiant	
266 Garvanza	Los Angeles	2/19/1908		Instituted	
266 Garvanza	Los Angelkes	9/09/1979	263	Highland Park	263 Highland Park
			266	Garvanza	
267 Golden Rule	Imperial	2/21/1908		Instituted	
267 Golden Rule	Imperial	3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule	276 Imperial Valley
			276	Signal Alamitos Crown	
			289	Alamo	

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268 West Lake	Los Angeles	2/22/1908	Instituted	
268 West lake	Los Angeles	5/15/1952	Change of Meeting Place from Los Angeles to Beverly Hills authorized by WGM	
268 West Lake	Beverly Hills	11/19/1968	133 South Gate 268 West Lake	133 South Gate
269 Parnassus	San Francisco	2/27/1908	Instituted	
269 Parnassus	San Francisco	6/20/1974	229 Imperial 269 Parnasus	229 Parnassus Imperial
270 Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	3/14/1908	Instituted	
270 Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	2/09/1991	41 Lily of the Lake 270 Eschscholtzia	41 Lily of the Lake
271 Monte Vista	Orosi	3/16/1908	Instituted	
271 Monte Vista	Orosi	11/26/1989	93 Heliotrope 271 Monte Vista	93 Heliotrope
272 South Pasadena	South Pasadena	3/28/1908	Instituted	
272 South Pasadena	South Pasadena	11/23/1991	133 Hollywood 272 South Pasadena	133 Hollywood
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	273 Santa Cruz Redwoods
274 St. Helena	St. Helena	5/02/1908	Instituted	
274 St. Helena	St. Helena	4/05/1984	59 Silver Spray 274 St. Helena	59 Silver Spray
275 Burlingame	Burlingame	5/16/1908	Instituted	
275 Burlingame	Burlingame	11/30/1986	186 Laurel 275 Burlingame	186 Peninsula
276 Signal	El Centro	6/08/1908	Instituted	
276 Signal Alamitos	El Centro	3/19/1977	276 Signal 316 Alamitos	276 Signal Alamitos
276 Signal-Alamitos Crown	El Centro	9/30/1983	276 Signal Alamitos 311 Imperial	276 Signal-Alamitos Crown
276 Imperial Valley	Brawley	3/27/1994	267 Golden Rule 276 Signal-Alamitos Crown 289 Alamo	276 Imperial Valley
277 Athens	Oakland	6/10/1908	Instituted	
		9/15/1980	8 Oak Leaf 277 Athens	8 Oak Leaf

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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	280	Victory
				388	Victory		
280	George Washington Victory	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280	Victory	280	George Washington Victory
				409	George Washington		
280	Sunset	San Francisco	11/13/1994	280	George Washington Victory	280	Sunset
				396	Seal Rock Brilliant Star		
280	Sunset	San Francisco	3/05/1999	252	Pacific Star	252	Pacific Star
				280	Sunset		
281	Pleiades	Los Angeles	1/30/1909		Instituted		
281	Pleiades-Orme	Los Angeles	10/08/1971	281	Pleiades	281	Pleiades-Orme
				492	Henry S. Orme		
281	Pleiades-Orme	Los Angeles	2/25/1977	168	Los Angeles	258	Los Angeles
				258	Golden State		
				281	Pleiades-Orme		
284	Albert Pike	San Francisco	4/26/1909		Instituted		
284	Albert Pike	San Francisco	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	286	Bell
				393	Bell		
286	Bell	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	287	Poinsettia
				620	San Dieguito		
287	Poinsettia	Oceanside	4/14/1998	287	Poinsettia	287	Poinsettia
				453	Santa Maria		
288	Fraternity	San Jose	11/23/1909		Instituted		
288	Bright Star	San Jose	11/26/1991	288	Fraternity	288	Bright Star
				493	Jarman		
289	Alamo	Brawley	1/13/1910		Instituted		
289	Alamo	Brawley	3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule	276	Imperial Valley
				276	Signal-Alamitos Crown		
				289	Alamo		
290	West Gate	Berkeley	2/01/1910		Instituted		
290	West Gate	Berkeley	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	
291 Point Arena	Point Arena	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	293 Foothill
			433	Foothill	
293 Foothill	Hayward	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	294 Castro Valley
			455	Castro Valley-Hayward	
295 Fresno	Fresno	9/30/1910		Instituted	
295 Fresno	Fresno	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	296 Ceres
			416	Smyrna	
297 Fruitvale	Oakland	12/21/1910		Instituted	
297 Alameda	Alameda	8/20/1982	297	Fruitvale	297 Alameda
			386	Alameda	
298 Halcyon	Los Angeles	1/10/1911		Instituted	
298 Golden State	Los Angeles	8/12/1919		Name changed approved by WGP	
298 Golden State	Los Angeles	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	300 Star of the East
			429	El Cajon	
301 Ada	Sacramento	3/23/1911		Instituted	
301 Ada	Sacramento	11/16/1989	190	Sacramento	190 Ada-Sacramento
			301	Ada	
303 Golden Chain	Oakland	4/29/1911		Instituted	
303 Golden Chain	Oakland	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	305 Unity
			583	Crystal Springs	

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306 Lindsay	Lindsay	6/13/1911		Instituted	
306 Lindsay	Lindsay	3/31/1987	114	Palm Leaf	114 Palm Leaf
			306	Lindsey	
307 Southland	Pasadena	1/13/1912		Instituted	
307 Southland	Pasadena	11/16/1990	108	Pasadena-Melita	108 Pasadena
			307	Southland	
308 Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	1/19/1912		Instituted	
308 Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	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	309 Concordia
			320	Concordia	
310 Palos Verdes	Long Beach	2/26/1912		Instituted	
310 Meridian	Long Beach	1/27/1990	310	Palos Verdes	310 Meridian
			435	Searchlight	
310 Meridian	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			502	All States	
310 Meridian	Long Beach	3/13/1994	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			617	Star of Lakewood	
311 Imperial Crown	Calexico	3/27/1912		Instituted	
311 Imperial Crown	Calexico	9/30/1983	276	Signal Alamitos	276 Signal-Alamitos Crown
			311	Imperial	
312 Kingsburg	Kingsburg	7/11/1912		Instituted	
312 Kingsburg	Kingsburg	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	11/24/1987	313	Eagle Rock	313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park
			486	Glassell Park	
313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	Los Angeles	11/20/1993	133	Hollywood	133 Hollywood
			192	Elysian	
			313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	
315 Moneta	Los Angeles	11/30/1912		Instituted	
315 Moneta	Los Angeles	5/22/1992	260	Gardena	260 Gardena
			315	Moneta	
316 Alamitos	Holtville	2/01/1913		Instituted	
316 Alamitos	Holtville	3/19/1977	276	Signal	276 Signal Alamitos
			316	Alamitos	

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317 Rose Croix	Los Angeles	3/10/1913		Instituted	
317 Rose Croix	Los Angeles	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	319 Centinela Valley
			569	Westchester	
319 Centinela Valley	Hawthorne	11/12/1988	319	Centinela Valley	319 Centinela Valley
			469	Hawthorne	
320 Concordia	Clovis	6/03/1913		Instituted	
320 Concordia	Clovis	12/18/1990	309	Calkota	309 Concordia
			320	Concordia	
321 Portola	Portola	6/16/1913		Instituted	
321 Portola	Portola	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	323 Taft
			337	Taft	
323 Taft	Taft	11/16/1998	125	Bakersfield	125 Bakersfield
			323	Taft	
325 La Puente	La Puente	4/04/1914		Instituted	
325 West Covina	West Covina	8/10/1991	325	La Puente	325 West Covina
			527	West Covina	
325 West Covina	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	2/08/1965	326	Wild Rose	326 Wild Rose
			369	Maxwell	
326 Wild Rose	Afton	11/11/1990	326	Wild Rose	326 Wild Rose
			328	Eowana	
326 Wild Rose	Afton	6/20/1996	104	Josephine Chico	104 Josephine Chico
			326	Wild Rose	
328 Eowana	Stonyford	5/30/1914		Instituted	
328 Eowana	Stonyford	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	329 Olivette-Wilshire
			503	Olivette	
329 Olivette-Wilshire	Los Angeles	11/26/1973	329	Olivette-Wilshire	329 Olivette-Wilshire
			418	Arlington	

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329 Olivette-Wilshire	Los Angeles	11/25/1974	216 Sunset 329 Olivette-Wilshire	216 Los Feliz
330 Chino Valley	Chino	7/21/1914	Instituted	
330 Chino Valley	Chino	11/15/1990	179 Euclid 330 Chino Valley	179 Sunrise
331 Hayward	Hayward	9/23/1914	Instituted	
331 Hayward	Hayward	11/07/1992	331 Hayward 455 Castro Valley	455 Castro Valley-Hayward
334 Exeter	Exeter	2/26/1915	Instituted	
334 Exeter	Exeter	3/11/1988	13 Martha Washington 334 Exeter	13 Martha Washington
335 Montebello	Montebello	3/17/1915	Instituted	
335 Whittier	Whittier	11/17/1989	335 Montebello 444 Whittier	335 Whittier
335 Whittier	Whittier	1/31/1991	335 Whittier 508 La Habra	335 Whittier
336 Riverview	Guerneville	4/13/1915	Instituted	
336 Riverview	Guerneville	2/05/1991	161 Gold Ridge 336 Riverview	161 Gold Ridge
337 Taft	Taft	5/22/1915	Instituted	
337 Taft	Taft	2/02/1968	337 Taft 364 Buena Vista	337 Taft
337 Taft	Taft	1/20/1970	323 Maricopa 337 Taft	323 Taft
341 Esparto	Esparto	4/28/1916	Instituted	
341 Esparto	Esparto	3/17/1983	218 Yosolano 341 Esparto	218 Esparto-Winters
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
343 Majestic Star	South Gate	4/13/1977	343 Majestic Star 477 Florence	343 Majestic Star
343 Majestic Star	South Gate	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	345 Chula Vista

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349 Cacheville	Yolo	4/24/1917	Instituted	
349 Cacheville	Yolo	2/22/1985	60 Yolo 349 Cacheville	60 Yolo
350 Golden West	San Francisco	6/01/1918	Instituted	
350 Golden West	San Francisco	11/03/1975	155 Mission 350 Golden West	155 Golden West Mission
351 Tahquitz	Hemet	9/21/1918	Instituted	
351 Tahquitz	Hemet	11/18/1992	241 La Victoria 351 Tahquitz	241 Tahquitz-Victoria
352 Burbank	Burbank	3/31/1919	Instituted	
352 Burbank	Burbank	7/06/1983	352 Burbank 598 Magnolia Park	352 Burbank
352 Burbank	Burbank	2/20/1991	352 Burbank 465 Heritage Roseland	352 Burbank
353 Pittsburg	Pittsburg	6/26/1919	Instituted	
353 Pittsburg	Pittsburg	9/13/1983	42 Ariel 353 Pittsburg	42 Ariel
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	6/28/1919	Instituted	
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	3/27/1970	354 Elysian 424 Nimshi	354 Elysian
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	3/26/1982	354 Elysian 413 Cahuenga	354 Elysian
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	2/27/1989	192 United 354 Elysian	192 Elysian
355 Golden Poppy	Stockton	8/04/1919	Instituted	
355 Golden Poppy	Stockton	11/23/1991	50 Homo 355 Golden Poppy	50 Valley Oaks
357 Glen	Glendora	10/03/1919	Instituted	
357 Foothill	Glendora	1/31/1990	357 Glen 509 San Dimas	357 Foothill
357 Foothill	Glendora	11/17/1996	145 Jasmine 357 Foothill	145 Foothill
358 Corinthian	San Diego	12/15/1919	Instituted	
358 North Park	San Diego	11/19/1989	358 Corinthian 387 Silver Strand	358 North Park
361 Fillmore	Fillmore	3/13/1920	Instituted	
361 Fillmore	Fillmore	11/14/1987	79 Ventura 361 Fillmore	79 Ventura-Fillmore

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362	Progressive	Bakersfield	5/12/1920		Instituted	
362	Libertas	Bakersfield	10/18/1928		Name change granted by Grand Chapter	
362	Libertas	Bakersfield	6/29/1987	146	La Rosa	362 Libertas
				362	Libertas	
363	Lyman	Biggs	5/15/1920		Instituted	
363	Lyman	Biggs	1/06/1992	35	Vernon	35 Vernon-Lyman
				363	Lyman	
364	Buena Vista	Fellows	7/09/1920		Instituted	
364	Buena Vista	Fellows	2/02/1968	337	Taft	337 Taft
				364	Buena Vista	
366	Alethe	Berkeley	8/23/1920		Instituted	
366	Alethe	Berkeley	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	367 Ramona Star-Belvedere
				402	Belvedere	
367	Mission Star	San Gabriel	8/29/1988	367	Ramona Star-Belvedere	367 Mission Star
				407	San Gabriel	
367	Rosemead	Rosemead	11/13/1993	367	Mission Star	367 Rosemead
				430	Rosemead	
368	Arbuckle	Arbuckle	9/21/1920		Instituted	
368	Arbuckle-Loyal	Arbuckle	12/09/1975	233	Loyal	368 Arbuckle-Loyal
				368	Arbuckle	
368	Arbuckle-Loyal	Arbuckle	11/10/1989	84	Veritas	84 Veritas
				368	Arbuckle-Loyal	
369	Maxwell	Maxwell	9/22/1920		Instituted	
369	Maxwell	Maxwell	2/08/1965	326	Wild Rose	326 Wild Rose
				369	Maxwell	
370	Corcoran	Corcoran	11/30/1920		Instituted	
370	Corcoran	Corcoran	6/25/1990	94	Tulare	94 Tulare-Corcoran
				370	Corcoran	
371	Live Oak	Galt	4/13/1921		Instituted	
371	Live Oak	Galt	3/30/1994	118	Woodbridge	118 Woodbridge Oaks
				371	Live Oak	
374	Lebanon	San Francisco	5/21/1921		Instituted	
374	Lebannon	San Francisco	11/07/1991	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
				374	Lebanon	

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375 Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	5/27/1921		Instituted	
375 Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	1/16/1984	178	Alethe-Berkeley	178 Thousand Oaks
			375	Thousand Oaks	
376 Sunbeam	Los Angeles	6/02/1921		Instituted	
376 Sunbeam	Los Angeles	5/12/1924		Charter Suspended by Worthy Grand Patron	
376 Sunbeam	Los Angeles	6/23/1924		Charter restored	
376 Sunbeam	Los Angeles	6/21/1976	376	Sunbeam	498 Composite
			498	Composite	
379 Grafton	Knights Landing	7/14/1921		Instituted	
379 Grafton	Knights Landing	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	380 Torrance
			459	Wilmington	
381 McCloud	McCloud	9/03/1921		Instituted	
381 McCloud	McCloud	3/25/1976	131	Fidelity	131 Fidelity
			381	McCloud	
382 Crocker	Daly City	9/09/1921		Instituted	
382 Crocker	Daly City	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	383 Beacon Point
			394	Point	
386 Alameda	Alameda	11/30/1921		Instituted	
386 Alameda	Alameda	8/20/1982	297	Fruitvale	297 Alameda
			386	Alameda	
387 Silver Strand	San Diego	12/17/1921		Instituted	
387 Silver Strand	San Diego	11/09/1989	358	Corinthian	358 North Park
			387	Silver Strand	
388 Victory	San Francisco	2/11/1922		Instituted	
388 Victory	San Francisco	12/03/1968	280	Occidental	280 Victory
			388	Victory	
389 Santa Ana	Santa Ana	3/08/1922		Instituted	
389 Santa Ana	Santa Ana	7/14/1986	163	Scepter	163 Scepter
			389	Santa Ana	

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392 Effie Easton	Oakland	4/24/1922	Instituted	
392 Effie Easton	Oakland	6/16/1975	8 Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			392 Effie Easton	
393 Bell	Bell	5/02/1922	Instituted	
393 Bell	Bell	12/07/1976	393 Bell	393 Bell
			573 San Antonio	
393 Bell	Bell	6/16/1987	286 Rising Light	286 Bell
			393 Bell	
394 Point	Richmond	7/06/1922	Instituted	
394 Point	Richmond	1/20/1990	383 Beacon	383 Beacon Point
			394 Point	
395 Culver City	Los Angeles	7/27/1922	Instituted	
395 Culver City	Los Angeles	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	396 Seal Rock Brilliant Star
			472 Brilliant Star	
396 Seal Rock Brilliant Star	San Francisco	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	397 Bellflower
			297 Bellflower	
397 Bellflower	Bellflower	11/25/1996	286 Bell	397 Bellflower
			397 Bellflower	
397 Bellflower	Bellflower	11/23/1998	397 Bellflower	397 Bellflower
			438 Lynwood	
399 Bettina	Long Beach	10/11/1922	Instituted	
399 Bettina	Long Beach	8/14/1992	173 Long Beach	173 Long Beach Bettina
			399 Bettina	
400 Riverdale	Riverdale	11/29/1922	Instituted	
400 Riverdale	Riverdale	6/21/1944	41 Lily of the Lake	41 Lily of the Lake
			400 Riverdale	
402 Belvedere	Monterey Park	12/23/1922	Instituted	
402 Belvedere	Los Angeles	1/10/1952	Change of meeting place approved by Worthy Grand Matron	
402 Belvedere	Los Angeles	6/21/1985	367 Ramona Star	367 Ramona Star-Belvedere
			402 Belvedere	

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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	403 North Hollywood-Noel
404 Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	2/02/1923	Instituted	
404 Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	11/22/1986	247 Columbia 404 Beverly Hills	247 Columbia-Beverly Hills
406 Siloam	Los Angeles	4/11/1923	Instituted	
406 Tri Star	Los Angeles	9/08/1972	406 Siloam 411 West Adams 543 Windsor	406 Tri Star
406 Tri Star	Los Angeles	3/28/1979	405 Tri Star 516 Morning Vista	516 Morning Vista
407 San Gabriel	San Gabriel	4/27/1923	Instituted	
407 San Gabriel	San Gabriel	8/29/1988	367 Ramona Star Belvedere 407 San Gabriel	367 Mission Star
408 America	Los Angeles	6/16/1923	Instituted	
408 America	Los Angeles	4/13/1978	408 America 430 El Sereno	430 Sereno America
409 George Washington	San Francisco	7/09/1923	Instituted	
409 George Washington	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280 Victory 409 George Washington	280 George Washington Victory
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	7/10/1923	Instituted	
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	9/19/1975	410 Lake Merritt 415 Loma Vista	410 Lake Merritt
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	8/06/1976	308 Mary E. Partridge 410 Lake Merritt	410 Lake Merritt
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	11/12/1988	140 Nova Dies-Oakland 410 Lake Merritt	140 Nova Dies-Oakland
411 West Adams	Los Angeles	7/27/1923	Instituted	
411 West Adams	Los Angeles	9/08/1972	406 Tri Star 411 West Adams 543 Windsor	406 Tri Star
412 Estrella	East San Diego	8/04/1923	Instituted	
412 Estrella	San Diego	11/24/1992	412 Estrella 647 Lakeside	412 Estrella

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413 Cahuenga	Hollywood	8/08/1923		Instituted	
413 Cahuenga	Hollywood	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	414 El Petro-Service
			507	El Petrol	
414 Mar Vista	Long Beach	8/29/1989	414	El Petrol-Service	414 Mar Vista
			511	Mar Vista	
414 Mar Vista	Long Beach	11/19/1991	414	Mar Vista	414 Mar Vista
			570	Catalina Island	
414 Mar Vista	Long Beach	11/09/1997	173	Long Beach Bettina	173 Long Beach
			414	Mar Vista	
415 Loma Vista	Oakland	8/17/1923		Instituted	
415 Loma Vista	Oakland	9/19/1975	410	Lake Merritt	410 Lake Merritt
			415	Loma Vista	
416 Smyrna	Ceres	8/18/1923		Instituted	
416 Smyrna	Ceres	11/21/1993	296	Wisteria	296 Ceres
			416	Smyrna	
418 Arlington	Los Angeles	11/17/1923		Instituted	
418 Arlington	Los Angeles	11/26/1973	329	Olivette-Wilshire	329 Olivette-Wilshire
			418	Arlington	
420 Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/30/1923		Instituted	
420 Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/26/1990	117	Columbus	117 Columbus-Fort Sutter
			420	Fort Sutter	
421 Radiant	Hollywood	1/19/1924		Instituted	
421 Radiant	Hollywood	10/15/1971	265	Daylight	265 Radiant-Daylight
			421	Radiant	
422 Glendale	Glendale	1/19/1924		Instituted	
422 Glendale	Glendale	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	423 Plymouth
			484	Prudence	
423 Plymouth	Oakland	4/25/1983	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			423	Plymouth	
424 Nimshi	Los Angeles	2/09/1924		Instituted	
424 Nimshi	Los Angeles	3/27/1970	354	Elysian	354 Elysian
			424	Nimshi	

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425 Playa Linda	Hermosa Beach	3/01/1924		Instituted	
425 Playa Linda-Ascot	Manhattan Beach	11/12/1990	425	Playa Linda	425 Playa Linda-Ascot
			437	Ascot	
427 Seaport	San Francisco	3/29/1924		Instituted	
427 Seaport	San Francisco	7/14/1980	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			427	Seaport	
429 El Cajon	El Cajon	5/17/1924		Instituted	
429 El Cajon	El Cajon	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 Sereno America
			430	El Sereno	
430 Rosemead	Rosemead	4/28/1988	430	Sereno America	430 Rosemead
			567	Rosemead	
430 Rosemead	Rosemead	11/13/1993	367	Mission Star	367 Rosemead
			430	Rosemead	
431 Smartville	Smartville	6/14/1924		Instituted	
431 Smartville	Smartville	7/08/1986	56	Fidelia	56 Fidelia
			431	Smartville	
432 Forest	San Francisco	6/21/1924		Instituted	
432 Forest	San Francisco	11/18/1965	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			432	Forest	
433 Foothill	Oakland	7/29/1924		Instituted	
433 Foothill	Hayward	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
434 Trinity	San Francisco	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	435 Searchlight
			542	Seal Beach	
435 Sunnyside	Long Beach	1/27/1990	310	Palos Verdes	310 Meridian
			435	Searchlight	
436 Sunnyside	Los Angeles	12/15/1924		Instituted	
436 Sunnyside	Hawthorne	11/13/1984		Charter Suspended by Worthy Grand Matron	
		4/14/1985		Charter restored by Worthy Grand Matron	

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436 Parkside	Hawthorne	11/21/1987	436 Sunnyside 443 South Park	436 Parkside
436 Parkside	Hawthorne	6/01/1989	436 Parkside 516 Morning Vista	436 Parkside
437 Ascot	Los Angeles	1/30/1925	Instituted	
437 Ascot	Los Angeles	11/12/1990	425 Playa Linda 437 Ascot	425 Playa Linda-Ascot
438 Lynwood	Lynwood	2/19/1925	Instituted	
438 Lynwood	Lynwood	11/23/1998	397 Bellflower 438 Lynwood	397 Bellflower
439 Guardian	South Gate	2/19/1925	Instituted	
439 Guardian	South Gate	4/29/1978	439 Guardian 500 Jordan	439 Guardian
439 Guardian	South Gate	11/15/1988	160 Occident 439 Guardian	160 Occident-Guardian
440 Fireside	San Francisco	2/27/1925	Instituted	
440 Fireside	San Francisco	9/27/1966	434 Trinity 440 Fireside (CANCELLED after Consolidation)	434 Trinity Fireside
440 Fireside	San Francisco	8/08/1967	124 Harmony 440 Fireside	124 Harmony
441 Utopia	Los Angeles	3/09/1925	Instituted	
441 Utopia	Los Angeles	7/12/1971	168 Los Angeles 441 Utopia	168 Los Angeles
442 Granada	Alhambra	3/25/1925	Instituted	
442 Granada	Alhambra	11/20/1990	193 Alhambra 442 Granada	193 Alhambra-Granada
443 South Park	Los Angeles	3/26/1925	Instituted	
443 South Park	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	436 Sunnyside 443 South Park	436 Parkside
444 Whittier	Whittier	4/18/1925	Instituted	
444 Whittier	Whittier	11/17/1989	335 Montebello 444 Whittier	335 Whittier
446 Ionic	Los Angeles	4/27/1925	Instituted	
446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	11/20/1980	446 Ionic 497 Menorah	446 Ionic-Menorah
446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	3/20/1984	446 Ionic-Menorah 498 Composite	446 Ionic-Menorah

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446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	11/21/1991	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			446	Ionic-Menorah	
448 Workman	Temple	5/07/1925		Instituted	
448 Temple City	Temple City	10/24/1930		Name change	448 Temple City
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	11/22/1987	450	North Star	450 North Star
			539	Tulelake	
450 North Star	Fall River Mills	3/22/1997	26	Northern Light	26 Northern Light
			450	North Star	
451 Liberty	San Francisco	6/24/1925		Instituted	
451 Liberty	San Francisco	8/20/1964	99	Beulah	99 Beulah-Liberty
			451	Liberty	
453 Santa Maria	Ramona	7/18/1925		Instituted	
453 Santa Maria	Ramona	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	454 Polaris
			517	Holly Vista	
455 Elmhurst	Elmhurst	8/07/1925		Instituted	
455 Castro Valley	Castro Valley	2/17/1987	455	Elmhurst	455 Castro Valley
			572	Castro Valley	
455 Castro Valley-Hayward	Castro Valley	11/07/1992	331	Hayward	455 Castro Valley-Hayward
			455	Castro Valley	
455 Castro Valley-Hayward	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	456 Triangle Palms
			491	Palms	
457 Caliz de Oro	Oakland	2/12/1926		Instituted	
457 Caliz de Oro	Oakland	6/02/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			457	Caliz de Oro	
458 Chula Vista	Chula Vista	2/13/1926		Instituted	
458 Chula Vista	Chula Vista	11/25/1996	345	South West	345 Chula Vista
			458	Chula Vista	

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459 Wilmington	Wilmington	2/27/1926		Instituted	
459 Wilmington	Wilmington	11/18/1989	380	Torrance	380 Torrance
			459	Wilmington	
460 Justice	San Francisco	4/05/1926		Instituted	
460 Justice	San Francisco	11/30/1973	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
			27	Ivy	
			196	San Francisco	
			460	Justice	
463 Larchmont	Los Angeles	5/07/1926		Instituted	
463 Larchmont	Los Angeles	4/23/1974	463	Larchmont	522 Atwater-Larchmont
			522	Atwater	
464 The Gardens	Belvedere Gardens	5/08/1926		Instituted	
464 The Gardens	Los Angeles	5/02/1972	248	Hollenbeck	248 Holly Gardens
			464	The Gardens	
465 Roseland	Hollywood	6/28/1926		Instituted	
465 Heritage-Roseland	Los Angeles	3/21/1984	465	Roseland	465 Heritage-Roseland
			612	Heritage	
465 Heritage-Roseland	Los Angeles	2/20/1991	352	Burbank	352 Burbank
			465	Heritage-Roseland	
467 Melita	Pasadena	7/30/1926		Instituted	
467 Melita	Pasadena	11/16/1984	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena-Melita
			467	Melita	
468 Star of the West	Pomona	7/31/1926		Instituted	
468 Star of the West	Pomona	2/14/1999	110	Pomona	110 Star of Pomona
			468	Star of the West	
469 Hawthorne	Hawthorne	8/10/1926		Instituted	
469 Hawthorne	Hawthorne	11/12/1988	319	Centinela Valley	319 Centinela Valley
			469	Hawthorne	
470 Roosevelt	San Francisco	8/18/1926		Instituted	
470 Roosevelt	San Francisco	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	
471 Arcadia	Arcadia	11/22/1991	448	Temple City	471 Arcadia
			471	Arcadia	

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472 Brilliant Star	San Francisco	10/12/1926		Instituted	
472 Brilliant Star	San Francisco	3/12/1982	396	Seal Rock	396 Seal Rock Brilliant Star
			472	Brilliant Star	
473 Lamada Park	Pasadena	11/20/1926		Instituted	
473 East Pasadena	Lamada Park			Name change	473 East Pasadena
473 East Pas Alta	Sierra Madre	4/19/1988	473	East Pasadena	473 East Pas Alta
			526	Altadena	
474 Palisades	Santa Monica	1/15/1927		Instituted	
474 Palisades	Santa Monica	11/18/1985	113	Santa Monica	113 Santa Monica
			474	Palisades	
			476	Westwood Hills	
475 Malta	Los Angeles	1/21/1927		Instituted	
475 Malta	Los Angeles	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	476 Westwood Hills
			535	Westwood Hills	
476 Westwood Hills	Westwood Hills	11/18/1985	113	Santa Monica	113 Santa Monica
			474	Palisades	
			476	Westwood Hills	
477 Florence	Los Angeles	2/12/1927		Instituted	
477 Florence	Los Angeles	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	478 Harbor Lights
			600	Harbor Lights	
480 Majestic	Inglewood	4/12/1927		Instituted	
480 Majestic	Los Angeles	2/07/1972	343	York	343 Majestic Star
			480	Majestic	
			618	Parva Stella	
481 Presidio	San Francisco	4/14/1927		Instituted	
481 Presidio	San Francisco	11/12/1986	183	California	183 California-Presidio
			481	Presidio	
482 Sanger	Sanger	4/26/1927		Instituted	
482 Sanger	Sanger	11/25/1996	89	Raisina Fresno	89 Raisino Fresno
			482	Sanger	

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483 Garden Grove	Garden Grove	4/28/1927		Instituted	
483 Garden Grove	Garden Grove	11/20/1993	105	Hermosa	105 Golden Harvest
			483	Garden Grove	
484 Prudence	Berkeley	5/26/1927		Instituted	
484 Prudence	Berkeley	8/13/1973	423	Plymouth	423 Plymouth
			484	Prudence	
486 Glassell Park	Los Angeles	7/13/1927		Instituted	
486 Glassell Park	Los Angeles	11/24/1987	313	Eagle Rock	313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park
			486	Glassell Park	
487 White Pine	Weed	7/25/1927		Instituted	
487 White Pine	Weed	2/12/1983	175	Sisson	175 Sisson-White Pine
			487	White Pine	
489 Wasco	Wasco	10/01/1927		Instituted	
489 Wasco	Wasco	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	490 Point Loma
			606	Pacific Beach	
491 Palms	Los Angeles	12/05/1927		Instituted	
491 Palms	Los Angeles	8/26/1994	456	Triangle	456 Triangle Palms
			491	Palms	
492 Henry S. Orme	Los Angeles	5/14/1928		Instituted	
492 Henry S. Orme	Los Angeles	10/08/1971	281	Pleiades	281 Pleiades-Orme
			492	Henry S. Orme	
493 Jarman	San Jose	5/25/1928		Instituted	
493 Jarman	San Jose	11/26/1991	288	Fraternity	288 Bright Star
			493	Jarman	
494 Crescenta Valley	Montrose	6/04/1928		Instituted	
494 Crescenta Valley	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	495 Mendias Ray
			582	Mendias	
495 Mendias Ray	Los Angeles	11/28/1972	210	Palestine	210 Mendias Ray
			495	Mendias Ray	

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496 Nonpareil	San Francisco	6/16/1928		Instituted	
496 Nonpareil	San Francisco	11/02/1967	124	Harmony	124 Harmony
			496	Nonpariel	
497 Menorah	Los Angeles	6/16/1928		Instituted	
497 Menorah	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
			498	Composite	
498 Composite	Los Angeles	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	499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe
			610	Lake Tahoe	
499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	El Dorado	6/23/1996	62	Mountain Fern	62 El Dorado-Tahoe Fern
			499	El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	
500 Jordan	Huntington Park	7/12/1928		Instituted	
500 Jordan	Los Angeles	5/27/1960		Change meeting city	500 Jordan
500 Jordan	Los Angeles	4/29/1978	439	Guardian	439 Guardian
			500	Jordan	
501 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	7/14/1928		Instituted	
501 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	1/24/1988	78	Marguerite	78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite
			501	Santa Barbara	
502 All States	Long Beach	8/08/1928		Instituted	
502 All States	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			502	All States	
503 Olivette	Los Angeles	8/13/1928		Instituted	
503 Olivette	Los Angeles	11/24/1969	329	Wilshire	329 Olivette-Wilshire
			503	Olivette	
504 Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	8/15/1928		Instituted	
504 Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	4/09/1969	65	Unity	65 Unity
			504	Rosa M. Shattuck	
506 Brea	Brea	4/12/1929		Instituted	
506 Brea	Brea	2/12/1979	191	Fullerton	191 Brea
			506	Brea	

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507 El Petrol	Signal Hill	4/22/1929		Instituted	
507 El Petrol	Long Beach	7/12/1983	414	Service	414 El Petrol-Service
			507	El Petrol	
508 La Habra	La Habra	4/24/1929		Instituted	
508 La Habra	La Habra	1/31/1991	335	Whittier	335 Whittier
			508	La Habra	
509 San Dimas	San Dimas	4/25/1929		Instituted	
509 San Dimas	San Dimas	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	511 Mar Vista
			628	Paramount	
511 Mar Vista	Long Beach	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	512 Golden Chain
			591	Lomita	
514 Faith	Taft	7/19/1929		Instituted	
514 Faith	Taft	11/22/1976	146	La Rosa	146 La Rosa
			514	Faith	
516 Angeles Vista	Los Angeles	8/03/1929		Instituted	
516 Morning Vista	Playa del Rey	11/22/1972	516	Angeles Vista	516 Morning Vista
			601	Morningside	
516 Morning Vista	Playa del Rey	3/28/1979	406	Tri Star	516 Morning Vista
			516	Morning Vista	
516 Morning Vista	Playa del Rey	1/18/1984	516	Morning Vista	516 Morning Vista
			518	Betsy Ross	
516 Morning Vista	Hawthorne	10/03/1988		Change meeting place	516 Morning Vista
516 Morning Vista	Hawthorne	6/01/1989	436	Parkside	436 Parkside
			516	Morning Vista	
517 Holly Vista	West Los Angeles	8/06/1929		Instituted	
517 Holly Vista	Los Angeles	9/18/1940		Change meeting city	517 Holly Vista
517 Holly Vista	Los Angeles	11/10/1972	454	Harding	545 Polaris
			517	Holly Vista	
518 Betsy Ross	Los Angeles	8/07/1929		Instituted	
518 Betsy Ross	El Segundo	4/28/1978	518	Betsy Ross	518 Betsy Ross
			621	The Valley	
518 Betsy Ross	El Segundo	1/18/1984	516	Morning Vista	516 Morning Vista
			518	Betsy Ross	

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519 Encina	Oakland	3/19/1930		Instituted	
519 Encina	Oakland	11/22/1974	140	Oakland	140 Oakland
			519	Encina	
520 Wil-Brea	Los Angeles	5/03/1930		Instituted	
520 Wil-Brea	Los Angeles	2/15/1977	192	Trinity	192 United
			520	Wil-Brea	
521 Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	6/11/1930		Instituted	
521 Harbor Star	Newport Beach	8/14/1984	521	Laguna Beach	521 Harbor Star
			568	Harbor Star	
522 Atwater	Los Angeles	6/17/1930		Instituted	
522 Atwater-Larchmont	Los Angeles	4/23/1974	453	Larchmont	522 Atwater-Larchmont
			522	Atwater	
522 Atwater-Larchmont	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	21	Highland Park	21 Highland Park
			522	Atwater-Larchmont	
525 Cambria Pines	Cambria	10/04/1930		Instituted	
525 Estero Pines	Morro Bay	11/16/1995	525	Cambria Pines	525 Estero Pines
			587	Estero Bay	
526 Altadena	Altadena	3/14/1931		Instituted	
526 Altadena	Altadena	4/19/1988	473	East Pasadena	473 East Pas Alta
			526	Altadena	
527 Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	4/30/1931		Instituted	
527 West Covina	West Covina	7/15/1988	527	Baldwin Park	527 West Covina
			607	West Covina	
527 West Covina	West Covina	8/10/1991	325	La Puente	325 West Covina
			527	West Covina	
532 Modesto	Modesto	3/10/1934		Instituted	
532 Modesto	Modesto	11/19/1996	72	Electa	72 Electa Modesto
			532	Modesto	
533 Sterling	Oakland	6/04/1934		Instituted	
533 Sterling	Oakland	6/02/1965	140	Oakland	140 Oakland
			533	Sterling	
534 Venus	San Joaquin	6/08/1934		Instituted	
534 Venus	San Joaquin	4/01/1983	534	Venus	555 La Sierra Venus
			555	La Sierra	
535 Westwood Hills	Westwood Village	7/30/1934		Instituted	
535 Westwood Hills	Westwood Hills	1/23/1973	476	Bethel	476 Westwood Hills
			535	Westwood Hills	

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539 Tulelake	Tulelake	5/31/1937		Instituted	
539 Tulelake	Tulelake	11/22/1987	450	North Star	450 North Star
			539	Tulelake	
540 Elizabeth B. Wheeler	Los Angeles	12/30/1937		Instituted	
540 Elizabeth B. Wheeler	Los Angeles	4/20/1981	216	Los Feliz	216 Los Feliz
			540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler	
541 Estrellita	Berkeley	7/01/1938		Instituted	
541 Estrellita	Orinda	2/27/1978		Change meeting city	541 Estrellita
541 Estrellita	Oakland	1/22/1990		Change meeting city	541 Estrellita
541 Estrellita	Oakland	9/28/1999	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			541	Estrellita	
542 Seal Beach	Seal Beach	9/27/1939		Instituted	
542 Seal Beach	Seal Beach	3/07/1982	435	Searchlight	435 Searchlight
			542	Seal Beach	
543 Windsor	Los Angeles	1/27/1940		Instituted	
543 Windsor	Los Angeles	9/08/1972	406	Siloam	406 Tri Star
			411	West Adams	
			543	Windsor	
544 Nova Dies	Oakland	7/17/1940		Instituted	
544 Nova Dies	Oakland	4/04/1984	140	Oakland	140 Nova Dies-Oakland
			544	Nova Dies	
545 Dos Palos	Dos Palos	9/07/1940		Instituted	
545 Dos Palos	Dos Palos	1/24/1990	136	Centinela	136 Centinela
			545	Dos Palos	
546 Barstow	Barstow	10/04/1940		Instituted	
546 Barstow	Barstow	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	547 Desert Holly
			558	Desert Holly	
548 Arrowhead	San Bernardino	4/29/1941		Instituted	
548 Arrowhead	San Bernardino	4/10/1984	548	Arrowhead	548 Arrowhead
			599	J. Clifford Lee	
548 Arrowhead	San Bernardino	5/03/1991	75	Arrowhead	75 Arrowhead
			548	Silver Wave	

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550 Albany	Albany	1/28/1942		Instituted	
550 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	10/13/1983	550	Albany	550 Vista Cerrito
			586	Vista Cerrito	
550 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/09/1990	178	Thousand Oaks	178 Vista Cerrito
			550	Vista Cerrito	
554 San Marino	San Marino	4/25/1945		Instituted	
554 San Marino	San Marino	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 Venus
			555	La Sierra	
558 Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	3/22/1947		Instituted	
558 Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	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	561 Emera
			589	Belmont Shores	
562 Menalto	Menlo Park	8/30/1947		Instituted	
562 Menalto	Menlo Park	11/23/1988	141	Miramonte	141 Miramonte
			562	Menalto	
564 Redwood Empire	Garberville	8/18/1948		Instituted	
564 Redwood Empire	Garberville	3/16/1997	76	Rohnerville	76 Rohnerville-Redwood
			564	Redwood Empire	
567 Rosemead	South San Gabriel	7/08/1949		Instituted	
567 Rosemead	Rosemead	4/28/1988	430	Sereno America	430 Rosemead
			567	Rosemead	
568 Harbor Star	Newport Beach	7/09/1949		Instituted	
568 Harbor Star	Newport Beach	8/14/1984	521	Laguna Beach	521 Harbor Star
			568	Harbor Star	
569 Westchester	Los Angeles	9/24/1949		Instituted	
569 Westchester	Los Angeles	6/25/1985	319	Inglewood	319 Centinela Valley
			569	Westchester	
570 Catalina Island	Avalon	1/28/1949		Instituted	
570 Catalina Island	Avalon	11/19/1991	414	Mar Vista	414 Mar Vista
			570	Catalina Island	

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572	Castro Valley	Castro Valley	5/25/1950		Instituted	
572	Castro Valley	Castro Valley	2/17/1987	455	Elmhurst	455 Castro Valley
				572	Castro Valley	
573	San Antonio	South Gate	6/28/1950		Instituted	
573	San Antonio	South Gate	12/07/1976	393	Bell	393 Bell
				573	San Antonio	
575	Santa Anita	Temple City	7/14/1950		Instituted	
575	Santa Anita	Temple City	/1952		Charter Suspended at elections	
575	Santa Anita	Temple City	4/13/1953		Charter Restored	
575	Santa Anita	Temple City	8/29/1972	227	Monrovia	227 Monrovia
				575	Santa Anita	
580	Castroville	Castroville	9/17/1951		Instituted	
580	Castroville	Castroville	11/26/1990	47	Reveille	47 Reveille
				580	Castroville	
582	Mendias	Hollywood	1/30/1952		Instituted	
582	Mendias	Los Angeles	7/22/1971	495	Beacon Ray	495 Mendias Ray
				582	Mendias	
583	Crystal Springs	San Bruno	2/18/1952		Instituted	
583	Crystal Springs	San Bruno	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	584 El Rancho de la Paz
				624	El Rancho	
584	Tri Star	Whittier	9/30/1995	584	El Rancho de la Paz	584 Tri Star
				614	Hacienda	
585	Mountain Star	Middletown	6/20/1952		Instituted	
585	Mountain Star	Middletown	11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake	231 Lower Lake
				585	Mountain Star	
586	Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/25/1952		Instituted	
586	Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	10/13/1983	550	Albany	550 Vista Cerrito
				586	Vista Cerrito	
587	Estero Bay	Cayucos	9/09/1952		Instituted	
587	Estero Bay	Cayucos	11/16/1995	525	Cambria Pines	525 Estero Pines
				587	Estero Bay	
589	Belmont Shores	Long Beach	2/14/1953		Instituted	
589	Belmont Shores	Long Beach	10/17/1982	561	Emera	561 Emera
				589	Belmont Shores	

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590 Silver Chalice	Walnut Creek	8/28/1953		Instituted	
590 Silver Valley	Concord	11/26/1994	590	Silver Chalice	590 Silver Valley
			644	Clayton Valley	
591 Lomita	Lomita	10/08/1953		Instituted	
591 Lomita	Lomita	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 before Chartered	
593 Rising Star	Carmichael	11/17/1995	36	Naomi	36 Rising Star
			593	Rising Star	
594 Fairfax	Larkspur	8/21/1954		Instituted	
594 Fairfax	Larkspur	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215 Marin Star
			594	Fairfax	
			609	Novato	
595 Mono	Bridgeport	8/23/1954		Instituted	
595 Mono	Bridgeport	6/19/1991	197	Mt. Whitney	197 Mt. Whitney
			595	Mono	
596 Rialto	Rialto	8/25/1954		Instituted	
596 Rialto	Rialto	11/16/1991	211	Colton	211 Rialto
			596	Rialto	
598 Magnolia Park	Burbank	8/28/1954		Instituted	
598 Magnolia Park	Burbank	7/06/1983	352	Burbank	352 Burbank
			598	Magnolia Park	
599 J. Clifford Lee	Highland	9/20/1954		Instituted	
599 J. Clifford Lee	Highland	4/10/1984	548	Arrowhead	548 Arrowhead
			599	J. Clifford Lee	
600 Harbor Lights	San Diego	5/28/1955		Instituted	
600 Harbor Lights	San Diego	11/23/1991	478	Normal Heights	478 Harbor Lights
			600	Harbor Lights	
601 Morningside	Inglewood	6/23/1955		Instituted	
601 Morningside	Playa del Rey	11/22/1972	516	Angeles Vista	516 Morning Vista
			601	Morningside	
602 Desert Star	Twentynine Palms	6/27/1955		Instituted	
602 Desert Valley	Yucca Valley	2/07/1999	602	Desert Star	602 Desert Valley
			629	Yucca Valley	

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603 Arvin	Arvin	6/29/1955		Instituted	
603 Arvin	Arvin	12/03/1969	188	Tehachapi	188 Tehachapi
			603	Arvin	
605 Mission Bell	San Pablo	8/29/1955		Instituted	
605 Mission Bell	San Pablo	11/22/1992	205	El Portal	205 Mission Bell
			605	Mission Bell	
606 Pacific Beach	La Jolla	9/21/1955		Instituted	
606 Pacific Beach	La Jolla	8/28/1989	490	Point Loma	490 Point Loma
			606	Pacific Beach	
607 West Covina	West Covina	9/22/1955		Instituted	
607 West Covina	West Covina	7/15/1988	527	Baldwin Park	527 West Covina
			607	West Covina	
609 Novato	Novato	10/04/1955		Instituted	
609 Novato	Novato	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215 Marin Star
			594	Fairfax	
			609	Novato	
610 Lake Tahoe	Al Tahoe	10/05/1955		Instituted	
610 Lake Tahoe	Al Tahoe	3/18/1989	499	El Dorado	499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe
			610	Lake Tahoe	
611 Noel	Van Nuys	6/29/1956		Instituted	
611 Noel	Van Nuys	11/19/1991	403	North Hollywood	403 North Hollywood-Noel
			611	Noel	
612 Heritage	North Hollywood	6/30/1956		Instituted	
612 Heritage	North Hollywood	3/21/1984	465	Roseland	465 Heritage-Roseland
			612	Heritage	
613 Century	Compton	8/07/1956		Instituted	
613 Century	Artesia	10/05/1973		Change of meeting city	
613 Century	Artesia	11/22/1996	147	Pearl	147 Golden Crown
			613	Century	
614 Hacienda	Whittier	8/08/1956		Instituted	
614 Hacienda	Whittier	9/30/1995	584	El Rancho de La Paz	584 Tri Star
			614	Hacienda	
615 Pelton	Camptonville	10/06/1956		Instituted	
615 Pelton	Camptonville	5/06/1980	9	Evangeline	9 Evangeline
			615	Pelton	

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617 Star of Lakewood	Long Beach	3/22/1957		Instituted	
617 Star of Lakewood	Long Beach	3/13/1994	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			617	Star of Lakewood	
618 Parva Stella	South Gate	8/04/1956		Instituted	
618 Parva Stella	South Gate	2/07/1972	343	York	343 Majestic Star
			343	Majestic	
			618	Parva Stella	
620 San Dieguito	Cardiff-by-the-Sea	3/11/1958		Instituted	
620 San Dieguito	Cardiff-by-the-Sea	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	621 The Valley
621 The Valley	Gardena	6/01/1971		Change meeting city	621 The Valley
621 The Valley	Gardena	4/28/1978	518	Betsy Ross	518 Betsy Ross
			621	The Valley	
623 La Mirada	La Mirada	5/14/1958		Instituted	
623 La Mirada	Whittier	2/01/1971		Change meeting city	623 La Mirada
623 La Mirada	Whittier	11/25/1984	248	Holly Gardens	248 Holly Gardens
			623	La Mirada	
624 El Rancho	Pico Rivera	9/15/1958		Instituted	
624 El Rancho	Pico Rivera	11/18/1983	584	La Paz	584 El Rancho de la Paz
			624	El Rancho	
625 Westminster	Westminster	4/23/1959		Instituted	
625 Westminster	Westminster	8/13/1998	105	Golden Harvest	105 Golden Harvest
			625	Westminster	
626 In Shallah	Downey	8/04/1959		Instituted	
626 In Shallah	Downey	2/15/1994	160	Occident Guardian	160 Downey
			626	In Shallah	
627 Chico	Chico	2/16/1960		Instituted	
627 Chico	Chico	12/15/1988	104	Josephine Chico	104 Josephine Chico
			627	Chico	
628 Paramount	South Gate	3/26/1960		Instituted	
628 Paramount	South Gate	10/10/1982	511	Mar Vista	511 Mar Vista
			628	Paramount	
629 Yucca Valley	Yucca Valley	8/02/1960		Instituted	
629 Yucca Valley	Yucca Valley	2/07/1999	602	Desert Star	602 Desert Star
			629	Yucca Valley	

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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	630 Joshua Tree
633 Desert Candle	Mojave	5/21/1962	Instituted	
633 Desert Candle	Mojave	6/20/1989	630 Joshua Tree 633 Desert Candle	630 Joshua Tree
634 Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	6/06/1992	Instituted	
634 Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	1/20/1995	161 Gold Ridge Star 634 Santa Rosa	161 Gold Ridge Star
636 Los Altos	Los Altos	4/07/1964	Instituted	
636 Los Altos	Los Altos	11/15/1998	250 Sunnyvale 636 Los Altos	250 Valley Star
638 Valley of the Redwoods	Felton	8/23/1966	Instituted	
638 Valley of the Redwoods	Felton	11/23/1991	273 Santa Cruz 638 Valley of the Redwoods	273 Santa Cruz Redwoods
641 Sierra Vista	Oakhurst	10/12/1968	Instituted	
641 Sierra Vista	Oakhurst	11/17/1991	200 Las Mariposas 641 Sierra Vista	200 Las Mariposas
644 Clayton Valley	Concord	8/12/1972	Instituted	
644 Clayton Valley	Concord	11/28/1994	590 Silver Chalice 644 Clayton Valley	590 Silver Valley
647 Lakeside	Lakeside	9/10/1975	Instituted	
647 Lakeside	Lakeside	11/24/1992	412 Estrella 647 Lakeside	412 Estrella

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Golden Gate	1	05/10/1869	306	290	1666.00
Suisun	2	03/12/1870	220	216	1497.04
Silver Star	3	11/22/1870	298	274	1687.16
Oak Leaf	8	04/12/1872	229	213	1074.68
Evangeline	9	06/17/1873	185	168	1075.06
Evening Star	10	10/01/1872	101	98	640.94
Martha Washington	13	12/09/1874	197	189	1134.42
Northern Light	14	01/28/1875	366	345	2261.98
Welcome Redding	17	04/05/1875	295	275	1804.16
Wild Lily	18	05/11/1875	297	276	1724.18
Vesper	20	03/01/1876	170	164	1084.26
Highland Park	21	03/14/1876	431	385	2181.58
Ferndale	23	09/01/1876	72	70	509.16
Vacaville	28	03/03/1877	179	165	1038.74
Silver Gate	30	07/14/1877	118	116	724.92
San Jose	31	09/07/1877	210	203	1163.74
Rose Valley	33	02/21/1878	317	316	2083.92
Amapola Vernon Lyman	35	06/01/1878	380	334	2395.56
Rising Star	36	05/03/1879	413	395	2803.34
Stella	39	05/24/1880	152	144	834.98
Aurora	40	02/13/1880	154	151	905.38
Lily of the Lake	41	03/23/1880	214	203	1273.68
Ariel	42	03/30/1880	256	243	1542.80
Magnolia	45	05/22/1880	131	123	767.32
Athena	46 ~~47~~	07/09/1880	260	248	1592.76
Wheatland	49	03/24/1881	154	153	1083.30
Valley Oaks	50	05/21/1881	300	283	1690.74
Alturas	51	06/03/1881	95	86	653.04
Sincerity	53	06/24/1881	53	53	336.78
Marysville-Friendship	55	06/25/1881	166	164	1001.40
Fidelia	56	06/28/1881	349	296	1901.48
Crystal	57	07/09/1881	169	161	1033.44
Kingsley	58	07/23/1881	190	181	1127.54
Silver Spray	59	08/12/1881	425	410	2754.50
Yolo	60	08/20/1881	150	141	858.16
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern	62	10/15/1881	230	227	1520.32
Camellia	63	10/08/1881	183	171	1019.50
Golden Star	66	04/11/1882	131	127	745.50
Monterey Peninsula	68	11/11/1882	182	170	1077.38
Queen Esther	71	06/21/1883	134	127	827.80
Electa Modesto	72	06/29/1883	314	303	1722.14

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Rohnerville-Redwood	76	09/08/1883	162	149	1028.22
Azalia Angels	77	10/13/1883	133	127	731.28
Santa Barbara-Marguerite	78	05/12/1884	211	196	1130.08
Ventura-Fillmore	79	05/13/1884	318	308	1999.10
Augusta	80	07/31/1884	63	55	342.28
Sotoyome - Clover Leaf	82	09/03/1884	127	118	764.78
Molino	83	05/31/1884	143	146	998.86
Citrus	86	04/18/1885	117	116	627.94
Raisina Fresno	89	04/26/1886	505	459	2623.92
Fallen Leaf	90	07/14/1886	189	180	1189.94
Madera	92	04/30/1886	112	108	673.52
Heliotrope	93	05/02/1887	214	201	1117.14
Tulare-Corcoran	94	11/07/1887	210	200	1213.44
Bethlehem	95	03/22/1888	169	163	1088.24
San Diego Star	96	04/02/1888	273	267	1529.24
Ramona	97	06/19/1888	201	190	1097.72
San Francisco	99	08/16/1888	361	327	1587.82
Mizpah	100	09/13/1888	239	233	1532.32
Golden Wave	103	04/05/1889	353	323	1893.94
Josephine Chico	104	06/28/1889	427	402	2389.22
Golden Harvest	105	10/13/1888	361	318	2092.66
Ungava	106	04/11/1890	339	332	2369.46
Corona	107	06/14/1890	146	138	831.48
Pasadena	108	07/11/1890	212	197	895.82
Elk Grove	109	09/24/1890	117	118	720.50
Star of Pomona	110	08/31/1891	232	224	1628.74
Ocean View	111	09/19/1891	155	146	966.14
Hesperian	112	09/30/1891	103	96	611.26
Palm Leaf	114	02/18/1892	322	311	2029.40
Carita	115	03/09/1892	159	147	911.94
Columbus-Fort Sutter	117	08/08/1892	175	170	1185.94
Woodbridge Oaks	118	09/17/1892	182	174	1153.32
Tuolumne Star	123	08/25/1893	190	179	1004.24
Harmony	124	11/10/1893	165	150	862.74
Bakersfield	125	12/18/1893	342	320	1562.12
Mercedes	126	02/23/1894	286	272	1731.00
Lucerne	127	02/15/1894	127	131	1057.82
Los Gatos	128	03/19/1894	169	153	977.44
Sierra Star	129	06/12/1894	72	61	360.14
Fidelity	131	08/31/1894	238	215	1316.38
Hollywood	133	12/24/1894	485	444	2763.84
Semper Fidelis	135	06/03/1895	220	230	1605.58

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Clear Lake	137	10/09/1895	169	160	1100.66
Summit	138	12/21/1895	94	96	669.48
Nova Dies - Oakland	140	01/02/1896	194	185	1004.12
Miramonte	141	01/08/1896	222	218	1360.16
Emerald Star	143	02/12/1896	240	238	1677.46
Lyra	144	02/12/1896	282	272	1779.02
Foothill	145	02/13/1896	280	276	1828.30
Golden Crown	147	04/10/1896	232	218	1471.68
Del Norte	149	05/15/1896	136	130	798.58
Lodi	150	04/28/1896	199	196	1271.88
Chispa	151	06/06/1896	375	345	2351.52
Mt. Shasta	153	01/08/1896	133	117	787.00
Escondido	154	02/05/1896	219	211	1351.08
Penrhyn	159	03/20/1897	127	125	853.12
Downey	160	06/19/1897	545	506	3537.62
Gold Ridge Star	161	01/06/1898	438	404	2519.54
Crown	162	03/07/1898	218	200	1371.12
Scepter	163	03/11/1898	288	279	1876.56
Onisbo	164	04/29/1898	79	77	580.46
Crescent	165	06/15/1898	128	120	734.96
Carnation	171	05/12/1899	167	159	942.44
Lexington	172	07/18/1899	157	154	1047.40
Long Beach	173	08/07/1899	707	663	3376.20
San Pedro Harbor	174	08/18/1899	213	212	1172.04
Miguelito	176	12/26/1899	212	207	1503.42
Orient	177	03/21/1900	187	191	1262.52
Vista Cerrito	178	04/04/1900	352	328	1510.62
Sunrise	179	05/03/1900	169	167	1048.06
Heber	181	05/29/1900	270	258	1786.76
Santa Paula	185	09/22/1900	99	99	738.56
Peninsula	186	09/22/1900	316	287	1779.08
Tehachapi	188	01/16/1901	110	109	739.64
Silverado	189	01/19/1901	280	261	1604.40
Ada-Sacramento	190	03/07/1901	246	230	1365.64
Alhambra	193	03/25/1901	341	325	2178.62
Santa Clara	195	06/15/1901	177	173	1107.76
Mt. Whitney	197	01/11/1902	149	135	871.62
Golden Valley	199	04/29/1902	175	165	958.80
Las Mariposas	200	05/27/1902	194	186	1315.54
Beckwith Portola Star	201	06/25/1902	98	87	519.06
West Covina	202	08/05/1902	396	365	2455.64
Sequoia	203	09/01/1902	167	159	969.26

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Mission Bell	205	09/30/1902	414	406	2582.88
Arcata	207	12/08/1902	166	157	1044.26
Rialto	211	07/08/1903	243	222	1674.38
Gate City	212	08/13/1903	598	526	3479.88
Palo Alto	213	08/22/1903	242	226	1316.38
Almona	214	09/05/1903	130	122	711.86
Marin Star	215	09/11/1903	349	343	2096.16
Esparto-Grafton	218	02/13/1904	125	117	693.20
Mill Valley	219	02/16/1904	101	96	687.02
Rio Vista	222	04/05/1904	102	93	519.00
Oakdale	226	04/11/1905	105	104	727.06
Lower Lake	231	04/20/1905	159	160	1182.74
Natoma	233	07/03/1905	211	201	1420.98
Los Cerritos	234	07/22/1905	167	156	924.32
Glencrest	237	02/22/1906	324	298	1644.68
Tahquitz - Victoria	241	04/06/1906	392	368	2616.26
Barstow	242	04/11/1906	239	222	1349.84
Elsinore	243	04/16/1906	116	110	797.68
Milton	244	04/17/1906	77	73	451.34
Ocean Park	245	05/10/1906	739	674	3567.90
Plumas	246	06/11/1906	123	119	777.78
Valley Star	250	03/14/1907	326	288	1963.20
Pacific Star	252	04/13/1907	629	566	3046.54
Seaside	259	04/17/1907	211	206	1553.78
Gardena	260	09/30/1907	224	215	1381.30
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	04/04/1908	460	468	3201.20
Imperial Valley	276	06/08/1908	243	230	1603.32
Vallejo	278	09/26/1908	346	338	1946.86
Mystic Star	279	11/24/1908	89	89	623.18
La Posa	282	03/30/1909	88	90	593.68
Ione	283	04/22/1909	72	70	484.84
Poinsettia	287	06/08/1909	383	361	2454.68
Bright Star	288	11/23/1909	280	255	1518.38
Rose	292	06/11/1910	180	175	1087.96
Castro Valley	294	09/22/1910	519	460	3090.58
Ceres	296	10/01/1910	223	216	1365.86
Alameda	297	12/21/1910	169	163	998.44
Sierra Madre	299	01/23/1911	59	59	412.08
Star of the East	300	03/04/1911	463	449	3189.10
Miriam	302	04/28/1911	232	221	1535.68
Bethany	304	04/24/1911	76	71	479.48
Unity	305	05/12/1911	250	242	1509.88

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Concordia	309	02/17/1912	260	262	1771.36
Meridian	310	02/26/1912	510	488	2449.32
Willits	314	03/13/1912	112	105	667.02
Centinela Valley	319	05/10/1913	313	302	1992.60
Oxnard	322	06/28/1913	184	173	1180.52
Claremont	324	03/14/1914	101	89	709.30
Sunshine	327	05/12/1914	226	218	1528.92
Coronado	332	10/14/1914	112	107	671.10
El Rio	333	12/05/1914	95	94	670.72
Whittier	335	03/17/1915	387	368	2374.16
Van Nuys	338	09/10/1915	198	193	1195.34
Pentalpha	339	12/29/1915	154	146	920.50
Manzanita	342	05/09/1916	121	111	698.34
Atascadero	344	09/02/1916	71	68	448.84
Chula Vista	345	10/09/1916	469	431	3031.96
Upland	346	11/23/1916	117	111	720.14
Yorba Linda	347	02/09/1917	108	106	781.72
Joaquin	348	04/16/1917	134	128	725.00
Burbank	352	03/31/1919	342	316	2356.14
North Park	358	12/15/1919	163	150	788.20
Blythe	359	12/30/1919	91	86	606.00
Coachella Valley	360	02/07/1920	135	136	910.74
Libertas	362	05/12/1920	202	178	1248.88
Chowchilla	365	07/29/1920	144	140	952.64
Rosemead	367	09/15/1920	352	325	2079.64
Linden	372	05/02/1921	68	69	489.06
Stockton	373	05/14/1921	117	103	729.68
Westwood	377	06/27/1921	102	91	531.64
Kearsarge	378	07/09/1921	83	79	471.12
Torrance	380	07/30/1921	316	311	1871.10
Beacon Point	383	09/09/1921	173	165	1263.40
Concord	384	09/28/1921	226	220	1403.46
Rainbow	385	10/13/1921	186	176	1005.40
Fallbrook	390	03/09/1922	137	137	960.86
Caledonia	391	03/13/1922	231	220	1426.02
Bellflower	397	09/06/1922	630	568	3547.12
San Fernando	398	09/30/1922	215	201	1347.86
Starlight	401	12/09/1922	136	132	827.12
North Hollywood - Noel	403	01/16/1923	204	200	1308.38
Ami Tai	405	03/23/1923	140	131	847.60
Estrella	412	08/04/1923	287	268	1722.76
Patterson	417	10/12/1923	108	107	775.74

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Playa Linda - Ascot	425	03/01/1924	150	133	698.74
Security	426	03/10/1924	125	120	727.86
El Camino	428	03/13/1924	215	205	1215.56
Parkside	436	12/15/1924	270	250	1420.30
Tujunga	445	04/20/1925	109	104	808.36
Escallonia	447	05/06/1925	125	127	946.84
Manchester	449	05/18/1925	109	106	688.38
Canoga	452	07/07/1925	217	217	1449.26
Polaris	454	08/04/1925	47	46	367.42
Triangle Palms	456	08/10/1925	227	217	1281.40
Arcadia	471	08/18/1926	301	292	2060.74
East Pas Alta	473	11/20/1926	117	106	643.26
Harbor Lights	478	02/18/1927	237	234	1605.54
La Jolla	479	03/07/1927	114	113	799.26
Big Bear	485	06/18/1927	160	154	1133.96
Orange Blossom	488	08/16/1927	132	124	950.10
Point Loma	490	11/14/1927	310	285	1739.04
Reseda	505	04/01/1929	245	234	1579.92
Sierra Foothill	510	04/27/1929	58	55	350.24
Golden Chain	512	05/04/1929	243	226	1288.62
Temple	513	05/11/1929	129	125	832.08
San Gorgonio	515	07/31/1929	113	109	751.10
Harbor Star	521	06/11/1930	206	202	1395.44
Vallecito	523	07/19/1930	68	59	367.86
San Clemente	524	05/05/1930	78	73	476.52
Estero Pines	525	10/04/1930	177	158	1020.94
Ojai	528	04/16/1932	129	125	851.10
Lauralane	529	07/14/1933	118	116	755.32
Willow Glen	530	11/10/1933	209	198	1241.78
Livingston	531	12/29/1933	137	133	871.80
Victor Valley	537	10/06/1934	235	237	1696.92
Estrellita	541	07/01/1938	59	56	313.56
Desert Holly	547	03/08/1941	203	200	1417.66
Paradise	549	06/13/1941	280	264	1765.38
San Carlos	551	01/29/1942	137	128	700.36
Mountain View	552	10/07/1944	87	89	652.30
Campbell	553	10/12/1944	164	156	1063.46
La Sierra Venus	555	06/12/1945	252	241	1655.44
Star of Vista	556	09/14/1945	182	176	1282.88
Fort Millerton	557	01/23/1946	183	180	1143.34
Oildale	559	05/20/1947	112	106	714.60
Yucaipa Valley	560	07/16/1947	187	183	1143.86

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Emera	561	07/17/1947	168	151	1035.50
San Juan	563	04/27/1948	307	294	1878.98
Palomar	565	09/30/1948	167	161	1058.54
Santa Ynez Valley	566	04/27/1949	99	103	708.74
Lafayette	571	03/15/1950	72	68	444.26
El Gabilan	574	07/08/1950	110	108	729.86
Palm Springs	576	03/15/1951	136	123	907.52
San Lorenzo	577	03/29/1951	193	187	1307.96
Rim of the World	578	04/16/1951	100	93	700.80
San Miguel	579	05/03/1951	166	154	1095.18
Carmel	581	09/18/1951	102	100	646.92
Tri-Star	584	05/01/1952	156	151	971.16
San Ramon Valley	588	01/31/1953	102	99	663.84
Silver Valley	590	08/28/1953	184	177	1242.24
Home	592	10/09/1953	221	205	1522.38
Fuchsia	597	08/26/1954	180	179	1219.82
Desert Valley	602	06/27/1955	186	179	1426.86
Del Mar	604	07/08/1955	100	90	707.20
Sojourner	608	09/26/1955	106	98	760.38
Granada Hills	616	03/21/1957	154	146	1124.42
Star of Palmdale	619	10/07/1957	131	127	868.28
Riverside	622	04/30/1958	251	242	1760.30
Joshua Tree	630	03/14/1961	150	147	945.80
Rio Linda	631	07/22/1961	122	123	916.78
Conejo Valley	632	09/11/1961	135	130	1026.00
Orinda	635	06/07/1962	103	100	676.74
Simi Valley	637	06/11/1965	98	93	648.88
Delta Star	639	08/24/1967	110	107	833.26
Desert Hot Springs	640	09/18/1967	68	61	456.62
Old West	642	03/06/1969	167	154	1109.86
Kern River Valley	643	06/12/1971	179	174	1060.44
Saddleback	645	08/08/1973	123	112	889.66
Star of the Valley	648	03/01/1980	130	129	996.68
Camarillo	649	09/05/1981	111	111	695.94
	-- Grand Totals -->		59454	56329	362741.88

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide 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, 1999 and 1998, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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January 7, 2000

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

ASSETS

	1999	1998
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2)	$ 1,959,812	$ 1,385,743
Accounts receivable	50,000	199
Investment income receivable	290,100	162,771
Due from affiliated organizations:		
Eastern Star Foundation	4,494	-
Eastern Star Homes of California	-	8,786,838
Short-term investments (Note 2)	22,327,117	10,226,079
Prepaid expenses	112,842	119,280
Inventory	62,079	48,088
Deposits	700	-
Antiques and collections	40,038	40,038
Life insurance policies	10,769	12,619
Property and equipment, net (Note 3)	84,137	51,354
Long-term investments (Note 2)	15,547,024	15,177,455
Total assets	$ 40,489,112	$ 36,010,464

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 50,922	$ 117,241
Unearned revenue	26,352	26,040
Due to affiliated organizations:		
Eastern Star Foundation	121,162	12,210
Eastern Star Homes	9,894	142,432
Investment income payable to Eastern Star Homes of California	288,138	161,247
Total liabilities	496,468	459,170
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	865,323	1,056,081
Temporarily restricted (Note 5)	23,580,297	19,317,758
Permanently restricted (Note 6)	15,547,024	15,177,455
Total net assets	39,992,644	35,551,294
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 40,489,112	$ 36,010,464

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999			
	Unrestricted	*Temporarily Restricted*	*Permanently Restricted*	*Total*
Revenues, gains and other support:				
Contributions:				
Members' dues	$ 197,104	$ 25,225	$ -	$ 222,329
Bequests	-	-	326,124	326,124
Chapter donations	6,748	25,000	29,087	60,835
Life sponsors	-	-	14,358	14,358
Fundraising	25,337	-	-	25,337
Convention revenue	58,460	-	-	58,460
Interest and dividend income	6,915	1,083,332	-	1,090,247
Net investment income to Eastern Star Homes (Note 4)	-	(958,923)	-	(958,923)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments (Note 2)	-	6,436,384	-	6,436,384
Realized gains to Eastern Star Homes (Note 4)	-	(2,044,746)	-	(2,044,746)
Sales of supplies	138,424	-	-	138,424
Administration fees (Note 8)	165,920	-	-	165,920
Other	14,515	-	-	14,515
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	303,733	(303,733)	-	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	917,156	4,262,539	369,569	5,549,264
Expenses:				
Programs services:				
Cost of sales of supplies	74,836	-	-	74,836
Member assistance	14,328	-	-	14,328
Humanitarian assistance	-	-	-	-
Member services	72,378	-	-	72,378
Eastern Star Homes support	124,409	-	-	124,409
Total program services	285,951	-	-	285,951
Fundraising expenses	8,984	-	-	8,984
Management and general	812,979	-	-	812,979
Total expenses	1,107,914	-	-	1,107,914
Change in net assets	(190,758)	4,262,539	369,569	4,441,350
Net assets at beginning of year	1,056,081	19,317,758	15,177,455	35,551,294
Net assets at end of year	$ 865,323	$ 23,580,297	$ 15,547,024	$ 39,992,644

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1998			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues, 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	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
Expenses:				
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
Transfer to Endowment Fund from Eastern Star Homes	-	8,786,863	-	8,786,863
Transfer 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
Net assets at beginning of year	971,922	15,661,433	15,211,468	31,844,823
Net 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

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	$ 4,441,350	$ 3,706,471
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows provided (used) by operating activities:		
Non-cash transfer to California Eastern Star Foundation	-	6,223,075
Depreciation	19,132	15,343
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(6,436,384)	(1,392,253)
Decrease (increase) in:		
Accounts receivable	(49,801)	2,435
Investment income receivable	(127,329)	(27,531)
Prepaid expenses	6,438	(1,772)
Other assets	1,150	45,235
Inventory	(13,991)	(4,854)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(56,425)	70,007
Unearned revenue	312	5,747
Cash flows provided (used) by operating activities	(2,215,548)	8,641,903
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(51,915)	(9,927)
Proceeds from sale of investments	11,288,566	12,238,782
Purchase of investments	(17,322,789)	(12,700,048)
Cash flows used by investing activities	(6,086,138)	(471,193)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
(Increase) decrease in due from affiliated organization - net	8,875,755	(8,742,668)
Cash flows used by financing activities	8,875,755	(8,742,668)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	574,069	(571,958)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,385,743	1,957,701
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	$ 1,959,812	$ 1,385,743

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999						
	Program Services				Support Services		
	Cost of Sales of Supplies	Member Assistance	Member Services	Eastern Star Homes Support	Fundraising	Management and General	Total
Cost of sales	$ 74,836	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 74,836
Allowances and jewels	-	-	-	-	-	33,290	33,290
Committee	-	14,328	-	-	-	-	14,328
DGM official visits and schools	-	-	-	-	-	13,762	13,762
Computer	-	-	-	-	-	4,526	4,526
Convention	-	-	72,378	-	-	-	72,378
Fundraising (Vantage)	-	-	-	-	8,984	-	8,984
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	19,132	19,132
Grants, awards and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	118,399	118,399
Investment	-	-	-	124,409	-	3,157	127,566
Equipment maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	18,197	18,197
Office supplies	-	-	-	-	-	47,091	47,091
Rent (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	48,594	48,594
Other contract services	-	-	-	-	-	136,293	136,293
Personal property taxes	-	-	-	-	-	2,964	2,964
Administration fees	-	-	-	-	-	67,897	67,897
Administration fee revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(67,897)	(67,897)
Salaries and wages	-	-	-	-	-	225,449	225,449
Payroll taxes and benefits	-	-	-	-	-	29,027	29,027
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	27,643	27,643
Rosters	-	-	-	-	-	11,409	11,409
Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-	16,164	16,164
Moving expenses	-	-	-	-	-	22,319	22,319
Other	-	-	-	-	-	35,563	35,563
Expenses shown on Statement of Activities	74,836	14,328	72,378	124,409	8,984	812,979	1,107,914
Net investment income and realized gains to Eastern Star Homes	-	-	-	3,003,669	-	-	3,003,669
Total expenses	$ 74,836	$ 14,328	$ 72,378	$ 3,128,078	$ 8,984	$ 812,979	$ 4,111,583

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	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

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 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.

These financial statements do not include the financial position or results of activities of the local chapters throughout the State of California.

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.

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 to 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.

Although the Grand Chapter obtained a group filing exemption covering the local chapters throughout the State of California during the 1940's, the Grand Chapter has not included those chapters' funds in its annual exempt organization returns, and instead suggests that each chapter file separately.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of money market funds, bonds and stocks, and are held in two separate portfolios. At September 30, 1999 and 1998, the cost and fair market value were as follows:

	1999		*1998*	
	Cost	*Fair Market Value*	*Cost*	*Fair Market Value*
Grand Chapter Investment Pool:				
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	$ 59,289	$ 59,289	$ 31,140	$ 31,140
Bonds	-	-	102,135	108,076
Stocks	323,945	591,506	403,279	656,897
	$ 383,234	$ 650,795	$ 536,554	$ 796,113
Endowment:				
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	$ 1,405,090	$ 1,405,090	$ 644,837	$ 644,837
Bonds	14,671,612	14,605,788	8,705,943	9,368,087
Stocks	11,932,654	22,676,847	9,444,239	15,270,474
	$ 28,009,356	$ 38,687,725	$ 18,795,019	$ 25,283,398
Total cash equivalents	$ 1,464,379	$ 1,464,379	$ 675,977	$ 675,977
Total securities	26,928,211	37,874,141	18,655,596	25,403,534
Total investment portfolios	$ 28,392,590	$ 39,338,520	$ 19,331,573	$ 26,079,511

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Securities, for financial statement purposes, have been classified as follows:

	1999	1998
Short-term investments	$ 22,327,117	$ 10,226,079
Long-term investments (permanently restricted)	15,547,024	15,177,455
	$ 37,874,141	$ 25,403,534

Net realized and unrealized gains on investments totaled $6,436,384 in 1999 and $1,392,253 in 1998.

Grand Chapter's investment policy, when combined with investments held by Eastern Star Foundation, conforms to Section 73(8), 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, 1999 and 1998:

	1999	1998
Furniture and fixtures	$ 31,355	$ 25,063
Equipment	149,536	103,913
Leasehold improvements	-	5,762
	180,891	134,738
Less: accumulated depreciation	(96,754)	(83,384)
	$ 84,137	$ 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 $958,923 and $607,780 in interest and dividend income during the year ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively, net of certain expenses. In addition, to further subsidize operations and construction of the new home in Yorba Linda, realized gains of $2,044,746 earned in 1999 and $581,405 in 1998 were transferred to Eastern Star Homes.

NOTE 5 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

	1999	1998
Member services:		
Convention and mileage - chairman	$ 120,457	$ 102,812
Convention and mileage - headquarters	(5,918)	(2,254)
Membership	82,059	66,594
Stark fund	59,141	17,298
Eastern Star Homes support (Endowment)	23,324,558	19,133,308
Total	$ 23,580,297	$ 19,317,758

Included in the $19,133,308 temporarily restricted net assets in 1998 is approximately $5.8 million which has been budgeted for necessary improvements to the Eastern Star Home located in Yorba Linda. At September 30, 1999 most of this budget had been expended, and another $1.2 million has been budgeted for additional construction.

NOTE 6 - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consist of endowments to be held in perpetuity for the following purpose:

	1999	1998
Eastern Star Homes support	$ 15,547,024	$ 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:

	1999	1998
Purpose restrictions accomplished	$ 303,733	$ 292,882

NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

Grand Chapter received $104,000 each year from Eastern Star Homes of California and $61,920 and $59,340 from California Eastern Star Foundation for administrative services rendered for the years ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

See Note 9 for details regarding the lease of office space from Eastern Star Homes.

NOTE 9 - LEASES

Grand Chapter leases office space under an operating lease from Eastern Star Homes commencing July 1, 1999 for a fifteen year term. The monthly rent for the first through the twelfth month of the lease is waived, after which time, monthly payments of $3,533.75 will commence. In addition, Eastern Star Homes paid $18,861 in moving expenses on behalf of the Grand Chapter and incurred $88,128 in improvements for the Grand Chapter office space.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2000	$ 10,601
2001	42,405
2002	42,405
2003	42,405
2004	42,405

For financial reporting purposes, the rent cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term, which amounts to $3,298 per month.

NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Grand Chapter's cash balances, as reported by the bank, exceeded federally-insured limits by approximately $1,000,000 at September 30, 1999 and $1,028,000 at September 30, 1998.

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Eastern Star Homes of California
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Eastern Star Homes of California (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide 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, 1999 and 1998, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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January 7, 2000

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

ASSETS

	1999	1998
Cash on hand and in banks (Note 9)	$ 41,022	$ 5,249,834
Investments (Note 4)	38,611	6,342,749
Resident cash held in trust	12,271	13,614
Due from affiliated organizations (Note 2):		
Eastern Star Foundation	280	-
Grand Chapter General Fund	9,894	142,432
Investment income receivable from Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 3)	288,138	161,247
Contributions and bequests receivable	-	31,041
Other receivables	2,942	7,800
Prepaid expenses	66,341	84,458
Inventory of provisions and medical supplies, at cost	-	11,678
Property and equipment (Note 5)	11,867,753	6,611,731
Total assets	$ 12,327,252	$ 18,656,584

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 683,012	$ 230,270
Residents' accounts held in trust	9,116	10,505
Fee-based resident deposit	3,155	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)	1,130,599	2,440,901
Total liabilities	1,825,882	11,472,136
Net assets - unrestricted (Note 7)	10,501,370	7,184,448
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 12,327,252	$ 18,656,584

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
Revenue, gains and other support:		
Contributions:		
Members dues	$ 131,539	$ 142,407
Residents' contributions after admission	166,182	210,070
Unrestricted bequests	501,020	257,699
Other	52,530	24,057
Resident fees	27,380	32,000
Net investment income from Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 3)	958,523	607,780
Realized gains from Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 3)	2,044,746	581,405
Interest	-	479,369
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3,483)	181,348
Rental income – medical offices	54,101	19,414
Insurance refunds	395	11,801
Site lease and other miscellaneous revenue	9,412	35,304
Gain on sale of Los Angeles home (Note 5)	-	14,949,823
Total revenue, gains, and other support	3,942,345	17,532,477
Expenses and losses:		
Program service - Elderly care	973,772	1,280,084
Management and general:		
Clovis property	20,675	19,590
Rental property	99,056	24,148
Other	842,222	510,744
Total expenses	1,935,725	1,834,566
Operating surplus	2,006,620	15,697,911
Transfer to Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (Note 7)	-	(8,786,863)
Decrease in obligation to provide future services (Note 6)	1,310,302	1,251,598
Change in net assets	3,316,922	8,162,646
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	7,184,448	(978,198)
Net assets at end of year	$ 10,501,370	$ 7,184,448

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Contributions received	$ 851,271	$ 772,533
Resident fees received	27,380	32,000
Net investment income received from Endowment fund	831,632	581,051
Realized gains received from Grand Chapter	2,044,746	581,405
Rental income received from medical office building	54,101	12,128
Interest income received from Home Sale fund	-	479,369
Miscellaneous income received	5,411	49,761
Administrative and operating expenses paid	(1,734,932)	(1,788,764)
Net cash flows provided (used) by operating activities	2,079,609	719,483
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sale of Los Angeles home	-	14,550,000
Transfer of net home sale proceeds to Endowment fund	(8,786,838)	-
Purchase of Yorba Linda home and improvements	(4,802,238)	(4,732,863)
Purchase of investments	-	(6,161,401)
Proceeds from sale of investments	6,300,655	-
Cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	(7,288,421)	3,655,736
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(5,208,812)	4,375,219
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,249,834	874,615
CASH AT END OF YEAR	$ 41,022	$ 5,249,834

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENT OFS CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	$ 3,316,922	$ 8,162,646
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	101,354	26,049
Gain on sale of Los Angeles home	-	(14,949,823)
Transfer of Los Angeles home sale proceeds to Grand Chapter	-	8,786,863
Realized and unrealized (gains) loss	3,483	(181,348)
Decrease in obligation to provide future services	(1,310,302)	(1,251,598)
Changes in current assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	26,005	76,776
Prepaid expenses	18,117	(45,237)
Inventory	11,678	1,813
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(102,396)	93,342
Due from affiliated organizations	15,261	-
Deferred income	(513)	-
Net cash flows provided (used) by operating activities	$ 2,079,609	$ 719,483

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999				
	Program Service	Supporting Services			
	Elderly Care	Management and General			Total
		Clovis Property	Rental Property	Other	
Compensation and related expenses:					
Salaries and wages	$ 404,460	$ -	$ -	$ 115,821	$ 520,281
Employee benefits	39,128	-	-	9,583	48,711
Payroll taxes	33,982	-	-	8,181	42,163
Professional and consultant fees	3,933	-	-	87,757	91,690
Administration fee (Note 8)	-	-	14,740	104,000	118,740
Food	45,703	-	-	-	45,703
Insurance:					
Property and liability	-	-	-	46,091	46,091
Workers' compensation	14,361	-	-	7,259	21,620
Occupancy:					
Electricity	59,361	-	19,865	-	79,226
Gas	19,637	-	-	-	19,637
Security	27,263	-	-	-	27,263
Water and sewer	12,582	-	2,633	-	15,215
Minor equipment and other supplies	92,997	-	-	537	93,534
Repairs and maintenance	36,678	-	19,756	11,226	67,660
Telephone	-	-	-	12,606	12,606
Licenses and taxes	-	20,675	23,526	31,899	76,100
Depreciation	-	-	15,886	85,468	101,354
Resident allowances	16,232	-	-	-	16,232
Holiday gifts – residents	4,320	-	-	-	4,320
Contract labor	14,545	-	-	-	14,545
Board member expenses	-	-	-	25,560	25,560
Hospitalization	115,828	-	-	-	115,828
Moving and storage	-	-	-	167,209	167,209
Printing and stationary	-	-	-	19,484	19,484
Recruitment costs	-	-	-	16,484	16,484
Other purchased services	32,762	-	2,650	93,057	128,469
Total expenses	$ 973,772	$ 20,675	$ 99,056	$ 842,222	$ 1,935,725

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1998				
	Program Service	Supporting Services			
	Elderly Care	Management and General			Total
		Clovis Property	Rental Property	Other	
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)	-	-	3,600	104,000	107,600
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	-	5,879	-	39,377
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	-	3,125	2,358	36,381
Telephone	-	-	-	12,289	12,289
Licenses and taxes	-	19,590	8,053	26,480	54,123
Depreciation	-	-	3,452	22,597	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	-	39	22,434	89,507
Total expenses	$ 1,280,084	$ 19,590	$ 24,148	$ 510,744	$ 1,834,566

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 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 sixty-five 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.

The Home operates under the name of Senior Living Community. Eastern Star Homes also operates a medical office rental facility under the name of Eastern Star Professional Plaza.

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.

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, 1999 and 1998, the deposits held in trust are $3,155 and $3,109, respectively.

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, 1999.

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.

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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.

NOTE 3 - ENDOWMENT FUND

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 $958,923 and $607,780 in interest and dividend income during the years ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively, net of certain expenses. In addition, to further subsidize operations and construction of the Yorba Linda property, realized gains of $2,044,746 and $581,405 were transferred from the Endowment Fund at years end September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

A summary of the investments held by the Organization at September 30, 1999 and 1998 follows:

	1999		1998	
	Cost	Fair Market Value	Cost	Fair Market Value
Corporate and government bonds	$ 38,611	$ 38,611	$ 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.

At September 30, 1999 and 1998, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	1999	1998
Yorba Linda Property:		
Land	$ 2,307,129	$ 2,307,129
Buildings	2,097,470	2,097,470
Building improvements – construction in process	5,425,238	290,589
Building improvements – medical offices	88,127	-
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	202,148	67,548
Autos	100,039	100,039
Clovis Property:		
Land	1,801,820	1,801,820
Development costs	51,753	51,753
Total property and equipment	12,073,724	6,716,348
Less: accumulated depreciation	(205,971)	(104,617)
Net property and equipment	$ 11,867,753	$ 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 was established to construct necessary improvements in 1998. This budgeted amount had been substantially expended at September 30, 1999, and another $1.2 million has been budgeted for additional construction.

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.

NOTE 6 - OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FUTURE SERVICES (Continued)

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 $1,130,599 and $2,440,901 at September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The change in the obligation from year to year is shown on the statement of activities.

Eastern Star Homes is licensed to operate a seventy-eight bed continuing care home. Although there are currently eighteen residents, there are plans to increase this number significantly in the near future. The effect of this plan on the obligation to provide future services cannot be presently determined. Any shortfall in future operating cash flow is expected to be met by the Endowment fund.

NOTE 7 - NET ASSETS

The Organization's net assets consist of the following funds:

	1999	1998
Property and Equipment Fund	$ 11,312,615	$ 6,611,731
Operating Fund	(811,245)	572,717
	$ 10,501,370	$ 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 TRANSACTIONS

Eastern Star Homes incurred $104,000 administrative expense charges in 1999 and 1998, respectively, for services provided by the Grand Chapter.

See Note 10 for details regarding the lease of office space to Grand Chapter.

NOTE 9 - 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, 1999 and 1998.

NOTE 10 - LEASES

Eastern Star Homes leases office space under an operating lease to the Grand Chapter commencing July 1, 1999 for a fifteen year term. The monthly rent for the first through the twelfth month of the lease is waved, after which time, monthly payments of $3,533.75 will commence. In addition, Eastern Star Homes paid $18,861 in moving expenses on behalf of the Grand Chapter and incurred $88,128 in improvements to the Grand Chapter office space.

Future minimum lease revenue for the next five years is a follows:

2000	$ 10,601
2001	42,405
2002	42,405
2003	42,405
2004	42,405

For financial reporting purposes, the rent income is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term, which amounts to $3,298 per month.

Other office spaces in the medical office building are leased on a month-to-month basis.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of California Eastern Star Foundation (a California nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide 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, 1999 and 1998, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(A California Nonprofit Organization)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

ASSETS

	1999	1998
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	$ 444,902	$ 203,655
Accounts receivable	392	392
Investment income receivable	13,380	14,433
Prepaid expenses	2,702	-
Short-term investments (Note 2)	7,669,670	5,814,009
Due from affiliated organization:		
Eastern Star Grand Chapter	121,162	12,210
Long-term investments (Note 2)	901,274	901,274
Total assets	$ 9,153,482	$ 6,945,973

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 359	$ 5,244
Due to affiliated organizations:		
Eastern Star Grand Chapter (Note 6)	4,494	-
Eastern Star Homes (Note 6)	280	-
Total liabilities	5,133	5,244
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	3,852	10,957
Temporarily restricted (Note 3)	8,243,223	6,028,498
Permanently restricted (Note 4)	901,274	901,274
Total net assets	9,148,349	6,940,729
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 9,153,482	$ 6,945,973

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999			
	Unrestricted	*Temporarily Restricted*	*Permanently Restricted*	*Total*
Revenues, gains and other support:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	$ -	$ 19,492	$ -	$ 19,492
Chapter donations	-	37,307	-	37,307
Members dues	-	19,941	-	19,941
Other	-	12,498	-	12,498
Interest and dividend income	26	114,994	-	115,020
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments (Note 2)	-	2,242,449	-	2,242,449
Vantage program and other	397	61,332	-	61,729
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 5)	293,288	(293,288)	-	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	293,711	2,214,725	-	2,508,436
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member assistance	154,133	-	-	154,133
Humanitarian assistance	49,133	-	-	49,133
Total program services	203,266	-	-	203,266
Management and general	97,550	-	-	97,550
Total expenses	300,816	-	-	300,816
Change in net assets	(7,105)	2,214,725	-	2,207,620
Net assets at beginning of year	10,957	6,028,498	901,274	6,940,729
Net assets at end of year	$ 3,852	$ 8,243,223	$ 901,274	$ 9,148,349

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1998			
	Unrestricted	*Temporarily Restricted*	*Permanently Restricted*	*Total*
Revenues, 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
Expenses:				
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
Transfers from Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star	-	5,732,154	735,274	6,467,428
Reclassification (Note 9)	-	(166,000)	166,000	-
Change in net assets	10,957	6,028,498	901,274	6,940,729
Net assets at inception	-	-	-	-
Net assets at end of year	$ 10,957	$ 6,028,498	$ 901,274	$ 6,940,729

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	$ 2,207,620	$ 6,940,729
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows provided (used) by operating activities:		
Non-cash transfer from Grand Chapter	-	(6,223,075)
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(2,242,449)	(337,083)
Decrease (increase) in:		
Accounts receivable	-	38
Investment income receivable	1,053	(2,987)
Prepaid expenses	(2,702)	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(5,244)	3,379
Cash flows provided (used) by operating activities	(41,722)	381,001
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,114,441	803,004
Purchases of investments	(1,727,653)	(849,465)
(Increase) in due from affiliated organization	(103,819)	(130,885)
Cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	282,969	(177,346)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	241,247	203,655
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	203,655	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	$ 444,902	$ 203,655

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(A California Nonprofit Organization)

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999			
	Program Services		*Support Services*	
	Member Assistance	*Humanitarian Assistance*	*Management and General*	*Total*
Administration fees	$ -	$ -	$ 61,920	$ 61,920
Assistance to members	152,325	-	-	152,325
Committee	-	-	545	545
Cancer dressing materials	-	27,012	-	27,012
Grants, awards and donations	-	19,000	-	19,000
Investment	-	-	27,558	27,558
Office supplies	1,459	165	-	1,624
Other	349	2,956	7,527	10,832
Total expenses	$ 154,133	$ 49,133	$ 97,550	$ 300,816

	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

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AND 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.

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 two separate portfolios. At September 30, 1999 and 1998, the cost and fair market value were as follows:

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	1999		1998	
	Cost	Fair Market Value	Cost	Fair Market Value
California Eastern Star Foundation Investment Pool:				
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	$ 301,241	$ 301,241	$ 87,107	$ 87,107
Bonds	900,122	892,234	1,026,730	1,088,110
Stocks	2,804,441	5,487,737	2,397,498	3,942,881
	$ 4,005,804	$ 6,681,212	$ 3,511,335	$ 5,118,098
Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund:				
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	$ 131,077	$ 131,077	$ 63,099	$ 63,099
Bonds	443,137	438,297	446,640	469,497
Stocks	923,740	1,752,699	813,846	1,214,795
	$ 1,497,954	$ 2,322,073	$ 1,323,585	$ 1,747,391
Total cash equivalents	$ 432,318	$ 432,318	$ 150,206	$ 150,206
Total securities	5,071,440	8,570,967	4,684,714	6,715,283
Total investment portfolios	$ 5,503,758	$ 9,003,285	$ 4,834,920	$ 6,865,489

Securities, for financial statement purposes, have been classified as follows:

	1999	1998
Short-term investments	$ 7,669,693	$ 5,814,009
Long-term investments:		
Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund	615,274	615,274
Scholarship Fund	120,000	120,000
Cashion Fund	166,000	166,000
Total securities	$ 8,570,967	$ 6,715,283

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Realized gains and unrealized losses on investments totaled $2,242,449 in 1999 and $337,083 in 1998.

California Eastern Star Foundation's investment policy, when combined with investments held by Grand Chapter of California, conforms to Section 73(8), Constitution and Laws, California Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

NOTE 3 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

	1999	1998
Member assistance:		
Benevolent Fund	$ 863,760	$ 668,185
J.C. Lee Fund	5,155,882	3,837,732
Rennie Fund	1,682,916	1,125,543
Disaster Fund	(1,528)	(619)
Total member assistance	7,701,030	5,630,841
Humanitarian assistance:		
Scholarship Fund	191,580	190,172
Cancer Dressing Fund	273,293	195,660
Cashion Fund	77,320	11,825
Total humanitarian assistance	542,193	397,657
Total	$ 8,243,223	$ 6,028,498

NOTE 4 - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consist of endowments to be held in perpetuity for the following purposes:

	1999	1998
Member assistance (Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund)	$ 615,274	$ 615,274
Humanitarian assistance:		
Scholarship Fund	120,000	120,000
Cashion Fund	166,000	166,000
Total	$ 901,274	$ 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:

	1999	1998
Purpose restrictions accomplished	$ 293,288	$ 293,536

NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The Foundation paid $61,920 and $59,340 to the Grand Chapter for administrative services rendered for the years ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

NOTE 7 - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

California Eastern Star Foundation's cash balances, as reported by the bank, exceeded federally-insured limits by approximately $330,000 and $50,000 at September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

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